

Kidnap Suspects Miss Police Trap

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 13 (P).—Department of Justice agents, immigration and customs men and police waited in vain at the Peace Bridge tonight for a 16-cylinder automobile containing a man and woman said to be wanted in connection with the recent kidnaping in Oklahoma of Charles F. Urschel, wealthy oil man.

Word had come from the New York office of the Department of Justice that the pair, on the way to Buffalo, would seek today to cross the bridge leading to Canada. The names of the occupants of the car were given and later the Ohio license which the car bore was provided.

The Urschel kidnaping was one of the most sensational of the last two years.

Washington Post - Aug 14 1932

Memphis Press-Scimitar



EDWARD J. MEEMAN
Editor

April 4, 1936

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Yours sincerely,

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

* G-MAN CONFERENCE HELD IN ARKANSAS

Mysterious Plane Lands at Little Rock Airport

LITTLE ROCK, March 29.—(AP) —An all-day conference of all Department of Justice agents in Arkansas, described as "a routine month-end meeting," was held here today.

While it was in progress, a chartered plane from Cleveland carrying five men described in Cleveland reports as department agents, reached the local airport and its occupants went at once to a downtown hotel. They denied any connection with the Department of Justice, but otherwise did not identify themselves.

At local department headquarters, it was said there was "no information" there about the arrival of the plane or its passengers.

The plane was chartered at Cleveland airport at 3:30 o'clock this morning and landed here at 3:30 p.m. after making refueling stops at Louisville and Memphis.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, who was in New York late today, refused to discuss the report from Cleveland a group of agents had left there by plane for Little Rock early this morning.

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April 17, 1936.

Mr. Edward J.
Editor,
Memphis Press-Scimitar,
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Keenan:

I have received your letter dated April 4, 1936, enclosing a press dispatch under date line of Little Rock, Arkansas, May 29, 1936, entitled "C-Man Conference Held in Arkansas."

I deeply appreciate your cooperative spirit which has prompted you to write me about this matter. Frankly, I have been very much concerned at various times regarding the successful outcome of some of the cases which this Bureau has investigated in view of the unwarranted publicity which has been given the activities of Special Agents of this Bureau.

On the other hand, of course, I understand the viewpoint of the police reporter seeking news. I, too, wish that something could be done to bring about a clearer understanding between the press and law enforcement agencies in problems of mutual interest. I quite agree with your statement, "No sacrifice required on the part of either—only fair play," and quite frankly, and confidentially, I believe that had the press dispatch which you enclosed with your letter not been released, by this time one of our nationally sought fugitives would be safely in custody.

I am sure that you could be of great assistance in this matter if, whenever possible, you would advocate your own ideals which you so clearly set out in your letter.

If this Bureau can ever be of assistance to you, please feel free to call upon me.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: BURKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, April 1, 1936, in which it was requested that all field offices check the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau in their respective states concerning the possible registration of 1936 Model, 4-door Buick Sedan, Motor #63032198, serial #2835972.

In that connection, kindly be informed that a check of the Automobile Registration Division, Department of Finance and Taxation, State of Tennessee, Nashville, Tennessee, failed to disclose any registration of the above described vehicle and accordingly an alarm card was placed with the request that the Nashville Bureau Office be advised in the event that an attempt was made to register the above described automobile.

Very truly yours,

T. M. S. APL TOH
Special Agent in Charge

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INVESTIGATION

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

Philadelphia File No. 7-45 /sat

REPORT MADE AT Philadelphia, Pa.	DATE WHEN MADE 4/3/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/29, 30, 31/36	REPORT MADE BY J. L. Fallon
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. Charles Horn, Ardmore, Pa., relate that they entered into negotiations with William Winslow and D. A. Warner at Daytona Beach, Fla., during period from March 1st to 27th, 1936, whereby they were to receive proceeds from winnings of race horses at Tropical Park, Fla. Charles Horn was to advance \$40,000 to Warner and Winslow, and then receive the proceeds from the winnings, which were to be \$312,000; Warner was to furnish \$50,000 cash, and Winslow \$50,000. Same type of bunco game carried on by William E. Mead during the month of March, 1933, when Martin Wunderlich was fleeced of the sum of \$200,000. Horn is still carrying on negotiations with these parties and left Philadelphia on March 30, 1936, to contact Winslow and Warner at Daytona Beach. Miss Helen Gohl responsible citizen residing at 3037 Cambridge Street, Philadelphia. Helen Heck unknown in Philadelphia, Pa.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RECEIVED APR 6 1936</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Kansas City, Mo., dated January 20, 1936; Report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, Fla., dated March 19, 1936; Teletype from Philadelphia Office to Jacksonville Office, dated March 30, 1936.</p>			
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DETAILS:

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Mr. Charles Horn, 10 Church Road, Ardmore, Pa., in company with Mrs. Horn, appeared at the Philadelphia Bureau Office on March 29, 1936, and related the following experiences which transpired at Daytona Beach, Florida:

On or about February 27, 1936, they (Mr. and Mrs. Horn) departed from Philadelphia in their own automobile, a Graham-Paige Sedan, bearing 1936 Pennsylvania license tags 78Y10, proceeding directly to Daytona Beach, Fla. After staying at this resort for a few days, they went to the Spanish Village Court, Ridgewood Road, Holly Hills, Fla., a suburb of Daytona Beach, where they rented a cottage. About March 3rd or thereabouts, while on the beach at Daytona Beach, they were approached by a party who introduced himself as William Winslow. Several meetings were had after March 3rd, in which Winslow became very familiar with the Horns, relating his experiences on race tracks, and stating that he was from Cincinnati, Ohio; that he was acquainted with one Judge Baker, who was connected with the American Horse Breeders' Association; that he knew Judge Baker is a wealthy man, having obtained this wealth through his affiliations with a gambling syndicate in Daytona Beach, Fla.

About March 17, 1936, Winslow stated that he had seen Judge Baker in the Breakers Hotel at Daytona Beach. At the time this statement was made, Mr. and Mrs. Horn were on the beach and were talking to Winslow. A few minutes later a stranger appeared, walking past the trio, and Winslow made the remark, "There's Judge Baker now." Going directly up to this stranger, he asked him if he was from Cincinnati, Ohio; the man replied in the negative. Winslow stated that he looked so much like Judge Baker, of Cincinnati. The man stated that he knew Judge Baker, and that he was connected with him in the horse-racing game, and that his name was D. A. Warner. Thereafter, a series of conferences were had between Mr. and Mrs. Horn, Winslow, and Warner, and \$25 were advanced by Winslow on a bet on a horse at Tropical Park on a 5-to-1 shot. The horse came in first, and Warner returned to the party and displayed \$125, stating that he had a card which gave him an entree to the gambling syndicate in Daytona Beach. Later, a bet for \$1000 was placed with the same syndicate on another horse at Tropical Park on a

5-to-1 shot, and Warner returned with \$6000. It was then arranged that Mr. and Mrs. Horn and Winslow would obtain a room in the Breakers Hotel. Winslow registered for this room, it being #9 (the name in which registration was made is unknown to Horn). Warner then placed a bet through the syndicate for \$156,000 on a horse on a 2-to-1 shot. The Horns remained in the room while Warner placed the bet at Daytona Beach through the gambling syndicate. The horse came in first, and there appeared on the scene a Jewish man who stated he was ready to pay the bet, but inasmuch as Warner did not place cash for the bet and gave a certified check, which was not honored through the syndicate's auditor, that he (Warner) would have to produce the cash before the winnings could be turned over to him. The Jewish man had the money in a black zipper bag, and it was counted in Room #9 at the Breakers Hotel. Horn stated that he saw the money, and was within a few feet of same, and he is quite sure that it was not counterfeit; that the total amount was shown to Winslow, Warner, and the Horns.

Winslow stated that he could raise \$40,000 of this amount, and Warner claimed that he could raise \$60,000, and the \$6000 won on the \$1000 bet would make the total if Horn could raise \$40,000; that they would then divide the \$312,000 (this amount being the winnings from the \$156,000 bet on a 2-to-1 shot) among them. Horn, being the owner of a trust fund, which is being handled through the Provident Trust Company of Philadelphia, decided to leave Daytona Beach, Fla., for Philadelphia in an effort to obtain the \$40,000 to enter into this venture. Going as far as Jacksonville, Fla., he parked his car in the Boatright Garage, and boarded a plane, arriving in Philadelphia on Saturday, March 28, 1936, and registered in the Robert Morris Hotel, Room 812. Mrs. Horn accompanied her husband on this trip.

After due consideration was given the matter, the Horns appeared at the Philadelphia Bureau Office and related the above.

Subsequent to their arrival at the Robert Morris Hotel, the Horns received a telegram from Warner, the substance of which was that Winslow's figure was between \$45,000 and \$60,000, and that he (Warner) expected to hear from Winslow not later than the next morning, the 29th. In response to this wire

Mr. Horn forwarded a Night Letter under date of March 28th, advising that they arrived in the Robert Morris Hotel at Philadelphia, and were occupying Room 812. On March 29, 1936, at 8 P. M. the Horns received a telephone call from the Breakers Hotel at Daytona Beach, Fla., to the Robert Morris Hotel, in which Warner informed them that Winslow had obtained his part of the money, and that he (Warner) was ready to negotiate with a representative of the gambling syndicate if Horn had obtained the \$40,000. Horn stated that he would not be able to answer this question until the Provident Trust Company opened on March 30th at 9 A. M..

Descriptions of the individuals with whom the Horns had dealings will be set out later in this report.

In checking the address 3037 Cambridge Street, Philadelphia, it was ascertained that this is the home of Mr. William Gohl, and that the following persons resided in this house: Emanuel, who works for Schmidt's Brewery as a brewer; Helen, a telephone operator; George, an employee of Lit Brothers Department Store; Marie, who is the housekeeper; William, a painter, and Reingold, Senior and Junior, also painters.

Mr. I. Levin, owner of the neighborhood grocery, stated that the Gohls have resided there for the past ten years; that they are reputable people and are considered to be well thought of in this neighborhood.

At the Sub-Post Office, 18th and Norse Streets, inquiries were made, and it was found that no mail of any quantity goes to this residence. No doubt M. Gohl is Marie, who was corresponding with her sister in Florida.

The name of Miss Helen Heck does not appear in the City or telephone directories of Philadelphia.

The following descriptions were furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Horn:

Name: WILLIAM WINSLOW
Height: 5' 7"
Weight: 158
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Sandy; combed straight back
Complexion: Light; freckled
Teeth: Good
Speech: Mid-western type

Mr. Horn claims this individual is very dramatic and uses good English. At the time the negotiations were entered into, he was wearing striped trousers, black and white shoes, and a grey felt hat. He is the owner of an Oldsmobile Sedan bearing Florida license plates (numbers unknown). He stated he had an aunt living on Grandville Avenue, Daytona Beach, Fla., and that he was well acquainted at the golf course on Ridgewood Road. He smokes Chesterfield cigarettes continually, and consumes only half the cigarette and then disposes of same.

Name: D. A. WARNER
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 168
Age: 42
Complexion: Dark
Teeth: Good; gold edge on upper fronts
Hair: Curly; sandy
Characteristics: Smokes cigarettes; has a poker face; good dresser.

Mr. Horn stated that at the time they were in the Breakers Hotel, Warner was wearing a brown suit, light-weight with a pinch-back, which looked to be very expensive.

(The Jewish man mentioned)

Name:	Unknown
Age:	32
Weight:	165
Height:	5' 6"
Eyes:	Black
Hair:	Black; oily
Teeth:	Not known
Dress:	Wore dark blue suit

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After the aforementioned facts were given by the Horns, the Bureau was telephonically contacted, and Supervisor Foxworth instructed that a teletype be forwarded to the Jacksonville Office. These instructions were complied with, and a resume of Horn's activities in Daytona Beach was given; it also being stated that the Horns' car was at Boatright's Garage in Jacksonville, and that the Horns were willing to cooperate with the Bureau.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

JACKSONVILLE OFFICE

Will advise the results of conference had with Mr. and Mrs. Horn upon their arrival in Jacksonville, Florida, relative to the connection of William E. Mead with this confidence game.

- P E N D I N G -

Addendum

At the time the Horns called at the Philadelphia Office, they were shown the photographs of all Subjects in the instant case, but could identify none of them.

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

April 3, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

In accordance with telephone conversation of today,
please find enclosed herewith two photograph of Fred Hunter,
alias Fred King, alias Harold King.

Very truly yours,

JAM/EJB
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CC - Bureau

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Edward J. McFarland

Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

April 8, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

A review of the Chicago Office file in the above-entitled case reflects the following undeveloped leads which should receive attention by your office:

The report of Special Agent C. W. Toulmo, New Orleans, Louisiana, dated January 3, 1936, requested that your office, at Pass Christian, Mississippi, exhibit photographs of the subjects in this case to various individuals in an effort to ascertain the identity of the individual claiming to be a brother of Gladys Sawyer. This is considered of possible importance, inasmuch as there is a possibility that this individual might be identical with the other fugitive subjects in this case or possibly a contact for them.

The report of Special Agent J. J. Meehan, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated January 3, 1936, requested investigation concerning William Elmer Mead and companions and to obtain information concerning Harry Fisher, an alleged associate of Mead.

The report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated February 13, 1936, requested that you conduct investigation concerning the telephone calls set out in the body of that report, which calls were made from the Harvard Club at Cleveland, Ohio.

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The report of Special Agent J. J. Meehan, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated December 30, 1935, requested investigation by your office at the race tracks concerning William Elmer Mead. It is requested that you advise this office the dates that these tracks will be open and what arrangements have been made to ascertain whether William Elmer Mead will frequent these places.

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The Jacksonville Office letter dated February 29, 1936, requested that you advise that office whether further inquiry was desired concerning an individual named X Dasso.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC: Bureau /
Cincinnati
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-4

REPORT MADE AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA	DATE WHEN MADE 4/4/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/3/36	REPORT MADE BY KENNETH LOGAN dr
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 AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE: NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:


Mrs. Carrie Lockwood, 1923 Emmett Street, Omaha, advises May Chamberlain former roomer at her home; believes telephone call from Cedar Rapids to Peoria, Illinois by May Chamberlain was to mother of Mrs. Chamberlain; present whereabouts May Chamberlain unknown.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. B. Culbertson, Omaha, Nebraska, dated 3/23/36.

DETAILS: Mrs. Carrie Lockwood, 1923 Emmett Street, Omaha, Nebraska, advised Agent that her former residence at 420 Avenue A Northeast, Cedar Rapids, Iowa was a rooming house, and that she had numerous roomers there during the time that she lived in Cedar Rapids. She advised Agent that May Chamberlain stayed with her for a period of several months and that during the time May Chamberlain was there, she received numerous telephone calls at all hours of the day and night from local people.

Mrs. Lockwood advised, that to her knowledge, the only long-distance telephone calls made from her residence in Cedar Rapids were made by May Chamberlain to Peoria, Illinois for the purpose of contacting her, May Chamberlain's, mother; however, Mrs.

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Lockwood could not furnish the name or address of May Chamberlain's mother. She advised Agent that she did not know a Mrs. Condon; however, it was her belief that Mrs. Condon may be the mother of May Chamberlain. She further stated that May Chamberlain was separated from her husband who was presently living in Cedar Rapids on the west side of town. However, she could not furnish his first name or exact address. She also advised that May Chamberlain was the mother of two sons, one about 12 years of age and the other around 18 years. She states that when May Chamberlain left her residence that she went to Center Point, Iowa about 19 miles from Cedar Rapids to the home of a sister. However, she did not know the name of this sister.

Mrs. Lockwood advised that one Florence McCall, 611 First Avenue, Cedar Rapids, Iowa was apparently a close friend of May Chamberlain, and in the event that any further information was desired relative to May Chamberlain she would advise that Florence McCall be contacted. Mrs. Lockwood furnished Agent with the following description of MAY CHAMBERLAIN:

Age	- 38 or 40 years
Height	- 5 ft. 5 in.
Hair	- Dark
Eyes	- Dark
Weight	- Around 135 pounds
Build	- Well built

Is a good looking woman.

Mrs. Lockwood requested that in the event any further investigation is made that her name be held in abeyance as she does not wish to be mixed up in any trouble of any kind.

Inasmuch as May Chamberlain is apparently a local resident of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and the fact that her former husband is living in Cedar Rapids at the present time, and also in view of the fact that Mrs. Lockwood advised the telephone call from her residence to Peoria, Illinois was made by May Chamberlain for the purpose of contacting her mother, it does not seem advisable to conduct any further investigation relative to May Chamberlain, and none will be conducted by this office unless requested by the office of origin.

PENDING

Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
April 4, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Buffalo, New York

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

On April 1, 1936, Special Agent in Charge, J. P. MacFarland of the Cleveland Office advised the Detroit Bureau Office by telephone that Fred Hunter, present associate of Alvin Karpis, might seek employment in Detroit, Michigan, as a stick man in a dice game from either "Lefty" Clark or Fitzpatrick.

It is noted in the report of Special Agent R. B. Miller dated February 24, 1936, in the case entitled "Unknown Subjects, Merchants National Bank, Dunkirk, New York; Bank Robbery, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Unlawful Fleeing to Avoid Prosecution" that Buffalo is the office of origin in this case and this report sets out a lead to the Jacksonville, Florida Office to ascertain the present address of "Lefty" Clark who is alleged to be living in Miami, Florida at this time.

It is requested that you immediately notify the results of the Jacksonville lead, as the present location of "Lefty" Clark is desired by the Detroit Bureau Office.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Reinecke
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H. H. Reinecke
Special Agent in Charge

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Re Brekid Jack Campbell has returned to Midland.

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Edward J. Brantley

Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

April 3, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
San Francisco, California.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

The Chicago Office file in the above-entitled case reflects the following undeveloped leads for your office which should receive attention:

The summary report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 6, 1936, requested that your office maintain contact with the Baxter family in an effort to secure information concerning the present whereabouts of William Elmer Mead. It appears that the Baxter family is willing to cooperate, and you should make frequent contact with them. It is requested that you advise this office the results of such contacts had with this family.

The report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 6, 1936, requested that you place a mail cover on the mail of John Moyles and the Bank Cafe or Buffet, and make an additional effort to develop a contact who would have access to the Bank Buffet and information concerning Moyles and his associates, this being for the purpose of obtaining information concerning the present whereabouts of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. It is requested that you advise what progress has been made in this regard.

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Very truly yours,

DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATION

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D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Edward G. Bremer

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

April 8, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

As a result of a mail cover which
has been placed on the first class mail of Louis
Nathan, 606 South Wabash Avenue, a friend of William
Elmer Head, a tracing has been received addressed to
"Lou Nathan", bearing the return address of "Ph.
Morton, 830 Wade Street, Cincinnati, Ohio," postmarked
March 25, 1936.

It is requested that appropriate in-
vestigation be conducted to determine the identity of
Ph. Morton.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Edward J. O'Brien

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. BOX 1469,
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS,
APRIL 2, 1936

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

There are being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover in one or more packages, an additional number of articles and objects taken from the house near Potash Sulphur Springs, located on the highway between Malvern and Hot Springs, Arkansas, which allegedly was occupied by Karpis and associates. This place was raided by Bureau Agents and others on the morning of March 30, 1936.

The articles forwarded are more particularly described as follows:

- 1 Highway map of Washington and Oregon issued by the Dixie Tourist Court, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 1 Road map (AAA) of the eastern United States.
- 1 Package of Diamond Dyes.
- 1 Map of New Mexico issued by Conoco Oil Co.
- 1 Package Dy-o-la Dye.
- 1 Road map of Louisiana, New Mexico, Texas, and adjacent states.
- 1 Startling Detective Magazine for April, 1936.
- 1 Master Detective Magazine for March, 1936.
- 1 Inside Detective Magazine for April, 1936.
- 1 A portion of the Tulsa, Oklahoma, World, (newspaper, dated February 27, 1936. (This contains an article relative to the arrest of Burrhead Keady.)
- 1 A portion of the New York Daily News for March 23, 1936.
- 1 Container for Santa Oil

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- 1 Presto Syringe container.
- 1 Container for Pure Test Iodine.
- 1 Packet of matches advertising ABC Beer.
- 2 Packets of Diamond matches.
- 5 Chesterfield cigarettes.

The above described articles are transmitted in an appropriate cellophane cover.

In addition to the foregoing, there are being forwarded:

- A number of bottles
- 1 Can of talcum powder
- 3 Glass coasters
- 1 Small earthenware jar
- 1 Adhesive tape spool
- 1 Container for Wards Redhead 12 gauge shotgun shells.
- 1 Long glass tube containing medicated discs and a few other miscellaneous articles.

It is requested that the articles mentioned herein be processed in the Laboratory for latent fingerprints and that any prints obtained be compared with the prints of the following named individuals:

Alvin Karpis, with aliases
Harry Campbell, with aliases
Fred Hunter, with aliases
Milton Lett, with aliases
Grace Goldstein whose description is contained in my letter of April 1, 1936.

In the event any identifications of prints are made, it is requested that I be immediately advised.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Chicago
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Oklahoma City

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April 16, 1936

7-576-10370

Mr. C. Fletcher,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box #1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 2, 1936 covering the transmittal of various paper and glass articles and other miscellaneous specimens in addition to those previously submitted under date of April 1, 1936, which were taken from a house near Fotaah Sulphur Springs, in connection with the above-entitled case.

You are advised that upon examination latent prints were developed on the following specimens:

One portion of a palmar impression appeared on the copy of a Tulsa, Oklahoma World, dated February 27, 1936.
Two fragmentary latent fingerprints and one palmar area appeared on the copy of "Inside Detective Magazine" for April 1936.
Three fragmentary latent finger impressions were developed on the drinking glass.
One latent fingerprint was found on the cylindrical bottle purported to contain Houbigant bath salt tablets.

The above-mentioned latent prints were compared with the fingerprints of the following individuals without effecting an identification:

Mr. Nathan.....	Alvin Karpis, #FBI-199217	Harry Campbell, #FBI-419856
Mr. Tolson.....	Fred Hunter, alias Fred	Milton Lett, #FBI-1008739
Mr. Baughman.....	Henderson, #FBI-54440	Grace Golde, #FBI-619046
Chief Clerk.....		
Mr. Clegg.....		
Mr. Coffey.....		
Mr. Edwards.....		
Mr. Egan.....		
Mr. Foxworth.....		

A sheet of plain blue, lined paper was found wrapped around the box for Wards Redhead 12 gauge shotgun shells, no mention being made in your letter of this piece of paper. This was also examined for fingerprints but none of value was found thereon. APR 16 1936

The original articles submitted by you will be returned after photographs have been made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

Very truly yours,

cc-Chicago
Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago
Oklahoma City
Cleveland
Cincinnati - St. Paul
AIR MAIL

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

April 3, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Kansas City, Missouri, dated March 2, 1936, which sets forth a lead for the Chicago Office to ascertain from Ed Howard, 902 South Paulina Street, the present location of his son, Joseph Howard.

Please be advised that there is no Paulina Street in Chicago, Illinois. There is, however, a Paulina Street. Investigation at 902 South Paulina Street reveals that this address is occupied by a Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller, who operate a small store and also reside on the premises. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller advised that they have resided at 902 South Paulina Street for seventeen years and have never known a family residing in that vicinity by the name of Howard.

It was determined that 902 North Paulina Street is occupied by a planing mill, and inquiries at this place failed to reveal that any family by the name of Howard was known in that neighborhood.

It is noted that this address was secured from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and it is requested that your office ascertain whether an additional address can be obtained for the parents of Joe Howard at the Missouri State Penitentiary or the Kansas State Penitentiary, where it is noted that Howard also has served sentences.

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Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge

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April 8, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Tom Brown;
Bill Crumbley;
Harry Sawyer.

In accordance with your request, all information obtainable relative to Tom Brown, Bill Crumbley and Harry Sawyer is incorporated herein.

On November 11, 1935 it was reported that the St. Paul Office, after interviewing Bryan Bolton, reported that Bolton learned through Fred Goetz, alias George Zeigler, that Tom Brown was to receive \$5,000 of the ransom money. Bolton informed that he had never heard of Tom Brown and did not question Zeigler when the latter stated that \$5,000 of the ransom money had been set aside for Tom Brown. Bolton alleged that he did not know the purpose of this payment and that this is the only information he had relating to Tom Brown or any member of the St. Paul Police Department having been involved in the kidnaping.

The Oklahoma City Office has interviewed Pat Reilly, former Dillinger gangster, presently incarcerated in the United States Southwestern Reformatory, El Reno, Oklahoma. You will recall that Edna Murray alleged that Pat Reilly came to the apartment occupied by Edna Murray and Volney Davis on the day following the Bremer kidnaping, advising that Harry Sawyer wished to see Volney Davis at Sawyer's farm. Reilly has denied that he ever visited the Davis apartment for this purpose. It is noted, however, that he is very friendly with Harry Sawyer and advised that he would not tell anything about Sawyer that would cause Sawyer any embarrassment or trouble. He has also declared that he would furnish no information concerning Sawyer, Brown or Crumbley, even if he were in a position to furnish information. He advised that all the inducements in the world could not interest him in going to St. Paul for the purpose of testifying against anyone in this case. Of course, this interview took place prior to the trial which began at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 8, 1936, at which time Harry Sawyer, William Weaver and Cassius McDonald were tried for their participation in the Bremer kidnaping. Despite his apparent attitude of unwillingness to cooperate in the above mentioned matter, Reilly has

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advised that as soon as he is released he will make every effort to put Alvin Karpis "on the spot". This, he believes, he will be able to do because he feels that Karpis will get in touch with him. He is antagonistic toward Karpis because he feels it was a result of Karpis' activities that caused Dolores Delaney to be sent to the penitentiary for five years. Pat Reilly was sentenced at St. Paul, Minnesota on September 17, 1934 to serve twenty-one months in the El Reno Reformatory and pay a \$25,000 fine. He was also sentenced on September 21, 1934 in Federal Court at Superior, Wisconsin to serve fourteen months on each conspiracy, the sentence to run concurrently and six months on each substantive offense to run concurrently and the fourteen months' sentence to run concurrently with the sentence previously imposed at St. Paul.

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Subsequent to the aforementioned information, Jess Doyle was interviewed at the Nebraska State Penitentiary and was questioned at length concerning his knowledge of the connection between members of the Karpis-Barker gang and members of the St. Paul Police Department. He stated that he had no definite information indicating that members of the Karpis-Barker gang were kept advised and "tipped off" when raids were imminent. In general, it was Doyle's opinion that the members of the gang and other badly wanted fugitives were comparatively safe in St. Paul from police interference as long as they had the proper connections. However, Doyle stated that he did not know what these connections were or how they came about. He was questioned thoroughly as to his connection with Harry Sawyer from the time he first went to St. Paul in the late fall of 1932 until he left St. Paul in January of 1934. He stated that in the late fall of 1932, while he, Fred, "Doc" and Kate Barker resided in St. Paul, Fred Barker told him that in case he should ever be arrested or get into difficulty he should immediately get in touch with Harry Sawyer. Fred Barker did not mention what action Harry Sawyer would take in order to secure the release of Doyle should he be arrested. He did not mention the name of Detectives Tom Brown or Bill Crumbley, and Doyle stated that he could not recall any members of the gang mentioning Crumbley or Brown, in connection with the possible "fixing" of cases or tip-offs to members of the gang concerning police raids. Doyle stated that he could recall having seen Brown on only two occasions; that on one occasion while he and Fred Barker were parked in a car drinking beer at the parking lot immediately in the rear of Sawyer's place on Fabasha Street, a car drove up, which contained a tall heavy set man who was driving, and who was in civilian clothes. With this man was a police officer. Fred Barker left the car and went over and engaged the two men in conversation. Upon his return Doyle stated that he is certain that Fred Barker mentioned that the tall man was named Brown. Doyle stated that he never met officer Bill Crumbley and does not know of any possible connection he may have had with members of the gang.

** Minn. State Apprehension Bureau*
** Minn. State Bureau of Cr. Identif.*

In connection with the letter from the Omaha Office to the Bureau dated November 11, 1935, reporting interview had with Doyle in which Doyle mentioned that a man in the State Apprehension Bureau at the State Capitol, St. Paul, was used to tip-off the gang, Doyle stated that it was felt certain that Brown at that time held the position in charge of the State Bureau of Criminal Identification, and had an office in the State Capitol Building in St. Paul; that it was merely hearsay with him but that he understood that it was through Brown that the mob was tipped-off; that apparently the information concerning police raids was given to Harry Sawyer, inasmuch as it was the custom of the gang to immediately install a telephone in their apartments, and this telephone was to be used for no other purpose than the reception of telephone calls from Harry Sawyer concerning tip-offs of police raids. Doyle stated however, that he could not recall any occasion when a telephone call of such nature was received. In connection with the above letter in which mention is made of the fact that Doyle stated that it was his opinion that some of the "higher ups" implicated in the Bremer kidnaping had not been apprehended, Doyle stated that this statement was in answer to a question put to him by the interviewing Agent, who asked him whether he thought that all of the "higher ups" implicated in the Bremer kidnaping case had been apprehended. Doyle stated that he did not. When asked for a reason for his statement he stated that he felt certain that inasmuch as it was generally known that the St. Paul Police Department was "crooked" it was his idea, not based on any information or knowledge, that undoubtedly some members of the St. Paul Police Department had previous knowledge of the Bremer kidnaping. He stated that he had no information indicating that Brown and Crumley were in any way involved in the Bremer kidnaping.

Reference is here made to a separate report submitted by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, setting out the activities of Doyle prior to and during the Bremer kidnaping. It will be noted here that Doyle stated that in the Spring of 1933 he became involved in several arguments with members of the gang; that he was firmly of the opinion, based on facts, that they intended to "bump him off" and as a result he was not in close contact with them and did not know that they intended to kidnap Bremer, and inasmuch as he left St. Paul on January 15, 1934 he does not have any information concerning the activities of the gang during the time that Bremer was being held.

Concerning the incident which occurred on March 4, 1935 at which time the gang is reported to have been advised of a police raid by Gladys Sawyer, Doyle stated that approximately two or three days before the above date, he, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis had rented an apartment at 1290 Grand Avenue. Volney Davis likewise was residing in another

*Sawyer's Saloon

apartment in the same building; telephones had not yet been installed in the apartments. At about 8 P.M. on the above date Jess Doyle returned to his apartment alone. A squad car containing three policemen was parked in front of the apartment building. As Doyle drove up to the side of the building Gladys Sawyer was standing beside an automobile, and a man was sitting in the automobile, but as it was dark he did not know who it was, although he stated possibly it may have been Pat Reilly. Gladys Sawyer asked Jess Doyle where the rest of the gang was and he informed her he did not know, whereupon she advised him that the police were going to raid the apartments. Doyle stated that he thereupon went downtown and attempted to locate the rest of the gang but failed to do so. Upon his return Gladys told him that Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Volney Davis had been there but had gone and that they would meet him at Harry's saloon. Contrary to Gladys Sawyer's wishes Jess Doyle entered the rear of the building and packed two suitcases. On leaving the apartment building, being under the impression that the squad car had pulled away he stated he left the building by the front entrance, and saw that the car was still parked immediately in front of the apartment building. He walked right past this squad car without being stopped by the officers. He thereupon proceeded to Harry Sawyer's saloon where he met Karpis and Fred Barker outside. He stated they told him they had seen Volney Davis, "Doc" Barker and mother Barker and that they were on their way to Chicago. They did not enter the saloon and Doyle stated he did not see Sawyer. Fred Barker, Karpis and Doyle thereupon proceeded to Chicago, Illinois. He stated that he left a wardrobe trunk in the apartment and the rest of the gang left their clothes there; that he did not know what happened to these articles subsequently and has no information indicating that these things were returned; that he never did recover his wardrobe trunk and contents. He recalls, however, that some months subsequently when he was again in St. Paul he went to Harry Sawyer's place and saw some bed linen that had been in the apartment and he was asked by one of the young fellows who worked for Sawyer and whose identity he does not know, whether they belonged to him. He stated that he denied to this young man that they were his property. Doyle stated he has no information indicating that the clothes that were left in the apartment were taken by the St. Paul Police and later turned over to Sawyer to be given back to members of the gang.

Doyle was questioned thoroughly as to his subsequent activities which he related in much the same words as contained in the written statement obtained from him upon his arrest in Kansas City in February, 1935. He was likewise questioned as to statement made by him that he saw Alvin Karpis in the vicinity of the County Jail at Fairbury, Nebraska on June 12, 1935. Doyle stated that he was brought to Fairbury on about June 12th, remained overnight in the county jail and was then transferred to the Nebraska State Penitentiary, and on June 17, 1935 was returned to Fair-

bury for a preliminary hearing, at which time several witnesses faced him. He stated that he was placed behind a barred window of the courthouse and while awaiting arrival of the witnesses he saw a dark blue 1935 four door Dodge sedan parked immediately outside, his attention originally having been attracted by the fact that a young man was sitting inside looking up from the driver's seat, at the courthouse. Doyle stated that he recognized the man as Alvin Karpis. After approximately ten minutes the young man got out of the car and walked across the street. Doyle stated he is absolutely certain of his identification; that Karpis was dressed in a gray snap brim hat and light gray suit; that he went out of sight in crossing the street and returned about ten minutes later and was still sitting in the car looking up at the courthouse when Doyle was called out of the room. On Doyle's return he stated that Karpis and the car were gone. Doyle stated that no one was with Karpis and he has no idea of the reason for Karpis' presence there other than that Karpis and other members of the gang might possibly have figured they might have an opportunity to "bump him off".

Doyle was questioned at length concerning possible knowledge on his part of contacts of Karpis and Campbell. He thereupon stated that in the Fall of 1934 while he was traveling through Missouri and Oklahoma he obtained information indicating that members of the gang were attempting to locate him. Doyle stated that he felt certain they would locate him for only one purpose and that was to kill him. On one occasion at the Sportman's Club on Southwestern Boulevard in Kansas City a bartender, when he learned that Doyle's name was Jess, stated that two men had been in the saloon a few days before inquiring for him. Doyle felt certain that these men were members of the gang, and he decided to hunt for them rather than have them hunt him. He went to South Coffeyville, Oklahoma where he contacted Al Sherwood, at that time employed by Tom Hill. Sherwood told him that Fred Barker and Harry Campbell had passed through on their way from Chicago to Florida; that they intended to visit relatives of Harry Campbell at Tulsa, Oklahoma; that they inquired for Doyle and desired to know his address. Sherwood likewise told him that a man named Bill Donald whom he described identically with William Weaver, was likewise with Fred Barker; that he (Sherwood) had received a letter which he had in his possession, from Weaver, inviting him to go fishing at his place located about five or six hours from South Coffeyville. Doyle stated that Sherwood likewise stated that a slender young man who looked like an Englishman, had also stopped at his place making inquiry about Doyle. Doyle stated he felt certain from this description that the man referred to was Alvin Karpis. He stated that he had no information indicating that Volney Davis was acquainted with or visited Al Sherwood's place. However, it is to be noted that William Weaver was apprehended upon information originally obtained by Volney Davis from Al Sherwood.

Doyle was also questioned as to the statement he had made in a previous interview to the effect that Karpis had contacts from coast to coast. He advised that he had no information concerning any possible contacts of Karpis, and had no idea where Karpis or Campbell might be located at the present time.

Doyle was questioned concerning his knowledge of the Hamm kidnaping, concerning which he stated he had no information.

With regard to Charles Fitzgerald, Doyle stated that he recalled that during the Fall of 1932 while in Sawyer's saloon he saw an elderly man conversing with Sawyer; that this was the only time he ever saw this man, but that later in conversing with Volney Davis who was speaking of "Old Chuck", he recalled the man he had seen in Sawyer's saloon. Davis at that time stated that in South St. Paul bank robbery which was perpetrated on August 30, 1935 Fitzgerald was badly wounded; that one leg was shorter than the other; that Fitzgerald was taken to Millie Harrison's home on Waltham Street at Calumet City, Illinois and later received treatment in a hospital which he believed was located in Denver, Colorado. Doyle, however, was not certain of the location of this hospital. He stated that he had heard that Fitzgerald was considered an outstanding bank stick-up man, especially good in "casing" banks; that Fitzgerald had been a close friend of Harrison, and that both Harrison and Fitzgerald were heavy drinkers. Doyle recalled that at the time he saw Fitzgerald in Sawyer's saloon, someone was kidding him about being a big owner of real estate. Doyle, however, did not know the location of any real estate that Fitzgerald might own. Doyle was questioned as to any information he might have obtained from Volney Davis after the kidnaping of Bremer and stated he recalled that Davis on one occasion mentioned to him that Karpis had talked about going to Canada where he had relatives. Doyle likewise stated that he did not believe there was a close connection between members of the Karpis-Barker gang and the Syndicate in Chicago; that the Syndicate felt that members of this gang were "too hot" to deal with. He stated, however, that during the trial of Arthur R. Barker and others in St. Paul in the Spring of 1935, he overheard a trustee whose name and identity he did not recall, mention the fact that Harry Campbell was in St. Paul trying to get a lawyer for Wynona Burdette. Doyle had no further information regarding this statement. He was questioned concerning the possible contacts of the mob in the vicinity of Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio and other parts of the country, with negative results.

Edna Murray was interviewed at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri on December 16, 17 and 18, 1935, as is noted in separate report submitted by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan and which report

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contains information of possible value in the prosecution of Sawyer and Weaver and Myrtle Eaton. Edna Murray reiterated her statement that she believed there was a close connection between Officers Tom Brown and Bill Grumbley and members of the Barker-Karpis gang. She stated that she felt certain in her own mind that it was through Brown that Sawyer was tipped-off concerning raids to be conducted by the St. Paul Police Department at apartments where the mob resided. She stated that she had on various occasions seen Brown in Harry Sawyer's saloon speaking with Sawyer and other members of the gang. She could not recall, however, seeing Brown in the company of Sawyer or any of the other members of the gang shortly prior to the Bremer kidnaping, nor could she recall having seen Brown visiting any of the apartments where the gang resided. In general Edna Murray stated that it was her idea that when Brown learned that a raid was to be conducted, he would get in touch with Sawyer who would in turn notify members of the gang so that they might move before the raid took place. Edna Murray stated that during the time that Bremer was being held, while she was residing with Wynona Burdette and Paula Harmon in the vicinity of 63rd Street and University Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Volney Davis visited the apartment on one occasion and advised that Tom Brown was keeping the gang informed of the activities of the Bureau; that Brown had ascertained that "Doc" Barker and other members of the gang were suspected of the kidnaping, and brought pictures of "Doc" Barker and several other members of the gang to Harry Sawyer, and advised him of the Government's suspicions. She also stated that she understood from general conversations she had with Davis at that time and thereafter that Brown was to get a "cut" out of the Bremer ransom money. She recalled that in the latter part of November, 1934 when she and Davis visited Elmer's saloon in Bensenville, Illinois on the occasion when Davis obtained from Farmer the \$500.00 he had given Farmer for the purchase of a machine gun, Farmer stated to Davis that he had \$10,000 coming to him; that "Doc" Barker had stated that they had cut Brown out of his share of the Bremer ransom money. At that time Davis stated to Farmer that if that were true he would not receive \$10,000 but only his share which would be \$1,000. On an occasion shortly before this while at Kahn's Barbecue stand located on North Avenue near Elmhurst, Illinois when "Doc" Barker, Russell Gibson and Byron Bolton drove up, and while she was engaged in conversation with "Doc" Barker and Russell Gibson, "Doc" Barker stated with reference to Detective Brown: "I guess you saw where that dirty ——— killed Van Meter". Edna Murray stated that she understood from Davis that Brown was deprived of his share of the Bremer ransom money because he had double crossed Van Meter by "putting him on the spot". She stated that she recalled Davis advising her on one occasion that in the Spring of 1933 shortly after the robbery of the Third Northwestern Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota on December 16, 1932, for

Farmer's Saloon
(Elmhurst)

Farmer Van Meter

which robbery Lawrence Duval is serving a life sentence in the Minnesota State Penitentiary, a man named Jenkins was to be put on trial for this robbery. Davis informed her that it was intended that Duval was to be brought to Minneapolis as a witness. Detective Brown notified Karpis and some of the other boys in Chicago of the route that Duval was to take when he was to be brought from the Minnesota State Penitentiary to Minneapolis, in order that the mob might make arrangements to release Duval. She stated, however, that Davis told her that the plans were made to release Duval but that they fell through because Duval was for some reason not brought to Minneapolis.

Edna Murray when questioned concerning the places visited by the mob, stated that while they were residing in Maywood, Illinois the gang occasionally visited the Moulin Rouge night club, which was operated by Joey O'Brien, Edna stating that this night club was located on First Avenue in Maywood, Illinois and was approximately one quarter of a mile north of Roosevelt Road on the right hand side of the street.

She also stated that the gang occasionally visited a night club the location of which she described as follows: From her residence at that time on Second Avenue in Maywood, they drove south to Roosevelt Road, turned left and went to the first through thoroughfare, then turned right and at the first intersection there was located on the southeast corner a place called Buck's. This place was operated by a man named Buck who was acquainted with Karpis, Campbell and other members of the gang and was apparently very friendly with them.

When questioned further as to the possible contacts of Karpis and Campbell, Edna Murray stated that she recalled that in the latter part of November, 1933 shortly before she and the rest of the mob left Reno, Nevada for St. Paul, Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney and another member of the gang, whose identity she could not recall, made a trip to Las Vegas. On their return Karpis mentioned visiting a night club at Las Vegas which was operated by a friend of his. She was not certain whether this Las Vegas referred to by Karpis was in Nevada or New Mexico. She further stated that shortly after his release from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in 1932 Davis stayed for a while in Los Angeles where he had several friends. She stated that Harry Campbell likewise has acquaintances in Los Angeles, and indicated that Davis undoubtedly would know of these acquaintances of Campbell. She further stated that shortly before she and Davis left Sandusky, Ohio in the summer of 1934 she and Davis made a trip to Buffalo, New York. Before leaving Karpis asked Davis whether he wanted the name and address of a friend of Karpis in New York City. Davis advised Karpis at that time that he did not intend visiting New York.

Edna Murray stated that she had no information concerning other acquaintances of Karpis and Campbell and had no idea where they might presently be located; that she was not acquainted with Shimmy Patton and Arthur Heberbrand or any other acquaintances or hangouts of the gang, in the vicinity of Cleveland or Toledo, Ohio, nor had she ever heard of any woman called Edith at Toledo. She recalled having heard the name "Big" Cousins. She was questioned at length concerning possible knowledge on her part regarding the Hamm kidnaping, concerning which she stated she had no information.

Regarding Charles J. Fitzgerald, however, she stated that it was her information, obtained from Davis and others of the gang, that Fitzgerald financed the mob in the kidnaping of Bremer; that Fitzgerald at that time was living at the Eleanor Manor Apartments, 7180 Cyril Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; that during the time Bremer was held Davis mentioned to her that Fitzgerald was living in that apartment; that they had intended moving into that apartment house but changed their mind because he did not desire to "turn the heat" on the apartment house by his presence there, and warned Edna not to mention to any of the rest of the gang that Fitzgerald was residing there.

Relative to the Hamm kidnaping, Bryan Bolton and Edna Murray have furnished information concerning the disposition of the ransom money in this case, together with the participation of Charles Fitzgerald, Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, "Doc" Barker, Tom Brown, Jack Davenport, Jack Peifer and others. With reference to the division of the ransom money collected, Bolton states that Tom Brown received \$25,000. With reference to the payment of this amount to Tom Brown, Bolton said that he was the man in the St. Paul Police Department who furnished Peifer with information during the time of the kidnaping. Some discussion was then had as to whether \$25,000, less the cost of exchanging the money in Reno, Nevada should be paid Brown. It was finally decided to give Brown the flat sum of \$25,000. You will recall that Bolton stated the cost of exchanging the money in Reno, Nevada amounted to \$7,500.

Edna Murray, while incarcerated in the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, has also made a statement wherein she relates that early in June of 1935 she and Volney Davis were living in Maywood, Illinois. She further related her contact with various members of the Barker-Karpis gang and spoke of a cabin which was located somewhere in Minnesota in the vicinity of St. Paul. This is the cottage at White Bear Lake, Minnesota where members of the Barker-Karpis gang hid themselves prior to the kidnaping of Hamm on June 15, 1935. Edna Murray also related the

incident concerning the split of the \$90,000, this amount remaining after the money had been exchanged in Reno, Nevada.

With reference to the statement concerning Bolton which was related to Agent McKee while he was in Honolulu concerning certain members of the St. Paul Police Department and particularly to the fact that Mr. Hamm had advised that information presently in the possession of the Bureau which was furnished by Bryan Bolton was given to him, Hamm, and members of the St. Paul Police Department in October of 1935. This statement has been checked by the St. Paul Office and Bolton has steadfastly denied having furnished this information to Hamm and to the St. Paul Police Department; however, the St. Paul Office has subsequently furnished information to the effect that when William Hamm was kidnaped in St. Paul on June 15, 1935, Mr. Thomas Dahill was Chief of Police at St. Paul, Minnesota and Charles Tierney was Inspector of Detectives. Several months after the kidnaping, Tom Brown was placed in charge of a special squad detailed to investigate kidnapings. This appointment was made by the Commissioner and the Chief of Police had nothing to do with it.

During the course of the investigation of the Hamm and later the Bremer case, it was rumored that Tom Brown had some connection with the kidnapers and it was stated by Dahill that he believed Brown was responsible for information reaching the kidnapers and their being warned of attempts that were made to cause their arrest. Dahill became so convinced of this that he has on numerous occasions made direct inquiry as to whether any information had been developed during the course of investigation conducted by the Bureau, which would confirm his belief.

During the first trial in the Bremer case in May, 1935, Dahill, whose term as Chief of Police at that time had expired, and who was then Assistant Inspector of Detectives, accompanied by Assistant Inspector Charles Tierney, attended the trial in an endeavor to secure any information that might develop indicating that Tom Brown had been involved in the kidnaping, and in this regard they were particularly interested in being in attendance during the testimony of Bryan Bolton.

As no information was brought out through the testimony of Bolton concerning the alleged connection of Brown, Mr. Dahill who is well known to United States Attorney George Sullivan, and has his confidence, requested permission to interview Bolton to determine definitely whether or not Bolton would be able to supply any evidence tending to show that Brown had tipped-off the kidnapers, or was in any way connected with them.

Permission for this interview was granted by United States Attorney George Sullivan, whereupon Bolton was interviewed at the Ramsey County Jail by Dahill and Tierney. During this interview Bolton informed them that he had been told by George Zeigler that there was a police officer in St. Paul named Brown that he knew, but that Bolton did not know Brown and could not furnish any information about him.

When asked by Tierney if the same persons who were involved in the Bremer case were responsible for the kidnaping of Hamm, Bolton stated that Zeigler had told him that Zeigler was in the Hamm case and that certain of the actual kidnapers of Bremer were also the kidnapers of Hamm.

Shortly prior to this time a Narcotic Agent referred this office to a report received from a Narcotic Agent in the Iowa district relating to a conversation overheard by an informant to the effect that Hamm was again to be kidnaped. Upon instructions from the Bureau, Mr. Hamm was notified about this, and according to Tierney, consulted with Tierney as to the possibility of his kidnapers returning and taking him again. Tierney, in an attempt to reassure him, informed him that according to his information, Hamm's kidnapers were either in custody or were so badly wanted that they would hardly be expected to return to St. Paul.

Mr. Hamm called at the Bureau Office and requested of it, the St. Paul Office, an expression from the Bureau as to the identity of his kidnapers, which request was referred to the Bureau by letter under date of May 17, 1935 and a reply was received from the Bureau under date of May 24, 1935, suggesting that Mr. Hamm be informed that no information could be given out on a case that was under investigation.

Mr. Hamm then expressed a desire to have an interview with Bolton and secured permission from United States Attorney George Sullivan for such interview. Prior to the interview Bolton was informed by Special Agent John E. Brennan of the St. Paul Office, of Hamm's request, and stated that he would not object to being interviewed by Hamm but could not furnish him with any information and when Hamm did interview Bolton, he, according to Bolton, was particularly concerned about the identity of the "finger man" as he seemed to be under the impression that the "finger man" might possibly be some relative or close friend of his.

**Confidential informant*

Bolton told him that he did not know who the person was but was reasonably sure that it was no friend or relative of Hamm's. The details of the kidnaping which Bolton had previously informed Tierney and Dahill he had obtained from George Zeigler, were not discussed with Hamm and it would appear that such information as Hamm might have concerning the identity of his kidnapers, must necessarily have been obtained from Tierney, and is by no means complete, as Bolton did not mention the connection of Jack Peifer, Jack Davenport, or any other persons than some of those who were actually the kidnapers.

Information has further been obtained that Tom Dahill and Tom Brown are and have been, for the past two years at least, bitter enemies and as Tierney is a close friend of Dahill, his sympathy would be with Dahill. Tom Brown has never talked to Bolton, nor has he been present at the Ramsey County Jail when anyone else has talked to Bolton. Sheriff Tom Gibbons was not present at the interviews referred to other than to escort the persons who had written permission from the United States Attorney to interview Bolton.

The above interviews, which were had during the first trial of the Bremer case during May of 1935, were the last in which Bolton had been interviewed by Dahill, Tierney or Hamm. No interviews have been conducted since that time by these persons with Bolton.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

April 4, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

Wynona Burdette was recently interviewed at Milan,
Michigan.

that on one occasion Dr. Flannigan, Medical Arts Building, Tulsa, Okla., had examined her. Wynona Burdette stated Dr. Flannigan likewise treated Harry Campbell for a venereal affliction. It is suggested that Dr. Flannigan be interviewed for any information he may have concerning Harry Campbell.

Wynona Burdette likewise stated that Harry Campbell occasionally suffers from severe attacks of rheumatism; that on one occasion during the time she was acquainted with him he was confined to his bed for seven months. It may be possible that Dr. Flannigan may be able to provide information concerning the health resorts or other places that Campbell frequents to obtain relief.

Wynona Burdette likewise stated, during this interview, that "Jew Eddie" is identical with Eddie Snyder, who is presently serving seventy-five years at Leavenworth Penitentiary. In this connection it may be noted that Snyder has been mentioned and named by Jimmie Larson as one of the perpetrators of the murder of Attorney J. Earl Smith.

Information was likewise obtained from Wynona Burdette to the effect that in the fall of 1934, during the time that she, with Harry Campbell, were residing at Oklawaha with Mother Barker and Fred Barker, the Karpis-Barker gang planned on "pulling a job in Mexico;" that she vigorously objected to Harry Campbell participating in any robbery, inasmuch as he had promised her before she left her home that he would no longer engage in criminal enterprises. Wynona Burdette professed ignorance of the place in Mexico which was to be robbed, or the location of the place that was intended to be robbed.

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Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Department of Justice
722 Midland Savings Bldg.
Denver, Colo.
April 2, 1936

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Ella M. Sullivan,
Postmaster,
Evansville, Wyoming.

RE: BREKID

Dear Mrs. Sullivan:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 23, 1936, containing information that a Bess Dennison has contacted Oscar Felt of Evansville.

This information has been noted and will receive appropriate attention.

Special Agent L. G. Healey of this office has advised me of the splendid cooperation which you and Mrs. S. A. Reimers are rendering the Bureau in their efforts to bring about the apprehension of Subject Harry Campbell, and I desire to express my appreciation to you and to Mrs. S. A. Reimers for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

R. D. BROWN
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

April 3, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Re: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

The Chicago Office file in the above-entitled case reflects that the following undeveloped leads require attention by your office:

The reports of Special Agent C. E. Greeney, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, dated January 8, 1936, and February 15, 1936, set forth the results of certain inquiries made by your office at West Middlesex, Pennsylvania, and vicinity in an effort to develop information concerning the present whereabouts of Harry Campbell. It is requested that you advise the results of your further inquiries in connection with the set-up at West Middlesex, Pennsylvania, and vicinity.

The report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated February 13, 1936, requested that your office conduct investigation concerning certain long distance telephone calls set out in the body of that report, these calls having been made from the Harvard Club at Cleveland, Ohio.

The report of Special Agent L. C. Taylor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, dated March 5, 1936, sets forth the results of the interview by Agent Taylor with Archie Negleman, who was sentenced in United States District Court at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to serve seventeen months in prison for violation of Internal Revenue laws. From recent developments in this case it appears that some of Negleman's information was undoubtedly correct insofar as it related to one Cliff Hall, who is probably identical with Clayton Hall of Youngstown, Ohio. It is requested that this matter be followed up by you and the place of confinement of Archie Negleman be learned. It is noted that at the time of submission of the report of Agent Taylor, Negleman was

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confined in the Allegheny County Jail pending instructions from the Attorney General as to the designation of his place of commitment.

The letter from the Cleveland Office to the Washington Field Office dated March 5, 1936, set forth certain information as furnished by Roy Arnold and requested that you conduct investigation concerning this. The letter from the Washington Field Office dated March 11, 1936, refers to the same situation and requested that you endeavor to ascertain more complete details if possible concerning the alleged location of Alvin Karpis at Baltimore, Maryland, through inquiries to be conducted at Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania. Recent developments in this case indicate that Karpis was not at Baltimore, Maryland, at the time this information was furnished by Roy Arnold. However, it is possible that Karpis may have contacts in that city, and it is believed that you should conduct the appropriate investigation at Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, in order that this angle of the case might be concluded at an early date.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 7-56

REPORT MADE AT Okla. City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 4/2/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/26, 27/36	REPORT MADE BY R. M. Bitterworth
TITLE O ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Willie Mae Mason, R.F.D. #1, Durant, Okla., resides with her uncle, Jim Young, and has lived at Durant, Okla. for past three years. Mrs. Catherine Shepard, Tulsa, Okla., recently visited her mother, Mrs. I. V. Purdy, on her farm two miles south of Bentley, Okla. Mrs. Shepard's brother, Al Purdy, is serving a life sentence in Okla. State Pen. for kidnaping.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, 8/24/34. Letter from Kansas City office 3/23/36.

DETAILS:

At Durant, Oklahoma.

Assistant Postmaster O. C. Pierce, Durant, Oklahoma, advised that Willie Mae Mason received mail at 120 Louisiana Street, Durant, Oklahoma, up to November 29, 1935, and now gets mail at 214 East Main Street, Durant, Oklahoma, which is the home of her aunt, Mrs. Buster Sabbath Stowe and his wife (who was named Manners before marriage) live at 120 Louisiana Street, and Stowe makes his living by bootlegging.

Deputy Sheriff J. R. McLaughlin, Durant, Oklahoma, advised that Amos A. Bates, R.F.D. #2, Durant, Oklahoma, lives with his wife, Mary Bates.

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two miles east and two miles north of Durant, Oklahoma, and that his farm would make a good hideout for convicts. He is the father of Shorty, Wilson, Dorsey and Claude Bates, who are bootleggers and thieves, and is the grandfather of Willie Mae Mason, [redacted] is now working in the sewing room of the work relief outfit.

Willie Mae Mason is living with her uncle, Jim Young, R.F.D. #1, Durant, Oklahoma, seven miles east of Durant, Oklahoma on U. S. Highway #70, and has lived in Durant, Oklahoma for the past three years. She is twenty-two years old, five feet eight inches in height, weight one hundred and ten pounds, slender build, blonde-brown hair, blue eyes, and she rouges heavily. She associates with bootleggers, thieves and prostitutes, but has never been arrested by the Sheriff's Office or Police Department at Durant, Oklahoma.

At Bentley, Oklahoma.

Ralph Moser, Postmaster, Bentley, Oklahoma, which is a small settlement eighteen miles south of Atoka, Oklahoma, consisting of two stores, a Post Office and a few houses, said Catherine Shepard is the daughter of Mrs. I. V. Purdy, who resides on a small farm two miles south and two miles east of Bentley, Oklahoma with her daughter, Mrs. Tom Smith, and her son-in-law, Tom Smith. Mrs. Shepard and her sister, Mrs. Harry D. Bell, who resides at 1615 East 5th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, visited their mother recently and stayed several weeks, but have returned to Tulsa. Al Purdy, a brother of Mrs. Shepard, received a life sentence for kidnaping in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1933, and is serving his sentence in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma.

The Purdy farm would make an ideal hideout for criminals, as it is in a sparsely settled neighborhood, and is accessible from Atoka and Caney, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Moser said he and Mr. T. M. Anderson, who operates the other grocery store in Bentley, are the only persons who are trustworthy in the vicinity of Bentley, Oklahoma, and that if he is away Mr. Anderson, who is Mr. Moser's brother-in-law, can be safely contacted by an agent of the Bureau.

Mr. Moser described Mrs. Catherine Shepard as follows:

Age - 38 years.
Height - 5 feet, 8 inches.
Weight - 135 pounds.

Eyes - Brown.

Hair - Black.

Complexion - Dark.

Build - Medium.

Residence - Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Occupation - None.

Marital status - Married, but does not live with husband.

Agent contacted Mr. T. M. Anderson, who verified the information given by Mr. Moser concerning the recent visit of Mrs. Catherine Shepard at her mother's farm near Bentley, Oklahoma.

P E N D I N G

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

April 2, 1936.

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

Re: W. J. McNULTY - Special Agent

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that the above-named Special Agent arrived in Cleveland, Ohio on April 1, 1936 at 6:50 p.m. for special assignment in connection with the Brekid case.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland

J. P. MAC FARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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April 2, 1936.

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

Re: J. V. MURPHY - Special Agent

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland

J. P. MAC FARLAND
Special Agent in Charge.

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April 2, 1936.

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

Re: L. W. ARMS - Special Agent

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that the above-named Special Agent arrived in Cleveland, Ohio on April 1, 1936 at 6:50 p.m. for special assignment in connection with the Brekid case.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland

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

Re: C. O. HURT - Special Agent

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that the above-named Special Agent arrived in Cleveland, Ohio on April 1, 1936 at 6:50 p.m. for special assignment in connection with the Brekid case.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland

J. P. MAC FARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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

Re: J. L. MADALA - Special Agent

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that the above-named Special Agent arrived in Cleveland, Ohio on April 1, 1936 at 6:50 p.m. for special assignment in connection with the Brekid case.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland

J. P. MAC FARLAND
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Re: T. M. BIRCH - Special Agent

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that the above-named Special Agent arrived in Cleveland, Ohio on March 30, 1936 at 9:00 a.m. for special assignment in connection with the Brekid case.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland

J. P. MAC FARLAND
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

April 4, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 2, 1936, requesting that Mr. Everett Jennings, attorney of Chicago, who represented Cassius McDonald, be contacted by this Office for the purpose of expediting the forwarding of a stipulation to the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, which stipulation is for the purpose of withdrawing original exhibits introduced in the recent trial of Harry Sawyer; et al, at St. Paul, Minnesota, and substituting photostatic copies therefor.

On April 3, 1936, Special Agent R. C. Suran was advised at the office of Mr. Jennings at Chicago, Illinois, that Mr. Jennings had been ill for several days, but his secretary advised that the stipulation had been signed by Mr. Jennings, but he had written to the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, to ascertain whether the original exhibits were to be used against his client, Cassius McDonald, in the forthcoming trial in Miami, Florida.

Special Agent Suran communicated with Mr. Jennings by telephone at his home and Mr. Jennings stated that he had executed the stipulation, but was awaiting information from Mr. George Sullivan, United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, as to whether the original exhibits were desired for use against his client as previously stated. He stated that he took this precaution because Cassius McDonald and his family were hard individuals to deal with and he did not want to do anything which would displease Cassius McDonald or his wife, who have expressed their dissatisfaction with the manner in which he has represented Cassius McDonald to date.

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Mr. Jennings was advised that it was Agent Suran's understanding that only Joe Adams and Duke Randall were to be tried at the forthcoming trial at Miami, Florida. He was further advised that no formal request had been made to date by the United States District Court in the State of Florida to have these exhibits removed, but that this Bureau desired the removal of the same prior to the date of the trial. Mr. Jennings stated that it was possible that he would be in his office on the morning of April 4, 1936, and he agreed to forward the stipulation to Mr. Sullivan at St. Paul, Minnesota, on that date.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge

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PHONE BREKID. IN SURVEILLANCE CLYDE ROCHAT NEATON FALLS AND CLAYTON HALL
 YOUNGSTOWN NOTHING HAS OCCURRED AS YET. WE HAVE CLAYTON HALL AT OFFICE
 CLEVELAND TONIGHT TO GET, IF POSSIBLE, SOME ADDITIONAL DETAILS TO
 ASSIST. HE ADMITS COLORING CERTAIN DETAILS OF HIS ASSOCIATION WITH
 FRED HUNTER AND ALVIN KARPIS

WE WILL TAKE HALL
 TO TOLEDO TOMORROW TO POINT OUT PLACE HE TOOK KARPIS THERE. WE HAVE
 SURVEILLANCE ON PLACE OF BUSINESS OF JOE ROSCOE AT TOLEDO BUT ARE
 HAVING DIFFICULTY ESTABLISHING TAP ON TELEPHONE. JOHN ZETZER WHEN RELEASED
 AFTER SIGNING WAIVERS AS TO REMOVAL, AGREEMENT TO HIS RETENTION FOR
 QUESTIONING AND AN AGREEMENT TO DELIVER KARPIS FOR \$500., RETURNED
 HOME AND NEWSPAPER ITEMS SHOW HE HAS REFUSED TO DISCUSS OR VERIFY
 WHERE HE WAS WHILE IN OUR CUSTODY. TAP ON EDITH BARRY SHOWS NOTHING OF
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Washington Field Office, Pm. 5252,
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April 4, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1212, ETAL.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your teletype message of April 2, 1936 in which you advise that a service station operator of New Concord, Ohio advised that a man resembling Alvin Karpis, accompanied by a woman passed through New Concord on the morning of April 2, 1936 and that the man was driving an Auburn Sedan, bearing 1936 Virginia license plates 336-441.

Please be informed that an investigation has disclosed that 1936 Virginia license plates 336-441 were issued to John L. Hudson of Upshur Neck, Virginia on a 1934 black Plymouth sedan. Mr. Hudson has informed that he received these plates on Monday, March 30, 1936; that he placed these plates on his car at that time and that they have not been removed, stolen or loaned at any time since they were attached to the car. He likewise informed that he has not been out of the State of Virginia with the car since the license plates were attached thereto.

Special Agent R. L. Pagan of this Office personally examined the automobile and observed the said license plates attached thereto. It has been ascertained that John L. Hudson bears a splendid reputation in his community where he has resided for 12 years and that he is employed as a caretaker by George E. Barron, who is a wealthy individual and who likewise bears a splendid reputation.

It would therefore appear that the identification made by the service station operator was undoubtedly faulty.

Very truly yours,

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J. M. KEITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-E. J. CONNELLEY-CHICAGO
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St. Paul
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Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

April 3, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

The Chicago Office file in the above-entitled matter reflects the following undeveloped leads requiring investigation in your district:

Report of Special Agent A. R. Greer, Denver, Colorado, dated December 9, 1935, requested investigation by your office at 123 North San Pedro Street concerning the father of William Elmer Mead, and also requested that your office interview Mrs. Katie Nyburger, 171 South Hosier Street, in an effort to obtain information concerning William Elmer Mead.

The report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 6, 1936, also requested that you conduct investigation concerning the father of William Elmer Mead.

The above-mentioned leads were further called to your attention by Chicago Office letter dated February 6, 1936.

The Los Angeles Office letter dated January 6, 1936, advised that an interview would be had with Mrs. Vosburg at Long Beach, California, for the purpose of securing all information possible concerning the personal history of the Barkers.

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The report of Special Agent S. W. Hardy, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated December 20, 1935, requested that you check the number "Gladstone 6944, Howe," which address was found in the effects of Fitzgerald, it appearing that possibly this address might have some connection with William Harrison, inasmuch as he was known to use the alias of Howe. It is possible that this was a contact of William Harrison and might possibly be a contact for the fugitive subjects in this case.

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The report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimmons, Jacksonville, Florida, dated February 27, 1936, requested your office to ascertain the identity of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Mead to ascertain their possible connection with William Elmer Mead.

The report of Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney, Cleveland, Ohio, dated March 10, 1936, requested that your office conduct investigation at Hollywood, California, concerning Carlotta M. Lyons, inasmuch as she purchased a Hudson Coupe at Youngstown, Ohio, under suspicious circumstances, from the same company from which one Fred Hunter is believed to have purchased a Hudson Coupe. For your information, the recent developments in this case indicate that Fred Hunter is unquestionably associated with Alvin Karpis and was with him as recently as March 26, 1936, at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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April 20, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

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

There are transmitted herewith photostatic copies of an anonymous, undated communication, received in the Bureau on April 6, 1936, containing information concerning the relatives of Harry Campbell who reside at Iowa Park and Holliday, Texas. You will note that this letter refers to one Dr. Gordon Clark as having rendered medical assistance to Harry Campbell during the winter of 1933. Reference is also made to the presence of Wynona Burdette in the vicinity of Iowa Park, Texas during the summer of 1934.

It is requested that you conduct a discreet investigation in the vicinities suggested in this letter to determine whether Harry Campbell has recently visited that section of the country, inasmuch as the anonymous writer indicates that Harry Campbell was in the vicinity of Iowa Park, Texas during the spring season of 1936.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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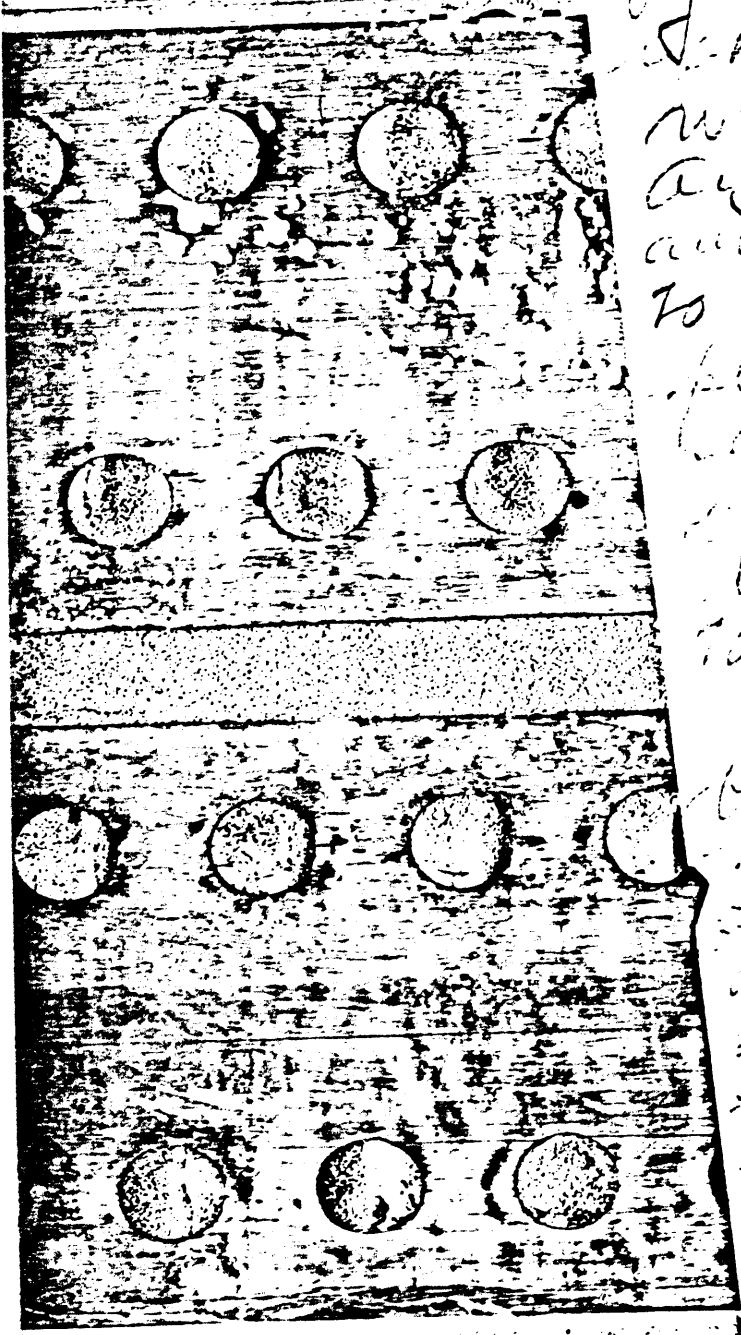
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629 First National Bank Building,
Omaha, Nebraska
April 8, 1936

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter, dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, April 1, 1936, requesting that stop cards be placed against a Buick Sedan, motor number 63,052,198, serial 2,895,972, at the automobile registration bureaus of each state.

Please be advised that stop cards have been placed against this car in the files of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, in the states of Iowa and Nebraska, at Des Moines and Lincoln, respectively.

In the event application is made to register this car in either bureau, the Omaha office will be advised by telephone.

Very truly yours,

R. A. ALT,
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.

April 3, 1936.

Time - 9:30 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Frank E. Foster, alias
Frank Frost.

I telephoned SAC Whitley at New York with reference to his telephonic conversation with me yesterday, at which time he advised that the Bureau knows that the above named person is now located at Reno, Nevada, while the New York Police want him badly in connection with a jewel robbery.

I told Mr. Whitley that upon discussing this matter with you, you had stated the information should by all means be turned over to the New York Police; that, however, as to picking him up for them, another situation presents itself. I pointed out to him that we wouldn't want to have our Agents pick this man up without due probable cause, and then have some shooting and possibly someone killed, and then be faced with a charge of murder. However, I told Mr. Whitley that if this man has violated some statute over which the Bureau has investigative jurisdiction, such as unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, we would have a basis upon which to make the arrest.

Mr. Whitley said he would get in touch with Inspector McDermott and give him this information.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth
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REPORT MADE AT Kansas City, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE 4-3-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-17, 18, 19, 22, 25, 26, 29-36 & 4-1-36	REPORT MADE BY W. E. HOPTON OS
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.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Efforts to locate Milton Lett at Anderson, Selalia and Brumley, Missouri unproductive. There is no Tony's place at 12th and Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri. No information of value obtained from Tony Fattall, Kansas City, Missouri. Edna Murray advised that the contact of Alvin Karpis in Kansas City, Missouri was Fritz Mulloy, and that certain actions and remarks of the gang indicated definitely to her that "Doc" Moran was slain and tossed into Lake Erie. Identity of "Dutch" and "Shorty", Joplin, Missouri furnished by Ed Corey, Missouri State Penitentiary, Number 45012, same being "Shorty" Pinson and his wife "Dutch". Jim Lawson, Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, interviewed relative to his statement concerning slaying of attorney J. Earl Smith, Tulsa, Oklahoma.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Summary Report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Chicago, Illinois dated 2-17-36; Report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Kansas City, dated 3-17-36. Bureau letter dated 3-13-36.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>W. A. Smith</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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DETAILS:

On March 17, 1936, Mr. Wilbur Harr, 5228 Norton Street, an elevator operator in the Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City, Missouri, advised the writer that about three weeks ago he was in a saloon at 14th and Holmes Street, which place is operated by "Bossie" Nigro, an individual who is associated with the Italian underworld in Kansas City. Harr stated he overheard a conversation between Nigro and several others in the saloon, at which time Nigro stated it was rather funny that the Government is still looking for Karpis inasmuch as he, Karpis, has been dead since last summer; that this remark resulted from another statement made by Nigro at the time to the effect that his death was the result of his being associated with Jack Gregory and "Little Nogie" in the slaying of John Lazia.

It appears that this apparently was idle talk inasmuch as investigation in the KATMO case has shown that John Lazia was killed by Jack Gregory, Howard Langsdon and Al O'Brien, and that nothing was ever obtained which would indicate Karpis had anything to do with that incident.

On March 18, 1936, Special Agent Paul Hanson, assigned to the Oklahoma City Office, met Special Agent G. H. Franklin and the writer at the Virginia Hotel, Joplin, Missouri, and advised that he had received information from a confidential informant of his at Coffeyville, Kansas to the effect that one "Snipe" Thornton, who is a close associate of Milton Lett, left word in Coffeyville several days ago for Lett to go down to the farm of Nettie Lair, Route 1, Anderson, Missouri, as it was a good place to lay around for a few days.

The writer contacted Jess Saxton, Neosho, Missouri, who has been assisting the Kansas City office in this case and he advised that one Frank Chandler, Anderson, Missouri, who is a former Deputy Sheriff and a reliable individual, would be a good contact in the vicinity of Anderson, Missouri.

Agents met Frank Chandler, whose residence is on the main highway about two miles south of Anderson, Missouri, and whose place of business is at the Chase Insurance Company in the main part of the town. Chandler advised he was acquainted with the location of the Lair farm and that he had talked to Mrs. Lair about a year ago concerning the issuance of fire insurance on her place. Upon examining the photograph of Milton Lett, Chandler stated he had seen this individual in Anderson, Missouri about two weeks previous and thinks he had some connection with a gambler by the name of Young, who owns a farm about two miles from the Lair farm.

The writer, in company with Mr. Chandler, proceeded to the Lair farm, which is located about five miles northwest of Anderson, Missouri, on Route Number 1. Mr. Chandler is known in that vicinity as an insurance man and it was decided he would call on Mrs. Lair again concerning fire insurance and would introduce the writer to her as an employee of his company from Kansas City, Missouri. The writer accompanied Mr. Chandler in his automobile and called at the Lair farm. It was ascertained that Nettie Lair was in town shopping and that an old blind man, whom she is taking care of, was present at the time of the visit.

It was noted that about one hundred yards from the house a young man and woman were standing near a grape vineyard, and upon noticing Mr. Chandler and the writer they started to walk away. The descriptions of these individuals answered very closely that of Milton Lett and his wife, whose maiden name was Lucille Farris. These two persons kept their backs toward Agent and it was impossible to identify them. The farm is so situated it was rather difficult to maintain a surveillance of same. However, the various roads leading from the Lair farm were watched closely. No automobile was seen on the premises.

It was thought that perhaps Lett might be staying at the farm house of Young, or possibly keeping his automobile at that place. Accordingly, Agent in company with Mr. Chandler called at the Young farm and Mr. Chandler talked to him about fire insurance. It was noted that no car, with the exception of an old Pontiac Sedan belonging to Young, was on the premises.

At about 2 P.M. Mrs. Nettie Lair returned to her farm unaccompanied. Mr. Chandler stated to the writer he was well acquainted with a young lady by the name of Dora Clemmson, who lives about 1/2 mile south of Nettie Lair and who is an acquaintance of hers. Mr. Chandler and the writer called on Miss Clemmson and she stated she had recently lost her dog and was making neighborhood inquiries in an effort to find it; that she and her mother were well acquainted with Mrs. Lair and would call on her that afternoon and assist Agents in determining whether Milton Lett was staying with Nettie Lair. Accordingly, Dora Clemmson and her mother were permitted to study the photograph and description of Milton Lett carefully just prior to visiting Mrs. Lair. Miss Clemmson met Mr. Chandler and the writer about one-half hour later near her home and she advised that Milton Lett was then in the home of Nettie Lair.

Accordingly, Frank Chandler, Special Agents G. H. Franklin, Paul Hanson and the writer immediately surrounded the house of Nettie Lair. Agent Hanson, upon entering same, ascertained that Milton Lett was not present but that another individual about the same height and weight of Lett and a young lady whom he stated was his wife, were present, in addition to Mrs. Nettie Lair and the old

blind man. The young man stated his name was Bob Evans and that his wife's name was Dorothy. They all denied knowing Milton Lett. After further questioning by Agent Hanson and the writer, away from the Lair farm, this individual admitted that he was Louis "Snipe" Thornton, who is wanted by Kansas authorities for the theft of guns from a hardware store near Iola, Kansas. The writer called Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith at Kansas City and it was decided to take Thornton to the Kansas City Office for questioning. Thornton agreed to do this. He stated that if the Bureau could do something for him he would put Agents in touch with Milton Lett and would assist in locating Alvin Karpis, with whom he is personally acquainted.

On March 20, 1936, upon instructions of the Bureau, the County Attorney at Iola, Kansas, was notified Thornton was in custody. They requested that he be placed in the Jackson County Jail and they would get in touch with him on the following day. On the afternoon of March 21, 1936, Thornton furnished pertinent information to Special Agent G. H. Franklin and the writer, which was included in a letter to the Bureau dated March 23, 1936, copies of which were forwarded to the Oklahoma City, Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Paul and Cleveland Offices.

With reference to the summary report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 17, 1936, relative to making inquiries concerning Tony's Place at 12th and Main, and also concerning the activities of Charles Carolla in Kansas City, the writer interviewed Nick DePasquale, 1025 Askew, Kansas City, Missouri, who has been used as an informant in connection with another pending case. DePasquale advised there is no such place as Tony's Place in the vicinity of 12th and Main. It may be stated here that the writer has on numerous occasions been in the vicinity of 12th and Main and has never noticed any place that would answer this description. It seems likely that Tony's Place probably refers to Tony Fatell, who, at the present time, operates a gambling establishment at 3511 1/2 Troost, and who formerly operated a drinking parlor on Southwest Boulevard.

DePasquale further advised that Charles Carolla is presently residing in Kansas City and is interested in the Glendale Soda Company, as well as the agency for the Schlitz Brewing Company. He also is known to collect protection money from various gambling interests and is supposed to be connected with slot machines in Kansas City. His close associates are connected with the North Side Democratic Club at 5th and Grand Avenue. DePasquale advised that in the event he should receive any pertinent information in connection with Charles Carolla he would get in touch with the writer.

On the evening of March 17, 1936, Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley telephoned from the Oklahoma City Office and stated that with reference to locating Milton Lett it had been ascertained that Alvin Lett, who is an adopted brother of Milton's father and is part negro, although looks like a white man, is supposed to be employed by a packing company in Kansas City and his wife is alleged to be running a rooming house either in Kansas City, Missouri or Kansas City, Kansas. It was thought that perhaps this might be a contact of Milton Lett. He also advised that Lett's mother has two brothers living at Brumley, Missouri. Their names as furnished by Mr. Brantley were Jim Lettrell and John Lettrell.

Agent telephoned the larger packing houses in Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas, in an effort to locate Alvin Lett. In each case advice was received that they had no record of this individual. The city and telephone directories of Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas, do not list an Alvin Lett. Inquiries at the Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas Post Offices failed to produce any information concerning the location of this individual. Through inquiry of [REDACTED]

b7D [REDACTED] it was ascertained that their records revealed that in 1931 Alvin J. Lett resided on Route 3, Laredo, Missouri, and in 1930 he resided at 310 Quindell, Kansas City, Kansas.

Special Agent G. H. Franklin interviewed Mr. Gerald Cooper, Postmaster at Laredo, Missouri. Mr. Cooper checked his records as far back as 1930 but was unable to locate the name of Alvin Lett as ever having received mail or left a forwarding address. Mr. Cooper advised further that he has been Postmaster at Laredo since 1932 and has lived in that community since 1919 and he was unable to recall anyone by the name of Lett ever having resided in that vicinity.

Mr. J. E. Thomas, Laredo, Missouri, who was formerly the Postmaster and a resident in the community for the past forty years, advised that to the best of his recollection a party by the name of Lett lived somewhere in the vicinity of Laredo in 1931 but was only there for about two months and moved away, and he was under the impression that he moved to Galt, Missouri.

Mr. O. A. Green, Postmaster at Galt, Missouri, checked his records as far back as 1929 but was unable to find anyone by the name of Lett having received mail in that vicinity or having left a forwarding address. He further advised that he was unable to recall anyone by that name.

Mr. G. L. Keener, Galt, Missouri, former Postmaster and life long resident in that vicinity, stated he does not recall anyone by the name of Lett as ever having resided in the community.

Inquiries at the office of the Grundy County Tax Collector's

Office, Trenton, Missouri, failed to reflect that Alvin Lett has ever owned any property in the County.

On March 21, 1936, Chief of Police William Marlin, Sedalia, Missouri, telephoned the Kansas City office and advised that he had in custody one Harlem Head, who had stated to him that he had driven to Sedalia with Milton Lett and that Lett had dropped him off there and told him he would meet him at the Royal Hotel on March 22, 1936.

Special Agents D. L. McCormack, G. H. Franklin, A. S. Reeder and the writer proceeded to Sedalia, Missouri. Chief Marlin, upon interview at his home, stated that earlier in the week a postal sub-station in Sedalia, Missouri, had been robbed; that on Thursday, March 19, 1936, an informant of his asked him if he knew anyone by the name of Head inasmuch as such a person had registered that day at the Royal Hotel in Sedalia, Missouri. The following day Chief Marlin stated he arrested Head for investigation, at which time Head was very intoxicated. Upon talking to him the following morning Head stated he had left Coffeyville, Kansas, a couple of days prior thereto in company with Milton Lett, Fred Barker and two girls, and that Lett had dropped him off at Sedalia, Missouri and told him to register at the Royal Hotel as he was going on to St. Louis and would return on Sunday and pick him up. On Sunday morning Harlem Head was interviewed by Special Agent D. L. McCormack and the writer. He stated he is from Coffeyville, Kansas where he had known Milton Lett for a number of years; that about Thursday, March 19, 1936 he emerged from a pool hall in Coffeyville, at which time he was very intoxicated; that Milton Lett in company with another man known to him as Fred Barker and two girls were in a car in front of the pool hall; that Lett told him to get in and he would take him to Sedalia, Missouri; that they then proceeded eastward and arrived in Sedalia after dark that night; that Lett put him out near the Terry Hotel at Sedalia and gave him \$5.00 and instructed him to get a room at the Royal Hotel where he would pick him up on Sunday and take him back to Coffeyville. He stated he was quite drunk at the time and that he was later arrested by the Sedalia Police. He was unable to furnish a description of the girls nor of Fred Barker.

Further questioning revealed that he undoubtedly knew Milton Lett but the balance of his story was too vague to sound credible. It appeared he had told this story to Chief Marlin and had also added that he saw guns in a suit case carried by Lett at Fort Scott, Kansas where they had stopped for coffee.

On the belief that Head was trying to gain a favor from Chief of Police William Marlin by telling this story, Agent McCormack took Chief Marlin outside the place where Head was being questioned and then returned to the room. Head was then told his story didn't sound quite plausible and if he was telling this tale merely to get on the good side of the Chief that that was his affair but that

Agents wanted the truth. He then admitted he had been drunk for about a month and that due to an accident in the World War his brain didn't function very well. He stated he at no time heard the name of any person in the car and was unable to state whether he came to Sedalia in an automobile. He stated he didn't know how he got there or when he got there and didn't remember anything he had told the Chief of Police. He said that so far as he knew no part of the story as originally told was true; that his mind must have left him entirely and he supposed the story came from drinking too much. He stated he would not consciously fabricate the story but that he has no reason to believe the story in any part is true. It may be noted Head has a scar from his eye brow all the way across the top of his head, which gives the appearance that his skull might have been fractured when the injury was received. It appeared from observation that Harlem Head is demented and when in an intoxicated condition is apt to say most anything which might have come to his imaginative mind. A surveillance of the Royal Hotel was maintained, however, throughout the day without results.

On March 23, 1936 a letter was received from an inmate of the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, giving the alias of Marie Smith and requesting that an Agent call on her in the very near future as she wished to impart some information. It appeared that this note probably had been written by Edna Murray, who is presently incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary.

Accordingly, Special Agent A. E. Farland and the writer interviewed Edna Murray, Missouri State Penitentiary, at which time she stated that a young lady whom she had met there by the name of Mary Smith asked her to write this letter to the Kansas City Office as she wished to talk to an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In a casual talk with Edna Murray she advised to her knowledge Alvin Karpis had only one connection in Kansas City and that was Fritz Mulloy; that she recalled at one time before she and Volney Davis had been arrested Karpis had visited Kansas City, Missouri and had made a contact with Mulloy. As to Harry Campbell, she stated she did not believe he ever stopped off at Kansas City, Missouri, but would go on through to Oklahoma.

During the conversation with Edna Murray the names of "Doc" Moran, John Hamilton and Willie Harrison were mentioned. She stated that she knew that Doc Moran had been done away with; that he had been taken out into Lake Erie in a boat that belonged to Captain Timothy of the Toledo Police Department by the Barker boys and one or two other members of the gang; that they were gone, as near as she could recall, about three or four hours, and that when the boys returned "Doc" Moran was not with them; that later that day she remembered having a conversation with Fred Barker about Volney Davis and others having their faces operated on by Doc Moran, and that Barker said "Doc Moran will never cut on anyone else unless he cuts up some fish in Lake Erie". Edna Murray also stated that Willie

Harrison had been slain by Doc Barker and Elmer Farmer; that she always felt very badly about this inasmuch as she considered Willie Harrison a pretty good fellow who was friendly toward all of the gang and always willing to help a friend. Edna Murray stated that while she and Volney Davis were going through Bensonville, Illinois, Volney pointed out a house to her which was used in the Hamm kidnapping case; that this house was occupied by a party who was now the Postmaster at Bensonville, Illinois.

While at the penitentiary the writer interviewed Ed Corey, register number 45012, who advised he has been an inmate there during the past twenty one months on a sentence of four years for burglary and larceny committed in Joplin, Missouri.

Corey stated he was acquainted with Harry Campbell, Glen LeRoy Wright and Jimmy Lawson; that he met them in the year 1932 through one Burly Pinson, who at that time drove a taxicab in Joplin, Missouri for the DeLuxe Cab Company located near the Connor Hotel. In this connection he advised that he, Corey, was selling liquor in Joplin and vicinity, and that sometime in the early Fall of 1932 Burly Pinson told him he had some new customers for him, namely - Harry Campbell, Glenn LeRoy Wright and Jimmy Lawson. Corey stated he saw Harry Campbell on numerous occasions at Joplin, Missouri, during the Fall of 1932 and that Campbell at that time was hiding out with "Shorty" Pinson and his wife who was known as "Dutch", and that "Shorty" and "Dutch" had a rather large house on the 20th Street Highway between Joplin, Missouri and Galena, Kansas, the place being located about five miles southwest of Joplin. Corey advised that the last information he had "Dutch" and "Shorty" Pinson moved from the place on 20th Street Road and now reside in the Chiffendecker Park District in the vicinity of Chipwood, which is a suburb of Joplin, Missouri. Corey said that when Campbell left Pinson's place he rented an apartment in the Cozy Apartment Building on 13th and Joplin Streets in Joplin, Missouri; that after living there for a while he and Wynona Burdette left Joplin in the latter part of November or the first part of December 1932 and went directly to Hot Springs, Arkansas. Corey stated that practically every time he saw Campbell he, Campbell, was suffering from some kind of ailment; that he thought perhaps it was gonorrhea rheumatism, which caused him to be somewhat crippled in one leg. On various occasions when he saw Campbell, Wright and Lawson at the above addresses they were in company with Ida Jennings, Mildred Lawson and Wynona Burdette; that just prior to Campbell's departure from Joplin to Hot Springs, Arkansas, Jimmy Lawson went to Tulsa and got Wynona Burdette and drove her to Joplin and she left shortly thereafter with Campbell.

On March 26, 1936 a telegram was received from Frank Chandler, Anderson, Missouri, advising he had received a tip to the effect that Lett would be in Anderson, Missouri, on Saturday night, which would be March 28, 1936.

On the night of March 27, 1936, Special Agent G. H. Franklin contacted Frank Chandler by telephone and was advised that he had received information from an informant of his to the effect that Milton Lett had been to the home of Nettie Lair a few days ago and was expected to return Saturday night, March 28, 1936, between 7 P.M. and 8:30 A.M.

On the morning of March 28, 1936, Special Agents M. B. Rhodes, E. L. Cochran, D. L. McCormack and G. H. Franklin proceeded to Anderson, Missouri and contacted Frank Chandler at his home. Mr. Chandler advised that his information was received from Carl Mayfield, who resides in the vicinity of Nettie Lair's home and who is a close friend of Nettie Lair; that he had also been advised by Mr. Cunningham, the mail carrier, that a green V-8 Ford Coupe had been seen in the vicinity of Nettie Lair's home the last few days.

Accompanied by Frank Chandler the above Agents maintained a surveillance of the home of Nettie Lair from 7 P.M. until after midnight March 28, 1936. No cars were seen to approach the Lair home. On the morning of March 29, 1936, Carl Mayfield, who resides six miles northwest of Anderson, Missouri, was interviewed by G. H. Franklin, at which time he stated he is well acquainted with Nettie Lair and he has leased some of her land and is farming it. He stated that about two months ago a man driving a green or gray Ford Coach, about a 1934 or 1935 model, called at his home and inquired about the direction to Nettie Lair's farm and also inquired if Mrs. Lair's nephew named Louis Thornton was staying there. He stated he had met a young couple at the Lair home whose name was Evans and who were related to Nettie Lair. Mayfield stated he has not seen this man driving the V-8 Ford since that time but Mrs. Lair advised him that about two months ago and shortly after her niece and nephew came to her place this man driving the V-8 Ford had come to her place between 7 P.M. and 8:30 P.M. on a Saturday night and picked up her nephew; that they would be gone for a day or two at a time; that this man would not stay at her place but would just pick up her nephew and then drop him off at the house when they would return. Mr. Mayfield stated he had heard from Mr. Cunningham that a V-8 Ford of a similar description used by this party had been seen in the vicinity a few days ago, and in view of the fact that he had been advised by Chandler this party was wanted he informed Chandler in all probability this party would return to Nettie Lair's place Saturday night, March 28, 1936. A photograph of Milton Lett was identified by Mayfield as being the party he had seen driving the gray V-8 Ford Coach.

Arrangements were made to have Mayfield go to the home of Nettie Lair and ascertain whether anyone was presently staying at her place or whether anyone had recently been there. Approximately an hour later Mayfield returned and stated there was no one staying

at the Lair place besides Mrs. Lair and the old blind man; that Nettie Lair's niece, Dorothy Rush, had returned to Iola, Kansas, a week ago and that no one had called at her place for the past several weeks and she has not seen the man driving the V-8 Ford for nearly two months, which was the time she had previously mentioned. Mr. Mayfield advised that in the event this V-8 Ford should return to this vicinity or if he should receive any information pertaining to this party he would notify the Kansas City Bureau Office or Frank Chandler, of Anderson, Missouri.

Mr. Cunningham, the rural mail carrier at Anderson, Missouri, advised that a few days ago he was told by his son, N. Cunningham, who resides about one-fourth mile from the Lair farm, told him he had seen a V-8 Ford drive by his place which he presumed went to the Lair farm, and upon receiving this information he notified Frank Chandler.

The writer interviewed V. M. Smith, Postmaster at Brunley, Missouri, who advised there is no one in that community by the name of Luttrell, but that a Jim Luttrell resides on Route Number 1, Brunley, Missouri, and has been a neighbor of his, Smith, for the past ten years. To his knowledge Jim Luttrell, whom he stated is a very old man, has no relatives in Oklahoma; that Jim Luttrell had a brother by the name of John Luttrell, who died about six or seven years ago; that Jim Luttrell has a brother at Windyville, Missouri, whose name is Milton Luttrell and would be in a much better position to accommodate a visitor than would Jim Luttrell. He stated that inasmuch as he lives so close to Jim Luttrell he was in a position to know whether he has any visitors and in this connection stated he has not noticed anyone visiting him during the past year. He stated that his wife is very close to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Luttrell and he would have her ascertain in a diplomatic manner whether there is any connection between Jim Luttrell and the Lett family who reside near Wann, Oklahoma. Any information he might receive he stated he would furnish to the Kansas City Office by letter.

Anthony Fatell, home address 3320 Jefferson, telephone Logan 6525, business address 3511½ Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, telephone - Westport 3393, was interviewed by the writer in the Kansas City office on April 1, 1936, at which time he advised he has received no information concerning members of the Barker-Karpis gang since he was last interviewed by Agents of the Bureau.

During the interview he stated when he operated the Westport Tavern on Southwest Boulevard, Alvin Karpis, Doc Barker, Volney Davis and Jess Doyle came into his place on several occasions to have a few drinks; that he met these individuals through Earl Doyle, whom he knew quite well. Fatell stated that since he quit the

business about one and one-half years ago he has not heard anything about the gang and has not had anything whatever to do with them. It was his opinion that the Barker-Karpis gang had very few contacts in Kansas City, Missouri, and he bases this on the fact that at no time did he ever hear any members of the gang speak of persons in Kansas City whom they knew; that the only reason they came to his place was the result of the introduction by Earl Doyle.

Fatell advised further he is acquainted with Clarence Sparger, John Langdon and Spike Lane, but he has not seen or heard anything concerning these individuals for over a year. He advised that he has severed all of his connections with these individuals and consequently is not in any position to furnish information of value. It appears very doubtful whether Fatell has had any recent connection with Karpis and Campbell, and it is apparent that little or no information of value can be expected from him.

With reference to Bureau letter dated March 13, 1936, Special Agent A. E. Farland interviewed Jim Lawson at the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas relative to his statement made to Major Wint Smith, of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, concerning the slaying of Attorney J. Earl Smith, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Several corrections were made in the statement by Jim Lawson, after which he signed same. This statement is as follows:

THIS STATEMENT GIVEN BY JAMES LAWSON TO
WINT SMITH, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, AT THE KANSAS
STATE REFORMATORY, HUTCHINSON, KANSAS,
ON THE 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1936.

Q State your name.
A James Lawson.

Q Whereabouts were you, Mr. Lawson, about the first of September, 1932?
A In Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Q Whereabouts were you living in Tulsa?
A At 1136 South Quincy Street, at the Hattie Bell Apartments.

Q What men were you running around with?
A Harry Campbell, Glenn Roy Wright, Eddie Moss.

Q Does Eddie Moss have any other name?
A Yes. Eddie Snyder.

Q Do you know where Eddie Snyder is now?
A In the Oklahoma penitentiary.

Q Glenn Roy Wright?
A Oklahoma penitentiary.

Q Harry Campbell?
A No, sir, I don't know where he is.

Q What were you doing down there... Now, you don't have to tell that if you don't want to.

A We weren't doing anything. They had done a job three days before I came to town.

Q What were they doing three days before you came to town?

A They robbed a dairy company at 3d and Viaduct at Tulsa. They were living off the proceeds of that.

Q I want you to tell in your own words what you understood to be this J. Earl Smith's status around there as to protecting the boys, taking care of them. What was the common talk among these four fellows about J. Earl Smith?

A I never met him in my life. Saw him at a distance. They were living, I can't remember the address but it must have been around the 1500 block North Boston, I am not certain, at the time I went to Tulsa. Smith had been coming over to the house. He was there half a dozen times when I was there. He had been hired as a criminal attorney for robbing the Wilcox Oil Company.

Q Previous to your coming there?
A Yes.

Q In Tulsa?

A Yes. Campbell left town or was supposed to have left town. He was not around there for possibly four or five days. Smith had come over on two different occasions to see him but he wasn't there. He called him one afternoon. Eddie answered the phone.....

Q Eddie Snyder?

A Eddie Snyder. He couldn't understand him on the phone so I talked. He wanted to know where Campbell was. I told him I didn't know. He said he was getting a little nervous waiting for his money. It seems that Campbell and Wright owed him \$3,200.00 as attorney fee to fix this Wilcox case.

Q What did you understand from the boys was the status of the Wilcox robbery case and what was Smith going to do?

A Clean the case up for him so they wouldn't have to do time and they could keep what they had.

Q They were to give him \$3,200.00?

A No, \$3,500.00. He had paid him \$300.00.

Q Smith was to see that they didn't get any time on the Wilcox job?

A He had made their bond and had put up mortgaged property on the bond, Mrs. Melissa Strickland, of Tulsa. He was worried about that because when they called that bond he would be in trouble.

Q What was your conversation?

A I told him we expected Campbell back. I asked Eddie when Harry would be back and he said "tomorrow". But Campbell didn't show up. Earl wanted to go to Fort Scott on the Harvey Bailey case. He told me to let him know whether Campbell got back or not. I called him that evening but he had left for Fort Scott. The next afternoon he called and I said he would be there that night. We had definite word that he was already in town and would be out there that night. He said "Be sure to have him call me before seven - around seven o'clock" so that afternoon we went out to Louis Webb.

Q Who do you mean by "we"?

A Eddie and I. Harry was there so Eddie talked to him. It was their business.... I told Eddie what Smith said and he and Campbell talked about it, I don't know what they said, so we got the car belonging to Campbell's sister, but she had transferred it to Eddie Snyder's name, and they were paying it out as they got the money. We went back to the apartment on Quincy and stayed until about 6:45 that evening. He got a telephone call from a lady across the hall. He came back and he said "get your hat". We went to the corner of 11th and Rockford and he said "call Smith and tell him to meet us and to bring a hand bag". So I went in and called him.

Q What did they say as to where you were to meet Smith?

A He made the meeting place himself. He said "I will pick you up within three blocks of there. Just walk up the street east on 11th". So he picked us up.

Q When you called Smith he said to walk east on 11th and he would pick you up?

A Yes. So he picked us up. I got in front, Eddie in the rear. Eddie said "right straight out 11th". We cut over to Admiral. I believe we went straight out 11th and after we got where this Silcoam Springs highway crosses. We passed there and Eddie told him "First - little side road, turn in there". So we turned in there and wandered around this little road. Made a right-hand turn after hitting this side road. There was a car pulling out possibly a quarter of a mile ahead and one coming toward us. We pulled over and stopped and by the time he had got stopped, the other car had stopped. It was Campbell. Eddie stayed in the car. I got out. Campbell pulled fifteen paces past the car. I stepped out on the right. I could see through the back rear glass at the side. They started arguing for a couple of minutes and all at once somebody said "let the old son of a bitch have it".

Q What did you see then?

A Eddie struck Smith with his 45, he must have had, and from then on they started blasting. Campbell stood at the left front door. They tussled around in the car for a number of seconds. I don't know how many shots were fired. Smith fell out the door I had left open. His hips had caught in the door. I stood back and pulled my gun. I knew something was happening. When he fell out this side he reached out his hand and started to say something. I got blood all over me. I let loose and got in the shade where I could watch it. They undoubtedly shook him down for they pulled him out straight on the road. I walked over to the car and where I could keep them in sight. I said "this is a hell of a mess you have got me into". They said "we had to do it, you are in as deep as we are".

Q While you were going out there, what did they talk about?

A Smith and I done most of the talking. Snyder didn't have much to say. We talked about a fellow by the name of Fred Lonsdale. He got Fred Lonsdale to plead guilty on four different raps and was going to get them to run concurrently, all the different counts. Then he found out they couldn't run concurrently and it turned out that Lonsdale had twenty-seven years instead of eight years. He is still down there. We were talking about that and he asked me... he knew I just came out.. he was asking me about different fellows down there. It was just an ordinary conversation between he and I. Eddie didn't have much to say. He buggered his ears and he didn't do much talking because half the time he couldn't hear.

Q What did the boys say as they went back to town?

A I don't remember. I was pretty well scared. After we pulled away from there I don't know. It was said "we will have to get rid of this rod". There was a pond of water on the right of the road. Instead of going back on the pavement we came to the Siloam Springs and cut into Tulsa that way. Before we got to the strip pits, from half to three-quarters of a mile from this corner of the highway, there was a pond. You could see the light shining on the water. They got out and threw the gun into this water but Harry kept his 45. He gathered the shells up after the shooting. I don't know how many times he shot.

Q Was it dark when you were out there?

A It wasn't inky dark. Rather dark. You could see for perhaps fifteen or twenty steps.

Q Harry decided to keep his 45?

A Yes. He still had it when I left him.

Q How far from where you left the body is this pond of water?

A Anywhere within a radius of one mile. I would know where it was if I passed it.

Q It was on the right hand side of the road?

A Coming into Tulsa, yes.

Q Where did you wash the blood off your hands?

A I had a handkerchief and used that on my pants leg. His hand fell down when I let loose of it and got blood on my pants leg and he died just as I let loose of his hand.

Q What did you do with this handkerchief? Throw it away?

A I wiped the blood off my hand and got most of it off my pants leg. We went directly into Louis Webbs.

Q Harry Campbell drove the car?

A Yes. To the 3100 block on East Independence.

Q- What transpired there?

A We went in. I struck a match and looked at my clothes. Saw how much blood there was on my pants legs and the tip of my shoes. I got a wet rag, took this handkerchief in and wet it and brought it back and cleaned my pants and shoes and went back in. I got the worst of it off and then went into the bathroom and cleaned up the best I could.

Q Who was there then?

A Webb and his wife.

Q Anything said?

A Yes.

Q Webb have any ideas?

A Not at that time. Eddie and Campbell went in the bathroom and stayed there half an hour. They took something off Smith, I don't know what it was. They went in the bathroom and I was scared, didn't know what might happen. Was afraid to get tough. They came back out and we stood in front. I said "The only thing for me to do is to get my clothes. I am not making any money with you fellows, and now a possible murder rap, possibly the chair and I didn't have anything against the man. Nothing to show for getting the rap. I never saw the man before in my life."

Q You think when they were in the bathroom they were dividing?

A No, I don't think there was any money. Just papers. The Jew (Eddie Snyder) never showed up with any money. He was broke and on his uppers then. So I said "Harry, what do you think about it?" He said "It is a kind of a crack for you but it couldn't be helped." I said "Why did you have me come with you?" He said he didn't know it was going to turn out that way.

Q Then after you left...

A Then Eddie and I got my clothes on Quincy and went back to Webbs. I wanted to leave and he kept insisting there wasn't going to be any rap. this and that. and we went back to Webbs and argued

we got in the car and drove off. We drove up north of Tulsa on Peoria Street road, then three miles out of Skiatook. Drove out in the woods and sat there until probably 5:30 in the morning. I stayed awake. Just dozed. About 5:30 Campbell said "Go in and get Burrhead Keady". So I went into Keady's house and told him the boys were waiting for him. He didn't say anything so I drove back out to this place. I stopped and he drove around me. They were standing at the brush at the edge of the road. I stopped where I had plenty of room to turn around. He drove up opposite. Campbell and Eddie walked out from the bushes to his car and passed the word. The Jew (Eddie Snyder) walked back into the Ford and said "Let's go to Arkansas". So we drove to Arkansas.

Q Hear any conversation between the boys and Burrhead?
A No, I didn't leave the car.

Q Did Eddie have his clothes with him?
A I believe he had a change.

Q When you say you went to Arkansas, where did you go?
A We went to Tommy Carpenter, three miles south of Berryvale.

Q How long did you stay there?
A Three days, I believe. We left there on the fourth day.

Q Where did you go?
A Back to the Webbs at Tulsa.

Q Who did you see there?
A Webb and his wife.

Q Did they say anything about what had happened?
A Campbell had told Eddie and I "They won't have a chance to do anything. I have an alibi that is already fixed."

Q He advised Eddie that he had an alibi fixed with the Webbs?
A Yes. They were hysterical because they had Campbell charged. Webb said they knew him didn't have anything to do with it.

Q When did you next see Harry Campbell?
A About ten days after the crime.

Q Where?
A He was on the Walt Doolin farm between Lannford and Oilton.

Q That was the farm the boys frequently used?
A Yes. It had an old tenant house occupied by an old ex-convict.

Q What did Harry say at that time about the job?
A I told him he was in a little hot water. He said "Yes".
Then he said "It doesn't make any difference, I am a little hot anyway".

Q Was Eddie Snyder with you?
A Yes, he went with me.

Q When you were at Berryvale, did you see Tommy Carpenter?
A Yes. His wife and his wife's mother and father were there.

Q How long did you stay at the Walt Doolin farm?
A Possibly thirty minutes.

Q Did you agree with Harry Campbell where he was to be?
A He wanted some medicine. He was crippled up and he needed some medicine and they needed groceries in the house. I told Burrhead they needed medicine and groceries.

Q Where was Burrhead, at Skiatook or Tulsa?
A No, at home. He got the medicine and groceries and took them out to them. I made two or three trips out there. Took the old man some casings for his Ford.

Q What did you and Eddie do then?
A Went back to Tulsa. Laid around there and rapped a little old bakery. I believe it was the Smith Bakery on 7th and Kanosha.

Q When did you and Eddie separate?
A Well, he and I had been arguing a good deal. I quit staying at his place and was staying at Webbs. Eddie was staying on Quincy. He couldn't drive a car so I drove the car. Finally Glenn... you know Glenn had his arm broke...

Q Where did Glenn get his arm broken?
A He and Eddie had a car wreck up by Fairfax and Glenn broke his arm.

Q Where was Glenn Roy Wright the night they killed J. Earl Smith?
A I guess he was home. I didn't see him at all. When we were arguing in this yard I was a little bit warm about it. Campbell said "Hell, it was as much for your friends as it was for ours. He had double-crossed everybody in the country. He has beat Freddy Barker out of \$10,000.00". Before Campbell left town at this time he had had several telephone calls, presumably from Freddy.

Q At Webbs?
A No. Before the killing. Several calls supposed to be from Freddy. When I came to Tulsa they wanted a couple of machine guns to rob banks. Freddie was going to get them the guns. That was the reason they weren't doing anything. When I came back they

didn't cut me in on anything. Campbell gave me \$5.00 or \$10.00 now and then and I stayed at the Jew's place, kind of a visitor around. When I got shy of money Eddie and Harry would give me \$5.00 or \$10.00, then I went away for a couple of weeks. One day Eddie, Campbell and I and Eddie's girl, can't think of her name, we were all getting pretty tight and Harry's sister, Flora, was there, too. Campbell was a little drunker than the rest of us. He told his sister he was expecting a call at 6:30 from Freddy and for her to answer it and tell Freddy to get in touch with B. H. K.

Q By B. H. K. he meant Burrhead Keady?

A Yes, Burrhead Keady.

Q While all this was going on, what part did he play, postoffice of what?

A Just a connection. Here is the idea. If we had hard dough, hard silver in any amount we could take it to him and he would take it to the bank. If we wanted arms or ammunition or a lawyer or a plant or anything of that sort, it was up to him to furnish it.

Q You paid him?

A Yes.

Q If you took some hard money, what was Burrhead's cut?

A Ten per cent. While Campbell was hid on the Doolin ranch either Doolin or Keady took him over to Drumwright in the daytime and Burrhead came back and told Eddie and I to go see Harry and we went to see him. We took our tools. Campbell had this ice company in mind. It was on Sunday night. They wanted the place stuck up. After we got there we couldn't stick it up so we waited until late that evening, Harry, the Jew (Eddie Snyder) and Wright. Harry and Eddie were inside and I kept the car.

Q How did Harry get the safe open?

A He found a soft plug on the safe. Scrapped the paint and found the soft plug.

Q Where did you go from there?

A Left Harry out at this plant for two or three days.

Q By "This plant" you mean the Doolin's farm?

A Yes. Two or three days after that Burrhead came over to Webbs and said Harry wanted me to rent an apartment for him; that he was coming to town. I couldn't find anything suitable. Harry is crippled and had to have somebody with him. We finally rented an apartment at 1311 South Elgin. Lived there for six or seven days. Somebody came to the apartment one night and took him and his girl out and when I came in they were gone and had left a note saying for me to come to this girl's sister. I went out there and she said the law knew where we were. I stayed there the rest of the night. Went

to Webbs next morning. Campbell was there. So her and I rented another apartment at the Longfellow Apartments at 10th and Main. They stayed there. I didn't stay there at all. I rented light house-keeping rooms at So. Cheyenne with Winona Burdette's sister under the name of King. They lived at the Longfellow a week or ten days and the Jew (Eddie Snyder) got arrested on South Quincy. He stayed until the rent was over. They arrested him and his girl. I came to Kansas and stayed a couple of days by myself and went back and went to see Campbell.

Q Where was he at this time?

A At the Longfellow. I told him "I am going to take out. It is too warm for me". I hadn't made \$300.00. I would have been broke all the time if it hadn't been for \$5.00 or \$10.00 that he gave me once in awhile. He said "Lets you and I and Glenn take out together". So we came to Caney for ten days and went from there to Joplin.

Q When Smith called up and Harry Campbell wasn't there, he said he had to go to Fort Scott where Harvey Bailey was being tried for the Fort Scott job?

A Yes.

Q He did appear at the trial?

A He didn't appear at the trial. I believe this happened the night after the trial. I don't know, there might have been a telephone call come in that night but as far as my understanding was the only dealings between Campbell and Smith were that Campbell owed Smith \$3,200.00 and Smith wanted his money.

Q Smith wanted his money because he had to get Campbell and Glenn Roy Wright out of that?

A It was close to the trial and he had already went so far he had put up mortgaged property on the bond and he wanted his money so he could square things before trial day. But the dealings between Campbell and Freddy, I am really unaware of what went on between them. I know that Freddy had something against Smith for not getting his brother out down there.

Q What Barker was that?

A Doc. Also had the Fort Scott deal against him.

Q Was Harvey Bailey in on that job?

A No. Just handled the bond.

Q Jim Clark?

A No.

Q Who did rob the bank?

A Only three that I know - Miller, Fred Barker and Karpis.

Q What Miller?

A Vern. As to the others, I wouldn't know who they were. I

Q imagine Rusty Gibson and Weaver. That was the original gang.

Q Jim, could you draw a diagram of that road.
(This diagram is now in the possession of Col. Smith)

Q What was Webbs' racket?

A Driving a milk wagon when I was there.

Q The last time you saw Harry was after the job at Coffeyville?

A Yes, I left him out in the brush.

Q Who was it you think who fired the first shot?

A The first shot was accidental, I think. Eddie hit him with his gun and it went off unless he drew it way back and what I think happened is that he had this 45 cocked and when he hit him it went off.

Q Before any shooting took place, did you hear anything?

A I heard quite a few words. But it was their argument and none of my business and I didn't pay much attention to it.

Q Did you get out of the car before Harry came up?

A Just as he drove up and stopped.

Q Had anybody told you to get out?

A No.

Q Do you remember any conversation at all when you were standing back of the car?

A I think the conversation opened by passing the time of day. Asked him how he was getting along. Harry came up close to the car window.

Q Window down?

A I wouldn't say whether it was or not. Partly down.

Q After the shooting started, Smith started to get out?

A No, he was fighting.

Q He tried to get out of the door you left open?

A His last efforts were to get out of that door. He was sitting facing north and Campbell was standing on the left side.

Q Did you read the accounts in the newspapers?

A Yes, several of them. All they stated was that Harry Campbell called him up and put him on the spot. When I called some lady answered the phone and said "Who is it?" and I said "You tell him it is Harry calling" because that was who it was supposed to be. He was either at dinner or busy and she answered the phone.

Q You called him at his house?

A Yes. It was through his instructions that the meeting was made.

Q When you told him that Harry wanted to see him?

A I said "That party is here". He had met Harry two or three different times. He was afraid he would be picked up on this bond. Everybody in the county knew it was phony.

Q Did Harry ever say anything about the office in Tulsa giving him a break?

A Yes, I was informed that for \$100.00 a week I could do anything except steal in Tulsa.

Q Did you understand that was the police or the sheriff?

A The Sheriff's office only.

Q Did Harry and Glenn Roy ever talk about paying any money to anybody.

A No, I never heard them say they had paid any money. Just after that everybody in town was under suspicion on this murder. They named Roy right.

Q Did Burrhead know who did the job?

A Yes.

Q How long afterward was this contact made with the police department?

A I believe it was just after we came back from Arkansas. Possibly a week or ten days afterward. Burrhead and I met John Evans on the street one day. Burrhead spoke to him.

Q Did you have any idea what was going to happen that night?

A Well, I kind of figured something was going to happen but I didn't think it would be a killing. I figured a whipping if he didn't do something. That was on account of Freddy. I expected Freddy Barker to be there when we drove up. He was supposed to be there. Freddy and a couple of other fellows came to town either the next day or the day afterward and stayed at Clarence Smith's Tourist Camp.

Q The next day after he was killed?

A The day after he was killed. That is when they were first seen.

Q You thought this one car was Freddy Barker and knew the other was Harry Campbell?

A Yes. Freddy was supposed to be there. He had hired this Smith to get Doc out of the penitentiary. He claims they gave Smith \$10,000.00 to get Doc out. Have heard since that J. J. Glynn at Leavenworth is the one got Doc out. It was kind of a mixed-up affair. I remember one time, I believe it was at Joplin, there was a piece in the paper about Freddy being shot, working in a bake shop. Campbell said "I would like to get my hands on him" or words to that

effect. "He promised me two grand".

Q Were you suspicious that they would bump you off after this job?

A I didn't trust them any too much. That is where me and the Jew (Eddie Snyder) fell out. He was treacherous. I was afraid I would go to sleep sometime and he would slip up on me. We got so we argued all the time. Campbell - I didn't figure he would because I was clearly indispensable to him because he was crippled and had to have somebody help him. The only think that we ever had an argument about was over Mildred, my wife. Had a little argument over the car at Sapulpa. I was more afraid of the Jew (Eddie Snyder) than of anybody else.

Q That time he got picked up in Tulsa, he got sent up?

A Yes. Got time on two jobs they pulled before I got there.

Q What job was that?

A The Smith Bakery, at 7th & Kenosho. It looked to me like I got myself out to where I was blowed up whether I went or backed out. I wouldn't have stood any chance with my record of ever beating the case. Probably would have went in and plead guilty. They would have given me the chair to make an example of me. Oh yes, I remember something else now. While we were in Webbs' yard and they were trying to pacify me, Campbell spoke up and said "That was the best break you ever had. Now we stand a good chance of filling in with Freddy and those boys. Just as soon as my legs get all right that is where I am going." But I never did get in with the Barker gang.

Q You think from that that was one reason Harry wanted to bump him off, to show that gang?

A That was mainly the reason, I believe. Just the fact that he owed Smith \$3,200.00... the only thing Smith could do to him was tell the law two or three places where Harry hung out. I will always believe it was on account of Freddy Barker. Those calls surely have some bearing on the case somewhere because I remember three different calls. They had to be on the dot. Campbell didn't have a phone and phoned next door. It had to be on the spot. If it wasn't Freddy wouldn't talk. They made a certain agreement when they talked about the exact time when he would call him again. There was something between them he didn't let out. I believe the main trouble was that Smith had double-crossed Freddy and that is the only reason they killed him. But I can't see where the Jew would come in. Of course the Jew (Eddie Snyder) is crazy and is really as insane as a man will ever be without being a maniac.

Q Whereabouts did he come from?

A I believe from Denver. Nobody knew much about him. He was rated as a Kansas City gangster. He is part Dago and part Jew, I believe. He has people somewhere but I don't know where they are.

He spoke of Denver and also of Kansas City. He was with the Ogilby gang. He was in McAlister when I went there. I never met Campbell until after I got out of McAlister in 1932.

Q You got out of McAlister when?

A 28th of August, 1932. I met Snyder and Campbell.

Q Who threw the gun in the water?

A I guess Eddie did. It was his gun. A 45.

I have read this statement and same is true to the best of my knowledge.

James Lawson
April 1st, 1936

Witness

A. E. Farland
Special Agent
Fed. Bu. of Investigation
U. S. Dept. of Justice
Kan. City, Mo.

On April 1, 1936, Special Agent A. E. Farland interviewed convict James Lawson, register number 11830, Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, at Hutchinson, Kansas. He was questioned as to what connections Harry Campbell had and stated that Harry Campbell had a sister, whose name he did not give, who lived at Iowa Park, Texas, a little town close to Wichita Falls, Texas; that at one time Harry Campbell was in the hospital there taking treatment for gonorrhea rheumatism; that while Harry was in the hospital Wynona Burdette would stay with Harry's sister.

Lawson was questioned as to whether or not he knew Ida White or Ida Jennings. He stated that Ida Jennings was Glenn LeRoy Wright's girl and was arrested at Coffeyville, Kansas in November, 1933 with his, Lawson's, wife, Mildred Lawson; that he traded out on this case and the women were released. He was unable to say where his ex-wife, Mildred Lawson, is at the present time but stated her home is in Nevada, Missouri and he believed Ida Jennings was in or around Tulsa, Oklahoma at this time.

Further connections of Campbell's around Joplin, Missouri are as follows: The boss gambler there named Carol Hardwick, who, Lawson states, was well acquainted with Campbell. Also one Jimmy Gould who runs a night club there and who is reported by Lawson to be an informant for the Joplin Police Department. Gould also has a number of taxicabs there and several of the city police formerly drove cabs for him. Also one Art Jackson, a bootlegger there who is a friend of Burrhead Keady. Lawson states that Keady is supposed to be the "finger man" in all robberies that took place; that he

never took part in a robbery but was always in on the cut, receiving 10% of the proceeds.

Lawson states that just out of Springfield, Missouri, between there and Joplin, or as near as he could judge about eighteen miles out of Springfield there is a tourist camp which is called the Rustic Cabins; that the mob used to stop there. This tourist camp is run by a man whose name he was unable to recall, but stated that Jimmy Gould of Joplin knows him very well; that the state of Missouri requires everyone to register at a tourist camp but at this place they were not required to register.

At Springfield, Missouri, another contact is a hotel clerk employed at the Colonial Hotel, who is very well known to Jimmy Gould, who has a home between Marshfield and Springfield. This party is a "finger man" for this mob; that he had been trying for some time to finger a bank at Marshfield. He believes this is located on Highway 66 but was unable to get anyone to pull this job as there was no getaway. This hotel clerk, Lawson states, knows Karpis, Campbell and the rest of the gang.

Lawson advised Agent Farland that he had been furnishing information to Major Wint Smith and Joe Anderson, of the Kansas State Highway Patrol; that they were in a position to do something for him and stated he would prefer to have them present before he did much talking. He did state that the first or second time he was interviewed while he was an inmate of the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, or shortly after the Bremer kidnaping, Clarence Eno, now serving a sentence in that institution for Bank Robbery, had been with Karpis, Campbell and others in Chicago; that just prior to his interview with Agent in the Warden's office he and Clarence Eno had been talking about this case. However, he stated that he decided not to give any information as to their whereabouts at that time and that now it was too late.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Joplin, Missouri, will conduct appropriate investigation to ascertain the location and activities of "Dutch" and "Shorty" Pinson, and to determine whether it is possible that Karpis or Campbell may be in touch with these individuals.

Will also determine the identity, location and activities of Carol Hardwick, a gambler in Joplin, as well as Jimmy Gould, who is supposed to run a night club in that city. It may be mentioned here that Jimmy Gould is supposed to be known to the police in Joplin, Missouri.

At Springfield, Missouri, will attempt to ascertain the name of the hotel clerk mentioned by Jim Lawson, who is supposed to

be in the employ of the Colonial Hotel at Springfield, Missouri, and who, as stated by Lawson, is a friend of Jimmy Gould.

Will also attempt to locate the Rustic Tourist Cabins on the highway between Springfield and Joplin, about eighteen miles out of Springfield, Missouri.

One copy of this report is being sent to the Dallas Office for its information and no undeveloped leads are being set out for that office inasmuch as the file reflects investigation has been conducted in the past concerning Campbell's activities at Iowa Park, Texas.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-15 LIB/aw**

REPORT MADE AT NEW ORLEANS	DATE WHEN MADE 4-2-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/27-31/36	REPORT MADE BY L. I. BOWMAN
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: 720 College Street, Jackson, Mississippi, is location of four-apartment house owned by Chas. G. Sanders, retired motorman of the Mississippi Light & Power Co. Sanders fails to identify photograph of subjects Karpis and Campbell, but recalls a party by the name of McGee (Possibly McGhee) who occupied one apartment about a year ago. Chick Frankinson, well known gambler and bootlegger around Jackson, Mississippi, now residing in Room 712 Walthall Hotel, Jackson, Mississippi.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Kansas City Bureau Office letter to the Bureau dated March 26, 1936.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.</u></p> <p>An examination of the 1935 Jackson, Mississippi City Directory reflected that C. G. Sanders, property owner, and T. W. Cranford, Sr., resided at 720 College Street, Jackson, Mississippi.</p> <p>Mr. J. M. Stephens, Divisional Engineer, Mississippi Power & Light Company, upon interview advised that his records indicated that 720 College Street, Jackson, Mississippi, was the location of a four-apartment house, and that each of the gas and electric meters located at these four apartments were registered in the name of Chas. G. Sanders.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Mr. Stephens advised that Mr. Sanders was a retired motorman of the Mississippi Light & Power Company, and that so far as he knew, Mr. Sanders was perfectly reliable and could be approached openly for assistance in this investigation.

Mr. A. M. Todd, Chief Clerk, Mississippi Power & Light Company, upon interview stated that Mr. Charles Sanders had been employed as a motorman for thirty-three years by the Mississippi Power & Light Company, and had been retired on pension several years ago. He stated that Mr. Sanders was well liked throughout the community and was affectionately called "Uncle Charlie" by many. Mr. Todd advised that Mr. Sanders had a son, Charles Sanders, married and residing at Birmingham, Alabama, and that he had a married daughter, a Mrs. Barr, presently located at Detroit, Michigan. According to Mr. Todd, Mrs. Barr is a widow of a son of Tom Barr, former Postmaster at Jackson, Mississippi. He stated that so far as he knew, Mr. Sanders had always been fair in his relations with the company and that he felt sure that he could be approached openly for assistance in this matter.

J. E. Simmons, Chief of Police, Jackson, Mississippi, upon interview advised that he was well acquainted with Charles Sanders, who had been a resident of Jackson, Mississippi for a great number of years. When questioned about an underworld character in the vicinity of Jackson, Mississippi by the name of "Chick" Chief Simmons stated that he was acquainted with a bootlegger and gambler by the name of "CHICK FRANKINSON" who had been arrested by his Department on several occasions for bootlegging. He stated that he never knew of Chick Frankinson's residing at 720 College Street, Jackson, Mississippi, the address of Charles Sanders. He informed that it was his belief that Chick Frankinson was presently working for a party by the name of "BEASLEY" who operated a joint on the other side of the River, located on Highway 49, just beyond the East Side Lumber Company. Chief Simmons was unable to furnish a photograph of Chick Frankinson or a criminal record of this individual, in the absence of Detective Crawford, Identification man for his Department, who is at this time attending the Police School in Washington, D. C.

Mr. B. S. Jordan, postman who delivers mail to 720 College Street, Jackson, Mississippi, stated that he was delivering mail to this address to Mr. Charles Sanders, owner of the premises and retired street car motorman, for Mrs. L. E. Lowe and to Louise and Irene Story or Storie, and that about a year ago he also delivered mail to T. W. Cranford, Jr. An examination of his forwarding addresses reflected that T. W. Cranford, Jr. began receiving mail at 720 College Street on September 13, 1934, but when he left this address he failed to leave a forwarding notice.

Photographs of subjects Karpis and Campbell were exhibited to Mr. B. S. Jordan, but he failed to identify them as bearing any likeness to any of the individuals whom he remembered as having resided at 720 College Street. He did state, however, that the photographs reminded him of persons he had seen. It is possible that Jordan may have seen these photographs in some magazine or newspaper publication. Mr. Jordan was not advised as to the identity of the individuals whose photographs were exhibited to him.

Mr. Chas. G. Sanders, 720 College Street, Jackson, Mississippi, upon interview advised that since his wife's death in October of 1935 he had been sharing his apartment at this address with his niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Lowe; that the two Story or Storie girls, who are employed at the overall factory, had occupied one of the upper apartments for the past eight months, while the other upper apartment had been occupied by a Mr. Wright, a brick mason, for the past five or six months. The remaining lower apartment, according to Mr. Sanders, was occupied by a Mrs. Thompson and her two young sons, ages about eighteen and twenty respectively. He stated that the Thompsons had been residing in this apartment for the past month. Mr. Sanders stated that his wife had taken care of the rental of the apartments prior to her death, and that she had been very particular and fussy, and as a result of this the turnover of tenants had been quite frequent. He stated that he did not recall any tenant by the name of "Chick" as having resided in one of his apartments, but informed that he did know of a "Chick Frankinson" - a local gambler and bootlegger, but insisted that he had never resided in one of his apartments.

Photographs of subjects Karpis and Campbell were exhibited to Mr. Sanders and he failed to identify them as bearing likeness to any of his previous tenants or anyone whom he had seen visiting at 720 College Street.

Mr. Sanders stated that the name "Tom Hill" was not familiar to him but informed that T. W. Cranford and his wife and a Mr. and Mrs. McGee (possibly McGhee) had occupied one of his upper apartments together and had remained for about six months. He stated that both of these couples moved out about a year ago and that he did not know where they could be presently located. It was his understanding, however, that Mrs. Cranford was employed at the J. C. Penny & Company in Jackson, Mississippi, while Mr. Cranford was supposed to have been a Government employee of some kind. Regarding McGee or McGhee, Mr. Sanders could furnish very little information but stated that he was under the impression that McGee had been interested in a motor freight company operating between Jackson, Mississippi, and Monroe and Shreveport, Louisiana. Mr. Sanders described McGee as follows:

Name:	----- MCGEE or MCGHEE.
Age:	35
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	150 to 160
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Dark
Face:	Smooth shaven
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Mr. Sanders, who is seventy-nine years of age, appeared to be a very reputable man and was very frank in his answers and seemed to be anxious to cooperate in this matter. Mr. Sanders was not furnished the identity of subjects Karpis or Campbell. No record of rentals of apartments was maintained by Mr. Sanders.

Deputy United States Marshal R. E. Hollingsworth, former Deputy Sheriff of Hinds County, Mississippi, upon interview stated that he was well acquainted with Chick Frankinson and that Frankinson was a well known bootlegger and gambler about Jackson, Mississippi. He stated that he was of the opinion that Chick Frankinson was at the present time working for a bootlegger by the name of C. B. Beasley, who operated a joint on Highway 49 just beyond the East Side Lumber Company. Mr. Hollingsworth referred this agent to G. M. Buford, a reliable, confidential informant of his for further information as to the present location of Chick Frankinson and for identification of his associates.

Mr. G. M. Buford, 114 Oak Street, Jackson, Mississippi, upon interview stated that Chick Frankinson was well known to him and that he was a bootlegger and gambler and at the present time was working for a bootlegger by the name of Beasley over on the other side of the road (Pearl River). He stated that he did not know where Chick Frankinson was residing but would be able to furnish this information within a few hours.

G. M. Buford reported to agent later that Chick Frankinson was registered at 315 - Walthall Hotel, Jackson, Mississippi. Buford was unable to identify the photographs of subjects Karpis and Campbell as bearing any likeness of underworld characters whom he had seen in and about Jackson, Mississippi, but stated that he would observe carefully any of Frankinson's associates in the future and would notify the New Orleans Bureau Office in the event they were seen about Jackson, Mississippi.

b7C [REDACTED] and he has access to all joints in this vicinity. He promised to cooperate with this Bureau. He was furnished the New Orleans Bureau Office telephone and address for future use.

Mr. E. W. Freeman, Manager, Walthall Hotel, was recommended as being reliable by Deputy United States Marshal Hollingsworth.

Mr. E. W. Freeman upon interview advised that his records indicated that Chick Frankinson had moved from Room 315 to Room 712, Walthall Hotel. Chick Frankinson has been registered at this hotel for the past two months.

It is possible that informant McGHEE, referred to in the letter of reference, has resided at 720 College Street, Jackson, Mississippi, and during his stay there became acquainted with Frankinson, whom he knew or recalled as "Chick." It seems impossible that subjects Karpis or Campbell have ever had any contacts at 720 College Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

Again referring to the letter of reference, it is noted that informant McGhee mentioned one, JACK STARR, of Shreveport, Louisiana, as a possible contact for subjects Karpis and Campbell. A review of files in the New Orleans Bureau

Office reflects a case entitled - THOMAS HILL; JAMES INGRAM; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT; Buffalo Origin; New Orleans File 26-781. This case was opened at the New Orleans Office on February 6, 1928, and referred upon completion to the Buffalo Office on December 31, 1928. On December 8, 1928, Special Agent N. L. Dickson, New Orleans, Louisiana, submitted a report setting forth the information that James Ingram and Ralph Fraser, apparently an alias of Thomas Hill, registered at the Starr Hotel at Shreveport, Louisiana, during October 1927, and it was apparently during that time that they stole a Chrysler Roadster, the property of Guy E. Callender of Shreveport, Louisiana, and transported same to Rochester, New York, where they were apprehended. Ingram was tried on a robbery charge in the State Court and convicted and sentenced to twenty-five years in the Auburn State Prison, Auburn, New York. Prosecution of Hill on similar charges in the State Court proved unsuccessful. On December 13, 1928, the United States Commissioner at Rochester, New York discharged Hill, who was then facing a charge for a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. The only description of Thomas Hill appearing in the New Orleans File is as follows:

Name:	THOMAS HILL
Age:	(20 in 1928)
Born:	January 7, 1907 in West Virginia.
Parents:	Deceased.

It is possible that the Jack Starr referred to by informant McGee has some connection with the Starr Hotel, and investigation along this line will be conducted at Shreveport, Louisiana.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE: At Shreveport, Louisiana, will conduct appropriate investigation through the Police Department and other sources there, to determine the present existence of the Starr or Star Hotel, as well as the present address of Jack Starr, obtaining all information concerning his identity.

At Jackson, Mississippi, will conduct further investigation to determine the identity of T. W. Cranford. Louise Cranford, the wife, was supposed to have been employed at the J. C. Penny Company.

Will contact Detective Crawford, of the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department, obtaining photographs and criminal record of Chick Frankinson.

Will again contact G. M. Buford, 114 Oak Street, Jackson, Mississippi, relative to any information he may have obtained regarding Frankinson's contacts.

P E N D I N G .

Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois.

April 3, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

The Chicago Bureau Office file in this matter reflects the following undeveloped leads, the results of the investigation of which have not to date been reported:

The report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated January 16, 1936, sets forth a lead requesting investigation by your office relative to the location of 1931 Ford Cabriolet containing a person identified as possibly being Alvin Karpis.

The Birmingham Office letter to the Kansas City Office dated January 18, 1936, requests investigation in the Rosedale section to ascertain whether William Elmer Road is presently residing there. Some investigation has been conducted by your office concerning this, but it is believed that further investigation should be made in this residential section of Kansas City.

The report of Special Agent T. E. Hopton, Kansas City, Missouri, dated February 4, 1936, sets forth a lead to further interview Edward Bible at the Kansas State Penitentiary relative to Bessie Green, and further sets forth a lead to interview Charley Harris concerning one George Dunn. Additional interviews with these individuals apparently have not been reported.

The report of Special Agent C. G. Campbell, Butte, Montana, dated February 25, 1936, requests that your office interview Richard Woodward at Eldorado, Kansas, relative to a bond transaction he is alleged to have had with one "Red" Lester.

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Edward J. O'Brien

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The Cleveland Office letter to the Kansas City Office dated February 27, 1936, requests that your office ascertain the motor number of 1935 Ford V-8 bearing Kansas plates #511020 and determine if the same was owned by Milton Lett and, if so, to circularize the various Bureau offices.

The report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Kansas City, Missouri, dated March 13, 1936, sets forth a lead to further interview Ora Collins relative to the possible location of Milton Lett. This report also advises that your office would continue the investigation concerning Elmer Prazier. The results of recent inquiries in connection with this matter should be promptly reported.

The report of Special Agent Kenneth Logan, Omaha, Nebraska, dated March 2, 1936, requested that your office conduct investigation relative to Allice and May Smith, Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

The report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Kansas City, Missouri, dated March 2, 1936, sets out a lead for your office to conduct investigation at Kansas City and Fort Riley, Kansas, concerning J. C. Howard. This report also requests further investigation at Arkansas City, Kansas, concerning Tom Hodgen. This report further states that further investigation will be made at McPherson, Kansas, to locate A. V. Ferris; and further leads are set out in this report for investigation by your office at Parsons, Kansas, and Nevada and Seneca, Missouri, concerning Milton Lett and R. E. Hance. These matters should be closely followed as the location of Lett and Lucile Ferris are of the utmost importance at the present time.

The St. Louis Office letter dated March 6, 1936, requested that your office interview Willis J. Leeperance at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, concerning the information he is alleged to have concerning Alvin Karpis.

The Chicago Office letter addressed to the Director, a copy of which was furnished to your office, dated March 10, 1936, requested all field offices to conduct

appropriate investigation at the various resorts in their districts commonly referred to as sulphur springs or mineral wells in an effort to determine whether Harry Campbell was frequenting these places.

The report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Kansas City, Missouri, dated March 11, 1936, sets forth a lead for your office to contact the police departments at Springfield, Missouri, and Topeka, Kansas, concerning William Elmer Mead.

The Bureau letter dated March 13, 1936, requests that your office interview Jim Lawson concerning a newspaper item which states that Lawson confessed to participation in the murder of J. Earl Smith.

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The report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Kansas City, Missouri, dated March 17, 1936, sets forth an additional lead for your office concerning William Robinson at Joplin, Missouri, and an additional lead to interview A. V. Ferris for information concerning Lucile Ferris.

Chicago Office letter dated March 19, 1936, requested that you maintain very close contact with Doyle Hollingsworth for possible information concerning Milton Lett. You are requested to immediately advise the Chicago Office of the results of the recent contacts had with Mr. Hollingsworth, as the investigation by your office has revealed that there is a strong possibility that Lett can be located with the assistance of this individual.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 7-33-

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 4/4/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/17,26/36	REPORT MADE BY D. W. GLEASON
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			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATL. FIREARMS ACT
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Continued cooperation of postal employees at Holliday, Texas, in effort to locate subject Campbell assured. Address of Sheperds at Iowa Park secured and mail cover place. Pauline Shepard, niece of Subject Campbell, gives information consistent with that of her mother, Mrs. H. L. McNeel, relative Clell Campbell's recent visit. Additional tracings received of letters addressed to C. R. Swan, c/o Mima Gibson, Pampa, but Swan's relation to case not determined. Recent letter to Mrs. R. R. Mackie, Pampa, bearing no return address and postcard to Mrs. Gibson described herein.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p>REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent D. W. Gleason, Dallas, Texas, dated 3-11-36 and 3-14-36.</p> <p>DETAILS: At HOLLIDAY, TEXAS, Mrs. Mabel Darden, Assistant Postmaster, who recently supplied the Dallas Office information upon which it was subsequently learned that Clell Campbell had visited his sister, Myrtle McNeel, at Holliday, was contacted by Agent in order to assure her of the appreciation of the Bureau for her assistance in this case. She advised Agent that to her knowledge Clell Campbell has not returned to Holliday, nor have the McNeels had any other visitors since Clell departed for Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mrs. Darden informed Agent she would continue to cooperate by notifying the Dallas Office when she has any information that might prove of value in locating Harry Campbell.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>F. J. Benson</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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At IOWA PARK, TEXAS, Postmaster C. C. Burrows, advised Agent that he was not acquainted with either Pauline Sheperd or her husband, Crawford Sheperd, and could not, therefore, supply any information that would indicate that Harry Campbell is contacting his relatives through his niece, the said Pauline Sheperd. However, Mrs. Burrows informed Agent that some person having the surname Sheperd was employed on a W. P. A. project at Iowa Park. Agent and Mr. Burrows visited the project referred to, and while walking about the grounds located Mr. Sheperd, and engaged in conversation with him. He furnished the following information: That his initials are J. P.; that his son, W. C. Sheperd (Crawford), presently employed on a road construction project near Iowa Park, is married to Pauline McNeel, daughter of Mrs. Howard L. (Myrtle) McNeel of Holliday, Texas; that Pauline spends nearly every week end with her mother at Holliday; that he, J. P. Sheperd, is a farmer, and widower, and receives his mail on a rural route out of Iowa Park; that W. C. Sheperd and Pauline receive their mail through general delivery at Iowa Park. Mr. Sheperd further informed of the location of W. C. and Pauline in Iowa Park, which can be described only as being one block south of the Presbyterian Church, thence west to the second house in the second block west.

Pauline Sheperd, Iowa Park, interviewed under the same pretext as that mentioned in reference report in connection with interview with her mother, gave the same information and consistent with that furnished by her mother in reference report. She advised that both her father, H. L. McNeel and mother accompanied her uncle, Clell Campbell, when they visited her at Iowa Park Monday, March 9, 1936, arriving between 5 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon; that this was the first time she had ever seen Clell Campbell, and that her mother had explained to her that Clell Campbell had not seen her, Pauline, since the latter was a baby; that her parents and Clell Campbell returned to Holliday after a short visit. Pauline seemed to be unable or unwilling to state any further information concerning Clell Campbell, except that he at one time was supposed to be in South America, and is presently visiting his parents at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Reference is made to the description of Clell Campbell in reference report, and it is to be noted here that Pauline stated his eyes are blue, and all other descriptive items given by her are consistent with the description mentioned.

Postmaster Burrows advised Agent that he will watch all mail of the Sheperds for a thirty-day period, and submit tracings to the Dallas Office.

At PAMPA, TEXAS, David E. Cecil, Postmaster, who prior to Agent's visit had submitted to the Dallas Office a tracing of a letter addressed to Mr. C. R. Swann, c/o Minnie Gibson, Box 1572, Pampa, Texas, postmarked Levelland, Texas, March 12, 1936, bearing no return address, exhibited to Agent another letter postmarked Levelland, Texas, March 20, 1936, bearing no return address and addressed to Mr. C. R. Swann in the same manner as above. Mr. Cecil advised Agent that he has not learned the identity of or any information concerning C. R. Swan that would tend to indicate his

connection, if any, with this case. Mr. Cecil still believes that Swann is an oil field worker who has recently established residence in one of the Mima Gibson cabins at Pampa, Texas.

It was necessary for Agent to proceed to Dalhart, Texas, to expedite another investigation, and for that reason no further investigation was made concerning Swann.

Mr. Cecil also exhibited to Agent the following communications which arrived shortly before Agent's visit, and on which tracing had not been sent to the Dallas Office:

(1) A postcard marked Toledo, Illinois, 3-18-36, 11 a.m. addressed to Mrs. Mima Gibson, Pampa, Texas, Box 1672, signed "Grand". This card contained only remarks as to the improved health of "grand" and the condition and contents of "grand's" garden.

(2) Letter addressed to Mrs. R. R. Mackie, Pampa, Texas, Box 1672. This envelope contained postage in the amount of nine cents, was a bulky letter, and the envelope appeared to have been previously folded. There was, however, no return address, and the postmark, while indicating the date March 16, 1936, was not clear as to the name of the City in Texas at which it was mailed. Mr. Cecil explained that the lack of clearness in the name of the city in the postmark was not due to a faulty stamp at the post office where mailed but was due to the fact that the letter was so bulky the stamp did not make a clear impression. It was Mr. Cecil's opinion, upon examination of the postmark with magnifying glass, that the name of the city contained five letters, the only discernible letters being 'A - - T - N', and the last letter, 'N', being the only one of the three of which he was positive.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DALLAS OFFICE

At Pampa, Texas: Will make appropriate investigation to ascertain what connection, if any, C. R. Swann has in instant case.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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April 6, 1936

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC, Salt Lake City

BREKID AGENT MCLAUGHLIN AUTHORIZED PARTICIPATE IN ARREST OF
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April 4, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. K. W. GARDNER.

Re: Removal of miscellaneous material
from the Laboratory.

There are at present a number of items in the Laboratory which have been submitted by field offices with evidence for Laboratory examinations, although the articles themselves are of no value to the Laboratory.

The problem has arisen of storing such items and it is therefore suggested that the Chief Clerk's office designate a store room where material recovered by field offices not of value to the Laboratory may be maintained until such time as it may be recalled for trial purposes or else permanently disposed of.

There is listed below a number of items that the Laboratory desires to immediately dispose of. The field offices submitting this material, however, have expressed the desire that the Bureau retain these articles pending outcome of further investigations:

One medical kit confiscated on January 8, 1935 from the apartment occupied by Arthur "Doc" Barker, 432 Surf Street, Chicago, Illinois.

One medical kit confiscated on January 16, 1935 from house occupied by Fred and Kate Barker at Oklawaha, Florida.

Two bullet-proof vests confiscated January 8, 1935, from apartment of Russell Gibson, Chicago, Illinois.

One black Gladstone bag used to contain above listed items.

All of the items listed below were recovered from the apartment of Edward Wilhelm Bentz:

One black suitcase used to transport recovered firearms to the Laboratory.

One 5" blade knife.

One rubber inner tube used to contain .40 caliber rifle.

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Memorandum for Mr. Edwards

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One thermos jug used to contain ammunition.

One milk can containing roofing nails.

All of the above listed items can be immediately turned over to the Chief Clerk's office upon receipt of approval of the above suggestion.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

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612 Marine Trust Bldg.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

April 3, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
New York City.

Re: WEYNAP, STOLLNAP, and
BREKID

Dear Sir:

With reference to the recent Bureau letters concerning the placing in various publications photographs of subjects wanted in the above named cases, please be advised that it was ascertained from E. Earl Axtel, Secretary to the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, that each State Masonic order has its particular publications, and that it is believed that appropriate arrangements could be effected whereby the desired photographs could be inserted in these various publications, if proper contacts were made.

Mr. Axtel stated that Mr. T. C. O'Donnell is the Editor of the New York publication known as "The New York Masonic Outlook", which has an approximate distribution of 100,000 copies. Mr. O'Donnell is located with the "Board of General Activities", 71 West 23rd Street, New York City.

Mr. Axtel stated that Mr. O'Donnell could furnish the names of the proper persons to be contacted in the various states, whereby arrangements could be effected for appropriate publication if and when it is definitely decided upon by the Bureau. For the information of the New York office some of the publications are here listed:

* Texas Grand Lodge Magazine, Illinois Freemason combined with The Masonic News, and the Masonic Analyst.

It is respectfully requested that appropriate contact be made with Mr. O'Donnell, advising the Bureau and this office of the results of said interview.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT,
Special Agent in Charge

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Chicago
Cincinnati, Louisville,
Portland.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Lack of Cooperation on part of
Post Office Inspectors during
Investigation of Bremer Case.

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Connelley at Little Rock, Arkansas, I informed him that you had requested me to prepare and submit to you a memorandum outlining the above entitled matter. In this connection, I pointed out to Mr. Connelley that about all the information presently in the possession of the Bureau concerning this is that contained in telephone memoranda, which, of course, is not complete and detailed information. I requested Mr. Connelley to prepare and submit to the Bureau just as soon as possible a memorandum outlining his observations on this subject during the course of the instant investigation.

Respectfully,

P. E. FOKWORTH.

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FILE NO. 7-3

REPORT MADE AT Phoenix, Arizona	DATE WHEN MADE 4/3/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/2/36	REPORT MADE BY H. E. ANDERSEN VB
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: Buick sedan, motor #63052198, not registered or recorded in visitors' files of Motor Vehicle Division, Arizona State Highway Department, Phoenix, Arizona. N. O. Bell has not applied for driver's license. Stop card placed.			
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REFERENCE: Letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Aberdeen, 4/1/36.			
DETAILS:			
<p>Mrs. Lola Miller, Motor Vehicle Division, Arizona State Highway Department, Phoenix, Arizona, after checking her records, advised that 1936 model 4-door Buick sedan, motor #63052198, serial #2895972, is not registered in the State of Arizona, and that there is no record of this car in the visitors' files.</p> <p>Mrs. Miller also advised that the records of the Motor Vehicle Division disclose that N. O. Bell has not applied for a driver's license in the State of Arizona.</p> <p>A stop card has been placed and the Phoenix office will be advised should any information be received regarding the Buick sedan in question, or N. O. Bell.</p>			
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Letter to Mr. Bart A. Riley, Miami, Florida.

Has Mr. Barlow's copy of this letter been trans-
mitted to him?

Yes
Delivered in person by
Mr. Intire 4/7/36.

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FROM: DIVISION #1 & DIVISION #2

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Mr. Nathan Personnel Files
Mr. Tolson Mechanical Section
Mr. Edwards Chief Clerk's Office
Mr. Quinn Identification Division
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Miss Gandy

*Call to Dir. to attention
and note yellow copy of
by Mr. Barlow.*

E. A. Tamm - 5742.

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April 2, 1936

Mr. Bart A. Riley,
Suite 1025-1058,
Seybold Building,
Miami, Florida.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 24, 1936, please be informed that the following Agents conducted the investigation with regard to Nathaniel H. Heller in Cuba:

E. K. McKee,

Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
232 Uptown Station and Federal
Courts Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

R. D. Brown,

Special Agent, in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
722 Midland Savings Building,
Denver, Colorado.

and

W. E. Peters,

Mr. Peters is no longer in the service of this Bureau and his present location is not known to me at this writing.

You are further informed that the following Agents conducted the investigation in Miami, Florida with regard to Henry "Duke" Randall:

J. H. Hanson,

Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
617 Federal Building,
Los Angeles, California.

R. L. Jones MAILED

Now Chief of Police, Dallas, Texas.

P. C. Dunne, APR - 2 1936

Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
232 Uptown Station and Federal
Courts Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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L. B. Nichols,

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

F. M. Stone,

Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
520 Federal Building,
Birmingham, Alabama.

J. W. Going,

Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square,
New York, New York.

and
L. J. Metcalf

Mr. Metcalf is no longer in the
service of this Bureau and his
present location is not known to me.

Please be further advised that the following Special Agents were
registered at the El Comodoro Hotel in Miami, Florida during the investi-
gation of this matter at that point:

M. C. Falkner,

Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1331 First National Bank Building,
El Paso, Texas.

H. C. Douglas,

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

C. O. Hurt,

Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Bart A. Riley

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C. G. Campbell,

Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
802 Federal Building,
Butte, Montana.

The following Special Agents interviewed Joseph H. Adams:

S. K. McKee,

Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
232 Uptown Station and Federal
Courts Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

R. L. Jones
and
J. H. Hanson,

Now Chief of Police, Dallas, Texas

Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
617 Federal Building,
Los Angeles, California.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Mr. Walter L. Barlow, Special Asst. to the Attorney General
E. J. Connelley, Chicago
Cincinnati
Cleveland
St. Paul

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April 2, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McMAHON

I am transmitting herewith, for your information, a copy of my reply to the letter received from Mr. Bart A. Riley, Attorney, Suite 1025-1038, Seybold Building, Miami, Florida, in which Mr. Riley requested the names and addresses of the Special Agents of this Bureau who were engaged upon the investigation concerning the Bremer case in Florida. This letter was submitted to Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Mr. Walter L. Barlow, and approved by him before I signed it.

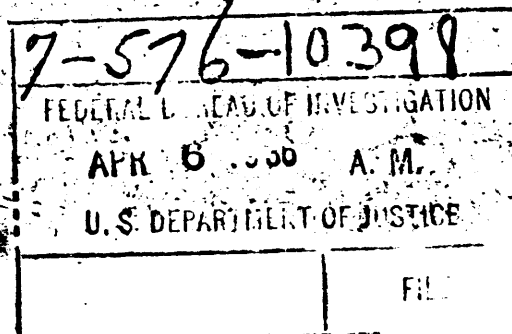
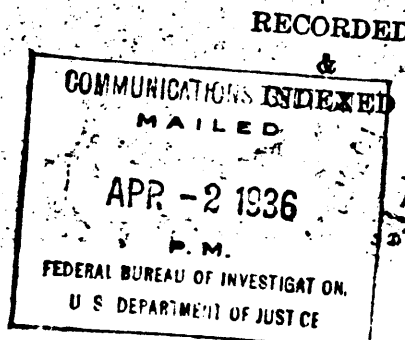
Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 1, 1936

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Re: Brekid

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With reference to the letter of Bart A. Riley directed to the Bureau dated March 24, 1936, please be informed that I have reviewed the files and have made inquiries through the Chief Clerk's Office in the Bureau and have ascertained that Special Agents H. C. Douglas and M. C. Falkner registered into Rooms 917 and 1001, respectively, of the El Comodoro Hotel on November 18, 1934 and registered out on November 19, 1934; that Special Agents C. G. Campbell and C. O. Hurt registered into a room in the said hotel on the 11th floor on November 19, 1934, but the reports fail to indicate the exact room they occupied and the exact time they registered out of said room. The records of the Chief Clerk's Office disclose that Agents Hurt and Campbell arrived in Miami, Florida on November 18, 1934 to conduct an investigation in this matter and that they departed from Miami, Florida on December 5, 1934, at which time they proceeded directly to San Francisco, California, to be of service in the John Paul Chase matter.

The records of the Chief Clerk's Office also disclose that former Inspector Samuel P. Cowley and former Special Agent H. E. Hollis arrived in Miami, Florida with Agents Hurt and Campbell by airplane on November 18, 1934; that Agent Hollis departed from Miami on November 21, 1934 and proceeded to Chicago, Illinois, while Inspector Cowley departed from Miami on November 21, 1934 and proceeded to Washington, D. C. It is my opinion that Agents Hurt and Campbell did not remain for any length of time registered at the El Comodoro Hotel, because the records of the Chief Clerk's Office of the Bureau indicate that on November 23, 1934 they were registered at the LaSalle Hotel at Miami Beach, Florida.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

APRIL 1, 1936.

Transmit the following message to: SAC CLEVELAND

SPECIAL AGENTS HURT OF DALLAS, MURPHY OF OKLAHOMA CITY, McNULTY OF KANSAS CITY, MADALA OF LOUISVILLE, ARMS OF CHICAGO, HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED REPORT YOUR OFFICE. AGENT SMITH ALSO RETURNING. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED IF NECESSARY TO CALL UPON DETROIT, CHICAGO FOR NECESSARY EQUIPMENT.

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- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

April 6, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID

As you have been advised the trial of Myrtle Eaton on the indictments pending against her at Jacksonville, is tentatively set for April 21, 1936. In discussing this case with Assistant United States Attorney William A. Paisley, Jacksonville, he indicated that there was at least a strong possibility that the case could not be tried due to the fact that there has been a number of other cases previously set for the week in question, and it was somewhat doubtful that this case could be taken care of. He desires, however, that the necessary preparation be made in order that the Government may be in a position to present its strongest case. In this connection he requested that there be available at the time of the trial the various weapons which were found in the house occupied by Weaver and Myrtle Eaton at the time of their apprehension. It appears from the file that these have been previously forwarded to the Bureau. Mr. Paisley suggested that these weapons not be forwarded to Jacksonville until a short time prior to the trial date, in view of the possibility of the case being continued. He also suggested that the various Agents who will be needed as witnesses be notified of the fact that they will be required as witnesses, but that they await a further notice before proceeding to Jacksonville. This office will keep in close touch with the situation and will advise the Bureau and the various interested offices definitely as soon as it is possible to do so.

Mr. Paisley states that he will require the presence at Jacksonville of the following Agents:

J. E. Brennan, S. I. 121
M. J. Cassidy, S. I. 121
M. W. Meekins, S. I. 121
D. P. Sullivan, S. I. 121
R. C. Suran, S. I. 121

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In addition to the above Agents Mr. Paisley advised that the presence of Special Agent Truett E. Rowe will probably be necessary for the purpose of stating that he made investigation at Johnson City, Tenn.,

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and found that there is no house at 517 Maple Street, Johnson City, Tenn. In this connection Mr. Paisley advised that he is issuing a subpoena for G. W. Crowe, Motor Sales Company, 74 Wilson Avenue, Johnson City, Tenn., for the purpose of testifying concerning the purchase of an Oldsmobile Sedan by Weaver and Myrtle Eaton. He suggested that if arrangements could be made by the Nashville Office for Mr. Crowe to personally determine that the Maple Street address does not exist in Johnson City, he could give this testimony and the presence of Agent Rowe could be dispensed with. It is suggested that the Nashville Office endeavor to effect such arrangements.

In addition to the above Agents it seems possible, after further conference with Mr. Paisley, he may desire the presence of Special Agent John L. Madala, in view of the information contained in the report submitted by Agent Madala under date of February 1, 1936, relative to interview had with Myrtle Eaton by Agents Madala and Sullivan. This will be determined as soon as possible, it being noted that Mr. Paisley is presently at Miami, Florida, but will return to Jacksonville within the next few days.

Inasmuch as the exact present location of the various witnesses set out above is unknown to the Jacksonville Office, it is requested that the Bureau take appropriate action in order that these Agents may be advised of the fact that their presence will probably be required. This Office should also be furnished with the present headquarters of each of the Agents in order that appropriate notification may be forwarded when a definite decision is reached as to the trial or postponement of the case.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Cincinnati
Cleveland
St. Paul
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago
Nashville
Buffalo
Louisville

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Laboratory Report

April 4, 1936.

Case: Re: Brekid

Number: 7-576-10281

Specimens:

- 7-576-10281 A. One registration card #070 for the Hotel Danmor containing the signatures R. S. Carson and G. C. Cameron. (Known handwriting of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.)
B. One photostatic copy of a Certificate of Title Application and one of a Combination Application for Duplicate and Transfer of Title Certificate on which appears the signature of Chas. M. Bronson. (Questioned document)

Examination requested by: Washington Field Office

Date received: April 3, 1936

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Pickering

The signatures "Chas. M. Bronson" appearing on the photostatic copy of the Certificate of Title Application and the Combination Application for Duplicate and Transfer of Title Certificate were compared with the handwriting of Alvin Karpis, Joe Adams, Fred Barker, Henry Randall, and Harry Campbell and the examiner does not believe that any one of these individuals wrote the questioned signatures. The only specimen of the handwriting of Gregory Codomo available to the Laboratory is a single signature, which was insufficient for adequate comparison and, therefore, no conclusion could be reached regarding this individual.

No conclusion has been reached as to whether the handwriting of Irma Robbins, consisting of two signatures of this name, is identical with that of the signature "Chas. M. Bronson" written in after the typewritten name "Duke Randall" which had been scratched out, inasmuch as there are not sufficient letters in common to the signatures.

It is believed that if additional handwriting specimens of Irma Robbins are submitted a definite conclusion can be reached.

The Registration card and photostats submitted will be returned to your office within the next several days.

cc-Bureau
L. J. Connelley, Chicago
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Special Agent in Charge,
Washington, D. C.

Re: Brekid.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau April 3, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: 1130010.

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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit, Michigan
April 6, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Please find inclosed picture of Alvin Karpis,
#1539, K. S. P.; picture of Alvin Karpis, #8008; and picture
of Fred Hunter, #156.

Please furnish the Detroit Bureau office with five
copies of each of the above mentioned pictures at your earliest
convenience.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Reinecke
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

April 4, 1936

Mr. E. L. Rickard,
Automobile Protective & Information Bureau,
166 West Van Buren Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Will you please advise this Office if you have any information in your files concerning 1936 model four-door Buick Sedan, motor No. 63052198, serial No. 2895972?

In the event that you do not have a record of this car at the present time, will you please make a notation to the effect that this Office should be advised in the event any information is obtained concerning this car in the future?

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge

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Salt Lake City, Utah
April 4, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT J. T. McLAUGHLIN

Re: BREKID

I am attaching hereto memorandum dated March 17, 1936, submitted by Special Agent in Charge R. Whitley, New York City, together with letter addressed by Mr. Whitley to the Bureau under date of March 30, both of which refer to Frankie Foster who is wanted by the New York City police. There is also forwarded you herewith copy of a teletype message from the New York City office.

You will notice there are no instructions concerning any arrest which may be made and consequently unless further advised you should not participate in an arrest of Foster in this particular instance. You should carry out my instructions as set out in this teletype message and be at your apartment at the time, and for a reasonable time thereafter, of the arrival of the train on which Detective Carroll will arrive, and cooperate and assist him as much as is practical.

W. A. RORER
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau
New York City

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Burnam Cummins, Marshal

THE CITY OF AVA
AVA, MO.

March 24, 1936

John Edger Hoover
Director of F.B. of I.

Dear Sir:

I wrote a couple of days ago for a picture of William Dainard. I have since learned that Alvin Karpis may be in this part of the country. I would like to have some good photographs of both Dainard & Karpis. I want pictures that will show the lines & scars on their faces if possible. If you think it best I will get in touch with you before I do anything other than look at the pictures.

Would like to get these as soon as possible.

Yours Truly,

Burnam Cummins (Sgd.)

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Mr. Burnan Cummins,
Marshal,
The City of Ava,
Ava, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of March 24, 1936, wherein you request photographs of both William Dainard and Alvin Karpis. It appears that the photographs contained on the Identification Orders issued by this Bureau concerning these persons do not show certain facial characteristics which you desire.

I desire to call to your attention the location of the Kansas City Office of this Bureau, which is listed on the back of the wanted circular attached hereto concerning William Dainard. This office will be able to supply you with any other photographs which you desire from time to time in connection with official investigations being conducted by this Bureau.

There is also attached hereto a photograph of Alvin Karpis.

I appreciate your interest in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Inclosure 867591.

cc-Kansas City

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1021 Bankers Building
Milwaukee Wisconsin

April 8, 1936

Mr. A. C. Hartman, Director,
Motor Vehicle Division,
Department of State,
Madison, Wisconsin.

Re: BULKED

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation, it will be greatly appreciated if you will place a flash card in your files and immediately notify this office in the event an attempt is made to register a 1936 model Buick Sedan, Motor #63052198, Serial #2893972.

Kindly advise this office also if any attempt is made to transfer or sell this car in the State of Wisconsin.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

V. B. PETERSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. E. J. Connelley

St. Paul

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P. O. BOX 1469,
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS,
APRIL 6, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

During a recent investigation by Agents of this Bureau at Hot Springs, Arkansas, it has been ascertained that Grace Goldstein, a prostitute and madam of the Hatterie Hotel, 2334 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, has been closely associated with subjects in this case. Upon being interviewed, she was reluctant to talk and would not furnish Agents with any of her past life or her home address. It has been ascertained from a confidential informant that her former husband whose name is supposed to be Paul Gezain, alias "Fidgaty", alias "Trigidee", alias "Frigidee", a gambler and pimp formerly of New Orleans, Louisiana, is now supposed to be living somewhere in Memphis, Tennessee. Agents were unable to secure a description of this man.

It is suggested that a most discreet investigation should be made in Memphis in regard to the above man and unless it can be ascertained that he is not friendly with his former wife, he should not be contacted as he might communicate with Grace and notify her of this investigation. It is of the utmost importance that the parents or close relatives of Grace Goldstein be located at once as it is needed in this investigation at this time. It might be possible that this information could be obtained from the Police Department there if any of the officers knew this man and it is again suggested that he not be contacted if there is any doubt at all about his being reluctant to furnish the desired information.

Very truly yours,

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CHAPMAN FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Washington Field Office, Rm. 5252,
Washington, D.C.

March 31, 1936.

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

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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Mr. Gandy

Dear Sir:

This will advise you that I have this date returned to my duties at the Washington Field Office. Please be informed, however, that the summary report on Joseph H. Adams and Henry Duke Randall has not been completed in view of the fact that its completion will await the advice of various offices who have been called upon to perform additional investigative work in order to develop every possible bit of information that is available.

Please be advised that I will follow this matter through with Mr. Walter Barlow, Special Assistant to the Attorney General and will have conferences with him at such times as he deems advisable. He desires that I discuss this matter with him either today or tomorrow. If any matters of interest develop as a result of my conference with him, you will be advised immediately.

I feel that I can now complete the summary report and attend to such other duties looking towards the successful prosecution of the case, together with my other duties at the Washington Field Office.

Very truly yours,

K. R. McIntire

K. R. MCINTIRE,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

A notation in the Kansas City file in the above en-
titled case reflects that photograph of SAM COOKER was forwarded
to the Cleveland Office on December 28, 1935.

Inasmuch as it appears that this was the only photo-
graph of this individual in possession of the Kansas City office,
it is requested that several copies of said photograph be made
and forwarded to this office.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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P. O. Box 536
Los Angeles, California
April 4, 1936

Mr. E. J. Connelley
Chicago, Illinois

Re: BREKID
L. A. File 7-42

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 1, 1936, at Little Rock, Arkansas, addressed to the Aberdeen Bureau office, relative to the placing of stop notices with the Registration Bureaus of the various states on 1936 Buick Sedan, motor number 63052198, serial number 2095972, which is believed to be in possession of subject ALVIN KARPIS.

In view of the possibility that this automobile might be stored in a public garage for a considerable period of time, or abandoned at some point, it is possible that efforts will be made to determine whether the automobile is stolen. In view of this, would it not be advisable that the National Automobile Theft Bureaus and similar organizations throughout the United States be furnished with the identifying data regarding this automobile, with the request that the nearest Bureau office be notified in the event information is received regarding the automobile?

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge

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U. C. Box 536
Los Angeles, California
April 4, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: BREXID

I. A. File 7-42.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to the letter from your office to the Jacksonville office dated March 30, 1936, and to the letter from the latter office to your office dated March 31, 1936, and referring to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. (or J. N.) Crozier, correspondents of Mrs. J. R. Montanana of Los Angeles, Calif., who is a contact for Leon Howard alias Leon Felix, the latter being a known contact of William Elmer Wood. It is noted that you request this office to supply the Jacksonville and Kansas City offices with photographs of Leon Howard.

This office is not in possession of such photographs, but it is requested that the Atlanta office secure photographs from the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia. In this connection, reference is made to report of Special Agent Philip M. Breed, Atlanta, dated January 14, 1936, wherein it is reported that Howard's number at the penitentiary is 44517.

It is also requested that the Atlanta office forward a copy of Howard's photograph to this office.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Edward J. Brennan

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 62-1070

REPORT MADE AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA	DATE WHEN MADE 4/5/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/5, 27/36 3/23/36	REPORT MADE BY G. H. WILSON • 0
TITLE WILLIAM ELMER MEAD, with aliases, I. O. 1354			CHARACTER OF CASE ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Photograph of William Elmer Mead, furnished Police Department officials in larger cities in Iowa and Nebraska, requesting effort to ascertain information concerning Mead and his location.

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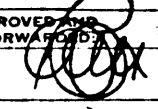
REFERENCE:

Letter dated 1/27/36 from E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois to Cincinnati Office, copy to all field offices in BREKID case.

DETAILS:

The following investigation was made by Special Agent R. J. Abbaticchio, Jr.:

On January 31, 1936, the writer talked with Inspector A. O. Anderson, in charge of Detectives, and his Assistant, Lieutenant Thomas Ryan, at the Omaha, Nebraska, Police Department, and furnished them with one copy of the photograph of Mead in a standing position. They stated they had no bunco squad but stated they would exhibit this photograph to all the detectives engaged in patrolling hotel lobbies, with a request that they endeavor to obtain information regarding Mead. Inspector Anderson located an old circular issued by the Denver, Colo., Police Department, on December 12, 1931, which reflects that John Henry Foster, alias W. Elmer Mead, alias Christ Kid, was wanted for bond forfeiture in Jacksonville, Florida. The circular gave his fingerprint classification, as 1 U 4 - and bore an old photograph of Mead.

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At Agent's request, a notation was made on this circular, which is included in the Department's fingerprint files, that in the event Mead is located, the Omaha Bureau Office be immediately notified.

At Council Bluffs, Iowa, Agent interviewed Chief of Police Geo. L. Bennett and furnished him with a photograph of Mead in a standing position. He informed that his department has no bunco squad but that he would exhibit the photograph to his six detectives and would request them to endeavor to obtain information regarding Mead. Chief Bennett was also furnished with Mead's aliases and description.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. E. Bundy:

Interviews have been held with A. H. Pedersen, Chief of Detectives, Des Moines Police Department, Des Moines, Iowa; Earl Stanley, Chief of Detectives, Cedar Rapids, Iowa Police Department; and H. R. Grunrue, Chief of Police, Waterloo, Iowa, each of whom was supplied with two different photographs of William Elmer Mead.

Each of these officers stated that he would instruct officers assigned to duty around the better-class hotels, gaming places, and other places frequented by confidence men in an effort to apprehend Mead if he should put in an appearance at any of the places mentioned.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent R. J. Abbaticchio, Jr.:

In the absence of the Chief of Police of Sioux City, Iowa, a city of about 90,000 people, in accordance with Chicago office letter of 1/27/36 I furnished one copy of the bust photograph of William Elmer Mead to Chief of Detectives Frank Wheelock together with Mead's description and fingerprint classification as obtained from the Denver, Colo. wanted circular observed at the Omaha police department. Mr. Wheelock informed that he has no bunco squad as such but will be glad to request his detectives to make appropriate inquiries in an effort to obtain information regarding Mead, this to be furnished the Omaha office. A wanted notice was also placed in the Department's Identification Unit which Agent was advised by the officer in charge, C. S. Lassen, had no previous information upon Mead.

The following investigation was conducted on March 23, 1936 at Dubuque, Iowa by Special Agent G. H. Wilson:

J. W. Giellis, Chief of Police and John Derreberry, Captain of Police, Dubuque, Iowa were furnished a photograph of William Elmer Mead and a notation was caused to be made in the Police files to immediately notify the Omaha Bureau Office in the event that any information was secured as to Mead or his location. Chief Giellis and Captain Derreberry stated that they would call this particular photograph and description to each of the officers and detectives on the force; and Special attention would be made at the various hotels and gambling houses.

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NOTICE 2217

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
April 4th, 1936.

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

Re: Special Agent F. S. Smith,
Administrative Matter.

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephone conversation
between Special Agent in Charge Brantley and Mr.
Foxworth, you are advised that Special Agent F. S.
Smith of the Oklahoma City Office arrived in Little
Rock at 4:50 P. M., April 2nd, 1936 and is presently
engaged on special assignment in connection with the
BREKID case.

Agent Smith is presently in Hot
Springs, Arkansas, but as his address is rather
uncertain it would be best to reach him through
this office.

Very truly yours,

Chapman Fletcher
CHAPMON FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Alvin Karpis

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE 4/11/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/1, 2/36	REPORT MADE BY D. P. SULLIVAN - DPS:LM
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 & OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Wynona Burdette, upon interview at the Women's Detention Farm, Milan, Mich., verifies the substance of the matter contained in her signed statement dated 1/18/36, but states that only one meal was sent gratis to the room occupied by her and Harry Campbell at the El Commodore Hotel, and that on only one occasion was a newspaper sent up to their room, and that paper contained a photograph of Alvin Karpis being named as a suspect in the killing of Inspector Cowley and Agent Hollis; that she did not overhear Adams warn the boys to leave Oklawaha. Dolores Delaney interviewed, and denies in general all the information contained in her signed statement dated 1/22/36, which tends to incriminate and show guilty knowledge on the part of Joe Adams and Duke Randall in connection with instant harboring charges.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated 3/27/36.</p> <p>DETAILS: As requested in reference letter the writer proceeded to Milan, Michigan, where Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney were interviewed on April 1 and 2, 1936, and as was suggested in reference letter Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette were first interviewed jointly with the purpose in mind of eliminating some of the discrepancies noted in signed statements obtained at St. Paul, Minnesota, in January, 1936.</p>			
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a. a. Walter L. Barlow - 4-14-36			

At this time shortly after the interview began, Dolores Delaney stated that she desired to repudiate her statement made on January 22, 1936, for the reason that most of the statement was concocted in her own mind and had no basis in fact. The Delaney woman stated that the statement was full of lies which she made up about Joseph Adams and Duke Randall, when she discovered that Joe Adams was testifying for the Government against Harry Sawyer and Cash McDonald at St. Paul, Minnesota. Dolores Delaney stated that, in order to justify her change, her heart had been bothering her, and she had finally decided she could not go on the stand and lie about Adams whom she heartily dislikes. It was evident that Dolores Delaney was lying when she stated her statement taken in St. Paul was false.

At this point Wynona Burdette likewise stated that her signed statement, dated January 18, 1936, obtained in St. Paul, Minnesota, was not entirely true. From the above it was evident that little cooperation could be expected from either Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette as long as they were being interviewed in the presence of each other. Whereupon the Burdette woman was interviewed alone.

Wynona Burdette stated at this time that she did not desire to appear as a witness in the prosecution against Joseph Adams and Duke Randall in Florida. Her statement was discussed with her at length, and she stated that there were some few statements in the above mentioned written statement that were not absolutely correct and were merely hearsay. These were noted and the changes are herewith set out.

Wynona Burdette stated in connection with paragraph 1, page 35, of the report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated 2/6/36, that during the time that Harry Campbell and she resided at the El Commodore Hotel, Harry Campbell occasionally visited the tenth floor, but that she has no knowledge or information based on any facts that would indicate that Harry Campbell visited Joe Adams on the tenth floor, or that Adams was present at any time on the tenth floor when Campbell left the room occupied by Wynona and himself and went to the tenth floor. Wynona Burdette stated that she and Harry Campbell did eat almost all of their meals in their room; that contrary to her statement she can recall that only on one occasion was a meal sent up to her room free of charge, apparently with the compliments of Joseph Adams. Wynona Burdette stated she could not definitely state that Joe Adams had this meal sent to their room.

In connection with paragraph 2, page 3, Wynona Burdette stated that Chicago and Miami newspapers were not sent up to the room occupied by her and Harry Campbell whenever articles appeared therein concerning members of the Karpis-Barker gang. She stated she can recall only one occasion when a Chicago newspaper was sent to their room. On all other occasions newspapers were sent to the room only when she and Harry Campbell requested that a paper be sent up. On the one occasion when the paper was sent to the room occupied by Harry Campbell and herself, the paper contained a story of the killing of Inspector Cowley and Agent Hollis at Barrington, Illinois. This same newspaper set out the details of the above tragedy, and in connection with the same article there appeared a photograph of Alvin Karpis, who was named as the companion of "Baby Face" Nelson. Wynona Burdette stated that she did not know who brought the newspaper to the room, but knows that neither she nor Harry Campbell ordered this newspaper. Wynona Burdette first denied that Harry Campbell had ever remarked that if Adams continued to send the papers up to their room by the bellboy, the boy would soon get wise as to who they were, but she later weakened, and stated she could not now recall whether such remark was made by Harry Campbell or not.

In connection with the second sentence appearing in paragraph 2, page 36, report of Special Agent John L. Madala, dated 2/6/36, Wynona Burdette stated that on the morning following Dolores Delaney's arrival in Miami, Florida, from Cuba, at about 11 o'clock, Dolores went downstairs for the purpose of seeing Joe Adams. It should be noted that in Wynona's statement she mentioned that Dolores Delaney went downstairs presumably for that purpose. She now is certain that that was the definite purpose of Dolores Delaney's going downstairs, inasmuch as Dolores told her she was going downstairs to see Joe Adams.

Regarding the statement in the last paragraph on page 36 of the above mentioned report, where Wynona Burdette's statement mentions that the day after Harry Campbell's return to Miami, Florida, from Oklawaha, Joe Adams came into Room 905 and visited with Harry Campbell, she stated that this statement was not true, and that Adams did not visit Room 905 and speak with Harry Campbell. At this time Wynona Burdette was questioned as to the date on which Dolores Delaney came to Miami, Florida, from Havana, Cuba. She had no independent recollection of this matter, but when advised that the records indicated Dolores Delaney left Havana, Cuba by air on December 4, 1934, she stated she could not definitely recall the date being December 4, but that she recalls Dolores Delaney stayed in her room with her the night of her arrival; that Alvin Karpis arrived on the following day, which would

be December 5; that on the evening of December 6 she and Willie Harrison visited the Biscayne Kennel Club, and early the following morning, December 7, "Doc" Barker and Willie Harrison left; that Mother Barker, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell arrived during the evening of December 7, and that Harry Campbell, Mother Barker and Fred Barker remained at the El Comodore Hotel approximately four days before they left for Oklawaha. This would make the date approximately December 11, 1934, and it was about two days after their arrival in Oklawaha, December 11, that Joe Adams called at her home in company with Alvin Karpis.

In this connection, as mentioned on page 37 of the above report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Wynona Burdette stated that Joe Adams was driving a Ford Coupe, in which he and Alvin Karpis arrived in Oklawaha, Florida; that Adams talked privately with the boys for two or three hours down near the boathouse in front of the house. Wynona Burdette now states that she did not hear Adams at this time tell Fred Barker and Harry Campbell that there were some Government men in Miami; that Joe Adams told Harry Campbell and Fred Barker they had better get out of the place in Oklawaha as the Government men might find out they were there. Wynona Burdette stated she did not overhear any of this conversation, and did not know the Government men were in Miami until after she had returned to Miami with Harry Campbell on June 13, 1935. However, after Joe Adams left, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell talked together and she heard Fred Barker remark that he did not believe there was anything in the statement that Adams had made about the place being "hot".

Concerning the information set out in Wynona Burdette's signed statement, page 37, paragraph 5, concerning her return with Mother Barker to Oklawaha, she stated that upon their return Willie Woodbury gave Mother Barker a note. Wynona Burdette was questioned in detail concerning this note. She stated that it was contained in a sealed envelop which bore no address or writing. Mother Barker opened the note and read it, as did Wynona. Wynona Burdette said that the note was written on ordinary letter paper which contained no heading; that the note bore no greeting and was not signed; that it was only a short note containing two or three sentences; that the envelop was of the ordinary size used in personal correspondence; that the envelop likewise bore no heading, and she described the size as being approximately 4" x 6". When Mother Barker and she had read the note, Mother Barker questioned Willie Woodbury as to the person or persons who

left it. He said two men had been to the place inquiring for them and had left the note. He thereupon described two men whom Wynona Burdette and Mother Barker recognized immediately as being Joe Adams and Duke Randall. Woodbury at that time likewise stated they were riding in a Ford Coupe, which Wynona Burdette and Mother Barker knew Joe Adams used. The note contained on the ordinary size paper used in personal correspondence was written in pencil, and the wording of it, according to Wynona Burdette, was the substance as set out in her signed statement contained in paragraph 5, page 57 of the above mentioned report of Special Agent John E. Madala. Wynona Burdette stated that, as mentioned in her signed statement, Mother Barker immediately destroyed the note by throwing it into the fireplace.

In connection with her statement contained in the last paragraph, page 40, where she mentions that Joe Adams sent Chicago and Miami newspapers to Oklawaha, Florida, addressed to Blackburn and some to Summers, Wynona Burdette stated that this statement was merely hearsay; that she did not know in fact whether Joe Adams sent these newspapers to Oklawaha; that she recalls that both Harry Campbell and Fred Barker sent money in cash to the El Commodore Hotel in payment of newspapers which were sent to them in Oklawaha. Wynona Burdette stated she did not know to whom this money was addressed, nor the identity of the individual at the El Commodore Hotel who received this money. She stated that Joseph Adams' name was not mentioned when this money was sent.

Wynona Burdette advised Agent that the remainder of her signed statement, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 18, 1936, was true and correct.

Concerning the date of the departure of Mother Barker, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell and herself from Miami, Florida, Wynona Burdette stated that she could not definitely place this date as December 11 except for the fact that she knew it was approximately four days after December 7. This matter was discussed with her at some length, and it is believed Wynona Burdette can now testify to the fact that on December 11 she with Harry Campbell, Mother Barker and Fred Barker left Miami, Florida, for Oklawaha, and that approximately two days after December 11, Joseph Adams arrived at Oklawaha with Alvin Karpis.

Before Agent left the Detention Farm at Milan, Michigan, Wynona Burdette stated that she was not anxious to appear for the

Government as a witness in Miami, but that if subpoenaed to testify, she would testify to the truth as set out herein and in her signed statement. At this point Wynona Burdette confidentially advised Agent that she and Dolores Delaney have not been friendly since they returned from St. Paul, Minnesota; that they have had no particular quarrel, but have not spoken to one another for three weeks.

Agent later talked with one of the matrons at the Detention Farm, and this matron verified Wynona's statement, advising that apparently some quarrel had arisen between Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette inasmuch as they were not speaking to one another.

Dolores Delaney was thereafter interviewed alone, and she maintained the same attitude as previously mentioned herein. She was quite nervous and obviously anxious not to be questioned concerning her reasons for changing the substance of her signed statement dated January 22, 1936. She again reiterated that the matter contained in the signed statement bearing on Joseph Adams and Duke Randall, was misinformation which she manufactured; that she did this when she found that Joseph Adams was testifying against Harry Sawyer. During the interview she casually mentioned that she would not testify against anyone who was in the same racket as herself and Alvin Karpis, but later denied this was the reason for changing her story.

Her statement was discussed with her at length, and in general she denied the truth of any statement formerly made by her which showed guilty knowledge on the part of Joseph Adams that he knew of the true identities of Alvin Karpis and other members of the gang. Dolores Delaney stated that her signed statement was true and correct in every detail up to the matter contained in the third paragraph, page 17, wherein she made the following correction and various other corrections on the pages which follow.

In paragraph three she stated that when she and Alvin Karpis arrived at the El Commodore Hotel, Alvin Karpis did ask for Mr. Adams, and did not ask when to be notified when told that Adams was not there. She likewise denied the truth of the information contained in the following paragraph, paragraph 4, on the same page, concerning the letters of reference addressed to Nathaniel Heller and George Harris, which Adams gave Karpis.

Dolores Delaney stated that she at no time saw these letters or cards.

In connection with their arrival in Havana, Cuba, as noted in the last paragraph, page 17, and continued on page 18, Dolores Delaney denied having any information that any cards or letters of reference were given by Alvin Karpis to either Nathaniel Heller or George Harris.

Concerning the letter which she wrote at Alvin Karpis' dictation, and which presumably was sent to Joseph Adams to the El Comodore Hotel, Dolores Delaney stated that she did write the letter, but did not address the envelop and does not know whether the letter was sent in fact, and does not know what happened to it; that she has no information that Alvin Karpis received a cablegram from Adams a couple of days later as mentioned in Paragraph 1, page 19, in which Dolores Delaney in her signed statement mentioned that she asked for Mr. Adams when she arrived in Miami, Florida as Alvin Karpis had instructed her to do before leaving Veradero Beach. Dolores Delaney now maintains that this is false.

The Delaney woman stated, in connection with the information contained in paragraph 1, page 21, concerning her visit to the lobby of the El Comodore Hotel on the morning following her arrival and her meeting with Willie Harrison and a visit with Mr. Adams in his office and the information set out concerning the conversation had with Joseph Adams, that this information was false; that she and Harrison did not visit Adams' office, and the conversation mentioned in her signed statement did not occur; that she did borrow a car which Willie Harrison and "Doc" Barker had, and that Willie Harrison told her he and "Doc" Barker had just arrived in Miami that morning.

The Delaney woman likewise stated that she and Willie Harrison did go up to Wynona Burdette's room, and later on went to Willie Harrison's room 405 where they saw "Doc" Barker. The rest of the information contained in this paragraph, according to Dolores Delaney, is incorrect. Dolores Delaney stated that she drove to Homestead, Florida, and picked up Alvin Karpis; that she drove "Doc" in Willie's car and was not accompanied by anyone; that she is able to drive an automobile; that after their return to the hotel, Alvin Karpis did not register, but Willie Harrison obtained Room 404 for them later that evening. Dolores

Delaney here mentioned that the following day Alvin Karpis to her knowledge did not go downstairs to see Joseph Adams.

Agent questioned the Delaney woman concerning the date of her arrival at Miami, Florida, from Havana, Cuba. She stated she could not recall the exact date and could not now state that it was December 4, 1934. All she could say was that it was some time early in December.

The Delaney woman stated that she lied when she stated in her signed statement as mentioned in paragraph 2, page 22, that during the time that she and Alvin Karpis resided at the El Commodore Hotel, Joseph Adams told Alvin and herself that he wanted them to keep to their room as much as possible, and that it was not the truth that Adams sent a radio up to their room to keep them company.

Concerning the renting of the house by Alvin Karpis, Joseph Adams and herself, Dolores Delaney states this was true, but that the information contained in her signed statement concerning Adams' remark that he had introduced Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney to Mrs. Thomas under the name Mr. and Mrs. Green because he had forgotten to ask Alvin beforehand what name he wanted to use, Dolores Delaney stated that this was not correct; that Joseph Adams, Alvin Karpis and she had talked this over before they conversed with Mrs. Thomas, and had decided to use the name of Green in renting the house; that they told Joseph Adams the reason they decided to use the name of Mr. and Mrs. Green was because they were not married.

Dolores Delaney stated that the information contained in paragraph 4, page 22, concerning Joseph Adams driving Alvin Karpis to Oklawaha, Florida, is untrue; that the statement that Alvin Karpis later made to her that Adams did not stay over night at Oklawaha but returned to Miami was a lie.

Concerning the information in paragraph 1, page 23, to the effect that Adams visited the house occupied by Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney in Miami, and talked with Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell in the living room, was likewise untrue. Adams did not visit her house.

Dolores Delaney likewise denied the truth of the statement contained in sentence 1, paragraph 2, page 23, wherein she

mentions in her signed statement that Alvin received a telephone call from a party called Joe. Dolores Delaney stated she did not know the identity of the party calling Karpis. The rest of the information contained on this page is correct according to Dolores Delaney.

It might be mentioned in connection with reference letter that the matter contained on above page was discussed with Dolores Delaney at great length during the time she was interviewed at St. Paul. Dolores Delaney at the time of this present interview stated that it was absolutely correct, and reiterated her statement that there was a large car parked in front of the house in which some person was sitting; that she does not know whether this person was male or female; that when she went to the front of the house, Alvin Karpis was speaking with a man, described as in her signed statement, and who was introduced to her under the name of Mr. Crawford. Alvin Karpis and this man went to the rear of the house, where Theresa Carmichael remained; that the person in the automobile parked in front, did not leave the car, nor did she speak with this person; that she cannot recall where she went after leaving the front door, but believes she went to one of the other bedrooms in another section of the house, and that she did not speak to the man introduced under the name of Crawford again.

Agent recalls that while at St. Paul Theresa Carmichael and Dolores Delaney were interviewed in each others presence in an effort to freshen their recollections. At that time the Carmichael woman stated that she remembered that she remained in or about her kitchen from the time that the man called at the house until he left; that Alvin Karpis and this man, whom she stated looked similar to Cash McDonald, came to the kitchen and had a drink of whisky; that Dolores Delaney had gone to the front of the house; that after Alvin Karpis and this man had talked for about five minutes, this man left. Agent recalls that Theresa Carmichael was under the impression that Dolores Delaney, during the time that Karpis and the man, who visited her in the kitchen, was speaking with someone in the front of the house, but she was not absolutely certain of this; that she had no information that the person who was reported to be in the automobile parked in front, ever came into the house, or even left the automobile; that in fact she did not see the automobile parked in front.

Continuing, Dolores Delaney stated that in connection with the telephone call mentioned in the last paragraph, page 24,

the party did not ask for Ray Green; that she did not have any information that the party calling was Duke Randall; that this party did not tell her to get out of town immediately; that all of this information was false; that Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell did not tell Wynona and her to drive their car to the dog track to get Duke Randall as mentioned in paragraph 4, page 24; that Duke Randall's name was not mentioned, and that she does not know the identity of this man; that she did go to the dog track with Wynona Burdette; that she did not see the man to whom Wynona spoke at the dog track; that when they returned to the place where Harry Campbell left, that these two men did return in about one and a half hours in company with a third man, Dolores Delaney now states she did not know the identity of this man, and inasmuch as it was dark, she could not recognize him again.

Dolores Delaney stated that all of the information contained in paragraphs 3 and 4, page 25, and paragraph 1, page 26, was false. She stated that she did not know who Duke Randall was and would not be able to identify him.

In connection with the information contained in paragraph 2, page 26, she stated that the information concerning the delivery of the note to the manager of the Danmore Hotel was correct; that she did not know that this note had been given to her by Duke Randall.

Dolores Delaney stated that the information contained in paragraph 3, page 26, was entirely false; that such conversation never took place.

According to the Delaney's woman's statements appearing in paragraph 1, page 27, regarding her conversation with Alvin Karpis concerning the Ford Coupe Duke Randall was using and Adams' failure to destroy this car, Dolores said these were false and that no such conversation took place.

In connection with the note which Dolores Delaney gave to William A. Morley, as mentioned on page 25, in the report of Special Agent J. R. Sharp, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Dolores Delaney stated that this note was in a sealed plain envelop, which bore no heading; that the man who gave her the note, whom she refused to identify as being Duke Randall, told her to give it to William Morley when she arrived in Atlantic City; that she did not open the envelop and therefore did not know the contents of the note; that she did not see the contents of the note after she gave

it to William Morley; that to her knowledge Morley retained this note and did not give it back to her after he had read it; that she had no information as to the person who wrote the note, and could not state it was written by Duke Randall.

In connection with Dolores Delaney's statement that upon her return to Miami, Florida, from Havana, Cuba, she joined Wynona Burdette in room 1005, El Commodore Hotel, page 20, in the report of Special Agent John L. Madala, dated 2/6/36, Dolores stated that she could not recall whether the room was 1005 or 905; that all she can recall that it was one of the 05 rooms, but cannot recall on what floor it was located.

As previously mentioned, Dolores Delaney now stated she cannot recall any conversation had by her with Adams concerning "Freddie" and "Mother". She even denies she had any conversation with Adams at the time mentioned.

From the above it is evident that the Delaney woman now denies the truth of any statement which she believes may incriminate Joseph Adams and Duke Randall. She professes that she is not averse to going to Florida to testify; if called upon to do so, she will. It is evident, however, that she does not desire to testify, and has changed her story with the purpose in mind of avoiding appearing as a witness for the Government.

Both Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney, during the course of the interviews, had with them, mentioned that they did not desire to be taken from the Women's Detention Farm during the time that they are serving their sentences because the release from the routine of the prison spoils them in that it takes a long period of time to again become accustomed to it when they are forced to return to Milan.

Agent has noted from experience with these two women that when they are away from Milan and enjoy a relaxation from the routine of the Detention Farm, they are in a more cooperative frame of mind, and from Agent's interview with Wynona Burdette it is believed she will testify to substantially the same information as is contained in her written statement; that if Dolores Delaney is likewise subpoenaed with Wynona Burdette, and taken to Florida, that interviews with her at Miami, Florida, will result in her verifying the information contained in her written statement, and it is probable that after she arrives in Miami, she can

be prevailed upon to testify for the Government.

As has been previously mentioned, the Delaney girl was interviewed both on April 1 and 2, 1936, and it appeared useless to talk with her further at this time as she stated that she did not desire to be interviewed further concerning this matter, although she remained quite friendly in the conversation had with her.

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Gentry Arkansas
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John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir;

I would like to have the latest picture of Alvin Karpis and would appreciate it very much if you would put my name on the mailing list, that I might get the pictures that are put out over the country. In order that I might be of any assistance to your Department.

Yours Truly.

Herbert Locke

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Mr. Delbert Locke,
Gentry, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your letter of March 30, 1936, I am furnishing you herewith a copy of Identification Order #1218 relative to Alvin Karpis.

In connection with your request that your name be placed on the mailing list to receive copies of Identification Orders, I must advise you that under the Bureau's present policy only the names of duly constituted law enforcement agencies may be placed thereon. Inasmuch as your letter does not indicate whether you are engaged in law enforcement work with an official state or local office, your name is not being placed on such list.

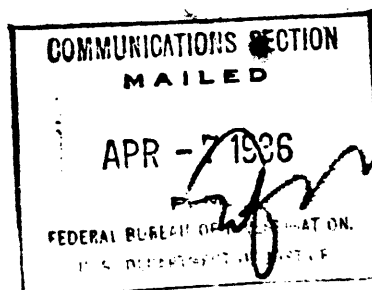
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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
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Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -- FUGITIVE,
I.O.#1218; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases --
FUGITIVE, I.O.#1236; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -- Victim
Kidnaping - Harboring and Obstruction of
Justice - National Firearms Act

Dear Sir:

I received a copy of the Bureau's letter, dated April 2, 1936, together with a copy of a letter, dated March 24, 1936, directed to Honorable Walter L. Barlow, Assistant Attorney General, Washington, D.C., from Bart A. Piley, Attorney-at-law, located at Miami, Florida. The letter from Attorney Piley to Assistant Attorney General Barlow makes certain acquisitions directed towards Special Agents of this Bureau in connection with investigation at Miami, Florida, and Havana, Cuba.

I desire to advise the Bureau that I have never had occasion to interview Joseph H. Adams or Henry "Duke" Randall of Miami, Florida, however, I have had occasion to interview Nathaniel Heller, defendant in this case, both at Havana, Cuba, and at Miami, Florida.

Immediately after the raid on the house located at Lake Weir, Florida, occupied by Kate and Fred Barker on January 16, 1935, I had occasion to proceed immediately with Special Agents R. G. Jones, S. K. McKee, and C. G. Campbell to Miami, Florida. This travel to Miami was due to certain evidence found within the Barker home indicating that Kate Barker had made several trips via Pan American Airways from Miami, Florida, to Havana, Cuba, and further due to information obtained indicating that Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis were at that time in Miami, Florida.

On the morning of January 20, 1935, Special Agents S. K. McKee, C. G. Campbell and the writer proceeded to Havana, Cuba. This action was taken as a result of telephonic communication with both Mr. E. A. Tamm and Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, who was then at Ocala, Florida.

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Subsequent to our arrival at Havanna, Cuba, considerable evidence was developed indicating that Nathaniel Heller, proprietor of the Parkview Hotel, Havanna, Cuba, had harbored Alvin Karpis and his alleged wife, Dolores Delaney, during their stay in Cuba from September to December, 1934. Specific information had been developed to the effect that Heller had purchased a Ford automobile, a Johnston motor (for a motor-boat), a radio and other merchandise at the direction of either Karpis or the Delaney woman. Investigation also developed that Karpis and Dolores Delaney had both resided intermittently at the Parkview Hotel, Havanna, and appeared to be very friendly with Nathaniel Heller. Information was further developed that Heller had assisted Karpis and the Delaney girl in obtaining a winter home at Varadera Beach, a famous winter resort, located approximately 150 miles from the City of Havanna; that he had visited Karpis at this home and had furnished towels, linen, etc., from his hotel for the use of Karpis and his paramour.

As a result of the development of the information above related, Special Agent McKee and the writer interviewed Nathaniel Heller at his hotel on January 31, 1935. He was questioned in detail for a period of approximately two hours. Mr. Heller's attitude during this interview was that of a man who had no respect whatsoever for law enforcement agencies of the United States or elsewhere, although he is an American citizen. His answers to our questions were evasive. He displayed great arrogance and defiance when closely questioned on some particular phase of his association with Karpis. Special Agent McKee and the writer of this memorandum, during this interview, at no time threatened verbally or displayed any indication except the normal attitude Bureau Agents assume when interviewing defendants. However, I wish to state both Agent McKee and myself expressed to Heller in no uncertain terms that we were not satisfied with his explanations.

After termination of this interview, I immediately communicated with Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Bureau by long-distance telephone, at which time I related to Mr. Tamm a synopsis of the investigation at Havanna and vicinity, showing Heller's relationship with Karpis and the Delaney girl, together with the results of our recent interview with Heller. I explained to Mr. Tamm that I felt that information of value might be obtained from Heller if he were in custody. I also explained to Mr. Tamm that constitutional guarantees had been temporarily suspended in Havanna, Cuba; that Mr. Heller was an American citizen and subject to deportation; that Cuban authorities had already expressed a desire, during this period of suspension of constitutional guarantees, to deport other Americans residing in Cuba who by their acts appeared to be undesirable citizens. I explained that if Heller were under arrest there was a strong possibility that his air of arrogance might be somewhat softened and he might probably be willing to furnish additional information and to assist in the location of Karpis and the Delaney girl. Mr. Tamm directed that the information developed relative to Heller's association with Karpis be furnished Cuban authorities in order that

they might take him into custody should they desire to do so. He also directed that the State Department officials in Cuba should be advised of any action taken. On this occasion, I advised Mr. Tamm of the information we had received from reliable sources indicating that members of the American Consular Staff and employees of the American Embassy in Havana would immediately furnish to the newspapers any information which came into their possession.

Upon completion of the telephonic conversation with Mr. Tamm, Agent McKee and the writer conferred with Lieutenant German Cortez of the National Police, Havana, at which time Lieutenant Cortez was furnished with all available information concerning the association between Nathaniel Heller and the fugitive, Karpis. He immediately indicated his willingness and a desire to arrest Heller on his own initiative on the basis of our information. Heller was taken into custody by the National Police on the night of January 31, 1935. Neither Special Agent McKee or the writer participated in the arrest.

On the night of January 31, 1935, American Vice-Consul Tewell conversed with Mr. Henry Kimes, our contact at Havana, Cuba, a representative of the Intelligence Unit, United States Treasury Department, who has been in Havana for the past twenty years, at which time Mr. Kimes advised Mr. Tewell of Heller's arrest and at which time he also informed him Agent McKee and the writer had been operating on an under-cover basis in Havana and vicinity for some time. Mr. Tewell was also advised that prior to the departure of Agent McKee and myself, we would call at both the American Consulate and the American Legation.

As I now recall the events following Nathaniel Heller's arrest, Heller was detained by the Cuban authorities at the headquarters police station in an ante-room adjoining the guard room (this room had neither bars or other equipment to prevent escape) for approximately two and one-half days and he was then removed to the prison known as the Bastilla, the Cuban detention prison. During the period Mr. Heller was detained at the police station of the National Police, Special Agent McKee and the writer conferred with him on one occasion. The writer, in addition to this interview, also conferred with Heller on approximately three other occasions. The periods of interview could not last more than two hours at one time and he was not interviewed on more than one occasion on a single day. At no time was Mr. Heller threatened and at no time, to my knowledge, was he molested by his police guard. However, Heller was advised that Cuban authorities were making arrangements to deport him to the United States, and I repeatedly suggested to Heller that he proceed voluntarily to answer charges which would be lodged against him for harboring Alvin Karpis. I reasoned with him that if he was not guilty, as he continued to contend, he had nothing to fear in proceeding to the States to answer the charges. However, this he refused to do.

The results of questioning of Heller, after his detention, were of little value although his attitude changed completely and he appeared to be willing to confer with either Agent McKee or myself further on his associations with Karpis and the Delaney girl.

Following Mr. Heller's arrest, I accompanied Senor Antonio Acosta, personal representative of the President of Cuba, to the offices of the Cuban Attorney General Dr. Cardenas. The writer was very well received at the office of Dr. Cardenas and Mr. Acosta acted as my interpreter and representative. Dr. Cardenas advised me through Mr. Acosta that he was extremely anxious that Nathaniel Heller be deported to the United States. Senor Acosta explained to Dr. Cardenas the associations between Alvin Karpis and Heller in the Havana vicinity. At the conclusion of this interview, Dr. Cardenas explained to me through Senor Acosta his willingness to cooperate in any way, and directed Senor Acosta to act as his personal representative in arranging for the removal of Heller to Miami, Florida.

After removal of Heller to the Cuban Bastilla (detention prison) the writer interviewed him on one occasion, at which time he was again requested to furnish more complete details relative to his association with Karpis. He flatly declined to assist and maintained that he had no idea whatsoever as to the identity of Karpis during the time he associated with him. On this occasion Heller advised that should he be released by Cuban authorities he would voluntarily proceed to the United States and answer any charges which might be preferred against him. He was accordingly released on February 11, 1935 and proceeded by Pan-American Airways to Miami, Florida, on the following day, February 12, 1935.

On the afternoon of February 12, 1935, there were two sections of the Pan-American Airways detailed to take passengers from Havana to Miami. The writer and Agent McKee deemed it advisable to make this travel on the section which was not taken by Mr. Heller with a view toward dismissing any further allegation by Heller that he had been forced to enter the United States by us, consequently Agent McKee and myself took the second section, while Mr. Heller took the first section of the service. However, it so happened that the second section arrived in Miami before the first due to wind conditions. Upon arrival in Miami, Florida, the writer and Agent McKee found other Agents, names not recalled at present, and a Deputy United States Marshal, who took Heller into custody and took him to the Dade County Jail, Miami, Florida.

I wish to state that at no time did Agent McKee or myself make any attempt or commit any act of physical force upon Nathaniel Heller either while in Cuba or in the United States.

For more complete details concerning the investigative activities of Special Agent S. K. McKee and the writer while in the Republic of Cuba, please refer to the report of this agent, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 25, 1935.

Very truly yours,

R. D. Brown

R. D. BROWN,
Special Agent in Charge

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Director,
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Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

There is attached hereto a memorandum to the Director submitted in letter form which is a reply to Bureau letter, dated April 2, 1936, concerning certain allegations of Attorney Bart A. Riley of Miami, Florida, against certain Special Agents of this Bureau concerning their investigative activities while at Miami, Florida, and Havana, Cuba.

I note in Mr. Riley's letter to Honorable Walter L. Barlow, Assistant Attorney General, dated March 24, 1936, that he states he expects to proceed to Havana, Cuba, on or about April 1, 1936, for the purpose of interview with prospective witnesses and upon his return will confer with Assistant Attorney General Barlow concerning the taking of testimony in Cuba.

May I suggest to the Bureau that should Assistant Attorney General Barlow proceed to Havana that he confer with Mr. Antonio Acosta, personal representative of the President of the Republic of Cuba concerning the activities of Special Agent S. K. McKee and myself while conducting investigations in Havana. Senor Acosta frequently acted as our interpreter and also acted as personal representative of the President of Cuba and Dr. Cardenas, Attorney General of the Republic, in arranging for the removal of Nathaniel Heller from Havana to Miami, Florida. Senor Acosta, I believe, has the highest regard for representatives of this Bureau and will furnish whatever assistance Mr. Barlow may desire should he desire to take testimony in Havana.

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Very truly yours,

R. D. BROWN,
Special Agent in Charge

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R. D. BROWN, SAC
Denver, Colo.

RE: BREKID

Letter in reply to Bureau letter of 4-2-36, concerning
certain allegations of Atty Bart A. Riley, Miami, Fla.,
against certain Agents of Bureau concerning their investi-
gative activities at Miami, Fla., & Havana, Cuba.
Suggests if Spec. Asst. Barlow proceeds to Havana he confer
with Antonio Acosta who acted as interpreter for Agents.

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P. C. Box 536
Los Angeles, California
April 4, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: BREKID
L. A. File 7-42.

Dear Sir:-

There are attached hereto two copies of the logs covering the surveillance of G. J. FITZGERALD from the Benjamin Franklin, Graystone and Victoria Apartments, covering the periods from March 20, 1936 to April 2, 1936; March 21, 1936 to April 2, 1936, and March 22, 1936 to March 31, 1936, respectively.

Three copies of these logs are being attached to the Bureau's copy of this letter, and one of each is being attached to the St. Paul, Cincinnati and Cleveland offices copies of this letter.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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LOG -- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN APARTMENTS

3-20-36

6:48 AM Leckie on duty.

7:00 Whitson out.

10:35

11:10 Foster calls City Dye Works and delivers above message.

1:45 PM Desk advises that Foster just left in cab.

1:46 Called Graystone, no answer--apparently boys on Foster's tail.

2:15 Desk called to say that Foster just returned to his apartment.

2:17 Wright called to say that Foster went to the bank.

2:20 Foster called pharmacy for a cold case of beer.

2:22 Call from desk to maid, who was at the time in Foster's room.

2:45 Case of beer delivered to Foster's apartment.

5:00 Desk advises that Foster just left his apartment.

5:01 Called Graystone--McKee.

5:05 Desk called to say that Foster left a wire for Jean at the desk.
The wire read as follows: "Mailed Esquire, do not open, meant
no offense, please destroy - Love (signed) Mom".

5:35 Bugas called from the office to say that Whitson was going to be
late this evening.

8:35 Desk advises that Foster just returned to his apartment--his door
slams.

8:45 Foster called desk to say that if he received any calls tonight
HE WAS NOT IN.

9:00 Whitson on duty. Leckie out. Clerk at desk says Foster picked
up a letter when he came in at 8:35 that had been in his box when
Clerk came on duty, at 7:00 p. m.

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Benjamin Franklin Apts.

10:00 PM Desk reports no calls for Foster and no messages.

10:10 Lights off in Foster's kitchen. Mic picks up clink of glass and sound of voices. (phoned Wright.)

10:21 Wright reports no lights in Foster's apartment and no signs of activity.

3-21-36

6:48 AM Leckie in on duty. Whitson out.

10:00 Called desk regarding mail or messages for Foster - None.

11:00

1:30 PM Called desk regarding mail or messages--None.

2:20

2:30 Called Graystone.--McKee.

4:45 Desk called to say that Foster just left Benjamin Franklin.

4:46 Called Graystone--Wright said that Foster just entered the Victoria.

7:00 Whitson on duty. Leckie out.

7:32 Incoming. No answer. Desk reports Tiney called but left no number.

Benjamin Franklin Apts.

3-22-36 Whitson on duty.
1:25 AM Desk rings Foster in. Foster enters 603.
1:30 Foster in his kitchen.
2:02 Lights out in Foster's apartment.
3:22 Foster in his kitchen.
3:45 Lights out in Foster's kitchen.
4:10 Foster has bad cough. In kitchen. Slams refrigerator door.
(Phoned McKee)
4:25 All lights out in Foster's apartment except bathroom light.
6:55 Leckie in on duty. Whitson out.

11:05

2:55 PM

2:57 Called Graystone--McKee.
4:03 Foster left his apartment--Desk advised.
4:05 Called Graystone--McKee.
6:15 Desk advises that Foster just came in.
6:18 Called Graystone--Wright.
7:00 Whitson on duty. Leckie out.

7:32

8:15 Foster has radio turned full on--a play. (Unusual selection for Foster.) (Phoned McKee.)

8:26 McKee calls to say Wright observed Foster's apartment from roof. Foster alone, lying in bed listening to radio.

9:40 Foster in his kitchen.

11:57 Lights out in Foster's apartment.

Log -- Benjamin Franklin Apartments

3-23-36

6:58 AM Leckie in on duty--Whitson off.

11:20 Called desk regarding mail or messages--none.

11:37

1:15 PM Desk advises that Foster just left.

1:17 Called Graystone--Wright.

1:30 Desk advised that Foster just returned to his apartment.

1:31 Called Graystone--Wright.

2:05 Desk called to say that Foster received an airmail letter from Miss Robertson--mailed at Ashtabula, Ohio, 6 p. m. 3/20/36.

2:07 Desk calls Foster to say that he has a letter--Foster will go down for the letter.

2:08 Foster leaves his apartment and returns soon after.

5:00 Desk advises that Foster just left.

5:02 Called Graystone--Wright.

5:20 Unknown woman calls Foster--his phone rings several times--no answer.

7:00 Whitson in, on duty--Leckie out.

10:36 Desk rings Foster in.

10:37 Foster enters #603.

11:36 Wright called.

11:40 Foster's lights out.

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12:07 AM Foster in his kitchen.

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3-24-36 (cont.)

12:42 AM Foster's lights out.

1:21 Foster moving around his apartment.

6:50 Leckin in on duty--Whitson out.

11:50 Called desk regarding mail--no mail or no messages.

12:30 PM

2:25 Called desk regarding mail or messages-- none today so far.

3:30 Called Graystone--Talked to McKee.

6:20

6:22 Called Graystone--McKee.

6:25 Desk called to say that Foster just left.

6:26 Called Graystone--McKee.

6:30 Whitson in on duty--Leckie out.

10:35 McKee called--Foster at Victoria.

11:23 Desk rings Foster in.

11:26 Foster enters #603.

3-25-36

12:15 AM Foster has been in kitchen every few minutes since his return. Mic picks up sound of several voices. (Phoned Bugas.)

12:27 Foster's lights out. (Phoned Bugas, who states Foster was drinking alone.)

1:40 Foster in his kitchen.

2:03 Foster's lights out.

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6:45 AM Leckie in on duty--Whitson out.

11:45 Moorhead (the cleaner) came to Foster's apartment and left right away.

b7c
1:20 PM [REDACTED]

1:35 [REDACTED]

1:36 Called Graystone--Bugas.

2:05 Foster left apartment--desk advised that he left.

4:07 Foster returns to his apartment.

4:09 Called Graystone--Bugas.

4:10 Foster called drug store for a case of beer. Told them to get the key at the desk and place the beer in the ice box as he would not be there.

4:15 Called Graystone--Bugas.

4:17 Foster leaves his apartment again--desk advises.

4:19 Called Graystone--Bugas.

5:20 Foster returns to his apartment.

5:55 Foster leaves his apartment again.

5:56 Talked to Bugas at Graystone, who stated that Foster just went into the Victoria.

6:53 Foster returns to his apartment.

6:54 Called Graystone--Bugas.

7:00 Whitson on duty--Leckie out.

7:05 [REDACTED]

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3-25-36 (cont.)

8:26 PM

9:31

(Phoned McKee.)

10:32

Two girls enter Foster's. Girl gives Foster an address: 1423
(one syllable) St., the ____ sham (two syllable word.) Apts.

11:13

Girls leave Foster's apartment. (Phoned McKee that Foster possibly
left with them.)

11:18

Checked with desk. Foster didn't leave. (Checked with Bugas.)

11:35

Foster's lights out.

3-26-36

6:55 AM

Leckie in on duty.

7:00

Whitson out.

1:45 PM

Foster leaves his apartment. Desk advises that he did not call cab.

1:46

Talked to Bugas at Graystone.

3:30

McKee called to say that Foster mailed a letter, also that Bugas
was out with Foster.

4:05

Desk advises that Foster just arrived back at his apartment. He
enters his apartment and closes door.

6:05

Two women arrive at Foster's apartment. Can't be sure but believe
that it is Tiny and her friend. I called the desk, but they
state that the women must have come up through the garage as they
did not come through the lobby. (The mic. does not get the con-
versation very well but I did hear Foster ask them if they wanted

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3-26-36 (cont.)

Whiskey or Gin.)

6:07 PM Called Graystone--McKee.

7:00 Whitson on duty. Leckie out.

7:07 Contact Mic. cannot pick up intelligible conversation because of the radio which is turned on full. The women's voices sound drunk.

7:22 Desk rings Foster out. Says one of women was Mrs. Robertson.
(Phoned Bugas.)

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3-26-36 (continued)

10:17 PM McKee calls to say Foster and Mom are back at the Victoria.

10:39 Desk rings Foster in.

10:40 Foster enters 603.

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1:28 AM Foster's lights out.

6:45 Leckie in on duty. Whitson out.

10:00 Called desk regarding mail or messages -- none.

12:40 PM Desk called Foster to say that Peterson was in the lobby. Foster said for him to come on up. Unable to get the conversation with the mic. Peterson enters the apartment soon after the call.

12:45 Called Bugas at Graystone.

3:40 Billings in with mail.

3:55 Called desk regarding mail or messages -- none.

4:25 Desk advises that Foster just went out.

4:27 Called Graystone--Bugas.

4:50 Foster back in his apartment. Desk did not notify, but Bugas called from Graystone.

5:50 Bugas called regarding Foster's location. Foster still here. Desk called his apartment by mistake.

6:10

6:16 Foster leaves Benjamin Franklin Apartments. Unable to get Graystone, as line apparently out of order for several minutes.

7:00 Whitson on duty. Leckie out.

9:40 Bugas called to say Foster had returned from Nikabob to Victoria.

10:29 Desk rings Foster in.

10:30 Foster enters 603.

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3-27-36 (continued)

12:40 AM Foster's lights out.

1:10 Foster in his kitchen.

1:30 Foster's lights out.

6:56 Leckie in--Whitson out.

9:45

10:43 Foster leaves his apartment--Advised by desk that he just left.

10:45 Called Bugas at Graystone.

12:40 PM Desk advises that Foster just returned and is on his way up. Foster enters his apartment.

12:42 Called Graystone--Bugas.

2:25 Foster called drug store for a carton of Camel cigarettes.

2:35 Camel cigarettes arrive.

5:00 Foster out. Advised by desk that a number of people were in the lobby when he went out and that they had to wait three minutes to call.

5:03 McKee called to say that Foster left Benjamin Franklin and entered the Victoria.

7:04 Call for Foster, but he did not answer. Man calling--will call again.

7:05 Whitson on duty. Leckie out.

8:05 Desk rings Foster in. (Phoned Bugas.)

8:06 Foster calls desk--orders dozen eggs for morning.

11:45 Foster's lights out.

LOG - BENJAMIN FRANKLIN APARTMENTS

3-29-36

2:10 AM Foster in his kitchen
2:22 AM Foster lights out
6:45 AM Leckie in on duty. Whitson out.
11:35 AM Foster's Sunday Times still in hall
12:10 PM Foster takes his paper in
1:02 PM [REDACTED]
1:04 PM Called Graystone, talked to McKee
2:26 PM Desk rings, Foster out
2:28 PM Called Greystone; talked to Bugas
4:12 PM Call for Foster from some unknown woman. Refused to leave a message or number, but stated she would call back.
6:55 PM Foster arrived at his apartment. Desk did not call, but Bugas called. The man on duty at the desk did not see him come in. But his lights are on in his apartment.
7:07 PM Called McKee to tell him that he was in for sure.
7:08 PM Whitson on duty. Leckie out.

3-30-36

12:10 AM Foster's lights out. (Bugas phones, states Foster has gone to bed)
1:05 AM Foster in his kitchen. Radio on
1:45 AM Kitchen light off; radio still on
2:35 AM Foster in his kitchen
2:40 AM Kitchen light off; radio still on
3:45 AM Radio still going in Foster's apartment - Station KFAC
4:00 AM Radio in Foster's apartment turned off.

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4:36 AM Foster moving around his apartment

5:26 AM Foster moving around his apartment

6:50 AM Leckie in on duty; Whitson off.

b2 11:56 AM

11:58 AM Called Graystone. McKee.

1:00 PM

1:36 PM Foster leaves his apartment. Desk notifies.

1:38 PM Called Graystone. McKee stated Foster was crossing the street to Victoria and that he entered the Victoria.

8:06 PM Desk advises that Foster just returned to his apartment and that he was on his way up in the elevator.

8:08 PM Called Graystone. Osborne.

Foster received two airmail letters from Jean today. Both mailed at Ashtabula, Ohio, and addressed to J. C. Foster, 512 S. Hobart, L.A.

9:45 PM Foster's lights out. Apparently gone to bed. He was not heard again during the night.

3-31-36

6:00 AM Foster in kitchen apparently having drink of water

7:00 AM Whitson on duty. Leckie out.

11:12 AM Outgoing. Michigan 1301. Foster asks if the doctor is in. Woman says the doctor is in Pasadena. Foster asks for an appointment for this afternoon, adding that he was referred by Dr. Safarik. Woman states that 3:30 is open. Foster asks her if the number is 1052. She says yes. (Check of physicians in phone book shows Dr. J. Salem Rubin, 1052 W. 6th, MI 1301). Phoned to McKee.

11:15 AM Checked with desk. No mail
11:45 AM Foster's door slams. (Phoned Billings to be on alert. Checked with desk - Foster has not come through lobby)
11:59 AM Phoned McKee
12:50 PM Desk rings, Foster out. (Phoned McKee) Desk says Foster didn't call taxi.
1:42 PM Incoming. No answer. Desk reports no message. Woman called
4:00 PM Checked with desk. No mail
4:28 PM Billings calls to say Foster and Mrs. Robertson at Wilshire Tea Room
7:15 PM Leckie in on duty. Whitson out
9:10 PM Desk advises Foster just came in and is on way to his apartment. Foster enters his apartment

9:11 PM Called Graystone. Advised Bugas that Foster was home

12:05 AM Foster's lights out. Apparently gone to bed.

4-1-36

7:00 AM Whitson on duty. Leckie out.

11:00 AM Checked with desk. No mail

11:40 AM

(Phoned McKee)

1:23 PM

(Phoned McKee)

1:35 PM Foster out. (desk did not ring)

2:45 PM Checked with desk. Airmail letter to Foster from Imogene Robertson, postmarked Ashtabula, Ohio, March 30, 1936

3:00 PM Phoned McKee, who advised that Foster was going to take Mrs. Robertson to the doctor.

6:50 PM Leckie in on duty. Whitson out.

11:55 PM Desk calls to say that Foster just came in and on his way to his apartment. Foster enters apartment and slams door. Desk also advises that

Foster is VERY drunk.

4-2-36

12:10 AM Foster tries to get desk, but unsuccessful. He then leaves his apartment and goes to lobby. Agent tries to get desk, but can't until Foster got to the lobby. Agent asked the clerk to call back as soon as he was able to talk. Also called Graystone, talked to McKee.

12:13 AM Desk calls to say that Foster just wanted a number and that he was on his way back to his apartment.

12:18 AM

12:20 AM Called Graystone. Talked to McKee.

1:45 AM The desk rang Foster's phone several times, but he did not answer. He was either too drunk or asleep and did not hear the phone, as he was definitely in his apartment at the time. The call was never completed.

LOG -- GRAYSTONE APARTMENTS.

3-21-36

9:40 AM McKee on--Bugas off.

10:00 Radio tested -- O. K.

11:25 Leckie called. Foster is a little ill and will not go out today until at least 5:30 p. m. at which time he might go out. He and Mom are supposed to go to the El Capitan Theatre tonight.

5:00 PM Foster goes to the Victoria Apartments.

5:20 Foster calls a cab and goes to the Biltmore Hotel where he meets Mom. The plans for tonight are for them to go to the El Capitan Theatre. It is known where they are going they will not be tailed further tonight. He will be checked in when he returns from the theatre. In a telephone conversation today he indicated he would return for the night about 1:00 A. M.

10:00 All is quiet.

12:00 M. All is quiet. Radio tested O. K.

3-22-36

12:15 AM Foster and Mom return to Victoria in cab. McGuire radios.

1:20 Foster goes to the Benjamin Franklin. McGuire radios. Whitson phones.

4:10 Whitson called to say that Foster was moving around in his apartment. Nothing further happened, however.

10:15 All is quiet. Leckie contacted.

10:30 Radio tested--O. K.

12:45 PM Wright on--Bugas off.

2:45 Leckie called. Foster is going to the Victoria in a few minutes.

4:00 Foster seen going into the Victoria. Leckie phoned and Osborne radioed.

6:00 Foster went to grocery store and came back to Victoria.

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3-22-36 (continued)

6:30 PM Foster went to the Benjamin Franklin.

8:20 Whitson phoned. Possibly someone in Foster's apartment with him. The radio was playing loudly. Wright went on the roof and found Foster in bed alone listening to the radio. Whitson notified.

9:00 Radio tested -- O. K.

12:00 M. Radio tested -- O. K.

3-23-36

10:00 AM Radio tested -- O. K. Osborne wants some batteries (A) and tape. Bugas will bring it to him.

1:45 PM Foster left Benjamin Franklin, went to drug store, corner 6th & Serrano Streets, made purchase, and returned directly to Benjamin Franklin. Leckie notified.

2:00 Radio test -- O. K.

5:00 Foster went to the mail box at 6th and Serrano and mailed a letter to Jean. Wright stayed at the mail box until this information was obtained. Foster then returned to the Victoria.

7:45 Foster and Mom got in a Black and White Cab and went to the Nikabob.

8:30 McKee off--Bugas on.

10:30 Foster and Mom return to Victoria in cab. Foster goes to Benjamin Franklin.

3-24-36

9:00 AM McKee and Bugas on duty.

5:20 PM Leckie called. Foster still in his apartment.

6:20 Leckie called. Foster will go to Victoria, meet Mom and later go to dinner.

6:30 Foster goes to the Victoria.

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3-24-36

8:00 PM Foster and Mom take a California cab to the Nickabob.

9:30 Foster and Mom return to the Victoria.

11:20 Foster goes to the Benjamin Franklin. McGuire Radios. Whitson notified.

3-25-36

12:25 AM Whitson calls from Benjamin Franklin, saying he hears Foster mixing lots of drinks and the wall set picked up women's voices whether from Foster's room or not, Whitson could not tell. Bugas went to roof of Graystone and checked; saw Foster sitting quietly by the bedside in pajamas sipping a drink, at end of which he went to bed. Whitson called and was given this information.

10:30 McKee called SAC Hanson re dial recorder not working so well.

2:00 PM Foster leaves in his car. McKee and Bugas tail him to Thelma Todd's Cafe. He stopped once on the way, on Wilshire, for beer, and apparently went inside Thelma Todd's for drink. Coming out of Thelma Todd's he drove north on the roadway for about a mile, rather than going right back home, and in so doing drove past Agents who were parked by seaside pretending to view ocean. On up the road he swung around and Agents were again forced to pass him. If he became aware of Agents following him it was not apparent. He returned home via Sunset Blvd., having gone out Wilshire, stopping for groceries. Went into Benjamin Franklin about 4:20 p. m.

4:25 Foster to Victoria.

6:15 Foster goes back to Benjamin Franklin. Has colored boy put car in garage.

8:15 McGuire called. [REDACTED]

8:30 Whitson called re Foster's telephone call to Vandyke 0618. He will call the office about it (See Whitson's log.)

9:30 Whitson called--Foster to have two girls in his apartment at 10:30 tonight.

10:30 Two girls arrive and visit Foster's room. Leave about 11:30 in a new coupe license Calif., 1936, 5U 55??.

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3-25-36

10:45 AM Osborne radioed. Wants batteries. Office notified. McGuire to bring them out.

1:45 PM Foster went to the mail box on 5th and Serrano Streets and mailed a letter to Arthur Christopherson, 301 Hennepin St., Minneapolis, Minn. Mr. Hanson advised of this by McKee, who waited for the mail carrier to arrive. Bugas is now on Foster's tail. Foster, after mailing the letter (airmail) got out his car and drove away. Bugas tailed him alone as McKee was waiting at the mail box.

4:05

Foster is back at the Benjamin Franklin. Leckie called and Osborne radioed. His car is parked on the West side of Hobart Street near the Victoria. When Foster went out at 1:45 p. m., above, he drove north on San Fernando Road, the Bakersfield Highway, out about 33 miles from Los Angeles; At the LOMA VERDE Cafe, 33 miles out, he stopped and went inside, staying for about twenty minutes came out and returned directly to the Benjamin Franklin. He seemed to merely be taking a ride. The Loma Verde Cafe, Agent ascertained to be a place where dinners, lunches and beer are served, and is proprierated by a man named ELLIS TIDM. It is thought he went inside for a glass of beer, it being his custom to stop for beer when taking drives in this manner.

6:15

Leckie called from Benjamin Franklin and said Foster had two women in his apartment.

7:30

Foster, Mrs. Robertson and another woman came out of the Benjamin Franklin and went into the Victoria. Called a cab and were tailed to the Nikabob.

9:30

Party leaves Nikabob in Taxi and goes to apartment house 2-3 blocks therefrom. Apparently where other women lives; this address to be ascertained.

10:15

Foster and Mrs. Robertson return to the Victoria.

10:40

Foster goes to the Benjamin Franklin.

12:00 M. Radio test -- o. k.

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3-27-36

10:30 AM Radio tested O. K.
 11:35 AM Leckie called. Foster apparently still in bed.
 12:00 M Radio test; works okay.
 1:00 PM Leckie called and said that Mr. Peterson, evidently Aunt Fannie's husband, is visiting Foster in latter's room, and in light of previous conversations between them it is possible that Peterson will take Foster for a drive in Peterson's car.
 4:25 PM Leckie called and said Foster just went out. He went over to Victoria with a suit box under his arm, and ordered a case of beer on the phone from Schwabs Drug Store to be delivered to Victoria. He then went out and walked around to the Serrano Grocery, bought a sack of groceries and returned to the Benj. Franklin at 4:40 PM.
 5:40 PM Leckie says Foster still in Benjamin Franklin.
 6:20 PM Foster went to the Victoria.
 7:40 PM Foster called a cab, he and Mrs. Robertson then went to the Nickabob for dinner, being tailed in one of the Buick Sedans. On the way back to the Victoria they stopped in an apartment about 1 1/2 blocks from the Nickabob but only stayed long enough to find there was no one at home. They returned to the Victoria at 9:07. While tailing Foster at night in a cab it is necessary to stay pretty close on his tail. If the same cab takes him often enough it is possible the cab driver may notice a buick sedan following him and it should be remembered that the Sheriff's office of Los Angeles uses these same type cars and entirely possible that cab drivers know this. If one of these cab drivers notice the Buick he may mention the fact to Foster.
 10:30 PM Foster goes to the Benjamin Franklin. McGuire radioed and Whitson notified.

3-28-36

9:45 AM Leckie phoned. Mom is sick and Foster is going to the Victoria in a few minutes to see her.
 10:40 AM Foster went into the Victoria. Osborne and Leckie called.
 10:50 AM Osborne radioed. Foster will not go to Mickey's this afternoon.
 12:40 PM Foster goes to Benj. Franklin. Leckie called and Osborne radioed.
 4:50 PM Foster goes to Victoria. Osborne radioed. Leckie notified.
 8:00 PM Foster goes to Benj. Franklin. McGuire and Whitson know it.
 10:00 PM Radio tested Okay.
 12:00 PM All is quiet. Radio tested O. K.

3-29-36

1:15 PM Radio has been working good all morning. Leckie phoned to say Foster was going to Victoria in few minutes.
 2:30 PM Foster goes to Victoria; both Victoria and Leckie notify Graystone of same.
 6:50 PM Foster went into the Benjamin Franklin.
 8:40 PM Whitson called. Heard the door to Foster's apartment close, the radio is playing and maybe someone is in there with him. McKee took a peep from the roof of the Graystone and Foster was sitting quietly by himself listening to the radio. Whitson notified of this.
 9:00 PM ~~Whitson called~~ McGuire calls from Victoria; radio working okay.
 11:40 PM Whitson called. Sounds like two women in Foster's apt. Investigation

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by Bugas determined Foster just going to bed alone. Whitson advised.

3-30-36

11:55 AM

Osborne radioed. Foster will go to Victoria about 2:00 PM. Leckie advised Graystone of this also.

1:40 PM

Foster goes to Victoria stopping on way to talk to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Haley. Osborne radioed and Leckie called.

2:00 PM

Leckie called re [REDACTED]

Leckie also says Foster is to take Mom out this afternoon. Mom is still sick and she is going to a doctor.

2:20 PM

Foster and Mom got into his car and went to the Taft Building, Vine and Hollywood Blvd., stayed about an hour, came out and went to the Cocktail Bar about three doors distance. He apparently took Mom to the Doctor. As he was with Mom and it was an innocent trip Agents Bugas and McKee left them at 4:15 PM. Upon returning to the Graystone at 5:10 PM Osborne radioed that Foster and Mom had returned to the Victoria.

9:00 PM

Foster returns to the Benjamin Franklin. Remains there rest of the evening.

3-31-36

8:30 AM

Bugas and Osborne off. McKee and Billings on.

11:00 AM

Cleaning boys came in and radio was disconnected.

12:00 M

Whitson called. Foster has made an appointment with a doctor at 1052 West 6th Street for 3:30 PM today.

12:20 PM

Apartment cleaned, radio set up and tested Okay.

12:55 PM

Whitson called and Osborne radioed that Foster was coming out of the Benjamin Franklin. He went to the barber shop on 6th Street.

2:00 PM

Radio tested Okay.

3:00 PM

Foster returned to the Victoria.

3:10 PM

Osborne radioed Foster had called a cab. He was tailed to 1052 West 6th Street, where he stayed until about 4:15 PM. He returned in another cab to the Victoria. Mr. Hanson ascertained through the Telephone Company that the telephone number called by Foster in making the appointment, Michigan 1301, is listed to Chas. F. Nelson, M. D., 7th Floor, 1052 West 6th St., and the following physicians are also listed for this number: Milton Tobias; F. J. Bauer; S. Reina; Edward H. Nippert; C. L. Mulfinger; R. F. Hastreiter; A. P. Burroughs. C. I. Monson, D. D. S., and H. E. Richard, Insurance, are also listed for this telephone number.

4:30 PM

Foster returned to Victoria.

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6:25 PM Foster and Mom walk out of Victoria and go to Wilshire Tea Room for dinner.

7:25 PM Foster and Mom returned to Victoria.

7:30 PM Bugas on. Billings off.

9:05 PM Foster returns to Benjamin Franklin. McGuire radioed. Leckie phoned. At 8:45 PM SAC Hanson telephoned re letter from Whitely, N. Y., telling of an interview between an Agent of the New York office and Ed Bentz, recently apprehended bank robbery. The letter set out that in Bentz' opinion Foster is at present the smartest crook, or retired crook, in the United States today; that he has been in crooked work for many years and has been smart enough never to allow himself to be caught and convicted; that he was one of the old school of bank men in the yegg days but was progressive enough to keep abreast of the times and change his methods accordingly; that he has put away \$75,000.00 on which he has retired at present. Furthermore, Bentz stated, Foster is the type if ever apprehended and given a chance, he will give fight and start shooting; that he is undoubtedly armed in some manner, though perhaps not presently with a machine gun. He will, according to Bentz, start shooting and fight it out rather than be caught. Hanson instructed that all Agents on this plant be instructed as to this information.

11:00 PM Radio tested Okay.

12:00 PM Whitson called and advised Foster had retired.

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8:25 AM Bugas off. Billings on.

11:40 AM Whitson phoned and advised [REDACTED]

12:00 M Radio tested Okay.

1:20 PM Osborne radioed and Whitson called re Foster will go to bank in a few minutes.

1:35 PM Foster came out of Benjamin Franklin, got his car and went to the Bank. He immediately returned to the Victoria. Office advised of this trip.

3:15 PM Foster and Mom are tailed to the Taft Building on Broadway and Vine Sts. As Foster was with Mom and driving his own car it was thought best not to wait until they came out of this building for the purpose of tailing them home. While Foster is driving his own automobile it is entirely possible he may be watching traffic out of his two rear vision mirrors and on account of this may notice the Buick which is driven by Agents. In order to follow him in heavy traffic it is necessary to stay close to him and when it was known he was in the Taft Building where Mom sees the Doctor they were tailed no further.

5:55 PM [REDACTED]

6:40 PM Foster and Mom return to the Victoria.

7:45 PM Foster and Mom leave in Cab (Yellow) No. 636 and go to Berendo Cafe, 3600 1/2 West Third St., for dinner. This is a small cafe and few customers were present. Therefore no effort was made to keep them under surveillance.

8:30 PM Foster and Mom still at the above cafe.

9:00 PM Bugas in. Billings out.

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9:20 PM McKee checks on Foster and Mom; still at Berendo Cafe.

9:45 PM "

11:55 PM Foster and Mom return to Victoria in yellow cab. Foster does not go into the Victoria but wabbles to the Benjamin Franklin noticeable drunk. McGuire radios and Leckie calls. He was tailed from Berendo Cafe to the Victoria.

4-2-36

b7c 12:30 AM Leckie called to say Foster was still up roaming around in his apartment

Also that the clerk had told him (Leckie) that Foster was pretty drunk.

LOG FOR THE VICTORIA APARTMENTS

MARCH 22, 1936 (continued)

7:00 P. M. McGuire on; Osborne off.
7:15 P. M. Radio tested. Advised that Foster returned to Benjamin Franklin Apts.
9:00 P. M. Radio tested hourly to 12 midnight.

MARCH 23, 1936:

8:10 A. M. Osborne on; McGuire off.
10:10 A. M. &
11:55 A. M. Radio tested - OK.
1:10 P. M. Foster left the Benjamin Franklin and proceeded towards West 6th St.
Radioed to the Graystone.
1:25 P. M. Foster returned to the Benjamin Franklin.
5:00 P. M. Foster left the Benjamin Franklin; entered Victoria.
7:00 P. M. McGuire on; Osborne off.
7:30 P. M. Radio tested. Foster still in the Victoria.
7:40 P. M. Foster and Mrs. Robertson left the Victoria in a Cab.
Radioed to Graystone.
9:00 P. M. Radio tested.
10:36 P. M. Foster leaves the Victoria and enters the Benjamin Franklin; radioed.
12 Midnight Radio tested.

MARCH 24, 1936:

7:55 A. M. Osborne on; McGuire off.
8:00 A. M. to
6:00 P. M. Radio tested hourly - OK.
6:15 P. M. Mrs. Robertson arrives in taxi.
6:25 P. M. Foster left the Benjamin Franklin and entered the Victoria.
6:40 P. M. McGuire on; Osborne off.

7:30 P. M. Radio tested - OK.
8:01 P. M. Foster and Mrs. Robertson leave the Victoria in a cab - radioed.
8:40 P. M. Incoming call - no answer.
9:25 P. M. Foster and Mrs. Robertson return to the Victoria in cab.
11:00 P. M. Radio tested - OK.
11:23 P. M. Foster leaves the Victoria and enters the Benjamin Franklin - radioed.
12 Midnight Radio tested - OK.

MARCH 25, 1936:

7:45 A. M. Osborne on; McGuire off.

9:00 A. M. [REDACTED]

10:06 A. M. &
12:00 Noon Radio tested - OK.

1:45 P. M. [REDACTED]

2:05 P. M. Foster left.

4:10 P. M. Foster returned in the Chevrolet and entered the Benjamin Franklin.

4:20 P. M. Foster left the Benjamin Franklin and entered the Victoria.

5:00 P. M. Radio tested - OK.

6:45 P. M. McGuire on; Osborne off.

6:50 P. M. Foster leaves the Victoria and enters the Benjamin Franklin - radioed.

7:05 P. M. [REDACTED]

8:00 P. M. to
12:00 Midnight Radio tested hourly - OK.

MARCH 26, 1936:

7:33 A. M. Mrs. Robertson called for a cab.
7:35 A. M. Mrs. Robertson leaves the Victoria.
8:00 A. M. Osborne on; McGuire off.
11:05 A. M. &
12:05 P. M. Radio tested - OK.
1:45 P. M. Foster left the Benjamin Franklin and proceeded towards 6th Street.
1:55 P. M. Foster returned to the Victoria and obtained the Chevrolet and drove off towards 6th Street. Before obtaining auto he stood in front of the Victoria for several minutes looking in the direction of 5th St. as if he expected to see someone in that direction whom he knew.
3:35 P. M. Radio tested - OK.
4:06 P. M. Foster entered the Benjamin Franklin.
7:23 P. M. Foster accompanied by two women left the Benjamin Franklin and entered the Victoria. One of the women was Mrs. Robertson but the other one was not known to this agent.
7:28 P. M. Mrs. Robertson called a cab. Shortly thereafter the three above mentioned entered the cab and drove off towards 5th Street.
7:30 P. M. McGuire on; Osborne off.
9:45 P. M. Radio tested - OK.
10:10 P. M. Foster and Mrs. Robertson return to the Victoria in cab - radioed.
10:37 P. M. Foster leaves the Victoria and enters the Benjamin Franklin - radioed.
11:15 P. M. &
12:00 Midnight Radio tested - OK.

MARCH 27, 1936:

8:00 A. M. Osborne on; McGuire off.
8:37 A. M. Mrs. Robertson orders a cab and shortly thereafter leaves in it.
10:45 A. M. to
4:00 P. M. Radio tested hourly - OK.
4:30 P. M. Foster called Schwab Pharmacy and ordered a case of beer.

6:07 PM Mrs. Robertson returned in a cab.
 6:13 PM [REDACTED]
 6:20 PM Foster left Benjamin Franklin and entered Victoria.
 7:15 PM McGuire on; Osborne off.
 7:25 PM [REDACTED] Radioed. OK.
 7:30 PM Mrs. Robertson and Foster leave Victoria in Cab.
 9:07 PM Mrs. Robertson and Foster return to the Victoria in Cab.
 9:40 PM Radio tested OK.
 10:28 PM Foster leaves Victoria and enters Benjamin Franklin. Radioed OK.
 11:30 PM Radio test.

MARCH 28, 1936

8:00 AM Osborne on. McGuire off.
 8:54 AM Mrs. Robertson left in Cab.
 9:32 AM Mrs. Robertson returns in cab.
 9:44 AM [REDACTED]

9:47 AM [REDACTED]

10:05 AM [REDACTED]

10:42 AM Foster left the Benjamin Franklin and entered the Victoria.
 10:55 AM [REDACTED]

12:30 PM Radio tested OK.
 12:36 PM Foster left Victoria and entered Benjamin Franklin.
 3:46 PM Incoming call. No answer.
 4:50 PM Foster returns to Victoria from the Benjamin Franklin.
 Radioed to Graystone.
 5:50 PM Foster ordered razor blades, Sunday morning Times and parsley from Schwab's Pharmacy.

6:45 PM McGuire on; Osborne off.
 6:50 PM Radio tested OK.
 8:00 PM Radio tested OK.
 8:03 PM Foster leaves Victoria and enters Benjamin Franklin. Radioed.
 10:00 PM Radio tested OK.
 12:00 M. Radio tested OK.

MARCH 29, 1936

8:10 AM Osborne on; McGuire off.
12:00 M Radio tested
1:05 PM [REDACTED]
2:30 PM Foster left Benjamin Franklin and entered the Victoria.
2:55 PM Foster orders a case of Beer from Schwab's Pharmacy.
5:05 PM Radio tested.
6:55 PM Foster in Benjamin Franklin. Radioed.
7:15 PM McGuire on; Osborne off.
9:00 PM to 12:00 PM Radio tested hourly OK.

March 30, 1936

8:15 AM Osborne on; McGuire off.
11:50 AM [REDACTED]
1:35 PM Foster left Benjamin Franklin and entered the Victoria, stopping en route to speak to Haley. Radioed to Graystone.
5:00 PM Foster returns in Chevrolet and enters Victoria.
5:05 PM Foster calls Benjamin Franklin and inquires for his mail. There are two letters from Ashtabula. Foster requested that Noah bring them over to 107 Victoria.
5:12 PM [REDACTED]
6:45 PM McGuire on; Osborne off.
7:00 PM Radio tested OK.
8:00 PM Foster leaves the Victoria and enters Benjamin Franklin. Radioed OK.
10:10 PM Radio tested OK.

March 31, 1936

6:00 AM Osborne on; McGuire off.
12:10 PM Radio tested.
12:50 PM Foster left Benjamin Franklin and proceeded towards W. 6th St. Radioed to Graystone.
1:42 PM [REDACTED]
3:07 PM Foster calls cab from Mrs. Robertson's apartment. Radioed.
3:12 PM Foster left in a cab.
4:24 PM Foster returned to Victoria in a taxi.

4:33 PM

[REDACTED]

6:40 PM

McGuire on; Osborne off.

7:15 PM

Radio tested OK.

9:02 PM

Foster leaves the Victoria and enters Benjamin Franklin. Radioed OK.

10:00 PM

Radio tested OK.

11:00 PM

Radio tested OK.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
April 1, 1936

Personal and Confidential

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

Dear Sir:

The Bureau will observe a carbon copy of a code telegram in the Brekid case dated April 1, 1936 from the El Paso Office to the Oklahoma City Office, and a carbon copy of a telegraphic reply from the Oklahoma City Office to the El Paso Office dated April 1, 1936, stating that the message received from El Paso was not clear. On the same date the El Paso Office advised by wire that the code message from El Paso should be decoded as per Bureau letter of March 26th.

In explanation of the above, I desire to state that during the absence of the Special Agent in Charge, a letter was received addressed to the Special Agent in Charge under personal and confidential cover. This letter was placed in the desk of the Special Agent in Charge as it was believed he would return immediately to his headquarters office. Due to the unexpected delay in the return of the Special Agent in Charge, and the telegram from the El Paso Office that its message should be decoded as per Bureau letter of March 26th, the personal and confidential letter from the Bureau to the Agent in Charge at Oklahoma City was opened and found to be instructions dated March 26, 1936, to become effective April 1, 1936, with respect to coding and decoding messages.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - El Paso.

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U. S. Department of Justice
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April 7, 1936.

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

Re: CLAYTON ALVA HALL

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith fingerprint card
of Clayton Alva Hall.

It is respectfully requested that the Chicago,
Cincinnati, and Cleveland Bureau offices be furnished
with copies of his criminal record, if any.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland

J. P. MAC FARLAND
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
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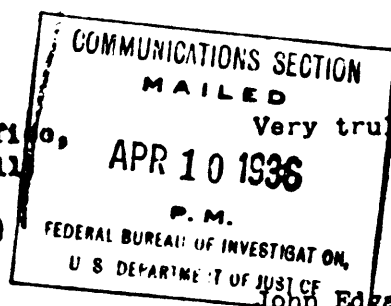
Dear Sir:

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

— Clayton Alva Hall

(CC-Bu. Office,
Chicago, Ill.)

(CC-Bureau)



Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 62-5400
J. B. DICKERSON

TITLE:

WILLIAM ELMER MEAD with aliases, I. O. 1354

CHARACTER OF CASE:

ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Addresses in New York City obtained as a result of mail going to persons living at 1724 Johnson Street, Hollywood, Fla., were checked, and no information was obtained that would lead to the location of Mead. Mr. Keegan of the Automobile Underwriters Detective Bureau, Hartford, Conn. unable to furnish any information.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York City, March 18, 1936; report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, Fla. March 19, 1936.

DETAILS:

Reference report of Special Agent Fitzsimons dated March 19, 1936, sets forth information that Mr. and Mrs. JULIAN KAUFMAN are living at 1724 Johnson Street, Hollywood, Fla., and that that address is supposed to be the headquarters for confidence men. In the above mentioned report, return addresses are listed as they appeared on mail going to 1724 Johnson Street, Hollywood, Fla. These return addresses were furnished to Agent Fitzsimons by Mr. J. R. BARNES.

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postmaster, Hollywood, Fla., and in said report various field offices are requested to make appropriate investigation of these addresses in their territory, looking toward the location of MEAD.

By letter dated March 27, 1936, the Jacksonville Office was advised by this office as to information in the file at the New York Office relative to JULIAN KAUFMAN, and also concerning an interview which was had with KAUFMAN by this writer. At the time of the interview, this Agent understood KAUFMAN to give his name as JULIUS rather than JULIAN. However, other information tends to show that his correct name is JULIAN KAUFMAN. As stated in the letter to the Jacksonville Office, KAUFMAN is a gambler known as "POTATOES," and was formerly a member of the CAPONE gang. Carbon copies of this letter to the Jacksonville Office were sent to all interested offices.

In checking the addresses listed in Agent Fitzsimons' report, the following investigation was made:

The address 1 Fifth Avenue, New York City, is an apartment hotel with over four hundred rooms. Mr. JOHN W. HEATH, manager of this apartment hotel, advised that he did not have anyone by the name of K. S. KORN living at that address. However, a Mr. ALEXANDER H. KORN and his wife have occupied an apartment there since June 1, 1935. He stated that KORN was supposed to have lived at 200 West 86th Street, New York City before moving to 1 Fifth Avenue; that according to information which he had received, KORN operates the Royal Factors Corp., a money-lending business, and has an office at 180 Madison Ave., New York City. Mr. HEATH further advised that one of the references given by Mr. KORN at the time he moved into 1 Fifth Avenue, was a Mr. ADELSON of the Manufacturers Trust Co., 34th Street and Eighth Avenue. Mr. HEATH advised that as far as he knows, KORN seems to be a respectable citizen; that he had heard that KORN'S present wife is the widow of some rich bootlegger who was killed in New Jersey a few years ago. Mr. HEATH said he did not have positive information about KORN'S wife, but had only heard the above rumor about her. Mr. HEATH further advised that Mr. and Mrs. KORN spent a month, the first of this year, in Florida. A picture of Subject MEAD was exhibited to Mr. HEATH, and he advised that he could not recall having seen a person identical with the photograph exhibited to him. Mr. HEATH was asked whether he knew the first name of KORN'S wife, and he advised that he did not.

It is noted in Agent Fitzsimons' report that mail addressed to Mrs. J. KAUFMAN, Hollywood, Fla., was from K. S. KORN, 1 Fifth Avenue, New York City. It is presumed that probably K. S. KORN is the wife of ALEXANDER H. KORN. Mr. HEATH gave the following description of KORN:

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Age	45
Height	6'
Weight	200 lbs.
Hair	Gray
Build	Heavy

Agent visited 180 Madison Avenue, and observed the following lettering on the door of Room 2207:

"Royal Factors Corporation
Bangor Mills, Inc.
Korn Brothers

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b7C



The telephone directory for the City of New York reflects that ALEXANDER H. KORN resides at 1 Fifth Avenue, and his telephone number is Gramercy 7-0276.

Mr. W. STILES KOONES, manager of the Piccadilly Hotel, 227 West 45th Street, New York City, advised that there is no person by the name of J. BORNED presently living at the Piccadilly Hotel, and that no person by that name has recently lived at the hotel, to his knowledge. Reference report of Agent Fitzsimons indicates that letters were forwarded to FRANKIE QUIRK, General Delivery, Hollywood, Fla. from J. BORNED, Piccadilly Hotel, New York City on February 24, 1936 and March 3, 1936. Mr. KOONES had the hotel register checked, and he advised that he has a Mr. J. BORNEO living at the hotel, but that the register does not show any J. BORNED as having lived at the hotel within the past year; that probably Agent was referring to Mr. BORNEO and not BORNED. He advised that Mr. J. BORNEO has lived at the Piccadilly Hotel for two or more years; that he is a salesman for toilet supplies; and that he is a man about thirty-five years of age. Mr. KOONES stated that he did not know the name of the company employing Mr. BORNEO. A picture of MEAD, on which his name did not appear, was exhibited to Mr. KOONES, and he advised that he was unable to recall having seen any person at the hotel identical with the photograph exhibited to him.

From information received from various sources, it is known that the Piccadilly Hotel is frequented by gamblers and other persons of that type, and in Agent's opinion, Mr. KOONES is not very reliable, and probably would not furnish information on MEAD if he had the same. However, at the time Agent interviewed him, he exhibited cards showing that Mr. BORNEO is living at the hotel at this time, and has been living there for some time.

Mr. TURNER, manager of the apartment house at 235 West End Avenue, New York City, advised that there are one hundred fifty apartments at that address, which are rented unfurnished on a year's lease. It was indicated in Agent Fitzsimons' report that a letter was received by JULIAN KAUFMAN, General Delivery, Hollywood, Fla., from 235 West End Avenue, New York City, on March 3, 1936. A photograph of MEAD was exhibited to Mr. TURNER, and he advised that he is sure that no person identical with the photograph exhibited, lived at 235 West End Avenue, and that he does not recall having seen such a person at the house. At the request of Agent, Mr. TURNER called in the doorman and the elevator operator, and the picture of MEAD was exhibited to them. Mr. ALEX HARTMAN, the doorman, advised that he is certain that he saw a person identical with the photograph exhibited to him, either come into, or probably pass by 235 West End Avenue several times last summer; that he has not seen this person since then. Identification Order No. 1354 issued on MEAD, was left with Mr. TURNER and Mr. HARTMAN, and they advised that they would call the New York Office in the event that they saw any person that they thought identical with the photograph of MEAD. Mr. TURNER and Mr. HARTMAN seemed

to be very conscientious, and it is thought that they will cooperate with the New York Office in this matter.

Reference report of Agent Fitzsimons indicates that a letter bearing the return address of KRASNA, 280 Riverside Drive, New York City, was received by Mrs. J. KAUFMAN, Hollywood, Fla. on February 18, 1936. Number 280 Riverside Drive is an apartment house containing about one hundred thirty apartments which are rented, unfurnished, on leases of a year or more. Agent interviewed BERNARD BOYLE, elevator operator at 280 Riverside Drive, and W. J. SMITH, doorman at that address. BOYLE advised that he has been employed there for two and a half years, and SMITH stated that he had worked there for seven years. BOYLE advised that a Mr. KRASNA has been living at 280 Riverside Drive for about six months, and that he occupies an apartment with two ladies, who he understands are sisters of Mr. KRASNA. Mr. BOYLE stated that he knew very little about Mr. KRASNA as he seldom saw him. SMITH advised that Mr. KRASNA had lived at 280 Riverside Drive for six months, and that he lives with two ladies who he understands are sisters; that one of these ladies is slightly older than Mr. KRASNA and the other slightly younger; that Mr. KRASNA appears to be a high type of man, and that he (SMITH) is of the opinion that Mr. KRASNA is a traveling salesman as he is away from the city part of the time. A picture of MEAD was exhibited to SMITH and BOYLE, and they advised that they do not recall having seen a person who resembled the photograph of MEAD.

After talking with SMITH for some time, Agent was of the opinion that SMITH could be trusted, and I.O. 1354 issued on MEAD was left with SMITH, and he promised to call the New York Office in the event he saw a person who, to his mind, resembled the photograph of MEAD. Both SMITH and BOYLE promised not to mention to anyone that Agent had interviewed them concerning this matter. SMITH gave the following description of Mr. KRASNA.

Age	35
Height	5'-8"
Weight	160 lbs.
Hair	Blond

Agent ascertained that the Mark Rafalsky Co., with offices at 2112 Broadway, New York City, has charge of the apartment house at 280 Riverside Drive.

At 2112 Broadway, New York City, Agent interviewed Mr. J. L. DESBECKER, of the Mark Rafalsky Co. Mr. DESBECKER advised that JACOB A. KRASNA has been living at 280 Riverside Drive since October 1, 1935; that the lease for the apartment is for two years at a rental of \$1,500 per year; that the lease for the apartment was

signed by HENRIETTA KRASNA; that at the time JACOB A. KRASNA rented the apartment, he gave 910 West End Avenue as his former address; that the Reliance Property Management Co. of 521 Fifth Avenue had charge of the building at 910 West End Avenue at the time Mr. KRASNA lived there. Mr. DESBECKER stated that in answer to a letter he wrote at that time to the Reliance Property Management Co., he received a letter from that company, advising that Mr. KRASNA had been a tenant there, and that he always paid his rent promptly, and never caused any trouble. Mr. DESBECKER advised that Mr. KRASNA gave the Sterling National Bank, 42nd Street and Lexington Avenue as a reference at the time that he rented the apartment at 280 Riverside Drive; that this bank advised him by letter that Mr. KRASNA had JOSEPH SHALLECK, an attorney at 1450 Broadway, New York City, had a joint account at that bank, and that Mr. KRASNA appeared to be a high type of man, and that KRASNA was associated with Mr. JOSEPH SHALLECK. Mr. DESBECKER advised that Mr. KRASNA also gave the name of the Chase National Bank at 25th Street and Broadway as a reference; that in reply to a letter from the Mark Rafalsky Co., the Chase National Bank advised that Mr. KRASNA did not have an account at that bank. Mr. DESBECKER advised that the files in his office failed to show the nature of Mr. KRASNA'S work.

Agent advised Mr. DESBECKER of the interview with Mr. SMITH, and he advised that SMITH had been with the company for seven years, and should be very reliable, and he feels sure that he can be trusted to cooperate with the Bureau.

A check of the New York City Directory for the years 1933 and 1934 listed JACOB KRASNA as living at 444 Central Park West, and his wife's name was listed as YETTA. The telephone directory for New York City lists JACOB A. KRASNA as living at 280 Riverside Drive, telephone number Riverside 9-3367.

A check was made by Agent of the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory in an effort to ascertain if Mr. KRASNA is a lawyer, but failed to find his name listed. As mentioned before in this report, the Sterling National Bank advised that Mr. KRASNA and JOSEPH SHALLECK, an attorney at 1450 Broadway, had a joint account at that bank, and it was thought that possibly Mr. KRASNA was an attorney.

As stated before in this report, information has been received that KAUFMAN is a gambler, and was formerly with the CAPONE gang. It was thought that possibly JOSEPH KRASNA is associated with this type of person, as Agent was unable to find any business with which KRASNA is connected. Agent is of the opinion that if MEAD is in contact with Mr. KRASNA at 280 Riverside Drive, New York City, that the doorman, SMITH, at that address, will notify this office.

The New York Office did not make an investigation at 25 East 86th Street, for the reason stated in the letter to the Jacksonville Office, dated March 27, 1936, that former investigation at 25 East 86th Street, disclosed that KAUFMAN had lived at that address with his wife and two children for some time, and that the mail to KAUFMAN and his wife bearing the return address of 25 East 86th Street, is probably from either KAUFMAN'S son or daughter, as they are no doubt still living at this address.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. H. Binns at Hartford, Conn. Mr. WILLIAM B. KEEGAN, investigator of the Automobile Underwriters Detective Bureau, 320 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, Conn., was furnished with specimens of MEAD'S handwriting, as mentioned in the report of this Agent, dated at New York City, February 26, 1936. Mr. KEEGAN advised Agent Binns that he does not know of any handwriting comparison departments being maintained by any of the insurance companies; that previous to Mr. JOE HARRISON'S illness, he and HARRISON used to work together in making handwriting comparisons; that the only work that they did in this regard, was to compare questionable registrations in the State of Connecticut, with specimens of the handwriting of different criminals which they happened to possess. Mr. KEEGAN further advised Agent Binns, that he had compared the specimens of MEAD'S handwriting, with questionable automobile registrations in Connecticut, but he had not found any handwriting similar to MEAD'S.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

NEW YORK OFFICE

Will make arrangements to obtain information as to the possibility of NICK THE GREEK being a contact for Subject MEAD, as set forth in the report of Special Agent T. E. Billings, Los Angeles, California, March 12, 1936.

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PHONE. BREKID. CLAYTON HALL, CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT, ADVISES KARPIS

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ET AL IN FALL OF 1935 WERE IN VICINITY OF WARSAW, TEXAS, RECALLS M.

NAME OF TOWN ONLY AFTER GOING OVER NAMES OF TOWNS STARTED WITH W. OF JUSTICE

SUBJECTS SUPPOSEDLY LEFT BLACK GREAT DANE DOG ON FARM IN THIS VICINITY. FILE

THEY DESCRIBED WARSAW AS CROSS ROAD LOCATION VERY SMALL WITH ONE SALOON

VERY TOUGH. HALL SAYS NOW THIS WAS A BARN LIKE STRUCTURE WHERE THEY ALSO

HAD DANCES. HALL WAS NEVER TO THIS PLACE, DALLAS HAS CHECKED WARSAW IN

KAUFMAN COUNTY AND WARSAW IN SAN ANTOINE COUNTY AND THEY DO NOT ANSWER

DESCRIPTION, NOR HAS A GREAT DANE BLACK DOG BEEN SEEN THERE, OR MARCON

BUICK OF KARPIS. IMMEDIATELY MAKE DETERMINED EFFORT TO LOCATE RELATIVES

GRACE GOLDSTEIN. CONFER WITH INSPECTORS HULL AND HYNES AND GET LIST

OF ALL TRACINGS THEY MADE ON HER MAIL TO DETERMINE IF ANY FROM TEXAS

PARTICULARLY, DO NOT DISCLOSE TO GRACE WHAT HALLS IN KIND AS VERY

PROBABLE SHE TOOK SUBJECTS AND LEFT HOME TO THIS LOCATION WITH DOGS

EVEN WHEN LEAVING MARCH TWENTY SIXTH. THIS PLACE MAY ALSO BE IN EITHER

ARKANSAS OR OKLAHOMA. SAN ANTONIO AND OKLAHOMA CITY SHOULD MAKE DETERMINED

CAUTIOUS DISCREET EFFORT TO LOCATE CORNELL BOWEN, ALIAS ROBINSON, ALIAS

HALL, THROUGH RELATIVES SAN ANTONIO AND DAVIDSON, OKLAHOMA. IF IT CAN

FIND PLACE REFERRED TO BY HALL SUBJECTS PROBABLY THERE. HALL SAYS PLACE

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ON FARM WHERE THEY HAD DOG WAS WITHIN FIFTY MILES OF THE TOWN. DALLAS SHOULD MAKE INQUIRY FARMS IN VICINITY PARIS, TEXAS FOR APPEARANCE OF A BLACK GREAT DANE DOG NOW OR IN FALL OF 1935. HALL DESCRIBES BROWN DOUBLE BREASTED SUIT FOUND IN WOODCOCK HOUSE AND SAYS THIS IS PROPERTY KARPIS. P. O. LAUNDRY MARK PROBABLY INDICATES ALIAS OF KARPIS, "FRANK GUTHRIE", AS PER LAUNDRY LIST FOUND IN HOUSE. CLOTHING FOUND IN WOODCOCK HOUSE ACCORDING TO HALL IS KARPIS'. POST OFFICE INSPECTOR MITTRICK HAS RETURNED HERE. GIVE ME BURGLARY ACTIVITY NOT SPRINGS.

CORNELLEY

CC - Bureau (Air mail)
Cincinnati
Chicago

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

38433

April 7, 1936.

H
Special Agent in Charge,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Referring to report of Special Agent T. G. Melvin, dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, March 31, 1936, covering investigative activities looking toward the location of Helen "Teaches" Butler, it is suggested that the investigating Agent might find it desirable at this time to approach the Butler woman, under pretext, with the objective of securing her description. It is doubted whether the photograph of Helen "Teaches" Butler can be secured in this district, consequently it is necessary for this office to know forthwith the description of Helen "Teaches" Butler, located by the reporting Agent so that it can be determined whether she is identical with the person whose location is desired.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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Edward J. Bremer

POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

38432

April 6, 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 it is requested that a thirty day cover be placed on all first class mail received by WILLIAM R. SKIMORE either at his home address, which is the Cornelia Apartments, 3500 North Lake Shore Drive, or at his office 2840 South Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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SAC DALLAS

also

PHONE. BREKID. IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER OF NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE KARPIS
AND GRACE GOLDSTEIN AND OTHERS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN AT WARSAN, SAN
AUGUSTINE COUNTY, TEXAS. WHILE THERE KARPIS ALLEGED TO HAVE GOT DRUNK
IN SALOON LOCATED TEN MILES FROM FARM WHERE THEY STOPPED. AT SAN
AUGUSTINE KARPIS' GREAT DANE DOG RAN INTO TEXAS RANGER BY NAME OF Mac
CORMICK. KARPIS IS SAID TO HAVE SMOOTHED DIFFICULTIES OUT WITH MacCORMICK
RELATIVE TO DOG RUNNING INTO HIM. AT TIME KARPIS THERE WITH GRACE GOLDSTEIN
SHE HAD IN HER POSSESSION GREEN CHEVROLET COUPE. IT BELIEVED THAT
MacCORMICK WILL RECALL INCIDENT RELATIVE TO GREAT DANE DOG RUNNING INTO
HIM AND WILL BE ABLE TO POINT OUT FARM WHERE KARPIS AND GOLDSTEIN WOMAN
STAYED. AGENT E. J. DOWD ADVISES MacCORMICK RELIABLE AND CAN BE CONFIDEN-
TIALY APPROACHED THIS MATTER. SUGGEST IMMEDIATE CONTACT MacCORMICK
AND ADDITIONAL DISCREET INVESTIGATION WARSAN WITH VIEW TO LOCATING
POSSIBLE HIDEOUT OF KARPIS THERE.

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

April 7, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: Newspaper Publicity concerning
the chartering of an airplane at
Cleveland, Ohio, on March 29, 1936,
in the Brekid case

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

Dear Sir:

As requested by the Bureau, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. J. Wynn of this office in connection with the newspaper publicity given the chartering of an airplane at Cleveland, Ohio, on March 29, 1936, for a flight to Little Rock, Arkansas, in connection with the Brekid case.

Mr. Lloyd Howard, reservation clerk, United Air Lines, Cleveland Airport, stated that he was at the United Air Lines hangar at the Cleveland Airport in the private office and that at about 11:30 p.m., March 28, 1936, he received a telephone call from a Mr. MacFarland inquiring about a chartered trip for nine men from Cleveland, Ohio to Little Rock, Arkansas; that as he recalled, Mr. MacFarland did not communicate to him the former's capacity, but did leave a telephone number, Prospect 2456, which is the number of the Cleveland Bureau office; that he, Mr. Howard, immediately contacted Mr. W. F. Schmitt, Assistant Station Manager of the hangar, and advised him of the inquiry, and Mr. Schmitt, upon ascertaining that there was no equipment available, called Mr. E. J. Galbos, the local traffic manager, and advised Mr. Galbos of the inquiry, furnishing the latter with Mr. MacFarland's name and telephone number; and approximately one-half hour later Mr. Galbos called Mr. Howard on the telephone and advised him that the inquiry had come from the Department of Justice and dictated a radiogram to Mr. Howard to be sent to Mr. Ireland, the General Traffic Manager at Chicago, Illinois, requesting Mr. Ireland to advise with reference to the available equipment at Chicago; that Mr. Schmitt was present and upon seeing the contents of the radiogram, especially the mention of the Department of Justice, talked over the telephone and suggested to Mr. Galbos that, undoubtedly, this was a confidential matter, and suggested that it was undesirable to send such information over the air and suggested that Mr. Galbos call Mr. Ireland at Chicago by long distance telephone; that later Mr. Galbos called Mr. Howard and advised him, Mr. Howard, that the United Air Lines would be unable to furnish

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the plane for the trip, inasmuch as the cost from Cleveland, Ohio, to Little Rock, Arkansas, would be \$965 with a \$200 additional charge for ferrying the equipment from Chicago, Illinois, and, further, that it was uncertain that the equipment could be gotten to Cleveland in sufficient time.

Mr. Howard stated that he remained at the airport until about 2:00 a.m., and he discussed this matter with no one except Mr. Schmitt and Mr. Galbos; that, however, before he left the airport he ascertained from the conversation with Mr. Galbos that arrangements had been made by Mr. Galbos with the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation, whereupon the latter secured the trip for a sum considerably less than that quoted by the United Air Lines.

Mr. W. F. Schmitt, Assistant Station Manager, United Air Lines hangar, Cleveland Airport, stated that Mr. Lloyd Howard at about 11:30 p.m. on March 28, 1936, advised him that a Mr. MacFarland had called concerning a trip to Little Rock, Arkansas; that, as he recalled, Mr. Howard advised him that five men were to take the trip; that he did not at that time appreciate the fact that it was the Department of Justice which had made inquiry; that he, upon ascertaining there was no equipment available, called Mr. O. S. Pierce, Assistant Superintendent, by telephone, and the latter suggested that he call Mr. E. J. Galbos, the local traffic representative, which he did, furnishing Mr. Galbos with Mr. MacFarland's name and telephone number; that later, Mr. Galbos called back and dictated a radiogram to Mr. Howard addressed to Mr. Ireland, the general traffic manager at Chicago, said radiogram containing the information that the Department of Justice was endeavoring to charter a plane to Little Rock, Arkansas, and requested Mr. Ireland to advise whether or not Chicago could furnish the equipment; that upon seeing the name of the Department of Justice, he, Mr. Schmitt, realized that undoubtedly the matter was of a confidential nature, whereupon he suggested to Mr. Galbos that it would be unwise to send such confidential information over the air and at the same time suggested that Mr. Galbos contact Mr. Ireland by long distance telephone, which suggestion was agreeable to Mr. Galbos; that at about this time Mr. Ralph Grospitch, Assistant Station Manager, who works the last shift, came on duty, and he was advised by Mr. Schmitt of the prospective chartered trip. However, Mr. Schmitt did not advise Mr. Grospitch that the matter was extremely confidential, although he, Schmitt, at that time had discussed the confidential nature of the trip with Mr. Galbos and the latter had impressed upon Mr. Schmitt the necessity of keeping the identity of the party who was chartering the plane, a secret; that he left the United Air Lines hangar about 1:00 a.m., at which time it was still uncertain as to whether or not the United Air Lines would be able to furnish the chartered plane; that he at no time discussed this matter with any outside persons and that, as a matter of fact, discussed this only with Messrs. O. S. Pierce and E. J. Galbos over

telephone and with Mr. Lloyd Howard and Mr. Ralph Grospitch personally.

Mr. O. S. Pierce, Assistant Superintendent, advised that, as he recalled, between 11:00 p.m. and 11:59 p.m., March 28, 1936, Mr. W. F. Schmitt called him at his home by telephone, at which time Mr. Schmitt stated that the Department of Justice had just called with reference to chartering a plane from Cleveland, Ohio to Little Rock, Arkansas, and that inasmuch as there was no equipment available at Cleveland, Mr. Pierce was being called for instructions; that he instructed Mr. Schmitt to call Mr. E. J. Galbos and put the proposition up to him. In this connection, contrary to the statement of W. F. Schmitt, as set out above, it is to be noted that Mr. Pierce is of the opinion that Mr. Schmitt mentioned the Department of Justice on the occasion of his call to Mr. Pierce, and, as will be set out later, it is Mr. E. J. Galbos' recollection when he was first called on this matter that he was told Mr. MacFarland represented some government agency.

Mr. E. J. Galbos, local traffic manager for the United Air Lines, advised that shortly after 11:30 p.m., March 28, 1936, he was called at his home by the reservation clerk, whom he thought to be either Mr. Ward or Mr. Foy. However, investigation in this matter established that it was, in fact, Mr. Lloyd Howard who called him. He stated that the reservation clerk advised him that Mr. MacFarland, Prospect 2456, representing a government agency, had just called making inquiry with reference to a chartered trip from Cleveland, Ohio to Little Rock, Arkansas, but there was no equipment available; that at that point Mr. W. F. Schmitt, the assistant station manager, came on the telephone and informed him that there was no equipment available; that he, at that time, dictated a radiogram to the reservation clerk to be sent to Mr. Ireland, General Traffic Manager at Chicago, to be held in abeyance, however, until Mr. Galbos verified the identity of the person who called to charter the plane; that he, Mr. Galbos, came to the Cleveland office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and talked with Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland, at which time it was impressed upon him by Mr. MacFarland that the matter was of a confidential nature; that he then proceeded to the downtown office of the United Air Lines, which was closed, and opened it up and used the telephone there to call the airport and talked further about equipment to Mr. Schmitt and instructed Mr. Schmitt to forget about the radiogram, whereupon he, Mr. Galbos, called Mr. Ireland, the general traffic manager at Chicago, about equipment. It was decided that equipment could be furnished by Chicago at a cost of \$200 for the ferry charge, but it was doubtful if it could be secured in sufficient time to meet Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland's request that the equipment be available at 2:30 a.m., inasmuch as there was not a crew readily available at Chicago; that he called Mr. MacFarland and informed him that the charge for the trip would be \$965 from Cleveland to Little Rock, Arkansas, with a \$200 additional charge for ferrying the equipment from Chicago to Cleveland, and also it was doubtful just when the equipment would be in Cleveland from Chicago; that realizing that the trip was presumably an expeditious one,

he suggested to Mr. MacFarland that he, Galbos, could possibly make arrangements with the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation, and upon being advised by Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland that this would be satisfactory, he called Mr. E. C. Sundorph at the latter's home by telephone and advised him that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was interested in chartering an airplane from Cleveland, Ohio to Little Rock, Arkansas; that Mr. Sundorph agreed to furnish an airplane for this trip at a cost of one dollar per mile; that at the time he called Mr. Sundorph he impressed upon the latter that the trip was an extremely confidential one and that the details with reference to it should be guarded very carefully; that he, Mr. Galbos, then called Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland and advised him that Mr. Sundorph had been contacted with reference to the trip and had agreed to make it and that he further at that time told Mr. J. P. MacFarland that Mr. Sundorph had been instructed that the trip was of an extremely confidential nature.

Mr. Galbos advised that he at no time discussed the incident with any outside sources and could offer no explanation for the leak in the information concerning the chartering of the plane other than that there was a possibility that some minor employee in the service at the United Air Lines hangar at the airport in some manner learned of the chartered trip and the identity of the passengers.

Mr. Galbos advised that the newspapers had never made any inquiry of him with reference to the matter and also that he, after receiving inquiry with reference to the chartered plane at no time appeared at the airport in connection with the matter.

Mr. Ralph Grospitch, Assistant Station Manager, United Air Lines, supervises the operations of the United Air Lines planes in their hangar at the Cleveland Airport on the last night shift, beginning work at 12:01 a.m. He stated that on the occasion of his relieving Mr. W. F. Schmitt at 12:01 a.m. on March 29th, 1936, he was advised by Mr. Schmitt there was a prospect for the United Air Lines to secure a chartered trip for the Department of Justice from Cleveland, Ohio to Little Rock, Arkansas, proving satisfactory arrangements could be perfected whereby equipment could be ferried in from Chicago; that although Mr. W. F. Schmitt advised him that the Department of Justice was negotiating for the chartered plane, Mr. Schmitt did not impress upon him the fact that the trip was of a confidential nature; that, however, as a matter of company policy, he understood the rules of the company to be that any inquiry for a chartered plane or, as a matter of fact, any details with reference to the company's business was confidential matter and not to be disclosed to outside persons; that he in his capacity as assistant station manager did not consider such an inquiry with reference to a chartered plane was any matter to be disseminated among minor employees, inasmuch as it constituted a business deal of the United Air Lines in which such employees could have no primary interest; that he was finally advised by Mr. Lloyd Howard, the reservation clerk, that Mr. Galbos had called advising that the United Air Lines would not be able to make the chartered trip because of inability to have equip-

ment ferried from Chicago in time, and that arrangements had been made through Mr. Grospitch with the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation whereby the latter was to furnish the chartered plane to fly the Department of Justice agents from Cleveland to Little Rock, Arkansas. It was his understanding that the United Air Lines wanted approximately \$1200 to make the trip but that the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation agreed to make the trip at a sum considerably less, and, as best he recalled, this sum was about \$800; that about 2:40 a.m. on March 29th, 1936, Mr. Emory Martin and Mr. E. D. Gray, pilots for the United Air Lines, arrived at the Cleveland Airport on transport planes; that he visited the coffee shoppe of the airport terminal with the said pilots, at which time he noticed a group of some six or seven men leaving the coffee shoppe and also at this time observed Mr. E. C. Sundorph and his pilot dressed in uniforms leaving the coffee shoppe; that the group of men and the fact that Sundorph and his pilot were dressed in uniforms caused some comment among himself and the two pilots: Martin and Gray; that he, Gray and Martin sat down and had something to eat, at which time he noticed a newspaper reporter sitting nearby; namely, Mr. J. D. Hartshorn of the Cleveland Plain Dealer; that he, Mr. Grospitch, and the two pilots discussed the fact that the men who had left the coffee shoppe as they entered were Department of Justice agents and that they were to leave the Cleveland Airport in a chartered plane of the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation, and it was further discussed that the United Air Lines had first been contacted with reference to this chartered plane but had been unable to furnish it. Mr. Grospitch did not directly admit that he first gave this information to the two pilots: Martin and Gray, but stated that the above discussion was had with the pilots; however, he could not recall whether he first gave them the information or whether they received it from some other source.

However, he did state that the two pilots, Martin and Gray, were at the Cleveland Airport but a matter of some minutes before he visited the coffee shoppe with them. He stated further that the newspaper reporter, J. D. Hartshorn, after the group of men had left the coffee shoppe continued to sit at the counter; however, he expressed the opinion that Mr. Hartshorn was not within hearing distance of the conversation had between Grospitch and the two pilots, Martin and Gray. However, Mr. Grospitch stated that before he left the coffee shoppe he did walk over and have a few words with the newspaper reporter, but denied that he furnished any information to this newspaper reporter with reference to the chartering of the plane for the trip to Little Rock or the identity of the parties who were to proceed on the chartered trip. He further stated that he did have a few words with Mr. E. C. Sundorph regarding the "bad head winds".

Mr. Grospitch was interrogated as to whether or not he considered it discreet to discuss a matter of business details concerning negotiations for a chartered trip by the Department of Justice with the United Air Lines, such a matter as should be discussed with him and by him with pilots of the United Air Lines who arrived at the airport after he, Mr. Grospitch, was

fully cognizant of the fact that the trip was to be made by the Department of Justice.

As stated hereinbefore, he advised that such a matter was not a proper one to discuss with any other than the officials of the firm. In this respect he could offer no logical reason for his discussion of the matter in the coffee shoppe at a time when the newspaper reporter was sitting at the counter. In this connection he advised that he was fully cognizant of the rules of the company, which prohibited employees of the company furnishing outsiders with information concerning the identity of passengers or details of the company's business.

Mr. E. D. Gray, a pilot of the United Air Lines, stated that he arrived at the airport at 2:40 a.m. on March 29, 1936, at which time he after unloading passengers proceeded immediately to the United Air Lines hangar; that from someone connected with the United Air Lines, the identity of whom he could not recall, advised him that the Department of Justice had been negotiating to charter a plane from the United Air Lines for the purpose of making a flight from Cleveland, Ohio, to some point in the southwest; that he understood from this individual that the approximate price to be charged by the United Air Lines was to be \$1200; that he recalled visiting the coffee shoppe in the airport terminal with Mr. Emory Martin, another pilot, but could not recall specifically any other member of the United Air Lines as being present at that time, although he stated there was a possibility that Mr. Ralph Grospitch was present in the coffee shoppe; that as he and Mr. Martin entered the coffee shoppe he noticed a group of men leaving there and also observed Mr. E. C. Sundorph and the latter's pilot dressed in uniforms, which fact further confirmed the information he had received from the United Air Lines hangar to the effect that there was a chartered trip in progress; that his information from the United Air Lines hangar was to the effect that Sundorph was to make the flight. He also recalled there was some discussion with reference to the "bad head winds" that would be encountered on the trip.

Mr. Gray was asked as to whether or not details with reference to chartered planes was a matter of common gossip among employees of the United Air Lines, and he advised that, naturally, a chartered trip created some curiosity around an airport; that if a person was curious enough and ask enough questions, he could, undoubtedly, find out about the trip. In this connection he advised that he ascertained from some person, as stated above, whose identity he cannot recall, in the United Air Lines hangar, that the reason the United Air Lines could not charter the trip was due to the fact that there was no equipment at Cleveland, Ohio, and it would be necessary to ferry equipment from Chicago.

He advised that he forgot the incident and talked about it to no other persons and is positive he talked with no newspaper men with reference to the trip.

Effort has been made to contact Mr. Emory Martin. However, efforts have been unsuccessful due to the pressure of other investigation at Cleveland in connection with the Brekid case.

Mr. Jack Heirlhy, Superintendent for the United Air Lines, Cleveland Airport, Cleveland, Ohio, was contacted with reference to this matter, and he advised that he was out of town at the time negotiations for the trip were in progress and had no first-hand information with reference to it. He did state, however, that the rules and regulations of the United Air Lines specifically provide that employees are to keep business matters confidential, especially with reference to the identity of persons traveling on their lines and chartering planes; that, of necessity, the assistant station manager must know of the chartered trips in order to supervise the equipment; that he would consider it very indiscreet for any assistant station manager to discuss the details of any trip with any minor employees in the service of the United Air Lines.

In this regard it was brought to his attention that Mr. Ralph Grospitch and the two pilots: E. D. Gray and Emory Martin, discussed the matter of the chartered trip and the identity of the persons making the trip at a time that Mr. Grospitch was fully cognizant of the fact that the Department of Justice was making the trip, and this discussion took place among Mr. Grospitch and the two pilots; Martin and Gray, at about 2:40 a.m., which was very shortly after the two pilots arrived at the Cleveland Airport on transport planes, and he was asked whether or not he considered such action on the part of Mr. Grospitch in discussing this matter with pilots who had just arrived in conformity with the company's policy of keeping matters confidential, to which Mr. Heirlhy replied in the negative. He further advised that he was very much concerned over this situation, but could offer no explanation or excuse for the matter leaking out. In this regard it was specifically pointed out to Mr. Heirlhy that the morning edition of the Cleveland Plain Dealer on Monday, March 30, 1936, carried the story with reference to the chartered plane in some detail: that is to say, the newspaper article stated that the Department of Justice was reported to have made negotiations for the trip; that the United Air Lines was first contacted, but had no equipment available at Cleveland, but the United Air Lines had contacted their Chicago headquarters for equipment and that the price for the trip by United Air Lines from Cleveland to Little Rock, Arkansas, would be \$1200; and, further, this newspaper story stated that arrangements had finally been made with the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation for the plane at a cost of \$865. Mr. Heirlhy when confronted with this situation stated that it certainly appeared that the newspaper account had certain details which indicated that they had some direct information concerning the details of the trip and that it rather indicated that the information came through the United Air Lines.


In connection with the prices for the trip, as quoted in the newspaper account, it was observed that they are incorrect; however, they are approximately correct.

In this regard Mr. E. J. Galbos in his interview stated that when he called Mr. E. C. Sundorph on the telephone with reference to the trip asked Mr. Sundorph what he would charge for the trip, and the latter advised that the plane could be chartered for \$1.00 per mile, which price would amount to \$804. However, he stated that he at no time advised Mr. E. C. Sundorph as to the price to be charged by the United Air Lines and that, therefore, Mr. E. C. Sundorph was not in a position to know the price quoted by the United Air Lines.

Mr. E. C. Sundorph was contacted when he again stated, as set out in a letter to the Director from the Cleveland office, dated April 3d, 1936, that he did not furnish information with reference to the trip to any newspaper representative; that his employees were not cognizant of the fact that the Department of Justice was entering into negotiations for the trip; that upon leaving the Cleveland Airport he logged out for Louisville, Kentucky, on instructions received from Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland.

As indicated in the letter of April 3, 1936, referred to, contact has been made by Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland and Special Agent E. J. Wynn with the employees of the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation concerning the matter of the leak in information about the chartered trip, but said employees were unable to furnish any information as to the source of the leak. With respect to this the press release as it appeared in the Cleveland Plain Dealer indicated that the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation had been contacted by representatives of the press but had advised the press that they knew nothing with reference to the trip.

Very truly yours,


J. P. MAC FARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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April 22, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Newspaper publicity concerning
the chartering of an airplane at
Cleveland, Ohio, on March 29, 1936,
for a trip to Little Rock, Arkansas,
in connection with Brekid case.

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Miss Gandy

The Cleveland Office conducted an investigation for the purpose of determining the source from which the newspapers learned of the chartering of a plane in Cleveland, Ohio, on March 29, 1936, for a trip to Little Rock, Arkansas.

It was ascertained by the Cleveland Office that Special Agent in Charge MacFarland made an inquiry by telephone of Lloyd Howard, Reservation Clerk, United Air Lines, Cleveland Airport, about 11:30 P.M., on March 28, 1936, concerning a chartered trip for nine men from Cleveland, Ohio, to Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. Howard, who stated that MacFarland did not communicate to him his official capacity, immediately contacted Mr. W. F. Schmitt, Assistant Station Manager of the Airport, advising him of the inquiry. Mr. Schmitt, upon ascertaining that there was no equipment available, contacted the local Traffic Manager, Mr. E. J. Galbos, who called at the Cleveland Bureau Office and talked with Special Agent in Charge MacFarland about the proposed trip, at which time Mr. MacFarland impressed upon him the fact that the matter was of a confidential nature. Mr. Galbos then called the General Traffic Manager, a Mr. Ireland, at Chicago, Illinois, about securing the equipment, having previously intended to send a radiogram, which was cancelled upon the suggestion of Mr. W. F. Schmitt because he stated he realized the confidential nature of the matter, and who suggested to Mr. Galbos that it be transacted by long distance telephone.

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At this time Mr. Ralph Grospitch, Assistant Station Manager, came on duty and he was informed of the proposed trip by Mr. Schmitt. However, according to Mr. Schmitt he did not advise Mr. Grospitch that the matter was extremely confidential, although he had in his discussion with other persons impressed upon them the necessity of keeping the identity of the party chartering the plane a secret.

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It was later ascertained that the equipment could not be secured from Chicago in time by the United Air Lines and, accordingly, Mr. Galbos suggested to Special Agent in Charge MacFarland that possibly arrangements could be made with the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation for the trip, and this was later done.

Mr. Grospitch was interviewed by a Special Agent, at which time he stated that Mr. Schmitt did not impress upon him the fact that the trip was of a confidential nature; that, however, as a matter of Company policy he understood the rules of the Company to be that any inquiry for a chartered plane was a confidential matter and was not to be disclosed to outside persons. Mr. Grospitch was also aware of the arrangements which had been made with the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation and he understood that the United Air Lines asked \$1200.00 whereas the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation agreed to make the trip for \$800.00.

Mr. Grospitch advised that about 2:40 A.M. on March 29, 1936, two pilots of the United Air Lines, Emory Martin and E. D. Gray, arrived at the Cleveland Airport on transport planes. At this time he, Mr. Grospitch, visited the coffee shop at the Terminal with these men, at which time he noticed a group of six or seven men leaving the shop and also observed Mr. E. C. Sundorph and his pilot. He stated that the fact that Mr. Sundorph and his pilot were dressed in uniforms caused some comment between the two pilots. Grospitch, Gray and Martin discussed the fact that the men with Mr. Sundorph and his pilot were Department of Justice Agents and that they were leaving the Cleveland Airport in a chartered plane of the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation. They further discussed the fact that the United Air Lines had been contacted first with reference to the chartered plane but had been unable to furnish it.

Mr. Grospitch stated that when he first entered the coffee shop he had noticed a newspaper reporter sitting near-by, namely, Mr. J. D. Hartshorn of the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Mr. Grospitch did not directly admit that he first gave information concerning this trip to the two pilots, Martin and Gray, but did admit a discussion with them, claiming he could not recall whether he first gave them the information or whether they had received it from some other source. He expressed the opinion that Hartshorn was not within hearing distance of the conversation he had with the two pilots. However, Mr. Grospitch stated

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that before he left the coffee shop he did walk over and have a few words with the newspaper reporter, but denied that he furnished any information to him with reference to the chartering of the plane. He further stated that he talked with Mr. Sundorph regarding the "bad head winds".

Mr. Grospitch was asked whether he considered it discreet to discuss a matter of business details concerning negotiations for a charter plane by the Department of Justice with pilots of the United Air Lines, after he, Grospitch, was fully cognizant of the fact that the trip was to be made by representatives of the Department of Justice. He admitted such a matter was not a proper one to discuss with any other than the officials of the firm, and could offer no logical reason for his discussion of the matter in the coffee shop at a time when a newspaper reporter was present.

Mr. E. D. Gray, one of the pilots, stated he was positive he had talked with no newspaper men concerning the trip.

Mr. Jack Heirlhy, Superintendent for the United Air Lines, Cleveland Airport, was also contacted, at which time he stated that the rules and regulations of the United Air Lines specifically provide that employees are to keep business matters confidential, especially with reference to the identity of persons traveling on their lines and chartering planes. It was brought to his attention that this matter had been discussed by Mr. Grospitch and the two pilots in the presence of a newspaper reporter. Mr. Heirlhy stated he was very much concerned over the situation, but could offer no explanation or excuse for the matter leaking out. It was specifically called to his attention that the morning edition of the Cleveland Plain Dealer on Monday, March 30, 1936, carried the story with reference to the chartered plane in some detail, the newspaper article stating that the Department of Justice was reported to have made negotiations for the trip, that the United Air Lines was first contacted but inasmuch as the equipment was not available at Cleveland and the Chicago Office could not furnish it for less than \$1200.00 arrangements had finally been made with officials of the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation for the plane at a cost of \$800.00. It was pointed out to Mr. Heirlhy that while there were some minor discrepancies in the newspaper account, certain details therein indicated that the newspaper had direct information concerning the trip and further indicated that the information came from the United Air Lines.

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It appears that there is no question that the person responsible for the publicity in this matter was Mr. Ralph Grospitch, the Assistant Station Manager of the United Air Lines at the Cleveland Airport.

A letter addressed to the President of the United Air Lines calling his attention to this matter is attached for your consideration and approval.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth
P. E. Foxworth.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
April 4, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE:

I am advised that the current complete description of subject Alvin Karpis is as follows:

Age - Appears to be 25 or 26
Height - Appears to be 5'10" or 11"
Weight - 135 to 140 pounds
Complexion - Light olive, fair
Beard - Light, as stubble
Hair - Muddy blonde (combed straight back)
Medium low sideburns
Eyebrows - Regular, no scars noticeable over eyes
Eyes - Bluish gray, 3" distance between eyes and brows
Teeth - Regular; repair work noticeable in front
Ears - Nothing unusual noticed about ears; no scars
Face - Regular, nose not too large; ears appear to be pointed
Medium length neck. No prominent Adam's apple. Most resembles Kansas St. Pen. photo #1539. Size of neck 14".
Cheek bones medium high. No scars noticed on face, neck, or head. No moles. Mouth - has small lips, thin; downward droop at corners.
Arms - Long slender hands, small effeminate; nails well kept and clean.
Shoulders - Slightly stooped and round; walks with fast, long steps, and slouches.
Stomach - Flat; belt size 32; large hips.
Dress - Wears size 7 hat, usually blue or brown snap brim felt; wears three-piece suit, blue, gray, or brown double-breasted, always well pressed; white shirt, soft collar, multi-colored ties, four-in-hand. Sometimes wears cowhide lumber jacket with zipper. Never been seen wearing gloves. Carries extra suit, clean underwear and shirts in black Gladstone bag. Carries light brown zipper bag under left arm.
Speech - Natural, soft voice, uses fairly good English, good conversationalist, never calls person by correct name, refers to person by some place or incident.
Jewelry - Wears fair size solitaire diamond ring in gold mounting on ring finger of left hand. Square gold wrist watch, leather band, left wrist.

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Habits - Smokes Chesterfield cigarettes (one pack per day); drinks canned beer and expensive whiskey; gets drunk; never talks when drunk. Does not use narcotics. Reads all newspapers, buys large number at a time. Reads Argosy, Western Story, Detective Story, and True Story Magazines. Goes to movies frequently; any type show. Goes to night clubs; does not dance, but sits and drinks. Actions natural; drinks beer and whiskey straight. Desires female company regularly and likes to man them. Gambles - dice and poker, especially with friends. Favorite is dice. Favorite foods - steaks and chops and all vegetables. Usually stays at tourist camps when traveling. Stops frequently at beer joints along road while traveling and at rest rooms. Likes fishing and hunting. Likes Plymouth and Buick automobiles, blue or black. Good automobile driver; drives fast. Now drives a 1936 red Buick sedan, Arkansas 1936 tag in name of C. G. Sullivan, radio in car. Is poor shot with .22 rifle. (Informant thinks he carries .45 auto-loading pistol in zipper bag.) Cleans teeth and bathes regularly. No venereal disease of any kind apparent. Likes baseball and boxing. Interested in Joe Lewis, and attends boxing matches.

Hearing - Good

Eyeight - Good (wears gold frame, rimless, octagon glasses at all times.)

W. BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Dennis	Perry
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DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ^{FILE}~~DIRECTOR~~

Re: Dr. Joseph P. Moran

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A letter was addressed to Mr. Ladd, in Chicago, in the Bremer case to the effect that handwriting specimens of Dr. Robert Orville Ormiston have been conclusively identified as being identical with the handwriting specimens of "Doc" Moran in this case. Inasmuch as the investigation at the time the laboratory report was submitted disclosed rather conclusively that Ormiston is not, in fact, "Doc" Moran, it was thought inadvisable to send this laboratory report to the field and, accordingly, this report was held until Ormiston's exact identity had been determined. The results of the investigation to this end revealed that in the latter part of August of 1934 Bruno Austin proceeded to Toledo, Ohio with Bryan Bolton and that he there became acquainted with Ted and Bert Angus; however, he did not know them very well. Austin and Bolton stayed in Toledo probably one week or more and during that time resided at a cottage owned by Bert Angus, which was located about twelve miles out of Toledo on Lake Erie. During this time Bolton and Austin saw members of the Barker-Karpis gang occasionally and investigation conducted at this point shows that members of the Barker-Karpis gang were in this vicinity from March of 1934 to the latter part of September, 1934. Russell Gibson, according to Bruno Austin, resided in a hotel in Toledo, Ohio.

One evening while Bolton, Russell Gibson, "Doc" Barker and "Doc" Moran were together they all proceeded to a tavern located in a downtown hotel section. At this point, the description of the tavern should be noted because it conforms to descriptions related by other persons in the gang who stated they believed "Doc" Moran was "thrown to the fishes" in Lake Erie. A bar extended on the left-hand side of the tavern and many tables were placed on a dance floor in the rear. On this occasion all the members of the gang were drinking and "Doc" Moran became intoxicated to such a point that he was unable to stand on his own feet. During the course of the evening conversation was directed to "Doc" Moran and his intoxicated condition was commented upon. It was recalled that "Doc" Barker mentioned that the gang would take care of "Doc" Moran and both

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Russell Gibson and "Doc" Barker spoke of "pushing", meaning to kill, "Doc" Moran in some manner. They spoke of getting a rope or wire and fastening a concrete block about the body of "Doc" Moran and it was Bruno Austin's recollection that the concrete block was to have been obtained from the tavern owner. About 11:00 P.M. Gibson and "Doc" Barker left the tavern with "Doc" Moran. Bolton and Austin remained about one-half hour and then returned to Bert Angus' cottage outside of Toledo, Ohio about 5:00 A.M. The following morning, Gibson and Barker came to the cottage, Barker's explanation of the wet clothing that he had on at the time of his return, as related to Austin, was that while he and Gibson were out in a boat it became very rough and during the course of this trip he had gotten "soaked" with water. During the course of the conversation Barker mentioned that he and Gibson had taken care of "Doc" Moran.

On March 14, 1935, Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, in his letter of that date, related an interview had with Bert Angus at Toledo, Ohio. Angus is a gambler and racketeer of Toledo, Ohio and efforts were made at this interview to obtain information relative to the whereabouts of the remaining members of the gang. During the course of the interview, "Doc" Moran was referred to. Angus states that on the night "Doc" Moran apparently disappeared, he recalled that he went to his cottage at Lake Erie and that when he left the Little Casino Club, which is owned by the Angus brothers, there was some discussion concerning "Doc" Barker, Slim Gray and "Doc" Moran. Angus states that this occasion was the last time he saw "Doc" Moran and he fixes this time as being the early summer of 1934. It should be noted that at this time Angus operated Middle Island and also stated that Ollie Berg, Russell Gibson and "Doc" Barker had considered buying Ted's power boat. These persons went out to look at the power boat and Ted took them to Middle Island; however, the sale was not completed.

Information concerning "Doc" Moran has also been furnished by John DeCoursey, an Attorney at Law who defended Arthur Barker during the Bremer trial at St. Paul in the Spring of 1935 and who is the subject of a recent memorandum submitted concerning his efforts to obtain leniency for Harry Sawyer. DeCoursey mentioned to "Doc" Barker that "Doc" Moran might be in a position to testify against him, Barker. The latter stated that Moran was one person who would not be able to do any testifying. DeCoursey advised that this statement was made to him in such a manner that it led him to the conclusion that Doctor Moran was dead. DeCoursey stated that Barker did not definitely state that Moran was dead, but that had he said so, in fact, it would not have been any more convincing than what was said to him and the manner

in which it was said.

Edna Murray, who was interviewed at the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, has also advised relative to "Doc" Moran. She has stated that a few days after May 24, 1934 she was visited at the Casino Club in Toledo, Ohio by "Doc" Moran, Fred Barker and Slim Gibson; that Moran was doing a considerable amount of drinking; that at this time Moran suggested the possibility of operating upon the fingertips of Bill Weaver, it being noted that Weaver had been previously reluctant to have his fingerprints changed by Doctor Moran; that Moran asserted Weaver was yellow; that at this time Moran became unduly loud and was cautioned by Fred Barker to keep quiet and stop drinking. Moran, however, continued to drink, whereupon Fred Barker told him that he, Moran, was nothing but a drunkard and the gang was sorry they had anything to do with him. "Doc" Moran then became boisterous and remarked "What are you trying to do, bawl me out. You fellows got me in this trouble and now I got all of you in the palm of my hand". Then Fred Barker winked at Edna Murray and Slim and put his arm around Moran's shoulders and said "Never mind 'Doc' you are a little tight - what you need is a boat ride". Subsequently, "Doc" Moran, accompanied by Fred and Slim left the Casino Club and Edna Murray observed them drive away in Fred Barker's Ford sedan. She never saw Moran after that.

Subsequent to this incident a few days later, Edna Murray talked to "Doc" Barker, at which time he was having trouble with an infection in his face as a result of a facial operation and remarks were made concerning the poor work "Doc" Moran had done, at which time "Doc" Barker made the remark that he, "Doc" Moran, would not do any more cutting up; that the "Fishes" had him. Edna Murray stated that a few days later she visited with Fred Barker. They talked about her needed operation [redacted] at which time they discussed "Doc" Moran, whereupon Fred Barker remarked "he is not cutting up any more people". She also stated that during the course of the Bremer trial in St. Paul, there were conversations between "Doc" Barker and his lawyer, DeCoursey, with regard to the death of Doctor Moran. She stated that the operations upon the faces of the members of the gang had not been a success and that she had often heard members of the gang suggest disposing of Doctor Moran. b7c

Elmer Farmer was likewise interviewed on the subject of "Doc" Moran and stated that while he and "Doc" Barker were on trial in St. Paul, "Doc" Barker on one occasion mentioned, when "Doc" Moran's name came up, that Willie Harrison and "Doc" Moran were two persons who would never take the stand against them.

Prior to receipt of the aforementioned information, [redacted] a confidential informant of the Chicago Office, obtained information from Edith Berry, a Toledo contact for Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, to the effect that "Doc" Moran is presently hiding out in Guadalupe, Mexico, which town is located in the mountains near Mexico City, Mexico. Edith Berry disclosed [redacted] that the "boys", meaning Karpis and Campbell, are out to "get" "Doc" Moran since he has absconded with \$20,000 of their money. Reports have been current to the effect that "Doc" Moran is dead and it is recalled that Volney Davis has informed Bureau Agents that Moran was killed in Toledo, Ohio by "Doc" Barker and Russell Gibson, at which time his body was thrown in Lake Erie. However, Jimmy Wilson furnished information to the effect that the last time Wilson and "Doc" Barker saw Moran was in Detroit, Michigan at a night club, at which time Moran was associating with a woman and had two transportation tickets in his possession; that at this time Moran told Wilson and "Doc" Barker that he had two tickets and was going some place far away, but would not tell anyone where he was going. For this reason, some credence should be given to the information obtained by [redacted] from Edith Berry.

In view of the fact that there was no such town as previously mentioned in Mexico, the matter was discussed with [redacted] and he stated that he believed the Mexican town referred to by Edith Berry as the place where Moran is located was Guadalajara; however, in the light of the information furnished, the San Antonio Office was directed to disregard the Bureau's request to conduct investigation in Mexico in an effort to locate "Doc" Moran. This request was directed to the San Antonio Office on November 1, 1935.

On November 11, 1935, as reflected in the report of Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni, Aberdeen, South Dakota, information was obtained that one Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston was admitted to a transient camp at Fargo, North Dakota in June of 1935 and was later transferred to a transient camp at Cando, North Dakota. He was identified by numerous persons as being identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran. Handwriting specimens were obtained and forwarded to the Technical Laboratory for examination. It was stated by persons at Langdon, North Dakota that Moran had been at a transient camp all summer and that he had left town the latter part of August or the first of September.

During the course of the investigation conducted in North Dakota, it was learned that Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston was conversant with

medical terms and it appears that he performed certain tricks while attached to the transient camps at Fargo, Cando and Langdon, North Dakota. The laboratory reported on November 18, 1935 in a letter under that date to Werner Hanni that, with reference to Hanni's letter of November 9, 1935 transmitting six ledger sheets containing specimens of the handwriting of Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston for examination in connection with this case, upon an examination of the material submitted, no identification was effected. The laboratory report shows, in part, evidence of a large number of similarities in the handwriting and handprinting of Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston and the known handwriting of Dr. Joseph P. Moran and would tend to indicate a strong possibility that these specimens were written by Dr. Moran. No positive conclusion, however, was reached.

However, a teletype message was directed to the Aberdeen Office on November 18, 1935 to the effect that inasmuch as the known handwriting of Dr. Joseph P. Moran indicates considerable similarity with the handwriting appearing on the ledger sheets of Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston, the Aberdeen Office was requested to investigate thoroughly and promptly all angles suggested in Mr. Hanni's report of November 9, 1935.

On December 5, 1935 eight prescriptions in the handwriting of subject Joseph P. Moran, which were obtained from the Depue Pharmacy at Depue, Illinois, for temporary use, were transmitted to the laboratory.

Inasmuch as information had been obtained that Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston attended the Michigan State College at Lansing, Michigan, investigation was conducted there and also at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan and no record was obtained. Further inquiry at Langdon, North Dakota concerning Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston disclosed that Ormiston had a niece at Edgeley, North Dakota. Ormiston also stated while at Langdon that his father died at Bismarck, North Dakota a little more than a year and a half prior to December 10, 1935. Persons who were interviewed noted the resemblance between pictures of Dr. Moran and Dr. Ormiston.

Additional specimens were transmitted for the attention of the Technical Laboratory on December 23, 1935. These included four pay roll sheets dated August 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1935, each of which contains the signature of Robert Ormiston and were furnished by C. A. Narum, State Director of Transient Activities, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Inquiry at Fargo and Bismarck, North Dakota indicated that Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston was not identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran. A strong resemblance, however, between the picture of Dr. Moran and the man going by the name of Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston was noted. No proof was found that Ormiston was a doctor.

It was ascertained at Minot, North Dakota that a person by the name of "Speed" Wallace, who resided at that point, knew Dr. Ormiston to be one Armstrong, a factory representative of the Durant Motor Company, Detroit, Michigan, in the year 1923. "Speed" Wallace failed to identify pictures of Moran as being identical with Armstrong. At this stage of the investigation it was determined that descriptions of Dr. Moran and Dr. Ormiston were at considerable variance and nothing definite was shown to connect Ormiston with "Doc" Moran.

Under date of December 26, 1935 Mr. Connelley was advised that a laboratory report had been prepared, but which, however, was not transmitted, identifying further specimens of the handwriting of Dr. Ormiston, sent in by the Aberdeen Office, as that of "Doc" Moran. According to Mr. Connelley, the most recent report shows that Ormiston has now been identified as an individual named Armstrong, who worked for the Durant Motor Company in Minneapolis. Investigation was immediately conducted to ascertain whether there was, in fact, an individual by the name of Armstrong who was known to persons in Langdon, North Dakota and vicinity as Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston.

Investigation conducted by the Detroit, Michigan Office and a search made at the Durant Motor Company, which company's records were destroyed in 1935, failed to disclose any information concerning Armstrong which would be of assistance in this matter. However, investigation conducted by the St. Paul Office at Minneapolis was to the effect that one Armstrong was known to the Oldsmobile Agency at Minneapolis and that this Armstrong was connected with the Durant Agency in 1923. It was further learned that Armstrong was district representative of the Durant Motor Company and worked at Minneapolis and that he was under the personal supervision of Richard H. Thornton, who was Zone Manager for the Durant Motor Company at that time.

It was further learned that one Robert Carville Ormiston had stated to Iver Tollefson that he had a girl at Fisher, Minnesota by the last name of "Krustdus". It was further determined that this person was identical with Miss Theresa Krustus, of Fisher, Minnesota, and was presently employed as a nurse at Mercy Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. Upon being interviewed at Columbus, Ohio and upon viewing photographs of Dr.

Joseph P. Moran she stated that these bore a striking likeness to her former fiance, one Walter Raymond Armstrong. She stated that there is a remarkable resemblance except for the eyes, which are apparently different. Miss Krostue advised that she became acquainted with Walter Raymond Armstrong in 1922 at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota; that she knew Armstrong for a period of four years, from 1922 through 1925; that she has not seen nor heard from him in ten years; that further, at the time she knew Armstrong he was a field representative for Star and Durant cars and that he was also interested in an automobile finance company which had offices in the Baker Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota and which had headquarters at South Bend, Indiana. It was her recollection that Armstrong became involved in some financial difficulty with this company, in that he had swindled a large amount of money and had also passed several bad checks. Armstrong, according to Miss Krostue, was also called "Army". This nickname was not due to any Army or military service which he had, but was a contraction of the name Armstrong.

Armstrong, according to Miss Krostue, was very well educated and intelligent, but had never shown any aptitude or experience along medical lines. From the information furnished by Miss Krostue, it is apparent that Walter Raymond Armstrong is not identical with subject Moran and it is believed very likely that Armstrong is identical with Robert Carville Ormiston. As a result of this information, the Aberdeen Office was requested to exhibit immediately to persons familiar with Ormiston the photograph of Armstrong and to ascertain if this is the same individual.

In view of the information furnished by Miss Krostue, the photograph of Walter Raymond Armstrong was displayed to persons familiar with Robert Carville Ormiston at Langdon and Bismarck, North Dakota, who identified the photograph as being identical with Ormiston. Those persons not making a positive identification of the photograph of Armstrong as being Ormiston did, however, note a strong resemblance and furnished no satisfactory reason for these two persons not being identical.

In view of the positive identifications at Langdon and Bismarck, North Dakota, upon viewing the photograph of Walter Raymond Armstrong, the conclusion was drawn that Ormiston was not identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran and the various offices were requested to discontinue any further investigation as to the location of Robert Carville Ormiston.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

A. Rosen

Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

April 7, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated April 1, 1936, which report sets forth a summary of the various logs submitted on the telephone tap being maintained on the telephone of John B. Davenport, 4109 Columbus Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, identifying certain individuals whose names have been mentioned over the telephone tap.

It is noted on page 5 of this report, referring to log of February 27, 1936, that at 11:00 a.m. Belle called Esther, Walnut 4854; that no such telephone number has been issued in Minneapolis, but in subsequent conversations it was indicated that Esther is a sister of Bardella Christopherson, Bardella Christopherson being the wife of Arthur Christopherson who resides at the Davenport home.

Your attention is now invited to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 28, 1936, and the information contained therein concerning the investigation conducted at Chicago, Illinois, relative to a telephone call which was made from the Davenport home on November 8, 1935, to Cicero, Illinois, telephone number Nevada 8863. The investigation by the Chicago Bureau Office concerning this call revealed that several telegrams had been placed over the telephone having number Nevada 8863. One telegram dated November 8, 1935, addressed to William Dockery, Manor Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, read as follows:

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"SEND MONEY TO ESTHER THOMASON CARE HILLEN MARKS
3848 WILCOX STREET CHICAGO" -- signed "HILLEN"

It appears, therefore, that the telephone call on November 8, 1935, made from the Davenport home was undoubtedly made to Esther Thomason, sister of Berdella Christopherson.

It is requested that you conduct the appropriate investigation to ascertain whether the Esther referred to in the log of the tap on the Davenport telephone is in fact Esther Thomason.

To assist you in this investigation, your attention is called to the telegram dated November 18, 1935, set forth in the report of Agent Suran which telegram was addressed to Mrs. Frieda Nelson, care of Myrtle Bloom, 1517 Stevens Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, which read as follows:

"AM HERE GOING TO HOSPITAL TO SEE BILLY WEDNESDAY
COME IF POSSIBLE CALL NEVADA 5565" -- signed
"ESTHER"

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge

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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Time - 10:00 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

SAC Brantley telephoned me from the Oklahoma City Office with reference to the teletype which he received yesterday from Mr. Connelley advising that further questioning of Informant Clayton Hall had developed information concerning another possible hideout of the subjects of this case some place either in Texas or Oklahoma, possibly Warsaw, Texas. Mr. Brantley said they could find no town in Oklahoma which sounded like "Warsaw" with the exception of one town near Tulsa, Oklahoma, which is called Owasso. This town is in Tulsa County and is between Tulsa and Claremore, Oklahoma.

Along these same lines, however, Mr. Brantley said there is a development in that vicinity. He said one of his Agents yesterday was talking with Post Office Inspector George Hill, who has lived in the vicinity of Tulsa and Claremore for about 20 years, and George Hill says he has a confidential informant at Claremore through whom he is getting some hot information concerning this case. During the night, Hill called Post Office Inspector Haynes at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and told him and the others to come into Tulsa, Oklahoma, today. Special Agents Frank Smith and B. L. Dameron, Joe Anderson of the Kansas State Police, and Post Office Inspectors Haynes are leaving this morning or have already left Hot Springs, Arkansas, for Tulsa. Mr. Brantley said that Agent Kingman of his office is right with George Hill and has been with him for a couple of days. However, when Hill went near Claremore to contact his informant, he asked that Kingman not go along, and it was only fair under the circumstances that we not intrude to that extent. We at this time have no definite information as to who this informant is or what kind of information he is giving, but Mr. Brantley said he is having Special Agent Paul Hansen, who is in northern Oklahoma at this time, drop down into that vicinity.

I suggested to Mr. Brantley that it would be a good idea for him to go over to Tulsa and be on the grounds there in the event anything happens. I told him he could leave Agent Little on the desk and proceed to Tulsa to be readily available to take charge of any developments. Mr. Brantley said he would wait until he hears something from the men from Hot Springs, and then wire the Bureau the time of his departure and where he can be reached in Tulsa. Mr. Brantley said he will keep in close touch with this situation, and the Bureau will be kept advised of any tangible developments.

Respectfully,

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

With further reference to Bureau letter dated September 8, 1935, relative to a cover being maintained on the mail of Elmer Farmer, register number 47103, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, there are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau and to each of the offices designated below copies of the following correspondence:

Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer dated 3-18-36.
Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer, undated, received at the Kansas City Office 3-20-36.
Letter to Helen Conliff from Elmer Farmer dated 3-16-36.
Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer dated 3-11-36.
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant dated 3-15-36.
Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer dated 3-9-36.
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant dated 3-7-36.
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff dated 3-7-36.
Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer dated Thursday, March 5th.
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant dated 3-3-36.
Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer dated 3-3-36.
Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer dated 3-1-36.
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff dated 3-1-36.
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant dated 3-22-36.
Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer dated 3-23-36.
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff dated 3-25-36.

Very truly yours,

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Letter received from Blanche Brabant for Elmer Farmer, #47103. Postmarked:
Melrose Park, Ill, March 19, 1936.

March 18, 1936.

Dear Elmer,

I just received your letter written the 15th. I am very sorry to hear you are not feeling well. I was afraid that you would get sick on account of being inside so long. Be sure and see the Dr. there and have him examine your lungs, it must be the same trouble in your lungs that you had before, and unless you get sunshine and air your health will break down.

I am writing Sanford Bates today.

Chub just left here, he was here a couple of hours and left just before I got your letter, he said Harry Peters was in and heard from his niece, she said she will try and do what she can for you, but right now the governor is so busy campaigning its difficult to do anything, but she will do what she can.

Chub said Kenny was in to see him, he asked about you and said be sure and send you his best regards, he is going to be in that vicinity next summer and asked him if he could see you. Chub told him we are the only ones allowed to see you, but maybe he being states attorney, would be allowed to see you.

Business is pretty good as the railroad is hiring a lot of new men. Chub is saving up for his license, he says he doesn't spend any money at all. I'll tell him you said to give me the money to save for him.

So you dreamed J. P. Lynch died, he was very sick during the winter but he is going along alright now, but of course he's liable to go any day. I think the policies are all being paid. I'll ask Chub about them. I know he said he's paying all your insurance as it comes due, so you can cash in on it when you come back.

Am glad you are getting the daily papers and magazines. I'll get the Saturday Evening Post and read the story you mentioned. I was in Chicago yesterday and was going to get a Post but the car came along and I didn't have time to buy one. I mailed your letter from the loop so you ought to get it this week.

I will be anxious to hear from you and know what the Dr. says about your chest. When you had pneumonia the Dr. said it affected your lungs and you would have to keep outside as much as possible. Raymond would not have died if he had worked outside. If Bates dont place you in some work, I'll write to Reed and see if he will write him as soon as Reed gets back here, we will see him and ask him if he can do anything for you.

I'll close now and hope you get this Saturday. Gifford is working he would like to see you and maybe we can come down together this summer.

Love from both of us. Your sister

Blanche Brabant
275 Geneva Ave.
Elmhurst, Ill

Letter received from Blanche Brabant for Elmer Farmer, #47103.

Dear Elmer

I was going to write to you yesterday, but had company so couldn't write until to-day. I received your letter Thursday and was glad to hear from you. Chub was over and said he hasn't heard from Peters since he wrote to his niece, he will let me know when he hears from him. I hope you will be given work on the farm too, that would be healthy for you, you have been inside so long. We have been having nice weather here but today is cold and dark, it looks like its going to rain. I intend to go downtown (Chicago) tomorrow if its not raining. I don't go in to Chicago very often. Gifford is getting the garden ready it will soon be time to plant, we just used the last of our tomatoes, the ones we put up and I expect to can a lot more this summer, it certainly helps out on the food bill. I think it would be nice to have a larger place, about one acre, and have a real farm, maybe we can do that when you come back, as you know a lot about farming. I didn't send you any candy as you are not allowed to have it, but as you can buy candy bars there, its not so bad.

I will write S. Bates as soon as you give me his address, unless you have been given work.

We are on eastern time here, no one like it. Gifford don't get home till 7.30.

Love from both of us.

Blanche Brabant
275 Geneva Ave, Elmhurst, Ill.

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

Leavenworth, Kansas, March 16, 1936.

Dear Helen

I received your letter last Sunday night March 8th. sorry to hear your aunt May is sick. I suppose you have plenty to do now with all the house work. I did not receive Jacks letter so if he wrote he didnt sign his name and address on it and by not doing that I didnt get it. I never received Irens eather so thats about what she did also. I didnt get out to work last weak as the weather was not very nice down here, its much better this week so hope I get out soon. Did you bring that gold bridge with you from Bensenville if you did let me know as I think I can have it put back in down here. I just received your letter mailed March 12th and was sorry to hear about your cousin death. it seems like everything must happen at once. there is onley one of those people that expects to get out on bonds, he is the old man from Detroit the other too are not trying to get out on bonds. thay are appealing the hole Linberg law to the highest court so that will help every one that is here under it. I hope thay do find something wrong with it and have to let me out. thats about the onley way I ever will get out. the two from StPaul is in here with me and the old man is working in here some place. I talk to these that are in here with me every day that are alright to me. thay said you sent a letter to the government or signed some papers for them that why you were up there but thay didnt need you, after Edna and Bolton took the stand. thay both seem to be getting along alright and both had a visit this week some of there family was here to see them. thay seem to think the law will not hold up in the higher courts and thay will be out then. I dont think thay ever will do anything about the Lindberg law its realy not a just law for every one that comes under it but thay have to many people in prison on it now and will try and keep them there, if thay can. I know Jonnie is in Lewisburg and taking up a pre-medical course. he will be out soon now he get out in twenty month from the date he was sentence. that is the best place the goverment has were Jonnie is at. I wish I could be sent there. this is about all for this week. Best wish to you and May

Elmer Farmer

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103. Postmarked: Chicago, Ill.
March 12, 1936.

Wednesday afternoon.

Dearest Elmer:

Received your short letter today and was so glad to hear from you. I suppose you will not get your card for your birthday and I amso sorry but I do not know what you are going to think when I tell you this. We had another death in our family. My cousin Irene Waldie Helen's sister died Saturday and of course you can imagine what things were like, as my aunt is still sick and is still in bed. I really meant to write to you sooner but just did not get a chance. We certainly have had enough deaths in our family in the last three months. I do really and truly think I am going to get a steady job soon, cashiering in a meat market, I certainly hope so.

I really am surprised about those people from StPaul being able to get out on bonds. I imagine it will take a lot of money to appeal the case and take it to a higher court, won't it? Tell me all about it. When you write again. So glad to hear they do not feel resentful toward you, how do you feel about them and what did they say about me? Thats a good thing to have you working outdoors it makes you feel better.

Well, honey, whats the difference about whether you bought a coat or not, you really were going out with the person and you cannot deny that to me anyway because I never would believe you. I have heard too many things about things that you done and when I talked to you, I found out some things that you did not realize you were telling me. So whats the good of me writing and telling you what people tell me, you know yourself what I am likely to hear and what I already have heard, so lets skip it from now on. But I would like to assure you that I feel rather funny when they tell me different things because I really was dumb not to ever know about things long before I did. I heard from Ann yesterday, she is fine and looking forward to her trip to Chicago. She told me Jimmie is in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania and is taking a pre-medical course. Thats a good thing isnt it? I do not know how things are out in Bensenville, nor do I know any news from out there. I guess this is just about all for this time and I will write to you in a day or two and here's hoping I have more news for you so ol' dear hoping you are feeling O. K. and will close with lots of love

Helen Conliff
4143 West End Ave
Chicago, Ill.

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Blanche Brabant.

Leavenworth, Kansas, March 15, 1936.

Dear Blanche

I received your letter Thursday night and suppose by now you have received my letter from last Sunday telling you I could not receive anything sent to me in here. I didnt get out side to work any this last week, the weather was not so nice down here, but it is very nice now. I think I will have to see the Doctor here about my lungs as thay seem to bother me now. I am inside so much with out any fresh air or sun shine and at night I am beginning to cough and that keeps me awake. I get all the rest I can in the day time but I have that burning feeling in my back that tires me out. Sanford Bates is Superintendent of Prisons and he is in Washington, D. C. so you will have to write him there, he has no office here. I dont care what kind of work I get there is no hard work in here so I can do any of it. That will make business much better if thay move galewood shops out to Bensenville it will put more men to work and that should be better for Chub. so he is not playing the horses or drinking any more that sounds good but its pretty hard to beleave any way I hope its true. I think if he would give you so much money each month it would be better for him. I dont think Chub can save money very long mabey you could save it for him see if he wont do that. Gifford is dressing the car all up for the summer now that sure is a good car to stand up this long and he also is getting his garden ready to plant, he as plenty to do now. why dont you have chub spade up the garden for you it would do him good. I hope that letter Harry peters sent to his neice help me. Reed must know Bates as thay are both republicans and have been for a long time. I signed up for the Chicago American for another six months and I get two papers from Kansas City each day so I have plenty of reading. Also I get liberty and post each week there is a story in the post about Bensenville this week. I havent read it yet so dont know just what it is. I had a dream that J P Lynch was dead so tell Chub to keep up the insurance on him it will help you some. Best wishes to you and Gifford.

Elmer Farmer

Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer, #47103. Postmarked: Elmhurst, Ill. March 10, 1936.

March 9, 1936.

Dear Elmer

I received your letter Saturday, we only get one mail a day here now, we used to get two, I thought it was only during the cold weather we were getting one mail, but the weather is warm now and we still have just one delivery. We were glad to hear of you, and that you worked a few days. I will write to Sanford Bates, but in McMeekin's letter, he gave his address as Leavenworth, Superintendent of the Bureau Prisons, but you say Washington, so you can get me his correct address and I will write to him. Do you want outside work only, you can tell me in your next letter. I hope Harry Peters letter to his niece will do some good, but suppose it will take some time. I hope they do not transfer you and I don't think they will. This is fine weather to be out in, and I hope you can get outside to work soon. When I write to Mr. Bates, I will ask if he could have you placed outside work or would you want any kind of work, you can let me know and get his address from the office so I'll have it correct.

I think the St. Paul is going to move everything to Bensenville. Chub said they are starting to move already taking everything from Galewood. They are hiring a lot of new men and business should improve. Chub says he never plays the horses anymore and don't drink anything. He says he is going to save his money and have everything fine when you come back.

Gifford worked on the car yesterday, putting on new tires and cleaning it, he is going to paint it, so that may improve it some. He is getting the garden ready as they didn't sell the house and we expect to stay here for another year anyway, he has the place looking very nice and we like it here.

You have another letter from me written a week ago, asking if we could send you card for your birthday, if you wrote Sunday I'll get it the end of this week and if allowed we will mail it to you. Is there anything else you want that we could send you. Love from both of us.

Blanche Brabant
275 Geneva Avenue,
Elmhurst, Illinois.

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Blanche Brabant.

Leavenworth, Kansas, March 7, 1936.

Dear Blanche.

Received your letter Thursday glad to hear you and Gifford are both well. I have not worked since Tuesday but hope to go out this week and work agin. the weather is very nice down here, I see by the papers you are having nice weather in Chicago also. Chub must be feeling much better when he was over to see you twice in a few days. I hope Harry Peters neice can help me to get some kind of work in here, I would like to stay in here and not be transferred to some other place as this is the nearest place to Chicago all the other place are much farther away. I dont think Peters or Frenchie can get in here to see me so thay better find out for sure befor thay come down. you and Chub are the onley ones that are allowed to see me now. I am not allowed to have anything sent to me onley once a year on Christmass so dont send any thing as I would not get it. I suppose Gifford will soon start to get the garden ready for this year. thay have a nice farm down here I would like to work on. Best wishes to you and Gifford.

Elmer Farmer

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

Leavenworth, Kansas, March 7, 1936.

Dear Helen

Received your letter Friday and was sorry to hear you are not working steady. I dont think the goverment would stop you from getting work. I worked Monday and Tuesday of last week and hope I get out to work again this week. it sure is lovely weather we are having down here. I see by the papers you are having nice weather in Chicago also. so Mary told you I bought Ann a coat thats news to me. I dont suppose she would of said anything like that if I had given her boy friend the money he wanted to fix thing up in Wheaton so thay would not keep him there on account of the other girl friend. those people from StPaul are in here with me now so I talk to them every day. thay told me all about the trial up there and why you were there. thay hold nothing against me and said thay never knew me or never was in my place. thay have statements from some of the help I had out there also. thay are taking there case up to the highest court. one of them expects to get out on bonds soon. Best wishes to you and May

Elmer Farmer

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103. Postmarked, Chicago, Ill.,
March 6, 1936.

Thursday Evening.

Dearest Elmer:

Received your letter this morning and as usual was glad to hear from you. I had planned on writing you this afternoon, but just did not get a chance. My aunt is still sick, I guess I told you she was in my last letter and I am playing nurse maid and I am housekeeper too so I am quite a busy lady and oh yes, Albert is away and has been since Tuesday over at Abers house, he really is not much help when he is here, but he could tend to the furnace, well, that's that, anyway, my aunt has the grippe and believe me she keeps me hopping all day and night too. I just fell asleep and she calls me to get her a glass of water or something else. Mary's father-in-law died Sunday so I went to see him Monday night and I went with Rose and Bill Palmer, so

I had to get off at Cicero & Madison (I was on the street car) I stopped in to see Virginia. She looks fine and she said Jack wrote to you. They have moved from the house I told you they were living in when they first got married. They now have a small apartment in the theatre building out there, so I told her you did not receive Jack's letter and told her to tell him to write to you again. She told me to say hello. Bill asked all about you and said to send his regards and said if he got a chance he would write to you, but he is busy now on account of elections and all that. I was going to the funeral with Rose and him but I could not leave my aunt alone, so did not go. I hope you are right about me getting steady work. I certainly keep on answering enough ads. I wish they would let you work a little oftener. I am sure you would be a lot better off. You know honey, I do not think they are going to move you from there. If they were now that the trial is over they would have done so by this time. I do not hear much about the Black Cat. I guess he is going along O.K. or I would have. Do you remember those people who had the flat in the hotel? I guess they were well drillers or something. Well, anyway remember that young woman that had glasses and George Carlin left with her as I remember, anyway she has a roadhouse in Pekin and he still sees her. He is just as big a bunk artist as ever. I have not heard anything about J. P. lately, but will try and find out about him and let you know. Honey don't let them take your teeth out until it is absolutely necessary. I guess this is about all as this is all the paper I have. I am going to buy some when I mail this, so pl' dear will write to you in a day or so. So hoping you are getting along O. K. and I sure hope you get out to work oftener. Will close with lots of love

Helen Conliff
4143 West End Ave
Chicago, Ill.

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Blanche Brabant.

Leavenworth, Kansas, March 3, 1936.

Dear Blanche

Received your letter today also ten dollars that was in it. So you are having freak weather there. we are having fine weather here just like summer. I worked half day last Thursday and this week I worked Monday and Tuesday so far I hope I get work steady now. it is not hard work onley cleaning up around the yard I like it because its out side work. I hope thay dont transfer me to Alcatraz but write to Mr. McMeekin and see what he can do about it. Sanford Bates in Washington is the man that sends you there. you can write to him now and see if he cant have me put to work in here. the way I am here now I am not allowed to go to church or shows on Saturday and Sunday afternoon all the other men except those that are in here with me go out in the yard to see the ball game or play some kind of game there self. and why I am kepp like this is something I cant find out. I have wrote letters to the office about it and thay sent me word that no change in my case has been made. I am in here like that for nine months now. Chub was over to see you and is getting along alright now thats fine. he should come over to see you often and give you what money he can as he sure dont know what to do with it when he has it. I suppose he still plays the horses and that helps to keep him broke. Charlie Cook received my letter alright I thought he would. he showed it to Chub, it was only a short letter not much to it onley thanking him for writing to me and wanting to do some thing for me. I know there is lots of the men out there that would help me if they could but I dont know how thay could Peters is the onley one that can do anything for me now. Your birthday is tomorrow I wished you a happy birthday in my last letter and my birthday is one week from today I wont count my birthdays until I get out. I see in the papers that the StPaul Railroad is going to spend a lot of money on improvements so that should make business good in Bensonville Chub can look for a good business all summer in that case. I hope Gifford gets steady work soon then things will be much better. I am getting along allright and feeling fine this is about all the news for now but will write you agin this Sunday. Best regards to you and Gifford.

Elmer Farmer.

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103. Postmarked: Chicago, Ill. March 3, 1936.

Dearest Elmer

I received your nice letter this morning and so thought I would answer it.

Not much news to tell you about. I did not work all week. Which makes it very nice? I stopped writing this Friday and now it is Monday afternoon, so here goes again. I am sorry for my delay, please overlook it, I did not work today either, however, I have answered several blind ads in the paper and this morning I finally received a letter from a company to call at the office so I did and it looks promising, the man is going to call me tomorrow or Wednesday and let me know. I certainly hope so. You know honey, I have often thought since I made that trip to St. Paul and did not show any inclination to help those people up there, and they evidently thought I could or they would not have brought me up there if someone from that "organization" did not do something to prevent me from getting on steady at Fields. Things were very promising for me before I made that trip and I was supposed to be put on steady in two weeks from the date I was put on part time and as yet I have not in fact get very little work at all. I wonder, what do you think?

My aunt has been sick in bed since Saturday with a cold, so I am playing nurse. My cousin Mary called me up yesterday and she is trying to get me into the telephone co. I hope she does. She was telling me she saw Ann one day. I guess they are back from Europe. They are living here in Chicago. Mary also told me she had the fur coat on you bought her for Christmas. I mean the Christmas just before you went away. While you were passing out fur coats, why didnt you buy me one? I really thought I was quite groomed in my \$25. coat that I bought myself. You know Elmer, I guess I should feel peeved about all the things I have heard about you and those people and the money you spent on them and gave them, but I do not, somehow or other I feel sorry for you, because all they cared about you for was your money and having you spend it in their place. Not one of them cared for you outside of that. I received a letter from Ann Saturday, she is fine and said to say hello to you. I have not heard from anyone out in B. since I was out there last. Well, ol' dear, I guess this is about all for this time, not a long letter I know but will try and send you a newsier one next time. Hope you are working and getting along nicely. Will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff
4143 West End Ave
Chicago, Ill.

Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer, #47103. Postmarked: Elmhurst, Ill,
March 2, 1936.

March 1, 1936

Dear Elmer

I received your letter written the 25th, Saturday, and was very glad to hear from you. I had mailed you a letter with ten dollars which I suppose you have received by now.

Chub came over this morning and he said Harry Peters was in, and he would write a letter to his niece for you, (she is secretary to the Lieut. Gov.) we wrote a letter asking that you be assigned outside work and anything that can be done to help you would be greatly appreciated. Harry Peters will copy the letter and send it to his niece, he said he would be very glad to help you and he is going to come down and see you this summer. Chub said that Reed will be back here campaigning for his re-election this summer, we will see him then. I hope you can be placed at some outside work soon as you have been inside so long.

The weather is very nice here now, guess we are thru with the cold weather for a while anyway.

Frenchie said to tell you he's not much of a letter writer, but he always asks about you and if Harry Peters would come to see you, he's coming too.

I will come to see you just as soon as you are working, so we can have a nice visit. Cant we send you something for your birthday, will they allow you to have candy sent, I dont have any birthdays anymore.

Happy birthday and much love from both of us.

Blanche Brabant
275 Geneva Ave
Elmhurst Ill.

Letter written by Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff.

#47103

Leavenworth, Kansas, March 1, 1936.

Dear Helen:

Received your letters this week two of them, but did not hear from Jack or Ireen as yet. So you are not working steady as I thought you was. I think you will get steady work soon now as the weather is nice up in Chicago and people will get out to by more now so that should put you to work steady. The weather is very nice down here just like summer I worked thursday after noon in the yard and was glad to get out in the air for a change. I wish they would take us out to work every day. I would get the money on J. P. insurance as it is made out to me, but I would much rather see him live and not drink because that will sure be the death of him if he dont take care of him self. I remember Mildred that went with John Mayer she was out in Bensenville with him all one summer. so there father is dead and the two girls are living home also John, its nice they all stay home and keep the family together. so you seen McNeil and Frenchy when you were out to Bensenville but they were leaving for Chicago, I suppose to have a good time. I suppose Frenchy still has the same girl and McNeil takes his niece to the show. Has Bart still got the Post Office out there? give him my regards also the rest of the boys the next time you see them. Things must be picking up on the road if George Carlin is back working. How is the Black Cat is he doing anything now. if you see Lille tell her to say hello to Micke for me. My birthday will be next week but I cant count them any more until I am in the free world. so May is making money playing the slot machines now if she is its the first person I ever heard of that did. the onley way to win om them is with the key. I dont know if Harold has his teeth in yet I seen him in the dining room one day this week and it didnt look like he had them in yet. but he sure is looking good. I never get to talk to him or any of the others I know in here. they told me in here I should have all my teeth taken out but I think I will keep the ones I got just as long as I can they dont hurt me any the way they are so as long as I can get along with them I am going to keep them. Scotty is all right now and in good standing. Albert didnt get his job yet. This is all for this week.

Elmer Farmer

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Blanche Brabant

Leavenworth, Kansas, March 22, 1936

Dear Blanche

I received your letter Friday and was glad to hear from you. I am feeling alright now it was a cold that I had and the doctor gave me some kind of powders to take I thought it was my lungs but he said he didnt think so any way I am feeling much better now so hope it was just a cold. I have not been out to work in some time now the weather is very nice down here. I see in the paper you are having nice weather up there also. so Gifford get home 7:30 by eastern time I dont think that kind of time helps any one except those in offices that like to play golf thay can get out to some golf course and play every day now. we are still on the old time in here. Peters should here from his neice soon now and I hope some thing can be done so I can go to work here. you will also get some kind of answer from Bates. I sent you his address in Washington last week. he knows just what is to be done with me if I am to be transfered or placed to work in here so he will tell you all about it. Best regards to you and Gifford.

Elmer Farmer.

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer #47103
Postmarked: Chicago, Ill., March 23, 1936.

Sunday afternoon.

Dearest Elmer:

I am so sorry I did not get a chance to write to you all week but May is still sick and she keeps you hopping all day waiting on her, having you do something for her just every minute of the day. She is up today and also yesterday and is getting better but is still a pain in the neck to me.

Those people are all wrong about me signing any statements or writing any letters I did not and if I did, McMeekin never would have been able to get them to let me go home. I talked to Sam before I went up there in December in fact, and he told me no to sign anything so I did not, so you can just tell them that for me. Do you really and truly think there is a chance of that not holding in the higher courts? I certainly wish you would get out of it, but would'nt it take a lot of money for you to appeal your case? Gifford will be getting his bonus in June and if there would be a chance for you why don't you tell him to use his money to help you? It certainly would not hurt him. I read about a man up in Canada, who had been convicted and sentenced to fifteen years on a kidnapping charge and served 18 months of his sentence and appealed the case and was freed. It was in this mornings paper, so if you could do that it would be great. Virginia told me Jack wrote to you and so I suppose he did not sign his name right or something if you did not receive his letter and Irene forgot whether she did or not. I certainly wish I could come down to see you, one of us should have been there by this time, you have been there almost a year and none of us have come down there but I just cannot and honey as soon as I can get money enough I will. You did not mention receiving the card from me for your birthday, did you receive it? I believe I will be going to work soon I have a promise of a job, of course, my aunt does not want me to leave her, but Elmer, I have worked so hard here for her and she never pays me at all, so after all why should I stay here? I hate it here and just as soon as I get a job will move.

Albert has nothing to do but sit around day after day and he is so goofy. But anyway honey, why should I have you singing to you so I will change the subject. Did those people hear whether Montie went away or if he got out or what happened to him? Ann wrote to me yesterday and is fine also Charlotte the girl in the U. S. Deputy Marshal's office up there wrote to me too. She is going to be in Chicago next month on her way back home from Virginia and wants me to meet her, which I intend to do. She takes women prisoners down there. Perhaps you remember her, a red haired girl with glasses? It was so nice here all last week, I imagine it was nice down there too, so hope you got out and worked for a little while. Martha and I went to the Marbro yesterday afternoon for a little while, I was so glad to get out for a little while away from my aunt. I am really tired being a nurse. I do not have much news from Bensenville at all. Do you hear how Jim is

through Blanche? How is her and Gifford getting along? Is he working? Well ol' dear, I know this is not a newsy letter and honey, I would like to write more and I am sorry I cannot, but I have not been out, sitting in here all day so now that she is getting better, I am sure I will be able to get out and will be able to write more. Its not so nice telling you things I would much rather see you and talk to you, perhaps I will get to do so this summer, anyway heres hoping. I hope you are well and getting along O. K. and I am so glad you get to talk to someone now. Please do not be angry about me not writing oftener but just have not had a chance, but will have and will write oftener. Write to me real soon and will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff
4143 West End Ave
Chicago Ill,

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

Leavenworth, Kansas, March 25, 1936.

Dear Helen

I just received your letter tonight and was glad to hear from you. I did not receive a birthday card from you or any letter from Jack Frost. that to bad about May being sick but now that she is up I hope she gets better soon. it will also make it better for you and you can get some kind of steady work for the summer. I dont have to take my case up if the law dont hold up in the higher courts on the others in the case then I can get out also. thay are appeling the hole case so that helps every one in it. Gofford is working every day I dont know just what he is doing. Jim goes over to see Blanche every week so I hear from him through Blanche. thay are moving the Galewood Round House out to Bensenville and are putting lots of new men to work out there now business is picking up greate now Jim said. these people in here said thay were told that you sent a letter to the goverment and that why you were up there. I never said any more to them about it. I could have a visit any time I want one but was waiting untill I got some kind of work in here Blanche and Gifford want to come down and see me every month, but I told them as soon as I get work thay can come down. Peters is doing what he can for me through his neice down here and it look like I will here some thing soon in regards to work or be transfered out of here. I hope if I am to be transfered I am not sent to Alcatraz. I was not out side for over too week now but the wether has been real nice, away to nice for any one to be locked up inside all the time. I read about that case in Canada I wish that would happen in this case. these people dont know anything about monte but thay think he is still up there any way there has been nothing in the papers about him. thay get the papers from up there every day thay also let me read them to. I give them my Chicago paper. the girl that works in the Marshalls office should know all about Monte see if you can find out whay thay are going to do with him and let me know. how is scotty making it this days?

Elmer Farmer

April 7th, 1936.

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
United States Department of Justice,
Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Kindly furnish this office with three photos
of Alvin Karpis, wanted for kidnapping. Provided you
have no photos other than appearing on the wanted
circular kindly advise where police photos of this man
may be obtained.

Thanking you for same, I am,

Very truly yours,

E. C. Fuller
E. C. Fuller,
Identification Officer.

P.S. Several copies of fingerprints of this man would
be appreciated inasmuch as I have several requests
for same.

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Mr. A. L. Glatcke,
Superintendent,
Ohio State Reformatory,
Mansfield, Ohio.

Attention: Mr. E. C. Fuller

My dear Superintendent:

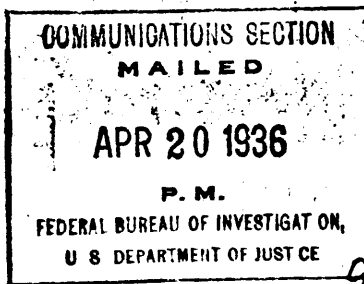
I am in receipt of your letter dated April 7, 1936, which was addressed to me by Mr. E. C. Fuller, Identification Officer, who is attached to the Ohio State Reformatory.

In compliance with the request contained in this communication there are enclosed herewith three copies of the photograph of Alvin Karpis. There are also enclosed herewith three copies of Identification Order #1218 which was prepared by this Bureau on March 22, 1934, containing the fingerprints and additional data concerning this individual, which may be of some assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #1124351



612 Marine Trust Bldg.
Buffalo, New York

April 8, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Jacksonville, Florida

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 6, 1936 to the Bureau, carbon copy of which was furnished to this office, advising that there is a possibility that the trial of Myrtle Eaton at Jacksonville will take place this month and that the presence of certain agents will be necessary for the trial.

Please be advised that Special Agent M. J. Cassidy is presently assigned to this office and should you determine that his presence is necessary at Jacksonville kindly advise me the exact date he will be needed there.

Very truly yours,

H. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

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328 Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.
April 7, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

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Dear Sir:

Re: Bookin.

Reference is made to Little Rock Bureau Office letter of April 1, 1936, signed by Special Agent in Charge M. J. Connelley, in connection with the registration of 1935 model 4-door Buick Sedan, motor #6900113, serial #2938172, known to bear 1935 Arkansas license B-522 and registered under the name of E. O. Hall.

Kindly be informed that Special Agent J. V. Bink checked the Mississippi State registrations for 1936, at Jackson, Mississippi, and has advised that there is no record of this car under the license number B-522. The State of Mississippi does not compile and index by name. Mississippi license plates are issued by respective county sheriffs, and the State Department of Transportation records are not believed complete at the present writing.

The writer telephonically conferred with Mr. Fowler, Superintendent of the State Automobile Registration Bureau for the State of Louisiana, at Baton Rouge, and he caused a search to be made under the name of E. O. Hall, as well as under the motor number of the Buick car, and advised that there was no registration for the year 1935.

For the information of your office, neither Louisiana nor Mississippi check the registration application motor numbers against the actual motor number on the car and it is, therefore, possible to register a car under a fraudulent number in either state and secure license plates. In Louisiana, all registrations are forwarded to the State Bureau.

I am making a discreet, confidential check at the Buick Automobile Agencies at Shreveport and Monroe, Louisiana, to ascertain whether the instant car has been serviced in that vicinity. I have already caused such a check to be made in New Orleans with the Buick Agency, with negative result. The Agents are searching for a car with the Arkansas registration, in New Orleans, and hotels and their garages have been observed with negative results at the present writing.

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Very truly yours,

D. F. Hagen,
Special Agent in Charge

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
April 7, 1936

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated April 3, 1936 (Bureau File 7-576). It is noted in the first paragraph of this Bureau letter that Mr. Walter L. Barlow, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, has requested that the name and address of the person who has custody of and may be able to produce in court a certified copy of the bench warrant together with non est return thereon, which bench warrant was for the arrest of Alvin Karpis and was predicated upon an indictment returned at St. Paul on May 4, 1934.

As it is obvious that a certified copy of a bench warrant would have no evidentiary value for the purpose of proving that Karpis was a fugitive from the District of Minnesota at the time he was alleged to have been harbored in Florida, it is presumed that Mr. Barlow refers to an authenticated copy of the bench warrant.

A bench warrant was issued on May 4, 1934 for the arrest of Alvin Karpis, predicated on an indictment returned against Karpis as of that date in the U. S. District Court for the District of Minnesota. This warrant was received by the U. S. Marshal on May 7, 1934, who made his non est return thereon on January 26, 1935, and the original warrant was thereupon filed with the Clerk of the District Court for the District of Minnesota and is now in possession of said clerk.

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In the event it is desired to subpoena a witness qualified to testify that this warrant was in existence from May 4, 1934 to date, the Clerk of the U. S. District Court, or such deputy as may be designated, would be the proper person to subpoena. The usual practice, however, is to introduce in evidence an authenticated copy of the original bench warrant. (See O'Hara vs. Mobile and Ohio Railway, 76 Federal 718, which in turn refers to Sec.

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905 Revised Statutes). If this practice would be followed it would obviate the necessity of subpoenaing a witness from Minnesota to Florida to introduce evidence of this nature. Accordingly, I am enclosing herewith an authenticated copy of the bench warrant issued for the arrest of Alvin Karpis on May 4, 1934, together with an authenticated copy of the indictment upon which this warrant was based.

I am informed by the United States Attorney at St. Paul that the bell boy records of the El Comodoro Hotel which were subpoenaed for the recent trial in the Bremer case, were not introduced in evidence but were returned to an official of the El Comodoro Hotel.

Referring to the withdrawal of certain exhibits in custody of the Clerk of the District Court for the District of Minnesota, stipulations were obtained from counsel for the various appellants providing for the withdrawal of these exhibits and the substitution of photostatic copies thereof, in accordance with which an order was entered to this effect on April 7, 1936, and the exhibits in question have on this date been forwarded to the Chicago Office by registered mail, with the request that photostatic copies be prepared and the original exhibits be forwarded to the Bureau and the photostatic copies sent to this office to be filed with the Clerk of the Court here.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stein

C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Cincinnati
Chicago
Jacksonville

1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
APRIL 6, 1936

F. C. Zerbst, Warden
United States Penitentiary
Leavenworth, Kansas

Attn: E. H. Eckholdt, Secretary.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of the following letters you have forwarded this office concerning the mail of Elmer Farmer, register number 47103:

Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer dated 3-18-36.
Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer, undated, received at this office 3-20-36.
Letter to Helen Conliff from Elmer Farmer dated 3-16-36.
Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer dated 3-11-36.
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant dated 3-15-36.
Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer dated 3-9-36.
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant dated 3-7-36.
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff dated 3-7-36.
Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer dated Thursday, March 5th.
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant dated 3-3-36.
Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer dated 3-3-36.
Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer dated 3-1-36.
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff dated 3-1-36.
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant dated 3-22-36.
Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer dated 3-23-36.
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff dated 3-25-36.

Very truly yours,

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W. A. SMITH

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Liberty Trust Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 8, 1936.

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

At 10.30 A.M., today, Special Agent
L.C. Taylor advised me he was conducting investigation at the
U.S. Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., for the pur-
pose of interviewing one Archie Nagleman.

Agent Taylor advised that he expects to
return to the Pittsburgh District this P.M.

Very truly yours,

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

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

April 8, 1936.

Mr. Robert Reining,
Bureau of Air Commerce,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Returned herewith please find the photograph
of John Allen Setzer which you kindly loaned to this
office through Special Agent W. R. Walsh.

Your courtesy in this matter is sincerely
appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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501 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia
April 7, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 31, 1936, regarding information furnished by Edward Wilhelm Bentz concerning a possible hideout of Alvin Karpis in the vicinity of Fair Oaks, Indiana, and the so-called "burying ground" located near Lake Village, Indiana.

Edward Wilhelm Bentz was interviewed in the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, by Special Agent W. M. Bott and myself. A map was prepared with the active assistance of Bentz. The rough sketch was improved after he returned to the Atlanta Bureau Office. The improved sketch is being transmitted to your office and the rough notes are being retained in the Atlanta Office.

The directions given by Bentz are as follows: A person proceeding to the burying ground and the hideout does not take the road leading directly east from Lake Village. It is necessary to proceed one mile north from Lake Village on Highway 41. You then go east on Highway 10. It will be noted on the standard oil road map furnished this office that Highway 10 runs directly east from Lake Village. However, on the county map furnished this office, it will be noted that it is necessary to proceed one mile north to Highway 10. Bentz stated that he proceeded east on Highway 10 a distance of from about four to six miles. He could not be definite as to the exact mileage. From what he said, however, I am generally of the impression that it will be necessary for you to proceed a distance of about four miles. Bentz explained that the road on which you turn south is a sandy unimproved road. He stated that this road was of loose sand, the same as would be seen on any beach. He stated that the road was a farm road which probably would not be placed on any map. He stated this road was seldom used. The mark used by Bentz to orient himself at the time he turned on this road was a farm house which can be seen through the trees beyond and to the east of the sandy road and south of Highway 10. Bentz stated that he proceeded down this road for a distance of about two or three miles before he turned east. He could not be accurate as to the exact distance traveled. He stated that along both sides of this road was a comparatively dense growth of scrub oak. He stated that it was on both sides of

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this road that the various gangs buried their machine guns, other equipment and also their loot. He stated that it was used by his gang, by the Alvin Karpis gang and by the Harvey Bailey gang. He advised that it was about half-way down this road and to the west that he had met Alvin Karpis.

With regard to the next turn east off the sandy road, Bentz could not be certain whether another road was crossed while going south before reaching the sandy road on which a turn to the east was made. It was not possible for him to give some definite object to be used for purposes of orientation. He stated, however, that this road was a sandy road, equally as sandy as the road running north and south. He stated that scrub oak was alongside this road also, about half-way between the first sandy road and Highway 55. Bentz stated that in proceeding east on this second sandy road it was necessary to drive a distance of from two to three miles. He was certain that this second sandy road crossed Highway 55. Bentz stated that the next turn was south. It was his impression that it was the first road east of Highway 55. He was very definite about this being a graveled road. After leaving the second sandy road, which crossed Highway 55, Bentz turned south on the graveled road and proceeded about one mile. Bentz stated that in traveling south on the graveled road, it was possible to see only one farm house, designated as A on the sketch being transmitted herewith. A barn, marked B on the sketch, is also visible from the road. Bentz stated that it was impossible when proceeding south to see the farm house designated as C on the sketch, which was used as the hideout of Karpis. He stated, however, that by driving farther south, which I assume to be a mile or two distant, the top of the Karpis hideout could be seen from the graveled road. Incidentally, this graveled road intersects with Highway 14 south of the farm houses mentioned. Bentz was not able to give the exact distance.

Bentz, during the interview with him, apparently attempted to be as definite as possible and seemed to be very cooperative. He called attention to the fact that it was in 1933 that he met Karpis at the so-called "burying ground" and that was the last time that he, Bentz, was in that vicinity. He stated that the roads may have become improved in the meanwhile and that at the present time they may present a different physical appearance from what they were at the time he was in that vicinity.

There are also being returned herewith a map of Jasper County,

Indiana, a map of Newton County, Indiana, and a Standard Oil road
map of Indiana.

In the event this office can be of any further assistance
to you in this matter, kindly advise.

Very truly yours,

E. F. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge

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Cleveland
St. Paul
E. J. Connelley, Chicago

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
508 Medical Arts Bldg.,
Nashville, Tennessee,
April 7, 1936.

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau teletype dated April 1, 1936, which was confirmed with Bureau letter dated April 2, 1936, advising that a letter had been received at the Bureau from Deputy Sheriff James Wright of Hopson, Tennessee, dated March 30, 1936, stating that Alvin Turner, who had been arrested by him was believed to be identical with subject Alvin Karpis.

This will confirm my telegram of April 2, 1936, advising that Albert Roy Turner, the individual referred to by Deputy Sheriff James Wright, is not identical with subject Karpis.

Special Agent T. E. Rowe was unable to contact Deputy Sheriff Wright at Hopson, Tennessee, on the night of April 1, 1936, after receiving the Bureau teletype, due to the condition of the roads. However, the following day Deputy Sheriff Wright was interviewed and advised that the individual he had in mind as being identical with subject Karpis was Albert Roy Turner, who was originally arrested by the Sheriff at Mountain City, Tennessee, and who is now incarcerated in the Sullivan County Jail at Blountville, Tennessee, in default of \$2,500.00 bond on a charge of grand larceny.

It should be noted that Agent Rowe had previously been advised of the arrest of Albert Roy Turner, and interviewed him in connection with Bureau violations, at which time subject Turner admitted the theft and interstate transportation of two automobiles and two trucks. Separate files on these violations have been opened in the Nashville office.

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Agent Rowe having already obtained the fingerprints of Albert Roy Turner, they were compared with those of subject Karpis when Deputy Sheriff Wright advised that Turner was the man he had in mind. It was found that the fingerprints were not identical.

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Very truly yours,

T. N. STAPLETON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul
E.J. Connelley, Chicago

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Mr Edgar Hoover

Dear Sirs,

Would you kindly send me
a picture of Alvin Karpis,
and all you can tell me off
him, I saw his picture quite
often in the true detective
but I want to be sure

If it is not Karpis it
is his twin brother

So would like to hear

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from you 7-576-10443

I would like this kept
quit till I know for sure
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because she is a neighbor of
mine at present

So I will take it easy
till I am sure

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from you.

Please don't let the local
Police hear of this, as they
might give me the laugh.
So will wait to hear from
you,

your Very Resp.

Mr Clifford Powell
Pole, Ill

Box 214

(Pole, Ill)

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April 17, 1936.

Mr. Clifford G. Powell,
Box 214,
305 Green Street,
Polo, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

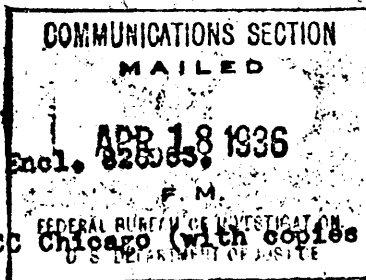
I have your letters of April 7 and 8, 1936, requesting a photograph of Alvin Karpis. For your information, there is transmitted herewith a copy of the best available photograph of this individual.

I note you have under observation a person who you believe is identical with Karpis. In accordance with your request, I am instructing Mr. D. M. Ladd, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago, Illinois, to have an Agent call upon you in the near future with reference to this matter.

In connection with your desire to secure a position as Special Agent in this Bureau, there is enclosed herewith a statement concerning this position. This Bureau does not employ persons for temporary periods. There are no vacancies in this service at the present time and, due to the condition of the appropriation, no further appointments will be made for some time to come.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

769 Starks Building,
Louisville, Kentucky.

April 4, 1936.

TO ALL COUNTY CLERKS IN KENTUCKY:

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this Office it is desired to ascertain information relative to a maroon-colored, 1936 Model, 4-door Buick Sedan, Motor #55-52198, Serial #2895972. This car was last registered in Arkansas under registration number 112530, and was issued 1936 Arkansas license 5-732.

It is requested that an appropriate stop notice be placed in your Automobile Registration Bureau and should any information come to your attention concerning registration or attempts at registration of this automobile, or any record of transfer or attempts to transfer the same, please wire or telephone this Office immediately collect. Telephone: Jackson 5139.

I will appreciate very much a close supervision in this matter on your part. Assuring you of my desire to cooperate with you in all matters of mutual interest, I remain

Very truly yours,

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O. C. DEETY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
April 7, 1936



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Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Reference is made to your letter dated April 4, 1936 relating to a stipulation for the withdrawal of certain exhibits from the office of the Clerk of the U. S. District Court for the District of Minnesota. The stipulation referred to, as well as stipulation of counsel for other defendants, has been received, pursuant to which an order of the court was entered on this date for the withdrawal of exhibits and providing that photostat copies thereof be substituted.

I am enclosing herewith the following documents: Government's exhibits 91, 92, 94 D, 95, 96, 96 A, 96 B, 96 C, 97, 97 B, 98, 99, 100, 102, and 102 A, being registration cards of the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida; 103, being the original of a Western Union telegram signed "Cash"; 116, being the original of the delivered copy of the telegram which is Government's exhibit 103; 109, being an envelope addressed to Mrs. C. E. Ryan, containing the business card of Joe H. Adams, on the reverse side of which is written a note to Mrs. Ryan by Mr. Adams; 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, and 115, being statements of the El Comodoro Hotel.

It is requested that photostat copies of these exhibits be prepared and the originals be forwarded to the Bureau, the photostat copies thereof to be forwarded to the St. Paul Office so that they may be filed with the Clerk of the District Court.

Very truly yours,

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C. A. STANLEY

Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, N. Y.

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April 8, 1936.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of April 2, 1936, addressed to the St. Paul office, copy of which was directed to the New York office, together with copy of letter dated March 24, 1936, addressed to Honorable Walter L. Barlow, Assistant Attorney General, Washington, D. C., by Bart A. Riley, Attorney-at-law, Miami, Florida.

In compliance with instructions contained in the Bureau's letter, I am transmitting herewith the original and two copies of memorandum dated April 7, 1936, prepared by Special Agent J. W. Going with reference to his activities while in Miami, Florida, during the period from January 16, 1935 to February 4, 1935.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Department of Justice

607 U. S. Courthouse
Foley Square
New York, N. Y.

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April 7, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE R. WHITLEY:

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

Memoranda covering Agent's investigative activities while in Miami, Florida, during the period from January 16, 1935 to February 4, 1935, were submitted to Special Agent in Charge J. H. HANSON and are now probably a part of the Jacksonville Office file.

The following account of the writer's activities is solely from memory, refreshed by reading the report made by SAC. HANSON at Jacksonville, Florida, on February 20, 1935, together with information supplied by the writer's memorandum expense book.

SAC. J. H. HANSON, Special Agents L. B. NICHOLS, L. J. METCALF, P. C. DUNNE, F. M. STONE and the writer left Birmingham by chartered plane at 12:10 P.M., Central Standard Time, on January 16, 1935. After a short stopover at Jacksonville, Florida, the plane proceeded to Miami, Florida, landing at 10:17 P.M., Eastern Standard Time. All Agents mentioned above were quartered at the Halcyon Hotel on the evening of January 16, 1935. A full array of firearm equipment brought by the Birmingham Agents was also kept at the Halcyon Hotel that night.

Special Agents R. D. BROWN, R. L. JONES, C. G. CAMPBELL and S. K. McKEE had already arrived at Miami. Agents BROWN and JONES were quartered at the Alcazar Hotel, and it is believed that Agents CAMPBELL and McKEE were registered at the El Comodoro Hotel.

On the following day it was decided to establish headquarters at the Alcazar Hotel, and all firearm equipment, including machine guns, of both groups of Agents, was stored in a closet of Room 611 of the Alcazar Hotel.

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On the same date, January 17, 1935, Special Agent F. M. STONE and the writer were assigned to watch the lobby of the El Commodoro Hotel for the possible return of any members of the BARKER gang. Instructions were to remain under cover and not to contact the management, inasmuch as Special Agent R. D. BROWN was working through L. E. GREY, Clerk at the El Commodoro Hotel.

Accordingly, Agent STONE and the writer registered at the El Commodoro Hotel where we remained about four days. The exact room number and dates are not recalled, although it is believed that it was Room 1007, and that the period was January 17, 1935 to January 21, 1935. Memoranda on file at the Jacksonville Office may reflect this information exactly. The writer had until September 1935 a receipted bill from the El Commodoro Hotel, which receipt may even now be among his personal effects at Greenville, South Carolina.

Agent STONE and the writer covered the lobby of the El Commodoro Hotel during the period mentioned, one or both Agents being in or around the hotel almost constantly.

On what is believed to be January 19, 1935, Agents while standing on a small porch leading to a side entrance, were approached by ROBERT KNIGHT, owner of the El Commodoro Hotel. After standing there a few minutes he stated in effect that he did not know whether or not we were whom he thought we were. Inquiry was then made of Mr. KNIGHT as to whom he thought we were, and he replied he thought we were Federal men. KNIGHT was then asked why he thought this, and stated that he had noticed we had been around the hotel since the shooting at Ocala. The newspaper accounts of the fight at Ocala were then discussed with KNIGHT, who advised that he had unknowingly had the BARKERS registered in his hotel, and that if we were Federal men, he would be glad to give any assistance he could as he did not desire to have his place "shot up". KNIGHT did not intimate that he had any specific information which would be useful, but merely made a general offer to cooperate in order to prevent any damage to his hotel. Agents did not admit their identity to KNIGHT, but told SAC. HANSON of the conversation.

On January 22, 1935, Agent STONE and the writer

MEMO. SAC. WHITLEY
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April 7, 1936

moved to the Halcyon Hotel, and from there on January 27, 1935, to the Cortez Hotel. Neither Agent was ever quartered at the Alcazar Hotel.

It is believed that HENRY "DUKE" RANDALL was taken into custody by SAC. HANSON and Agent JONES on January 21, 1935, and immediately taken to Room 611 of the Alcazar Hotel. When taken into custody, it was definitely known that RANDALL was an associate of ALVIN KARPIS and the BARKER mob.

It might also be mentioned that RANDALL was using the name of HENRY STERN as an alias. It was understood that a HENRY STERN was wanted by the New York Police on a murder charge.

In view of the foregoing, no more than sufficient precaution was taken to guard RANDALL, as it was not known at the time how dangerous he might be.

When first interviewed by SAC. HANSON and Agent JONES in Room 611 of the Alcazar Hotel, it is the writer's recollection that RANDALL did have one hand handcuffed to the end of the bed. RANDALL, however, was sitting in a chair and this precaution was probably taken to prevent any possibility of his suddenly leaping from a window in a suicidal attempt. While present at the interview for only a short time, Agent did not see RANDALL abused or mistreated in any way.

It is this Agent's recollection that he was assigned to guard RANDALL for a period of about two or three hours on the day of RANDALL'S apprehension. RANDALL was at that time still handcuffed to the edge of the bed. I have no recollection of machine guns being displayed at this time. If any such guns were in evidence, they were for the purpose of protecting the Bureau's firearm equipment against a possible raid, and not for the purpose of intimidating RANDALL. Agent never at any time, saw any guard of RANDALL with a machine gun "across his lap".

Agent probably guarded and helped guard RANDALL on several subsequent occasions during his detention, the exact details of which are not remembered. After the first day when it was determined that RANDALL was harmless, it was not, I believe,

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the policy to have him handcuffed, although this precaution may have been taken when RANDALL was left alone with a single Agent.

Agent was also present during a part of the time that RANDALL was giving his signed statement to SAC. HANSON. RANDALL'S statements at that time were entirely voluntary, he stating that he wanted to tell all he knew in order to clear himself of any complicity in this matter.

It is believed that RANDALL was placed in the Dade County Jail on January 25, 1935 as the result of a complaint filed by the U. S. Attorney's Office at Miami, Florida.

With reference to RANDALL'S detention in Room 611 of the Alcazar Hotel, the writer frequently heard RANDALL express his preference to remain where he was, rather than being placed in jail. RANDALL also frequently stated that he hoped this matter could be kept out of the papers so that his family would not learn that he was in trouble.

After RANDALL was incarcerated in the Dade County Jail, he was interviewed on two occasions by Special Agent STONE and the writer, at which times voluntary signed statements were obtained. These statements appear on Pages 63 and 64 of the report of SAC. HANSON made at Jacksonville, Florida, on February 20, 1935. When last interviewed on February 1, 1935, RANDALL expressed appreciation of the treatment accorded him by Bureau Agents, and stated that he hoped he would meet Agent STONE and the writer again under more favorable circumstances.

Agent was not present when J. H. ADAMS was interviewed and his signed statement obtained by SAC. HANSON. It is believed that ADAMS was interviewed at least on one occasion at the Cortez Hotel, but it is not believed that ADAMS was detained. As Agent remembers, ADAMS was treated very gingerly inasmuch as his wife was pregnant at that time. Only on one occasion for a few moments did the writer enter the room where ADAMS was being interviewed, and at that time ADAMS was answering questions freely with no hint of compulsion.

Agent does remember a remark made by either SAC.

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HANSON or Agent JONES, that ADAMS had expressed surprise at the courteous treatment accorded him by Bureau Agents; that he, ADAMS, had heard that "electric needles" were often used by Agents in compelling persons to talk.

The writer, together with Special Agents STONE and DUNNE, left Miami by train at 9:30 P.M. on February 4, 1935.

J. W. Going
J. W. GOING
Special Agent

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REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 4/7/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/27, 28/36, 4/3/36	REPORT MADE BY W. B. MATNEY
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.1218; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.1235; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.1232 - ET AL;			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;"> <p>Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Murray and Mr. and Mrs. William R. Day lived in Detroit, Michigan during 1933 and 1934. Day and Murray reported convicted United States postal violation, Jamestown, New York. C. L. Booth, Postal Inspector, Rochester, New York, handled case. 1935 Michigan temporary license plates G62835 issued to Elmer Remmer, Cal-Neva Lodge, Washoe County, Nevada, post office address, Brockway, California.</p> </div>			
REFERENCE: <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;"> <p>Report of Special Agent T. E. Billings dated 3-12-36 at Los Angeles, California.</p> </div>			
DETAILS: <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;"> <p>Investigation in Detroit, Michigan, revealed that 3160 Second Boulevard, the return address of Mrs. Fred Murray is the Seville Apartments, located at that address. The following investigation was made at the Palmetto Apartments-Hotel in Detroit, Michigan, in regard to Mrs. William Day. Mr. Friedman, manager of the Palmetto Hotel advised that William R. Day and his wife, Connie, lived in his apartment-hotel from August 31, 1933 to September 26, 1933 and that Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Murray lived in his apartment hotel from September 14, 1933 to January 14, 1934. Mr. Friedman advised that these two families were intimate friends and he gathered the impression that these men were</p> </div>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <div style="text-align: center;"> W. B. Matney <small>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</small> </div>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">7-576-10446</div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"> APR 9 1936 APR 15 1936 </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> APR 9 A.M. </div>	
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not strictly legitimate. Mr. Friedman did not enlarge on this statement. Mr. Friedman advised that during the time F. J. Murray and his wife lived at the Palmetto Hotel, a baby girl was born. Mr. Friedman advised that his suspicion was first aroused to these people when he learned that the child's birth certificate bore the name Pitt. Mr. Friedman advised that when both of these families left they owed the Palmetto Hotel money and advised Mr. Friedman to forward all of their mail to the Elks Club at Miami, Florida. Mr. Friedman stated that he would not be able to give any additional information in regard to these two families as his records had been taken by Mr. Bob McLaughlin, Post Office Inspector in Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Friedman advised that it was approximately a year ago when Mr. McLaughlin took these records and at that time Mr. McLaughlin advised that the Post Office authorities wanted both the Murrays and the Days for postal violations and advised Mr. Friedman that it might be necessary for him to testify in the Federal Courts at a later date. Mr. Friedman stated that Bob McLaughlin would undoubtedly know the present location of both F. J. Murray and William R. Day.

Mr. Bob McLaughlin, Post Office Inspector, Detroit, Michigan, was interviewed in the Federal Building and advised that he does not remember all of the details in regard to E. J. Murray and William R. Day as this transaction was handled out of New York State. Mr. McLaughlin located a letter which he received from Post Office Inspector C. L. Booth, Rochester, New York, on October 9, 1935, and this letter advised that F. J. Murray and William R. Day were tried along with a Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Moser and Mrs. Moser was sentenced to thirteen months in a United States Penitentiary. This letter advised that both F. J. Murray and William R. Day were convicted along with Moser. Mr. McLaughlin advised that at the time he conducted his investigation in Detroit, he had in his possession pictures of Murray and Day which he later forwarded to Post Office Inspector C. L. Booth.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent J. Waldman at Flint, Michigan:

It was ascertained through the auto squad, Detroit Police Department that 1935 Michigan license plates No. G62835 were issued to Elmer Remmer, 601 North Saginaw Street, Flint, Michigan.

At Flint, Michigan, an examination of the City Directory for 1936 failed to indicate that any party by this name is listed therein. The address, 601 North Saginaw Street, is the address of the Buick Motor Car Company, Factory Branch.

At 601 North Saginaw Street, Mr. Edwin S. Lunt,

Manager of the Buick Motor Car Company, Factory Branch, was contacted and confidentially advised of the nature of this investigation with regard to Elmer Remmer. Mr. Lunt stated that there was no individual by this name employed by the Buick Company and that he had no recollection of anyone by this name. Mr. Lunt telephoned the main office of the Buick Motor Car Company and ascertained that a 1935 Buick Sedan, Motor No. 43009948, Serial No. 2843320 (which is the same as the car listed under the name of Remmer) had been shipped by the factory to Mr. Lunt's factory branch on North Saginaw Street, Flint.

Through a further check of his records, Mr. Lunt finally advised that this particular automobile had originally been intended for the Howard Automobile Company of Los Angeles and San Francisco, California, but that upon request of the purchasing customer, delivery had been made directly at Flint. Mr. Lunt then stated that he now recalls this particular transaction and also recalls the purchase of the car by Remmer whom he described in terms very close to the description set out in reference report.

Mr. Lunt stated that Elmer Remmer had purchased this car on September 28, 1935, taking delivery immediately and financing the car through the G.M.A.C. and that he had given as his permanent address the Cal-Neva Lodge, Washoe County, Nevada, post office address, Brockway, California. At that time, according to Mr. Lunt, Remmer had stated that he was leaving immediately for the coast, and had purchased temporary Michigan plates. It is very probable, however, according to Mr. Lunt, that Remmer now has either Nevada or California plates on this car.

Mr. Lunt further advised that from his knowledge of the Cal-Neva Lodge it was a notorious gambling joint which was situated exactly on the Nevada-California border line and that although he had talked very briefly to Remmer, he had impressed him as being a gambler. Mr. Lunt suggested that should further information about Remmer be desired it could undoubtedly be obtained through discreet investigation at the Cal-Neva Lodge.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE at Brockway, California, will conduct appropriate investigation at the Cal-Neva Lodge with a view to determining the reputation of Elmer Remmer and also to determine whether he is a likely contact for parties of interest in connection with this investigation.

The BUFFALO OFFICE at Rochester, New York, will contact Post Office Inspector C. L. Booth, Rochester, New York and ascertain the exact disposition of Murray and Day and conduct other appropriate investigation which might result in locating Subjects in instant case.

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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Enclosed herewith is a mail tracing of a letter addressed to "Mr. & Mrs. Billy Duoss, Wichita, Kansas" bearing return address "Hering, Okla. Box 532".

This is being forwarded to you inasmuch as there is a possibility that the writer of this letter may be Milton Lett or some associate of his, and it is suggested that appropriate investigation with reference to this tracing be conducted by you.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: STPAUL

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PHONE BREKID. MRS. ROBERTSON PHONED GENE AT ASHTABULA, OHIO IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECEIVING NOTE FROM FITZGERALD ADVISING THAT HE HAD GONE AWAY FOR A FEW DAYS. IN CONVERSATION BOTH INDICATED THEY KNEW FITZGERALD WAS SHADY AND GENE STATED HE PROBABLY HAD MET SOME FRIENDS IN LOS ANGELES WHOM HE DID NOT WANT MRS. ROBERTSON TO MEET AND HAD GONE AWAY WITH THEM. GENE STATED SHE KNEW HIS FRIENDS BACK THERE AND COULD FIND OUT IF ANYTHING HAD HAPPENED TO FITZGERALD. MRS. ROBERTSON WAS INSTRUCTED BY GENE TO CHECK FITZGERALD'S APARTMENT TOMORROW MORNING AND SEE IF HIS CLOTHES HAD BEEN DISTURBED INDICATING BY SUCH REMARKS THAT SHE SUSPECTED HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ARRESTED. WE WILL ENTER HIS APARTMENT AND MAKE IT APPEAR LIKE HE MADE NORMAL DEPARTURE. FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, NOTE SENT TO MRS. ROBERTSON WAS WRITTEN BY FITZGERALD INASMUCH AS HE HAD AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET HER AT SIX THIRTY PM AND IT WAS FEARED THAT SHE MIGHT REPORT HIS DISAPPEARANCE TO AUTHORITIES. FITZGERALD CLAIMS THAT NEITHER GENE NOR MRS. ROBERTSON KNOW OF HIS BACKGROUND OR ANYTHING OF HIS CONNECTIONS IN THE EAST OR ELSEWHERE. HAVE NOT ADVISED ST PAUL OF FITZGERALD'S APPREHENSION BUT POSSIBLY IF GENE HAS KNOWLEDGE OF HIS IDENTITY INFORMATION MIGHT BE RECEIVED THERE TO THAT EFFECT.

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CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE April 4, 1936	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/10 to 30/36	REPORT MADE BY V. E. GRISS JMS
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1252 HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236 et al Edward George Bremer, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGI- TIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUST ICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS Act
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Attorney for William Elmer Mead claims not to know of his present whereabouts. Drew up contract for Mead to purchase interest in Tyson Ice Cream Freezer Co. in Ohio incorporation. \$42,000 in cash paid for apartment house at 1533 Fargo Ave., Chicago. George H. Meyer, business manager, Glaziers Union, received from or cashed \$330 check in May, 1935 for Mrs. Mead. Robert J. Wing unable to furnish additional information.			
REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent V. E. Griss, Chicago, Ill. March 24, 1936; W. B. Matney, Detroit, Mich. Feb. 24, 1936; B. F. Fitzsimmons, Jacksonville, Fla. March 19, 1936; T. E. Billings, Los Angeles, California March 12, 1936.			
DETAILS: <u>AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:</u> Mr. William S. Hefferan, 155 North Clark Street was interviewed and advised that he represented Mrs. Mary A. McCarthy, now deceased, in the sale of the property known as 1533 Fargo Avenue, Chicago, to Mrs. Marie Mead in December, 1927, and the final payment in 1928; that Mrs. Mead was represented by Herbert Decker, attorney, 111 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois; that to his, Hefferan's, surprise, Mrs. Mead made all payments in cash, bringing in one instance some \$14,000 in paper currency concealed in her clothing - thus no information on any bank account was received. Mr. Hefferan stated he has not seen Mr. or Mrs. Mead since 1928.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7 1576 + 10449 APR 10 1936 APR 15 1936 APR 9 A.M. <i>[Signature]</i>	
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Mr. Herbert Decker, attorney, advised that he represented Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mead when they purchased the property known as 1533 Fargo Avenue; that as he remembers he was always paid in cash and the payments on the property were in cash; that the last time he saw either Mr. or Mrs. Mead was in 1932 when Mead had him draw up a contract for the purchase of an interest in a concern known as the Tyson Ice Cream Freezer Co., 1020 Wilson Avenue, Chicago; that he does not know if such a concern existed or if any transaction ever took place; that he got in contact with Mead at 9 East Harrison Street or 6139 South Park Avenue, Chicago. He claimed to be unable to give any information that might be used to presently locate the Meads.

It was ascertained that 9 East Harrison Street now a Salvation Army meeting place, was a bootleg joint operated by Louis Nathan who now operates the 606 Club which is being covered. The address 6139 South Park Avenue has been covered previously.

Mr. Decker and Mr. Hefferan both promised to notify the Chicago Bureau office if they should obtain any information on either Mr. or Mrs. Mead's whereabouts.

Mr. E. J. Mareney, superintendent, Judicial Department, United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, 170 West Jackson Boulevard advised he was recently notified that Mrs. Mead cashed the \$530.60 draft which she received as the surplus, when the Liberty bonds were sold to remunerate the above company for the loss resulting from her husband's failure to appear at Jacksonville, Florida for trial, causing the forfeiture of a \$10,000 bond. A photostatic copy of the draft reflected that the draft was cashed at the Bank of Montreal, Chicago, Illinois May 11, 1935.

Mr. A. C. Nichol, manager, Bank of Montreal, from the records advised that Marie De Temple on May 11, 1935 purchased cashiers check number A-53233 for the amount of \$530.51. This check was produced and bears the endorsements of Marie De Temple, George H. Meyers, and Grace Sweeney, and was apparently cashed at the American National Bank, Chicago.

No record of any accounts with Mead or his wife could be found with the said bank.

Mr. A. W. Scottmore, Assistant Cashier, American National Bank, advised that George H. Meyers is manager of the Glaziers Union, Room 505, 100 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, and Miss Sweeney was his secretary.

A check at the Glaziers Union revealed that Meyers is in Florida but is due back about April 1, 1936 when he will be interviewed.

Agent checked at 1533 Fargo Avenue and observed that mail has been collecting in Mrs. Mead's mail box since November. Advertising matter not already checked was from: The Burleson Sanitarium, Grand Rapids Michigan (addressed to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mead); Martin and Martin, 32 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago; Eastman Kodak Company, 133 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The Detroit office has been requested by letter to conduct investigation at the Burleson Sanitarium.

The manager of Martin and Martin Co., a shoe store, advised that Mrs. Mead has been a cash customer there since 1930. Their records merely reflected cash sales. Mr. E. R. Tyson, manager, Eastman Kodak Co., advised that the advertisement was sent out due to Miss Marie Mead bringing in at some time scenic movie films to be developed. Mr. Tyson advised he would immediately notify the Chicago Bureau office if Mrs. Mead brought in any more films to be developed.

Mr. John J. Murphy, manager, Cornelia Apartments, 3500 Lake Shore Drive advised that William R. Skidmore has been a resident there since 1928; that his wife and mother-in-law reside with him and they lead a very quiet life; that Mr. Skidmore is the owner of the Longdale Scrap Iron and Metal Company, 2840 South Kedzie Avenue. Mr. Murphy did not recognize the picture of William E. Mead as a friend of Skidmore. He advised that if he should see Mead he would immediately notify the Chicago Bureau office.

At 2840 South Kedzie Avenue it was observed that Burnstein and Skidmore appear as the names of the operators of the scrap iron yard. There were many high priced cars being driven up to the address, and influential appearing men entering the said office. This might be accounted for by the political activities of Skidmore, as well as his notoriety as a gambler. A mail cover is being requested on his mail.

Mrs. Mary H. Buxton, manager, Chelsea Hotel, 920 N. Wilson Avenue could find no record of George E. Taylor or H. Jolly ever residing there. She claimed not to recognize the photograph of William E. Mead. She also promised to notify the Chicago Bureau office if she should see Mead.

1020 Wilson Avenue, the supposed address of the Tyson Ice Cream Freezer Co. is now the address of a restaurant. No one in the restaurant

or adjacent stores remembered the Ice Cream Freezer Company. It was ascertained that Hooker and Slosson, 140 South Dearborn Street were former rental agents for the said building.

Mr. B. E. Green, broker, Hooker and Slosson Co. advised that three men, Harry S. Martin, Arthur W. O'Leary and Mathew Herbert, claiming to be going to start a branch office agency of the Tyson Ice Cream Freezer Corporation, an Ohio corporation, signed a two year lease for the store space known as 1020 Wilson Avenue on May 10, 1932; that they only kept the store two or three months. Mr. Green did not recognize the picture of Mead as being any of the three. Arthur O'Leary, an informant of the Chicago office, will be questioned concerning Mead's present interest if any in the said Tyson Ice Cream Freezer Company.

Mrs. Nonie McNaughton was not known at the Hotel Piquedilly 5107 South Blackstone Avenue. The name of Helen Kirsh, 1148 N. Harding Avenue and Lou Kirsh, 3251 Madison Avenue were unknown under these names. Further investigation will be made concerning these correspondents of Dorothy Fisher presently in the California State penitentiary for women.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois dated January 6, 1934, which requests that Mr. R. J. Wing, 410 Keystone Building, Aurora, Illinois be interviewed for any information he might possess concerning the present whereabouts of William Elmer Mead.

By memorandum dated May 11, 1934, Special Agent V. W. Peterson submitted the information that Mr. R. J. Wing called at the Chicago Bureau office and advised that for the past seventeen years he, R. J. Wing, had been spending portions of summers at Halford Camp, which is located at Cliff Lake, Montana, Cliff Lake, Montana being located approximately twenty-seven miles west of Yellowstone National Park. According to R. J. Wing, Elmer Mead and his wife have spent summers at this place for at least the past ten years. He advised that Mead usually arrives at the Halford Camp at Cliff Lake, Montana about the latter part of June and remains there for one month; that the proprietor of the camp is one Oliver B. Lester, and Mead associates at the camp with one Morris Stagers, who operates a camp at the mouth of Madison canyon. Wing furnished the further information that the only individual who could be absolutely trusted in this vicinity was one Clyde Carter, who resided in a log cabin on the side of the mountain where he has a prospect for a mine, the mountain in question being near Cliff Lake; that Carter received his mail through the Cliff Lake Post Office.

The report of Special Agent in Charge B. H. Dickason, Butte, Montana dated July 3, 1934, reflected an interview had with Robert J. Wing, at which time no information was obtained concerning William Elmer Mead's present whereabouts, and it appeared to Special Agent in Charge Dickason that Wing was very talkative and admitted that he had told his story to other individuals.

Robert J. Wing was again interviewed by Special Agent R. C. Suran at Aurora, Illinois, on March 13, 1934, at which time Wing stated that he had continued to visit the Halford Camp since reporting the above information to the Bureau, and that so far as he has been able to learn Mead had not visited in the vicinity of the Halford Camp since the summer of 1933. Mr. Wing stated that during the past summer he was at the Halford Camp and through inquiries made by him it was learned that Mead had not been seen in that vicinity. Wing stated that he believed that Mead had not reappeared at Halford Camp due to the indiscreet activities of the Agents of the Bureau at that place. However, a review of the Chicago office file fails to reveal that any investigation was conducted by Agents of the Bureau in the vicinity of Halford in connection with this matter, and the only investigation conducted concerning this matter was an interview had with Mr. Wing by Special Agent in Charge Dickason at the Bonneville Hotel, Idaho Falls, Idaho, at which place Mr. Wing had registered under the name of John R. Ward. It is believed, however, that if Wing had obtained any information concerning the present whereabouts of Mead he would have communicated it to Special Agent in Charge Dickason, with whom he stated he was very favorably impressed.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

CHICAGO OFFICE: At Chicago, Illinois will interview George M. Meyers, 100 North LaSalle Street when he returns to this city.

This office will continue the investigation concerning the possibility that William Skidmore is contacting Mead or his wife.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO** FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 4/7/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/16 to 31/36	REPORT MADE BY R. C. SURAN RCS/ehc
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>John Ball presently residing 8126 Ellis Street, Chicago, Illinois, and operating "racing book" at 8148 Dobson Avenue, Chicago, his partner in this enterprise being Eddie Donovan. Former landlord of John Ball promised cooperation in checking activities of Ball and Donovan in vicinity of 82nd and Dobson Avenue and 82nd and Ellis Avenue. J. J. Curley denies recent contacts with Ball and Donovan. James Burke, former alleged contact of fugitives, reported to be dead. Lillian Holden reported to be in New York City. No information of apparent value obtained from continued surveillance of John Karpavicz and family. Leo Bullinger, former owner of building at 2007 Cicero Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, unable to identify photographs of fugitives as frequenting above address at time Willie Harrison operated saloon there. Lester Miller, transient restaurant employee who alleges he saw Karpis in San Antonio, Texas, employed by F. G. Stoner in Chicago, Illinois, summer 1935. Stoner states Miller reliable. No information concerning Miller obtained at Homewood, Illinois. Informant states Rigo Bertolini and Edward Otis planning to kidnap Jim Farmer if it can be definitely determined that latter is in possession of residue of Bremer ransom money.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 8, 1936; Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated March 24, 1936;</p>			
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Letter from the San Antonio Bureau Office,
dated March 14, 1936.

DETAILS:

The report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated February 8, 1936, sets forth the names and addresses of various contacts of Subject Karpis. Among the names listed appears the name John Curley, of Chicago, Illinois.

With reference to this individual, Special Agent R. C. Suran, during the summer and fall of 1934, frequented the Green Lantern Tavern, located at 79th Street and Dobson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, which place was at that time being operated by Eddie Donovan and John Ball, known contacts of the Karpis-Barker gang. During these visits Agent Suran talked frequently with John Curley, who appeared to be on intimate terms with Donovan and Ball, although no information of value was obtained from this association with Curley due to the fact that no direct questions could be asked him concerning the various persons who frequented the Green Lantern, but Agent did observe Curley in frequent company with Donovan and Ball. Curley, who was an employee of the Illinois Central Railroad, appeared to spend a great deal of time at the Green Lantern Tavern, and it was the impression of Agent Suran that he was not the type of individual who would engage in gangster activities but possibly hung around the Green Lantern for such entertainment as he might secure free of charge.

Since Eddie Donovan and John Ball have not operated the Green Lantern for several months and their present activities were unknown, it was believed advisable to again locate John Curley and endeavor to obtain information from him concerning Donovan and Ball. Agent Suran visited the Green Lantern Tavern, at 79th and Dobson Avenue, where conversation was had with the present bartender; and it was learned that Curley had not been seen at this place for several weeks but was known to reside in the immediate vicinity of this tavern.

Through the personnel records of the Illinois Central Railroad, it was learned that J. J. (John) Curley was employed as a suburban collector for this railroad and resided at 7933 St. Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Agent was unable to locate Curley at his residence, and he was therefore interviewed at the Randolph Street Station of the Illinois

Central Railroad. Prior to Agent's identifying himself to John Curley, Curley was casually asked if he had been drinking lately with Eddie Donovan and Johnnie Ball, and Curley replied that Ball and Donovan became too "hot" for him to associate with and take a chance on getting "machine gunned." Agent then identified himself to Curley and asked him if he would be willing to cooperate with the Bureau in its efforts to locate Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

Curley stated that he has known Eddie Donovan and John Ball for more than ten years and knows that both of them are "tough" individuals. Curley stated that during the time they operated the Green Lantern Tavern he spent considerable time there until Eddie and John became quite "hot" after the assassination of Tom Malloy in the summer of 1935. Curley stated that immediately after the assassination of Malloy, Eddie Donovan was arrested for investigation in connection with this murder but was later released. Shortly after his release Eddie Donovan, in company with James Burke, who was associated with him in the operation of the Green Lantern Tavern, was accosted by unknown assailants at which time an attempt was made to kill Eddie Donovan. Donovan, however, escaped, but James Burke was seriously wounded, but subsequently recovered. The information furnished by Curley in this regard was the subject of considerable newspaper publicity at the time these events took place.

Curley stated that after these events he visualized a second "St. Valentine's Day Massacre," believing that if some gang was seriously intent upon killing Eddie Donovan and John Ball that they would some day come into these individuals' place of business and kill everybody in it.

Curley stated that he had been employed by the Illinois Central Railroad for the past twenty-two years; that he had always worked for a living and had never engaged in any of the rackets with which Ball and Donovan were connected; that Ball and Donovan were friendly with him and when he would hang around their taverns they would supply him with numerous free drinks but that they never at any time asked any favors in return, Curley remarking that although he got numerous free drinks from Ball and Donovan he also spent considerable money at their places of business.

Curley stated that during the World's Series at St. Louis in 1934, Eddie Donovan and John Ball had planned a party to leave Chicago, Illinois, to attend the Series at St. Louis, Missouri, and

that in this party were "Doc" Bennett, who has an office in the vicinity of 79th and Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and the head of the Bread Drivers' Union. Curley stated that there was supposed to be another individual making this trip with Ball and Donovan but at the last minute he could not go; that he, Curley, was in the Green Lantern Tavern at the time and was invited to go along, inasmuch as the reservations had already been secured and the tickets for the ball game purchased. Curley stated that he went along with these individuals inasmuch as it was a free trip. He stated that this is the only time he had ever gone anywhere with Ball and Donovan.

Curley advised that the individual whose first name was Howard who was formerly employed as a bartender at the Green Lantern Tavern is now employed as a bartender at some tavern on Cottage Grove Avenue. He further advised that the other bartender, whose first name was Frank, who formerly was employed at the Green Lantern, is supposed to be somewhere in Chicago. However, this agent learned at the Green Lantern Tavern by interview with the present bartender that Frank is presently supposed to be operating a lunch room at Rock Island, Illinois. Curley stated that he believed this to be untrue.

Continuing, Curley advised that since the murder of Malloy and the attempted assassination of Eddie Donovan, the police refused to permit Eddie and John to operate a tavern or other business enterprise at any place; that Eddie and John have attempted on several occasions to operate a "racing book" but have been unsuccessful in remaining open for more than one or two weeks when they were closed up by the police, this activity on the part of the police no doubt being due to the fact that the police know Eddie Donovan is familiar with the identities of the assassins of Tom Malloy but refuses to divulge the same to the authorities. Curley stated, however, that it is his information that Eddie and John are operating a "racing book" at a tavern located on Dobson Avenue, near 82nd Street, on the west side of Dobson Avenue, which tavern has a large Budweiser sign in front of it. Curley stated that Ball and Donovan are not operating this place openly but had as a front a man by the name of Riley, although the book is in reality financed by Donovan and Ball.

Concerning James Burke, Curley stated that in the fall of 1935, probably September, James Burke, who was residing in the 8100

block on Ellis Avenue, died as a result of an ulcer operation performed by Doc Bennett. He stated that he attended the wake had for Burke and at this time saw Eddie and John. He claimed that this was the last time that he has seen these individuals as, for reasons previously stated, Curley claims that he has not frequented the tavern in which the book is being operated by Ball and Donovan.

Concerning Doc Bennett, he stated that he did not know this individual's first name but knew that he was friendly with Eddie and John, but that his reputation as a physician was above reproach. He stated that at the time Burke was shot when the attempt was made on the life of Eddie Donovan, Burke was immediately taken to the office of Doctor Bennett and Bennett immediately reported the matter to the police, which was the first information the police had concerning the identity of the individuals who had been engaged in the shooting affray.

A group of photographs was shown to Curley, which photographs included the various members of the Barker-Karpis gang. Curley claimed he could not positively identify any of them as individuals known to him, but he selected the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being the likeness of an individual he had seen at the Green Lantern Tavern at the time it was being operated by Ball and Donovan; however, he claimed he could not make a positive identification.

Curley expressed his willingness to cooperate in this matter on the assurance that he would be fully protected in any information that he gave. He stated that it was possible that he would see Donovan and Ball from time to time and that he might possibly secure information, although this would appear somewhat doubtful inasmuch as Ball and Donovan very seldom discuss their associates with others.

Curley stated that during the time Ball and Donovan operated the Green Lantern Tavern there was a definite group of individuals who frequented that place and any strangers who entered therein were regarded with suspicion. Curley stated that he had heard Ball and Donovan discuss Agent Suran after the latter had visited this place during the summer and fall of 1934 and had determined to learn the identity of the agent should he make additional visits to this tavern. Curley stated that this was not unusual, as previously stated, because these individuals were naturally suspicious of all strangers who entered their place of business on more than one occasion.

Agent Suran determined that the tavern which answered the description given by Curley, in which is located the book operated by Ball and Donovan, is known as Tommy's Buffet, at 8148 Dobson Avenue.

Inquiries at the Grand Crossing Postal Station revealed that there was a forwarding address at that place for Mr. and Mrs. John Ball from 8132 Ellis Avenue to 8126 Ellis Avenue, dated April 5, 1935.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hartman, 8132 Ellis Avenue, were interviewed in April, 1935, by Special Agents J. L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan, at which time the Hartmans were cooperative with these agents.

In view of this, Agent Suran, on March 24, 1936, again interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hartman. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman stated that John Ball, with his wife and son, age about 6, and daughter, age 4 or 5 years, were tenants at 8132 Ellis Avenue for two years prior to May 1, 1935, when they moved from that address to 8126 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, where they reside at the present time. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman advised that at the time the Balls left the address of 8132 Ellis Avenue Ball gave as a reason that it was necessary to reduce expenses and they were getting the apartment at 8126 Ellis Avenue \$10.00 cheaper than the apartment which was rented to them by the Hartmans. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman stated that the Balls were desirable tenants insofar as paying their rent promptly was concerned, and further that they caused no disturbances whatsoever and from observation it would appear that John Ball was a law-abiding citizen.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartman advised that when the Balls first moved into 8132 Ellis Avenue Ball stated that he was connected with the Hotel Waiters Union and gave as a reference Tom Malloy, as former landlord. Mr. Hartman stated that he investigated the reference given by John Ball, and Tom Malloy advised that Ball was a very good tenant and that he, Malloy, hated to lose him. Malloy stated to Mr. Hartman that Ball would never cause him any trouble and would pay his rent promptly and a better tenant could not be secured. Hartman stated that he did not at that time know the identity of Tom Malloy and took the information furnished by Malloy at its face value; that, however, several months later publicity began to appear in the paper concerning Tom Malloy and his activities with the Motion Picture

Operators Union and, further, that he, Hartman, learned that Ball had never resided with Malloy but had previously resided somewhere in the neighborhood of 82nd and Dobson Avenue. Hartman then stated that he realized that Ball was a hoodlum but inasmuch as he had up to that time been an ideal tenant he did not desire to ask the Balls to move and, in addition, did not desire to incur any animosity on the part of Ball. The Hartmans stated that they had no regrets when the Balls finally decided to move on May 1, 1935.

The Hartmans informed that the premises at 8126 Ellis Avenue are owned by Matthew P. Brophy, who is a married man with five children; that Matthew Brophy is employed by the Illinois Central Railroad. He stated that Brophy came to him and inquired concerning the desirability of the Balls as tenants prior to the time that the Balls moved to 8126 Ellis Avenue. Hartman stated that he at that time knew the true identity and occupation of Ball but could not conscientiously tell Brophy that they were not good tenants for he knew that Brophy was in dire need of renting all the apartments in his building; and for this reason he did not disclose to Brophy full information concerning Ball. He stated that Mr. and Mrs. Brophy are very good citizens and stated to this agent that in view of the information that he had previously furnished Brophy he did not desire that the Brophys be interviewed by an agent inasmuch as it would merely excite them, and that he, Hartman, knew more about the Balls than the Brophys did.

Mr. Hartman stated that he and his wife would cooperate fully with this Bureau in checking on the activities of the Balls in the neighborhood, and in view of this Agent Suran did not interview the Brophys but will wait a reasonable length of time to determine the extent of the cooperation which could be given to this Bureau by the Hartmans. Mr. Hartman stated that he saw John Ball practically every day in the vicinity of 82nd Street and Ellis Avenue, or in the vicinity of 82nd Street and Dobson Avenue, and was also in a position to observe from time to time the various automobiles which were parked in front of 8126 Ellis Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartman stated that during the time the Balls resided at 8132 Ellis Avenue they had as a daily visitor Eddie Donovan, and that also Mrs. Donovan frequently visited the Balls. They stated that they did not know the address at which Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Donovan were living at that time. Mr. Hartman stated that he has not seen Eddie Donovan in company with John Ball for approximately

two months, although he has seen John Ball in company with numerous individuals who are obviously of the racketeer type. He stated that John Ball is seldom seen by himself, but is usually accompanied by other individuals.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartman were shown a group of photographs. They were unable to identify any of the photographs except those of John Ball and Eddie Donovan. Mr. and Mrs. Ball were furnished with a photograph of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, and also with the telephone number of the Chicago Bureau Office, and both promised to cooperate fully in this matter.

These persons will be frequently contacted in order to keep their interest alive in this matter.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartman stated that James Burke, who was formerly closely associated with Donovan and Ball, formerly resided at 8114 Ellis Avenue, and died as a result of an ulcer operation in the fall of 1935, because he left his bed contrary to the doctor's instructions prior to the time that his wounds had completely healed.

Mr. Hartman furnished the further information that he had observed that Johnnie Ball and Eddie Donovan frequently stopped in Fanning's Tavern, located at 82nd and Ellis Streets; that they did not appear to be particularly friendly with Fanning but he had observed them drinking beer at this tavern on numerous occasions. Hartman stated that he did not know, but that Fanning appeared to be a reliable individual.

Mr. M. A. Fanning was interviewed by Agent Suran, but no questions were asked of him concerning John Ball or Eddie Donovan, and the names of these two individuals were not mentioned during the interview. Fanning stated that he formerly operated a tavern at 69th and State Streets and has been at his present location since July, 1935. Fanning stated that during prohibition days he was a bootlegger, but that he never engaged in any other criminal activities, and that his sole occupation at the present time was operating the tavern at 82nd and Ellis Avenue. Fanning stated he had no sympathy for kidnapers or murderers and would assist the authorities in locating any such individuals.

Fanning was shown the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, and stated that he had never observed them in the

vicinity of 82nd Street and Ellis Avenue. He stated that there were numerous racketeers who hung around in that vicinity, and promised that should he see anyone answering the description of Karpis or Campbell he would notify the Chicago Bureau Office.

Mr. Fanning will be contacted from time to time in connection with this matter.

Without revealing the names of Ball or Donovan or any indication being given that they were connected with the present investigation, Agent interviewed Dr. Edmund F. Bennett, 7936 Cottage Grove Avenue, and his nurse, Miss Gibson. Dr. Bennett stated that he perhaps treats more cases of venereal disease than any other doctor located in the south part of Chicago; that although he does not specialize in this form of treatment he does have numerous cases. Dr. Bennett has quite elaborate offices and from outward appearances has a good practice.

Dr. Bennett and Miss Gibson were shown a group of photographs, among which were Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. Neither could identify any of the photographs displayed to them. The photographs of John Ball and Eddie Donovan were not, of course, included among the photographs displayed. It was believed that if Dr. Bennett was a reputable individual he would identify the photographs of Karpis and Campbell if they were known to him as patients or otherwise. Since he failed to do so, it was considered unwise to interview him concerning the activities of Ball and Donovan.

The reference report of Special Agent S. K. McKee also sets forth the name of Lillian Holden, who in the past has been known to associate with various members of the Karpis-Barker mob, she being the wife of Thomas Holden, a prisoner believed to be presently confined in the Alcatraz prison. Lillian Holden associated with Francis Keating, Harvey Bailey, Verne Miller, V. Mathis, and others who have been prominently mentioned throughout this investigation. It was known that the parents of Lillian Holden, Mr. and Mrs. William Green, reside at 1002 West 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, and it was further known that Lillian Holden has in the past resided at this address, using the name of Lillian Green.

Mr. Dennis O'Hare, 6214 South Ashland Avenue, realtor, has charge of the premises at 1002 West 63rd Street, which is somewhat of a dilapidated apartment house occupied by a paint shop and tire

shop on the first floor. Mr. O'Hare stated that William Green and his family still reside at 1002 West 63rd Street, but have been given notice to move for failure to pay rent. Mr. O'Hare advised that Miss Laverne Tennison handles the renting of the property at 1002 West 63rd Street, and was more familiar with the tenants of that building than he, Mr. O'Hare.

Miss Tennison advised that the Greens occupy an apartment on the fourth floor at 1002 West 63rd Street and the apartment is rented in the name of Mae Green, wife of William Green. Miss Tennison stated that the Greens have been on veteran's relief until about three months ago when the relief funds ceased to be distributed in Illinois, and that since that time it has been very difficult to collect the rent for the apartment occupied by the Greens. She advised that the Greens presently owe \$25.00, and that she personally gave them notice to move, which notice was to expire on or about March 27, 1936, in the event the \$25.00 arrearage was not paid. Miss Tennison stated that she goes to the building occasionally but has never had an opportunity to observe the visitors of the Greens. She stated that Mae Green always comes to the office to pay the rent.

Miss Tennison further advised that she had learned that the Greens have another family living with them in the flat, which is supposed to be occupied only by one family, and the fact that another family is residing with the Greens is supposed to be unknown to the realty company. Miss Tennison stated that she knows Lillian Green when she sees her but has never had any conversation with this woman. Miss Tennison stated that Lillian lived with her parents until about a month or six weeks ago. She stated that according to the information she had recently obtained from Mae Green, Lillian's mother, Lillian is presently supposed to be residing in New York City with an aunt. Miss Tennison further informed that the information she had obtained from other tenants in the building was to the effect that the Greens allow no one to enter their apartment as they are now about three months behind in the payment of their gas bill and are afraid that someone will enter and cut off the gas. Miss Tennison stated that she was of the opinion, however, that the other family living with the Greens had something to do with the refusal of the Greens to permit anyone to enter their apartment. Miss Tennison was unable to provide any information concerning the identity of the other family presently residing with the Greens.

Both Miss Tennison and Mr. O'Hare stated that an individual who presently resides in the apartment house, by the name of Donald

McGregor, was formerly employed as a janitor at the building; that they considered him reliable and believed that he would keep any inquiries made of him confidential.

Donald McGregor was interviewed at 1002 West 63rd Street and advised that the fourth floor apartment was presently occupied by William Green and his wife and another elderly lady, whose identity he did not know. He stated that he was positive that there were no other individuals residing in this apartment at the present time. McGregor stated that he has not observed Lillian at that address for two or three months and did not know her present location. He further advised that he had not observed the young man who was supposed to be Lillian's brother at the apartment since the summer of 1935. He was unable to state the name of this brother, but it is known from previous investigation that Lillian Holden did in fact have a brother residing at 1002 West 63rd Street.

Ralph Freeman, colored, the mail carrier, was interviewed, Freeman working out of the Englewood Station of the Post Office. Freeman stated that he had been carrying this route for ten years and knew that a family by the name of Green resided on the fourth floor at 1002 West 63rd Street for several years and presently resided there, but that he had no information concerning the identity of the persons presently receiving mail at this address; that although he had observed a woman there who was supposed to be Mrs. Green's daughter he had little information concerning her and did not know whether she was presently residing with her mother and father.

The surveillance of the family of John Karpavicz has been continued since the rendition of the reference report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, and this report covers this surveillance for the period of March 17, 1936, to March 30, 1936. As previously reported in other reports, the surveillance is being maintained by Special Agent V. E. Criss and Anthony Vaitkus, and a complete log has been maintained. However, the conversations overheard in most part have been immaterial to this investigation and only such parts as might have a bearing in the future are recorded herein.

On March 18, 1936, at 8:30 P.M., Anthony Vaitkus overheard the following Lithuanian conversation over the microphone:

Billy (Newbold) and Mr. Karpavicz discussed a

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[REDACTED] (This apparently refers to the ring of Alvin Karpis which the Karpavicz family obtained from Dolores DeLaney after her apprehension at Atlantic City, New Jersey, in January, 1935.)

On March 26, 1936, at 11:40 A.M., an incoming call to Belmont 7899 was overheard by Anthony Vaitkus in the Lithuanian language and translated by him:

Clara (Venute) called Mrs. Karpavicz on the telephone.

[REDACTED]

At 11:50 A.M. on March 22, 1936, an incoming call to Belmont 7899 between Clara Venute and Mr. Karpavicz was overheard. The conversation was concerning Raymond, the baby, but indicated that Clara makes all of her telephone calls from the home of Mrs. Meyers, which is in close proximity to the home of Clara Venute.

On March 28, 1936, at 3:40 P.M., an outgoing call was made on Belmont 7899 to Seeley 5788 (telephone number of Mrs. Meyers):

Mrs. Karpavicz called a woman on the telephone and

[REDACTED]

On March 28, 1936, at 7:55 P.M., Katie and John (Post) were heard talking in the front of the apartment by Anthony Vaitkus. They could not get in the apartment as Mr. Karpavicz was last to leave and he had the keys. At 8:10 P.M. Mr. Karpavicz returned to the apartment and they entered the house, and the following conversation was overheard by Vaitkus over the microphone: b7c

Mrs. Karpavicz told Katie and John

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

During this conversation Mrs. Karpavicz stepped outside, and after a few minutes she came back. (This is her hourly visit outside.)

[REDACTED]

Katie mentioned

[REDACTED]

On March 28, 1936, at 9:55 P.M., an incoming call was received on Belmont 7899:

Clara called on the telephone and Mr. Karpavicz answered. They talked

The conversation overheard in the Karpavicz apartment on March 28, 1936, continued as follows:

John and Katie remained at the Karpavicz apartment until 9:55 P.M. and after they had gone Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz talked

(This apparently refers to previous conversations concerning the taking of the baby somewhere.)

On March 29, 1936, at 8:30 A.M., Emily Newbold came over to the Karpavicz apartment and her conversation with Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz was overheard by Vaitkus on the microphone:

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[REDACTED]

The conversation concerning Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz taking the baby somewhere on Sunday, March 29, 1936, indicated that they were taking the baby somewhere and did not desire to talk about it over the telephone, as is noted in the conversation between Mrs. Karpavicz and Clara Venute. It was therefore deemed advisable to conduct a surveillance of Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz on Sunday, March 29, 1936. Upon instructions of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, Special Agents J. M. Jones and M. V. Kirkland maintained this surveillance, and the following memorandum was submitted in connection therewith:

"Pursuant to instructions, Agents J. M. Jones and M. V. Kirkland maintained a surveillance of the activities of John Karpavicz and Mrs. John Karpavicz, beginning at 8 A.M. on the morning of March 29, 1936.

At 8 A.M. when the surveillance was begun, Mr. Karpavicz was found at the School Street Apartments, of which place he is the janitor. He returned from the School Street Apartments at 8:45 A.M. driving his 1929 Ford Coupe, Illinois 1936 license No. 546784. He returned to his home at 2842 N. Francisco.

Mr. Karpavicz did not leave the apartment at 2842 N. Francisco until 1:30 P.M. when he made another trip to the School Street Apartments.

At approximately 3 P.M. Mr. Karpavicz, Mrs. Karpavicz and the baby, son of Subject, drove to a play ground which is located on the first block of Otto Street where School Street ends. The three of them sat in the Ford Coupe parked alongside of the playground for approximately fifteen or twenty minutes. From this point they drove North on School Street to Addison Street or U. S. Route #14; then down Route #14 to the 5900 block

on Lawrence Avenue. Here Mr. Karpavicz stopped the car opposite the middle of a vacant lot for approximately four or five minutes. He then drove on Lawrence Avenue to the 4800 block on Milwaukee, then southeast on Milwaukee to where the latter street joins Addison.

The three of them then drove down Addison to where it joins Route #62 or Avondale Avenue. Then on Avondale to North Francisco Street where they reached 2842 North Francisco, parked the car and went into the apartment building. The time of their return was approximately 3 P.M. At neither the playground stop or the stop opposite the vacant lot did either Mr. or Mrs. Karpavicz contact any person.

After their return to 2842 North Francisco, at 3 P.M., Agent M. V. Kirkland called Special Agent in Charge Ladd over the telephone and advised him of the result of the surveillance thus far. Mr. Ladd then instructed Agents Kirkland and Jones to continue the surveillance for another two hours, or until approximately 5 o'clock, and to call him at that time.

At 5:00 P.M. Agent Jones again called Special Agent in Charge Ladd on the telephone and was instructed to discontinue the surveillance."

During the course of the investigation of the case entitled CLEMENTS PIOTROWSKI; JOSEPH BERGL; et al., THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT, Chicago File No. 15-335, Special Agent A. J. Norstrom interviewed Mr. Leo Bullinger, who operates a plumbing shop at 2053 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois, and who informed that he formerly owned the premises at 2007 Cicero Avenue for a number of years and that about 1931 Charles Grand, 2009 48th Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, rented the premises for a saloon. The following information was reported by Special Agent A. J. Norstrom in connection with the above referred to case:

Mr. Bullinger advised that he later discovered that Grand was acting as agent for the Capone Syndicate and that one Bleier of 3435 West 26th Street, Chicago, Illinois, paid him \$1,000.00 as rent upon signing the lease. He informed that Al Capone was more or less interested in the tavern and that when Grand's services were no longer satisfactory to the Syndicate he was relieved of his duties

by Capone, and Peter Pizzo was installed as the manager. Bullinger further informed that Pizzo operated a small gambling place and saloon at that address and had an assistant named Charles, whose last name Bullinger was unable to recall, but whom he described as a young man of thirty years, fair complexion, slender build, and quite badly hunchbacked as a result of paralysis. He informed that another assistant of Pizzo's was an individual named Miles, who he was unable to state definitely was Miles O'Donnell, another member of the Capone Syndicate. He stated later when Pizzo opened the Hy-Ho Club at Cicero, the Syndicate brought Willie Harrison, a subject in the BREKID case, now deceased, from Chicago Heights, Illinois, as the manager of the place with the assistance of Miles. He again stated that after Harrison became manager the Alcohol Tax Unit of the Treasury Department obtained an injunction against Harrison, Miles and himself, from operating the place, although he stated he was not connected with the group in any way, his only activity at the place being to collect the rent, and that he never knew any of the patrons of the saloon and was unable to state any of the activities that went on there. As a matter of fact, he stated that the Syndicate still owes him part of the rent on the premises, which he has no hopes of ever receiving.

He stated that the Harry that he previously mentioned had also worked for Willie Harrison at the tavern after the time that Pizzo had taken over the place. Ralph Capone succeeded his brother, Al, in the general management of Pizzo's and Harrison's activities. He informed that F. N. Mangum, 4811 Cicero Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, real estate broker, with offices at 2137 Cicero Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, knew the whole setup at the 2007 address and could undoubtedly furnish information as to Pizzo's activities at the time he was in active management if so disposed, but that he was undoubtedly a Syndicate member and efforts to question him would be futile.

The files in the Chicago Bureau Office in the Brekid case reflect that Willie Harrison operated the saloon at 2007 Cicero Avenue in 1933, and that one Petey and Jimmy the Swede (James Morand) were very close to him at that time. He had a bartender named Mickey at the place, whose true name was Edward Ebert, and that he operated the place after one Peter Pizzo opened the Hy-Ho Club at 2242 South Cicero Avenue, along with one Joey O'Brien as part owner.

A search of the BREKID file was made for associates of Harrison and Pizzo named Harry, which disclosed that Harry Green, 542 Lake Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, operated a tavern at the above

address in April of 1935, and that Harry Tucker, alias Ray Tucker, was employed as a bartender by Harrison at Calumet City, Illinois.

It appearing from the above information set out by Agent Norstrom that Bullinger had contact with Willie Harrison at the saloon at 2007 Cicero Avenue, it appeared that he might possibly have information concerning other subjects in this case; and from the information furnished to Agent Norstrom it further appeared that Bullinger might be willing to further cooperate in the instant investigation. Therefore, it was deemed advisable to further interview him for possible information concerning Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

Agent Norstrom and Agent Suran on March 30, 1936, again interviewed Mr. Bullinger, and he stated that the individual who was referred to in the information previously reported by Agent Norstrom as being Miles O'Donnell was one Miles Kazda, who is a war veteran and is presently reported to be working for Cook County. Bullinger stated that Miles Kazda has only one leg, and that the amputation of the one leg has not properly healed and it is necessary for Kazda to secure frequent treatments at the Veterans Hospital at Maywood, Illinois; that it is possible that Miles Kazda might furnish valuable information concerning the identity of the Harry referred to as being employed at one time with Willie Harrison in the tavern at 2007 Cicero Avenue, and it was possible that this individual might have additional information concerning the identity of the persons who frequented this saloon.

A group of photographs was shown to Bullinger, and he selected the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being the likeness of an individual who appeared familiar to him, but he could not identify it definitely as being the likeness of an individual whom he had observed at 2007 Cicero Avenue.

Mr. Bullinger stated that he frequented this address frequently while it was a tavern, the main reason being to make certain that he collected all rents that were due him.

Mr. Bullinger reiterated the information that he furnished to Agent Norstrom that one Bleier of 3435 West 26th Street, Chicago, Illinois, a florist, would be an individual who would possess considerable information concerning the identity of the individuals who frequented 2007 Cicero Avenue. Mr. Bullinger was unable to furnish any additional information which would be of assistance in identifying

the various persons with the exception of advising that George Talbot, Jr., who operates a garage next door to the address 2007 Cicero Avenue, had been at this location for some years past and was rather well acquainted with all the patrons at the tavern, as well as the operators of it, since 1931.

George Talbot was previously interviewed by Special Agent Norstrom, and he informed that there was a very rough element that frequented the tavern at 2007 Cicero Avenue, and he never attempted to become too friendly with them. Talbot stated that in 1933 one Pete Pizzo operated the place and was later succeeded by Charles Peddie when Pizzo left the location to open the Hy-Ho Club on Cicero Avenue, this club being presently known as the Ha-Ha Club. He informed Agent Norstrom that Pizzo had an assistant by the name of Harry, whose last name he was unable to recall but who was between 25 and 30 years of age, slender build, light complexion, and perhaps of Bohemian extraction. He stated that this Harry was quite badly crippled as a result of paralysis, and to the best of his knowledge he had not seen him in the locality since the latter part of 1933.

Talbot informed that Pizzo was about 30 years of age, 5'5" in height and very stockily built, weighing about 175 pounds, is of Italian nationality, and resided in Brookfield, Illinois, with his wife, who recently passed away. He further informed that Pizzo himself had died in 1934 from what he believed was heart disease.

Talbot will be further interviewed in connection with the instant investigation.

With reference to the letter from the San Antonio Office dated March 14, 1936, submitting a memorandum prepared by Special Agent T. H. Sisk concerning the identification of Alvin Karpis by one Lester Miller at San Antonio, Texas, on March 13, 1936, the letter from the San Antonio Office requested that investigation be conducted to determine something of the history of Lester Miller.

The memorandum submitted by Agent Sisk stated that when first interviewed Miller advised that he saw Karpis several times in 1935, and later stated that he saw Karpis only once in the first part of July, 1935, standing alone at the corner of Wilson and

Broadway near Stoner's Restaurant, at which place he, Miller, was formerly employed.

Interview was had with Mr. F. G. Stoner, 2728 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, at which place Mr. Stoner operates a restaurant. This individual advised that he had operated a chain of lunch rooms at Cleveland, Ohio, prior to the year 1924, after which he came to Chicago, Illinois, and opened a restaurant at 1118 Wilson Avenue, which restaurant he continued to operate until the summer of 1935, when he moved to his present location.

It is noted that Stoner advised that he did not operate the cafe at 1118 Wilson Avenue during the summer of 1935, which is the time that Miller claimed he saw Alvin Karpis in that vicinity.

Mr. Stoner stated that he has known Lester Miller for several years, and that this individual worked for him as a waiter in his various lunchrooms at Cleveland, Ohio, prior to 1924. Mr. Stoner stated that Miller at various times worked for him at 1118 Wilson Avenue, and that in the summer of 1935, the exact date not recalled by Mr. Stoner, Miller came to him and requested a position, and that he gave him a job as a waiter at 2728 North Clark Street, and that the latter worked there for only a few weeks. He stated that Miller is more or less of an itinerant restaurant worker, being employed at various times as a waiter and a cook.

He stated that he has always regarded Miller highly and would give him a job at any time one was available and oftentimes gave him work merely to help him out when he, Stoner, did not actually have a vacancy in any of his restaurants. He advised that he believed Miller to be reliable and that he was not known to be given to exaggeration of his experiences, and that he, Stoner, would place credence in any information furnished by Miller.

Stoner was shown a group of photographs among which was the photograph of Alvin Karpis, and he was unable to identify it as being the likeness of any individual who had frequented any of his restaurants.

Interview was had with Mr. C. H. Young, Assistant Manager of the Leland Hotel, 1203 Leland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, who stated that he had been employed in this position for the past seven years and was entirely familiar with all the tenants who had

lived at the Leland Hotel during the past two or three years. He stated that he knew no one by the name of Lester Miller, but was well acquainted with Mr. Stoner, who formerly operated a restaurant at 1118 Wilson Avenue. Mr. Young stated that Mr. Stoner was a reliable individual who had gone broke operating a restaurant at 1118 Wilson Avenue, principally because he was too liberal with the various transient waiters and other restaurant employees who came to him for positions.

Mr. Young was shown a group of photographs among which was a photograph of Alvin Karpis, and he stated that he could not identify it as the likeness of anyone who had ever resided at the Leland Hotel or had been observed by him frequenting that place.

At the Record Bureau of the Chicago Police Department an effort was made to learn whether Lester Miller had a record at that place. Mr. Stoner had previously advised that he did not know the address at which Miller had lived with his wife in Chicago, Illinois, at the various times Miller had lived in this city, but stated that Miller was about forty years of age. It was found that there were numerous Lester Millers of the approximate age of Lester Miller who had been arrested in the past by the Chicago Police Department, and due to the lack of other identifying data such as fingerprint classification or local address, it could not be stated that any of the Lester Millers listed could be identical with the informant of the San Antonio Office.

Special Agent D. P. Sullivan conducted additional investigation concerning this matter, the results of which will be reported hereinafter, and a summary of the same was furnished to the San Antonio Office by teletype under date of March 16, 1936.

With reference to information set out in memorandum of Special Agent T. H. Sisk, San Antonio, Texas dated March 14, 1936, as provided by Lester Miller, Agent D. P. Sullivan conducted the following investigation:

H. Cato, Postmaster, Homewood, Illinois was interviewed. He was questioned concerning the Ellis Inn and stated that he could not recall a tavern in or about Homewood, Illinois ever having been operated under that name. He stated that Oliver Ellis had recently been released from a Federal penitentiary after serving a sentence for income tax evasion. In connection with the inn mentioned by Lester Miller, Cato stated that just outside of Homewood, Illinois there is located a dog track which has been closed for the past three years, and a horse race track; that he knows of no Sheridan Golf course and that possibly the inn may have been a small place located on the grounds of the dog track which formerly was operated by Oliver Ellis. Postmaster Cato stated he could not recall anyone by the name of Lester Miller ever having lived in Homewood, Illinois. Cato stated that Oliver Ellis has a brother J. Homer Ellis, who formerly had the controlling interest in the dog track at Homewood, and who is presently interested in a dog track at Miami, Florida. Cato referred Agent Sullivan to Ben Francis who operates Ben's Chateau, a tavern near Homewood.

Ben Francis was interviewed by Agent Sullivan and stated that he has been acquainted with Oliver Ellis and J. Homer Ellis for some time; that he cannot recall anyone by the name of Lester Miller having resided at Homewood, nor can he recall anyone by that name ever having worked for either of the two above mentioned men. He stated that up until about two years ago there was a brick residence located on the property of the dog track which was operated by J. Homer Ellis and his brother Oliver; that he was acquainted with most of the persons who worked at this dog track but could not recall anyone named Lester Miller. A hat check girl who refused to give her name was also interviewed by Agent Sullivan but denied knowing anyone by the name of Lester Miller. Photographs of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and other members of the gang were shown to Ben Francis and to the hat check girl, but they failed to recognize them. This check girl stated that her husband was formerly a guard at the dog track and that her brother formerly operated a hot dog stand at the dog track; that she spent a great deal of time there, but never noticed anyone of a suspicious character hanging about there. Ben Francis suggested that Agent interview Selby Moore who is presently managing a tavern four miles out of Homewood called "Six acres". Francis stated that Moore formerly was employed by Oliver Ellis and undoubtedly would be able to recall Lester Miller if he ever worked for Ellis.

Chief of Police William Gleason was interviewed and stated that he could not recall anyone by the name of Lester Miller having resided at Homewood, Illinois, nor could he recall that this man worked for Oliver Ellis. He suggested that Agent Sullivan interview Dan Bergen, present postmaster of Chicago Heights, located a few miles from Homewood, whom he stated was widely acquainted in this vicinity.

Postmaster Dan Bergen of Chicago Heights was interviewed by Agent Sullivan and stated that he was casually acquainted with Oliver Ellis and J. Homer Ellis, but could not recall anyone by the name of Lester Miller ever having worked for either or both of these two men.

Selby Moore was interviewed at the Six Acres tavern, about four miles out of Homewood. He stated that up until one year ago he worked for Oliver Ellis for about ten years, both at his present location and at the dog track when it was operating; that he could not recall anyone by the name of Lester Miller who ever was employed by Ellis. Photographs of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and other members of the gang were exhibited to Moore and the other persons who were interviewed, none of whom could recall having seen anyone of the likeness of these photographs visiting or living in the vicinity of Homewood, Illinois. There is no golf course located at or in the vicinity of Homewood, Illinois called the Sheridan Golf course, nor was any place ever operated in this vicinity under the name of the Ellis Inn.

[redacted] advised Agent Suran on March 23, 1936, that he was firmly of the opinion that Jim Farmer was in possession of a considerable sum of money which had previously belonged to Elmer Farmer, and that it was probable that if Jim Farmer did have a sum of money the source of it was the residue of the Bremer ransom money. [redacted] stated that he had been in frequent contact with Rigo Bertolini and Edward Otis, and that these two individuals are endeavoring to find out how much money Jim Farmer has at the present time, and that they are of the opinion that Farmer has approximately \$27,000.00. [redacted] stated that it is the plan of these two individuals to kidnap Jim Farmer and hold him for ransom if they can definitely ascertain that Jim Farmer is in possession of such a sum of money. [redacted] stated that Bertolini and Otis have invited him to participate in this kidnaping, and that he is playing along with them merely for the purpose of obtaining all the information that these individuals secure concerning any monies that Jim Farmer might be in possession of, inasmuch as [redacted] is of the opinion that if the money is the residue of the Bremer ransom money the same would be of interest to this office.

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[redacted] Bertolini and Edward Otis and [redacted] are endeavoring to secure this definite information through Art Muetchler, who is close to Jim Farmer; that Art Muetchler has a girl friend by the name of Grace Tate, who has been "playing around" with Jim Farmer. [redacted] that this woman had advised Bertolini, Otis, and himself that Farmer has a considerable sum of money, and that in order to make it appear that the money he is spending has been won on race horses, he has been observed making out "win" tickets at the bookmaking establishment operated by him at Bensenville; that the Tate woman had observed him making out one "win" ticket for \$600.00 and another for \$800.00, and the information obtained by the Tate woman is to the effect that Farmer did not win this money.

[redacted] stated that Jim Farmer has now paid off a \$200.00 note which he had signed for Muetchler at Princeton, Illinois, which sum of money was necessary to secure Muetchler's release from jail at Princeton, Illinois, where he was being held on a burglary or hijacking charge; that Jim Farmer likewise paid off a \$200.00 note signed by him for the same purpose to secure the release of Bertolini from the county jail at Wheaton, Illinois.

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[redacted] advised that Jim Farmer now has twenty-five slot machines, which he has been unable to keep in operation on account of the hostility of the county authorities against him. [redacted] that just prior to the time Elmer Farmer was tried at St. Paul, Minnesota, for the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer, Jim Farmer sold all of Elmer Farmer's slot machines, including his, Jim Farmer's, for the purpose of raising money for defense purposes. [redacted] that he believed that this was merely a blind to make people think that he, Jim Farmer, was broke, and now [redacted] definitely knows that Farmer has secured all new machines, and that these machines cost in the neighborhood of \$87.00 each.

[redacted] that Grace Tate, Muetchler's woman, resides near Fulton and Damen Avenues, a few doors east on the north side of Fulton Street.

[redacted] that he is in almost daily contact with the above-named individuals, and that he would promptly advise of any information of value obtained.

On March 21, 1936, Mr. K. H. Brettman, 1246 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, who is employed in the jewelry store at that address, telephoned the Chicago Bureau Office and advised Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd that he had some information concerning Karpis which might be of interest to this Bureau and which also might have previously been furnished to this Bureau; that he did not desire to discuss the same over the telephone.

Special Agent Suran interviewed Mr. Brettman on this date, and he advised that he had a confidential informant whose identity he did not feel at liberty to disclose who had advised him that on or about February 20, 1936, in the evening, Mrs. Karpavicz had been observed taking blankets from her apartment to the boiler room, and that the informant also saw Alvin Karpis at the Karpavicz apartment, and that Alvin Karpis had been sleeping in the furnace room at 2842 Francisco Street.

Mr. Brettman was requested to furnish the name of his informant if possible and, if necessary, to contact the informant and ascertain whether he would be willing to talk to an agent of the Bureau.

Later in the afternoon of March 21, 1936, Mr. Brettman telephoned Agent Suran and advised that he had not contacted the informant but had decided to inform Agent of his identity.

Mr. Brettman was again interviewed, and advised that his informant was one Paul Kohler, who resided at 2846 North Francisco Street. Brettman stated that Kohler washed windows for the jewelry firm located at 1246 Milwaukee Avenue, and that he, Brettman, who is an applicant for Special Agent in the Bureau, had always been interested in this particular case and, knowing that Kohler resided next door to the Karpavicz family, he endeavored from time to time to obtain information from him and Kohler had furnished the information as above related.

According to Brettman, Kohler advised him that Agents of the Bureau had attempted to gain admission to his house in order to observe the Karpavicz apartment, but that he and his wife were afraid to permit this procedure and have not cooperated with Bureau agents. Of course, it is known that this is false, and that Mr. and Mrs. Kohler have in fact cooperated with the Bureau. However, Mr. Brettman was not advised of this fact.

Further contact has been had with other confidential informants of the Chicago Bureau Office, including Frank Vaughn of Evanston, Illinois. Frank Vaughn stated that he had not heard from Herbert Farmer or Tom Hill since corresponding with them as related in previous reports. Vaughn stated that he did not now expect to hear from Herbert Farmer inasmuch as his sentence had been affirmed by the United States Supreme Court. Vaughn advised that he might possibly in the next month or two make a trip to the vicinity of Joplin, Missouri, for the purpose of visiting his relatives and if he did this he would make inquiries and endeavor to obtain information concerning Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

It is the opinion of Agent Suran that Vaughn, because of his previous hoodlum connections, will not further cooperate in this matter, and it is possible that Vaughn, although willing to do so, is afraid of the bodily harm which might come to him if members of the underworld found out he was furnishing information to the Government. Vaughn has indicated this fact throughout the several interviews which have been had with him. Vaughn promised to communicate with the Chicago Bureau Office in the event he did decide to make the proposed trip to Joplin, Missouri. b7c b7d

[redacted] who has recently been on a trip to Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Maryland, and Columbus, Ohio, returned to Chicago, Illinois, on March 22, 1936, without proceeding

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to Cleveland or Toledo, Ohio, for the purpose of contacting Edith Barry. [redacted] communicated with [redacted] while he was at Columbus, Ohio, and [redacted] in turn communicated telephonically with Special Agent R. C. Suran and asked whether it was desired that [redacted] proceed to Toledo, Ohio, at Bureau expense for the purpose of contacting Edith Barry. This matter was discussed with Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, and Mr. Connelley was of the opinion that perhaps it would be advisable to advise [redacted] that he should await an invitation from Edith Barry before proceeding to that point. It was believed that it would not be advisable at this time for [redacted] to proceed to Toledo, Ohio, in view of the developments at that place, the particular development being the fact that "Lu" Poole is apparently cooperating with the Bureau.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE.

At Alcatraz Prison, is requested to examine the records to determine with whom prisoner Thomas Holden is corresponding, and particularly to secure the present address of Lillian Holden, his wife. This same procedure should be taken with reference to prisoner Francis Keating, in order that the present address of his wife, Marjorie Keating, might be learned. It is also suggested that copies of all future correspondence of these two prisoners be secured for a reasonable length of time and furnished to the Chicago Bureau Office in order that they may examine them for any possible information that might be of assistance in the instant investigation.

THE CHICAGO OFFICE.

At Chicago, Illinois, will again interview Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hartman, 8152 Ellis Avenue, for any information that they might be able to secure concerning the activities of John Ball and Eddie Donovan. These persons should be contacted once every two weeks for the purpose of keeping up their interest in this matter.

This office will also again interview Mr. M. A. Fanning, Fanning's Tavern, 82nd and Ellis Avenue, from time to time in an effort to develop him into an informant, and for the purpose of determining whether he observes anyone in the vicinity of 82nd and Ellis Avenue who might resemble Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

At Cicero, Illinois, will interview Mr. George Talbot, Jr., who operates a garage next to the address 2007 Cicero Avenue. Mr. Talbot should be interviewed concerning the identities of the individuals who frequented that tavern during the time it was operated by Willie Harrison. It should be learned whether George Talbot is acquainted with Alvin Karpis and whether he would be willing to cooperate in efforts to apprehend this individual.

At Hines, Illinois, at the Edward Hines, Jr. Veterans Hospital, will conduct appropriate investigation to ascertain the address of Miles Kazda, who is reported to frequently obtain treatments at that place as he is a wounded war veteran suffering from the loss of a leg.

At Chicago, Illinois, will contact J. J. Curley, 7933 St. Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, from time to time for the purpose of securing additional information concerning the activities of John Ball and Eddie Donovan.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio. Philadelphia FILE NO. 7-45 sat

REPORT MADE AT Philadelphia, Pa.	DATE WHEN MADE 4/9/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/7/36	REPORT MADE BY A. Schroeder
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Harry Campbell, R. D., Sayre, Pa., is not identical with Subject Harry Campbell in instant case. - P -			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. W. Ransom, Philadelphia, Pa., dated February 26, 1936.			
DETAILS: <u>AT SAYRE, PA.</u> Special Agent A. R. Miller interviewed Andrew Zeller, Rural Mail Carrier, Route #1, Sayre, who advised that he has known Harry T. Campbell, who resides on the Rural Route at Sayre, for approximately twelve years. Campbell is a farmer, 37 years of age, and comes from a large family who have been residing at a small place near Sayre known as Litchfield Center; further, that this Harry Campbell owns both a pleasure car and a truck, and has always borne a good reputation in and around his home. His physical description does not check with that of the Subject in this case. - P E N D I N G -			
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Alvin Karpis Confidential Dept.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
APRIL 7, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

On April 3, 1936, a communication was received from [redacted] advising he had received information to the effect that "Ace" Penelton recently escaped from Ardmore, Oklahoma, and that he is presently in contact with Alvin Karpis.

Report of Special Agent V. I. Parry, Kansas City, Missouri, dated November 30, 1935, recites that in October 1935 one E. L. Pendleton, whose activities were being investigated in connection with efforts to locate Lloyd Doyle and Clarence Sparger, was residing at 3320 Woodland Avenue. The manager of this apartment building identified the photograph of Harry Campbell as having visited Pendleton's apartment in October 1935.

It is requested that the Oklahoma City Office conduct a discreet investigation to determine whether in fact Ace Penelton did escape from Ardmore, Oklahoma, and also secure photograph and description of this individual in order that it may be determined whether it is the same individual as E. L. Pendleton. In this connection photographs should be forwarded to the Kansas City office.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

April 8th, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

In reply to your letter of April 3rd, 1936, (7-576), I desire to advise that Special Agent D. P. Sullivan has interviewed Dolores Delaney and Winona Burdett, as suggested in Bureau letter of March 27th, 1936, and the results of these interviews are set out in the report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan dated Chicago, Illinois, April 4th, 1936.

Also, the search of the leading Chicago newspapers relative to the stories pertaining to the members of the Barker-Karpis gang has been completed and the results thereof are set forth in the report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan dated Chicago, Illinois, April 3rd, 1936.

Very truly yours,

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

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Post Office Box 818
Chicago Illinois

April 7, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 6, 1936 to the Cleveland office requesting that they have several copies of the photograph of Sam Coker made and furnished to your office.

Inasmuch as these photographs are readily available at the Chicago office there are transmitted herewith four copies of the photograph of Sam Coker for your use in conducting investigation concerning the instant case.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Edward J. Bremer

April 2, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time - 1:30 P. M.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS -
 JACK DEMPSEY - Victim;
Extortion

While talking with Mr. Whitley on other matters, I asked him what the status of the above matter was. He stated there are no further developments; that he is watching it and everything has been reported up to date on same; that he thinks it was a "crank" case in the beginning but it is being given very prompt and expeditious attention all the way through.

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RE: FRANK E. FOSTER alias
FRANK FROST

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

APR 11 1936

Mr. Whitley also called my attention to the above matter. He is the man the New York office had under surveillance over a year ago in New York. He is supposed to have been a contact for Harry Sawyer, which is the only interest the Bureau had in him. He subsequently, several months ago, showed up at Reno, Nevada. McLaughlin who is pretty closely in touch with activities out there and wrote the Bureau concerning him, said this individual was associating with Herb Graham and other local men out there. Mr. Whitley said they identified Foster immediately from the description and data contained in the field office file. Shortly after this, Inspector McDermott of the New York City Police Department made inquiries about Foster, saying that he had identified in connection with a jewel robbery, which is the Radio City robbery of January 1st, 1936. Mr. Whitley stated he did not tell Inspector McDermott where Foster was. The Bureau was advised of the inquiry by letter and the fact that there is no process out against him and the Bureau wrote back and instructed not to advise Inspector McDermott as to Foster's whereabouts for the time being, as McLaughlin was being asked to make some discreet inquiries to see if he could get any line on whether Foster might have taken some of the jewelry out there. Inspector McDermott has again contacted the New York office and stated he has Foster positively identified as one of the participants in the robbery; that Foster has been secretly indicted and that he is extremely anxious to find him.

Mr. Whitley stated, in view of this development, which has also been reported to the Bureau by letter, it occurs to him that the Bureau should consider very carefully the advisability of withholding that information any longer from the New York Police; in other words, they have an indictment out for a man on a serious charge and there is a possibility he

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may have transported some of the jewelry out of the state but the Bureau has no information whatever indicating that. Mr. Whitley stated that if the Bureau should lose track of him at Reno and it would later come out that the Bureau knew where he was and had not told the New York Police, it would be a bad position to be in; before they did not have an indictment but now they do have.

Mr. Whitley suggested that I review the correspondence outlining this matter and consider whether the New York office should sit tight on the information. I advised him I would recommend to you that the New York Police be advised of Foster's whereabouts, as the Bureau's relations are pretty good now, especially with Inspector McDermott who is handling this case personally. I also advised him I would let him know the outcome of my talk with you relative to same.

Mr. Whitley also suggested that Inspector McDermott will probably want the Bureau to pick up Foster and hold him until the New York Police can have him removed or extradited and believes the Bureau should also approve this step. Mr. Whitley stated Foster is very dangerous; that apparently he is acting as body guard for Graham at Reno and if he is associating with Graham in Reno it means that he has a direct inside track on everything there, in other words local officials wouldn't pick him up.

RE: EDW. W. BENIZ w. a.
et al - Bank Robbery

Mr. Whitley also advised that at the time they were talking to Bents while he was in custody at New York, he told them about a bunch of getaway charts he had buried in Connecticut, also a rifle. He said that those charts were for jobs which he and his associates had pulled and for a number of jobs which have not been pulled but which have been contemplated. He gave the best descriptive data he could as to the location of them and Mr. Whitley said he sent Agents Seery, Kilmartin and Baniater up there Tuesday to try to locate the charts. They found eighteen getaway charts buried in a thermos jug. The charts are very elaborate, they are typewritten and they show the exact directions and mileage, being prepared by Bents himself. Mr. Whitley stated these charts have not been identified as to just what jobs they relate and Bents may have to identify them as they relate to past and contemplated jobs. The charts are all being photostated today and will be sent to the Bureau - the originals and one set of photostats. They have not been touched and have been put in cellophane envelopes; that he has in mind different parties whom Bents named and who helped him in some of these jobs, who might have handled these charts and the Bureau could probably get a number of good latent prints off of them.

Memo for the Director.

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Mr. Whitley advised that in addition to the charts they found a half gallon container buried at the same place full of roofing tacks used to sprinkle on the roads and also an old Remington single shot what is known as a "40-70" or an old buffalo gun, which will be an addition to the Bureau's collection. It was stuffed in an inner tube and very well protected. There was also a half gallon container of ammunition for this gun. All of this material is being sent to the Bureau tonight. He said there were also about five or six sets of different kinds of license plates, all being 1935 ones, which are not being sent to the Bureau with the above-mentioned articles.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth.

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BREKID RANGER MAC CORMICK NOW SENIOR CAPTAIN AT AUSTIN INTERVIEWED BY SAC JONES
OF SAN ANTONIO DENIES DOG INCIDENT STOP ASCERTAIN NAME OF BROTHER OF GRACE
GOLDSTEIN AND HIS ADDRESS

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SAC DALLAS
SAN ANTONIO

PHONE. BREKID. CONTACT TEXAS RANGER MCCORMICK ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF
RANGERS WHO WERE WITH HIM AT WARSAT, SAN AUGUSTINE, TEXAS IN OCTOBER
OR NOVEMBER, 1935, AS IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ONE OF RANGERS UNDER CAPTAIN
MCCORMICK WAS ONE ATTACKED BY DOG. DESIRABLE TO INTERVIEW RANGERS
DISCREETLY.

MacFARLAND

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Post Office Box 2113
Detroit - Michigan
April 8, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

On April 1, 1936, Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland of the Cleveland Office advised the Detroit Bureau Office by telephone that Fred Hunter, present associate of Alvin Karpis, might seek employment in Detroit, Michigan, as a stick man from either "Lefty" Clark or Fitzpatrick.

Inspector Snell, Vice Squad, Detroit Police Department, contacted a confidential informant of his office and this party advised that "Lefty" Clark, who usually goes under the name of Harry Bishoff, is presently operating a gambling establishment in Cincinnati, Ohio.

It is requested that appropriate investigation be conducted to ascertain if "Lefty" Clark alias Harry Bishoff is engaged in gambling activities in Cincinnati, as Fred Hunter may seek employment as a stick man in the dice game from "Lefty" Clark.

Very truly yours,

WEL:RES
cc-Bureau
Chicago
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H. H. Reinecke
Special Agent in Charge

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

April 9, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
El Paso, Texas

RE: WILLIAM ELMER MEAD with aliases,
I. O. 1351. ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of
your letter dated March 30, 1936 in the Bre-
kid Case, in which you furnished information
pertaining to Thomas J. O'Dell.

This office wishes to advise
you that it is in receipt of a report of
Special Agent E. F. Fitzsimons, dated at
Jacksonville, Fla., March 19, 1936, in which
the results of an interview with Thomas J.
O'Dell by Special Agent C. B. Winstead on
March 16, 1936 at Daytona Beach, Fla., are
set forth. O'Dell was interviewed by Agent
Winstead with reference to the location of
William Elmer Mead.

These facts are being fur-
nished to you for your information.

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Very truly yours,
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R. WHITNEY,
Special Agent in Charge

cc Bureau ✓
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Edw. B. Bremer

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Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schell
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. HANAP AND BREKID. AFTER DISCUSSION GENERAL SITUATION LOS ANGELES WITH
HANSON IT WAS APPARENT FITZGERALD MIGHT BE WITH MRS ROBERTSON AT SOME UNKNOWN
LOCATION OVER WEEK END AND THAT MRS ROBERTSON WAS TO BE OFF WORK COMING WEEK WHICH
MIGHT MAKE FITZGERALD UNAVAILABLE WHEN DESIRED MONDAY NEXT THEREFORE DECIDED TO
PICK HIM UP WHICH WAS SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISHED BY SAC HANSON TONIGHT AND HE WILL
BE SECRETLY HELD FOR TIME BEING ALREADY HAVING SIGNED A WAIVER.

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

April 9, 1936.

Mr. Walter L. Barlow,
Special Assistant to the Attorney General,
Room 2316 Department of Justice Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

I am returning to you herewith your copies
of Indictments numbers 4603 and 4609 which were returned
by the Federal Grand Jury sitting at Jacksonville, Florida
on February 7, 1935.

Thanking you kindly for having loaned these
copies of the indictments to me, I remain

Very truly yours,

K. R. MCINTIRE

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OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

BREKID UNABLE TO REACH CONNELLEY THIS MORNING BY PHONE BUT HAVE FURNISHED
SUBSTANCE OF MY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH YOU TO MACFARLAND CLEVELAND WHO
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
US Dept of Justice
1448 Standard Bldg
Cleveland Ohio

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San Antonio Texas April 7 1936

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Re: **Mrs Dortha Kipppatrick** sister of **Connie Morris** states correct maiden name **Connie** is **Ruth Hamm** former wife **Melvin Robison** farm laborer **Frederick Okla** stop Last heard from **Connie** by letter **March nineteen last** when **Connie** at two three three and one half **Central Avenue Hot Springs** stop **Connie's** father **John L. Hamm** is plumber **Davidson Okla** stop Reference your teletype **Dallas today Texas Ranger Captain McCormick** states has no recollection incident mentioned **San Augustine County** and has not seen a black great Dane dog for several years stop **Dallas advised**

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
722 Midland Savings Bldg.
Denver, Colo.
April 7, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

RE: WILLIAM ELMER MEAD with
aliases, I.O.#1354
ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE
(Part of Brekid file)

Reference is made to Bureau letter addressed to Mr. J. J. Ansell, Sheriff of Fremont County, Lander, Wyoming, dated April 3, 1936, copy of which was furnished this office. Attached to this letter was a letter addressed to the Bureau from Undersheriff H. W. DeWolf, Lander, Wyoming, dated March 16, 1936, as follows:

"Identification order NO. 1354 of William Elmer Mead received and I am writing to say that this man was known around here about a year ago following the gambling game. And was in Casper Wyo in partners with a man by the name of Roy Williams in the gambling game early this last winter. I think this Williams is still in Casper but do not know about Mead. Hope this will give some lead on this case".

Concerning the letter addressed to the Bureau by Undersheriff DeWolf, reference is made to the report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated February 8, 1936, which records interview with Roy Williamson, who is presently living at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and who was in Casper, Wyoming, during the Fall of 1934. This Roy Williamson is undoubtedly identical with the Roy Williams referred to in Mr. DeWolf's letter. The report of Special Agent Damron recording interview with Roy Williamson shows that Williamson, although acquainted with Mead, has little or no information which would indicate Mead's possible present whereabouts.

Reference is further made to the report of Special Agent L. G. Healey, Denver, Colorado, dated March

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18, 1936, also referred to Roy "Wrinkles" Williamson, who formerly resided in Casper and Riverton, Wyoming, and who is well known to law enforcement officials in that vicinity.

It is believed that Undersheriff H. W. DeWolf is probably in error in believing that William Elmer Mead may still be in Casper, Wyoming. It will be noted from his letter that he advises he believes Roy Williams (should be Williamson) is presently in Casper. The report of reference of Agent Damron, however, discloses he is presently residing in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

In view of the information furnished by Undersheriff De Wolf, interview will be had with him in the near future when an Agent is next at Lander, Wyoming. It is also suggested that the Little Rock Office again interview Roy Williamson for whatever further information he may have concerning Mead.

Very truly yours,



R. D. BROWN
Special Agent in Charge

RDB:RM
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cc Little Rock
Chicago

P. O. Box 536
Los Angeles, California
April 6, 1936

Mr. Henry B. Briggs
Postmaster
Los Angeles, California

BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Re: L. A. FILE 7-42

I have your letter dated March 24, 1936, regarding the mail covers placed by this office on J. C. FOSTER, 512 South Hobart Boulevard, and MARTHA JEAN ROBERTSON, 527 South Hobart Boulevard, Los Angeles.

Your kindness in furnishing the information that MARTHA JEAN ROBERTSON is in Ashtabula, Ohio, and that mail addressed to her is received by her mother, is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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CC Bureau

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI LOS ANGELES 4-10-36 1-15 PM AB

DIRECTOR AND SAC CONNELLEY AT CLEVELAND

PHONE. BREKID. HANEP. FITZGERALD ADMITS KNOWING FRED, DOC, KATE BARKER, JACK

AND VI PFEIFFER, BOLTON. CLAIMS TO KNOW TOM BROWN BY REPUTATION ONLY. DENIES

KNOWING GOETZ, OKARFIS, VOLNEY DAVIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, ADMITS KNOWING GLADYS SAWYER

FOR YEARS AND THROUGH HER IN SUMMER 1934 AT 42ND AND BROADWAY BAR IN TOLEDO, OHIO.

MET DELORES DELANEY, MINA MURRAY, POSSIBLY PAULA HARMON. CLAIMS MET BOLTON IN

CICERO, ILLINOIS, IN SUMMER 1933 THROUGH MUTUAL FRIENDS NAMES WHOM REFUSES REVEAL

CLAIMS LAST SAW BOLTON THERE LATE IN SUMMER 1933. DENIES EVER HAVING BEEN LONG

LAKE, ILLINOIS OR ~~HE~~ BALD EAGLE LAKE, MINN. CLAIMS LAST SAW JACK AND VI PFEIFFER

ABOUT SUMMER 1932 HOLLYHOCKS INN, ST. PAUL. CLAIMS NEVER BEEN BENSONVILLE. DENIES

KNOWING BARTHOLOMEY. DISCONTINUED TAP FITZGERALD PHONE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN APARTMENT

LAST NIGHT, AND TODAY MRS. ROBERTSON IN VICTORIA APARTMENTS HAD HER TELEPHONE DIS-

CONTINUED, SO TAP DISCONTINUED THERE, ALTHOUGH AM LEAVING AGENT IN OUR APARTMENT

VICTORIA APARTMENTS FOR BALANCE OF DAY TO OBSERVE DEVELOPMENTS.

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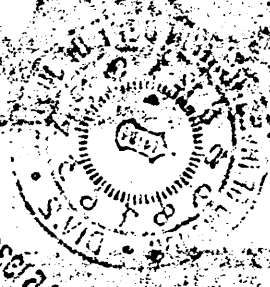
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Mr. Hoover

Denegri, the man that harbored Baby-Face Nelson
is now harboring Karpis, Mahan, he is seen going back and
forth from a cabin in the Santa Cruz Mts. daily. Karpis was
seen driving a sedan to Los Gatos his head covered with a
shawl Mahan wears a soft cow-boy hat, his scar is plainly
seen. Often stops at Holy City for gas.

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April 22, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Portland, Oregon.

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

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith photostatic
copies of an undated anonymous communication, postmarked
at Los Gatos, California, April 5, 1936, received at
the Bureau on April 10, 1936, concerning the possible
location of Alvin Karpis and William Dainard.

It is requested that you conduct the investi-
gation suggested in this communication.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #1134058

cc Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago (Enc photostatic copies of
above letter)

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Los Angeles, Calif.
April 4th, 1936.

Mr. Henry B. R. [unclear]
Postmaster
Los Angeles, California.

BREKID

Dear Sir:

Re: L. A. File 7-42

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 27, 1936, advising of a letter received by Mrs. J. R. Hunterman, 587 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles.

Please be advised that your kindness in writing us regarding this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-24

REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-6-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-24, 28-36	REPORT MADE BY: W. C. Ryan
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, WA - Fugitive I. O. 1218 DR. JOSEPH B. MORAN, WA - Fugitive I.O. 1232 HARRY CAMPBELL, WA - Fugitive - I.O. 1236 ET AL GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIRE ARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No record of Joe Franklin, correspondent of Dorothy Fisher, having resided at or receiving mail at the Earl Hotel, Seattle, Washington. [redacted] requested to furnish any information they might have as to William Elmer Mead, and to be on the alert for his possible appearance [redacted]</p> <p>REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent T. E. Billings, Los Angeles, California, dated 3-12-36; letter of the Chicago Bureau Office dated 3-12-36.</p> <p>DETAILS: Investigation was conducted at the Earl Hotel, Seattle, Washington, on 3-28-36, by Special Agent W. K. Bowling, relative to Joe Franklin who is listed on page 3 of the reference report of Agent Billings as a correspondent of Dorothy Fisher, wife of Leon Felix, alias Leon Howard. Agent Bowling has been a resident of the Hotel Earl for several years and has no recollection of any one by the name of Joe Franklin having resided there during the period of his, Agent Bowling's residence. The register of the Hotel Earl was personally examined by Special Agent Bowling from July 1, 1935, to [redacted]</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. C. Ryan</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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the present date and the name of Joe Franklin was not located thereon as having been a guest of this hotel during this period.

Inquiry was also made by Agent Bowling of the Manager, and numerous employees, but none of them could recall any one by the name of Joe Franklin having received mail, or to have been a guest at this Hotel at any time. b7c b7d

Pursuant to the request contained in the reference letter from the Chicago Bureau Office, a letter was directed under date of March 24, 1936, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] enclosing a copy of Identification Order number 1354 on William Elmer Mead, and also a description of Kate Mead, his wife, requesting that this office be advised whether Mead is known to any members of the Police Department in that city, and also requesting that the Department be on the alert for the possible appearance of Mead [REDACTED]

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE PORTLAND BUREAU OFFICE, will report any information secured as a result of [REDACTED] and will conduct investigation there if such information warrants.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-43

REPORT MADE AT CINCINNATI, OHIO	DATE WHEN MADE 4-9-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-3-36	REPORT MADE BY J. S. JOHNSON SLB
ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. #1236; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING: HARBORING OF FUGITIVES: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE: NAT'L FIREARMS ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <i>Hm. E. Meade</i> not identified at Mose Goldblatt's place in Cincinnati, Ohio.			
P.			
REFERENCE:-		Report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimmons, Jacksonville, Florida, dated 3-19-36.	
DETAILS:-		AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.	
Agent called at Mose Goldblatt's place, located at 22 Opera Place, Cincinnati, Ohio and contacted Mose Goldblatt. He appeared to be very cooperative, but stated that he did not know H. E. Sullivan, otherwise known as "Sully". He called one of his associates, Mr. Bowers, who likewise did not know this man. Finally, the dealer in the card game, who is known as Louie, was called in. Louie stated that he knows Sullivan, and that he goes under the name of "Sully". Louie further stated that Sullivan is a World War veteran and that he used to play at Goldblatt's but that Louie had not seen him for about three weeks. Agent, thereupon exhibited the photograph of Meade to Goldblatt, Bowers and Louie and all stated that they had not seen this person before. Agent, thereupon accompanied Mr. Bowers into the card room and viewed the players, none of whom answered the description or appearance of Meade.			
Another gambler by the name of Abe Arnovitz, known to the Cincinnati Bureau Office, was also shown the photograph of Meade, but was unable to make an identification.			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
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REPORT MADE AT St. Louis, Missouri.	DATE WHEN MADE 4-8-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/20-24, 26, 30 4/2/36	REPORT MADE BY J. S. BUSH
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER--VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Harry Campbell apparently not frequenting health resorts in St. Louis district and investigation at Bland, Mo. does not indicate Karpis or Campbell stopping at that town. Fairmount Jockey Mutuel Stand, Collinsville, Ill., only open for approximately one month during fall of year. John Russell (Babs) Moran presently resides St. Louis, and is body-guard for one John Nick. Tracings on mail of Mrs. Edith Kistler, Outlook Sanitarium, Urbana, Ill., and Mrs. Margaret Mallon, Peoria, Ill., forwarded to Cincinnati Office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>References: Report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cincinnati, 2-13-36. Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Chicago, 2-8-36. Letter from Chicago Office to Bureau, 3-10-36. Report of Special Agent T. S. Ferguson, St. Louis, 3-26-36.</p> <p>Details: The letter of reference requested that investigation be conducted at all health resorts commonly known as mineral wells, sulphur springs, etc., in an effort to apprehend Harry Campbell. It was ascertained that the only places of this type located in the St. Louis district are the Washington Bath House and the Original Springs Bath House, both of which are situated at Okawville, Ill.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>At Okawville, Illinois</u></p> <p>Special Agent H. G. Maynor interviewed W. G. Frank, manager of the Washington Bath House, Thomas H. Rogers, Manager of the Original Springs Bath House, Postmaster F. H. Morgan and City Marshal August Toensing, all of whom advised that they had never seen any one resembling Karpis or Campbell. Identification Orders on Karpis and Campbell were left with each of these individuals, who stated they would</p>			
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communicate with this office immediately upon receipt of any information regarding Karpis or Campbell.

At St. Louis, Missouri

The first report of reference reflects four telephone calls made from telephones Michigan 6735 and Michigan 6736, located at the Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio, to telephone 507, listed in the name of the Fairmount Jockey Club, which is located on Highway #40, between E. St. Louis and Collinsville, Ill. These calls were made during the months of September and October, 1935.

It was ascertained through Mr. H. O. Nouse, Special Agent for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., St. Louis, Mo., that telephone number 507, Collinsville, Ill., in the name of Fairmount Jockey Mutuel Stand, was connected on 9-18-35 and disconnected on 10-22-35. The Fairmount Jockey Club is operated by Mr. Lyman T. Hay, manager of the Jefferson Hotel, one of the largest hotels in St. Louis, and this race track is in operation only for a period of approximately one month during the fall of the year. It was suggested by Mr. Nouse that the name of the person called at Collinsville, Ill., number 507, and the name of the person who placed the call at Cleveland could probably be procured at the office of the telephone company at Cleveland. In this connection, he explained that the office where the call originates is the only office which has such information regarding person to person calls.

It is stated on page forty-three of the second report of reference that John Russell (Babs) Moran, according to Volney Davis, was an associate of the Barker-Karpis gang; that Moran had in the past resided in St. Louis and Chicago; however, direct relationship between Moran and the individuals in this case had not been established by the Bureau.

J. F. Schroeder, 2705 Wyoming St., an unemployed stage hand and a member of St. Louis Local #6, of the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees and Motion Picture Operators of the United States and Canada, located at Eighth and Market Streets, St. Louis, who had been interviewed in the past regarding the activities of Moran, was interviewed by agent on 3-24-36. Schroeder claims to have been aggrieved owing to the fact that Moran and others connected with the Union had given his job to some one else; however, he stated that he is still a member of the Union and cannot be expelled. He stated that one John Nick, of St. Louis, is business manager for St. Louis Local #6, and first vice-president of the international association; that Moran and one Dan O'Connell, a motion picture operator presently employed at the Grand Opera House, St. Louis, are body-guards for Nick, and that Moran also acts as Nick's chauffeur, driving a 1934 model, green, seven-passenger, Buick sedan for Nick. Moran lives with John Doherty, a Champagne Velvet Beer salesman, who resides somewhere in north St. Louis, exact address unknown, and also acts as body-guard for Nick. Schroeder stated that George E. Browne, of Chicago, is president of the international organization of the aforementioned association, and that Harry Bilbo, a Chicago hoodlum, who is Browne's

body-guard, is frequently in St. Louis, visiting Local #8. He further stated that Moran, Nick and others from St. Louis attended a convention of the association at Miami, Florida for approximately four weeks during January, 1936, where they presumably were disposing of cases which had come up, and that the annual convention will be held at Kansas City from June 6th to 11th, 1936. He stated that the Kansas City convention will probably be held at the Municipal Auditorium and will be attended by all the leading racketeers in this country and Canada.

Schroeder had previously been contacted by this office in an effort to ascertain whether Harrison, Karpis, Campbell and others involved in instant case had been harbored by Moran and his associates. Schroeder stated, upon the last interview, that, although he has not observed any of these individuals in the company of persons at St. Louis Local #8, it is known that the officers of the association are racketeers and will harbor criminals for a price. Schroeder advised agent that he would continue to observe the associates of Nick and Moran and endeavor to ascertain the St. Louis address of Moran and Doherty.

A review of the file reflects that members of the Barker-Karpis gang have frequented in the past West Plains, Mo., as well as several other towns in southern and central Missouri; however, the only town mentioned, which is located in the district covered by the St. Louis office is Bland, Missouri. Reference to the letter directed to the Bureau by the Omaha office, dated 8-10-34 reveals that one Homer Fanning, a prisoner at the State Reformatory, Anamosa, Iowa, furnished information regarding Floyd Williams and his family, alleged dope peddlers, residing at Bland, Mo., who, according to Fanning, were contacts of Karpis, who was known to Fanning as Dan Murphy.

At Bland, Missouri

Postmaster Edgar W. Stone advised agent that he had known Floyd Williams, who is a native of that town, for a number of years, and that the latter, who served a short time in the army during the World War claims to be in bad health and has never worked, to Mr. Stone's knowledge; that Williams resides with his wife and brother-in-law, Bill Biles, in a small bungalow near the school and his father, Nate Williams, resides on a farm, three-fourths of a mile west of town, on the highway, but that no one lives with Nate Williams other than his wife. He stated that Floyd is an expert at cards and dice, is supposed to deal in liquor and peddles small antiques and trinkets; that he has three small children, and his wife has recently done sewing for the county relief agency under the supervision of Mrs. May D. Crowder of Owensville, Mo. Mr. Stone stated that Mrs. Crowder could furnish complete information regarding the family. Photographs of Karpis, Campbell and other Bureau fugitives were exhibited to Mr. Stone and to R. C. Jett and Jessie Jett, Rural mail carriers; however, they had never seen anyone resembling these individuals. It was ascertained that the other house referred to by Fanning was that occupied by Dr. B. M. Baker, located on the highway, west of Bland. Dr. Baker has no office in town and it was subsequently ascertained from Mrs. Crowder that

very little is known regarding his practice and that he possibly deals in narcotics.

At Owensville, Missouri

Mrs. Crowder was interviewed and advised agent that Williams and his family reside in a small white bungalow, one and one-half blocks east of the school in Bland, and one block south of the highway; that he has not worked since the year 1926, when he operated a pool hall at Bland, and that, although his wife sought a job through the relief agency during the past year, it was only for a "blind" and after working for a short time she quit, owing to the fact that her husband needed her at home to help take care of the bootleg business. In this connection, Mrs. Crowder stated it is a well known fact that both Williams and his wife are drug addicts and deal in bootleg liquor and narcotics; that she, Mrs. Crowder, and other persons have reported the matter to local officials in an effort to have Williams and his wife sent to the penitentiary, so that their three small daughters could be taken care of by the county, but that the county officials are unreliable and J. W. Garvin, the town marshal, at Bland, is a bootlegger himself; therefore, no one will take any action against Williams; that Nate Williams is also a bootlegger and the liquor which is disposed of by Floyd Williams is obtained at the Nate Williams farm. Mrs. Crowder, who has a wide acquaintance in Gasconade County, where Bland is situated, and in which county she is senior visitor in connection with the welfare work, described Bland as "the rottenest hole on earth", adding that virtually everybody in Bland is engaged in criminal activity of some type. Mrs. Crowder, who had visited the Floyd Williams home on two or three occasions in connection with relief work, stated she had never seen any one in the vicinity resembling persons involved in this case; however, that numerous cars are seen at that house during the night, and that criminals undoubtedly visit Bland from all sections of the State. She stated that Mrs. Franklin Rapier, a woman who resides across the street from the Williams and who is receiving relief from the county, but who is thoroughly reliable, has been befriended by her, Mrs. Crowder, on a number of occasions, and would be glad to work with her in an effort to ascertain the identity of persons and the ownership of automobiles visiting the Williams house at night; therefore, identification orders on Karpis, Campbell and several other Bureau fugitives have been sent to Mrs. Crowder to be delivered to Mr. Rapier. Mrs. Crowder stated she deemed it inadvisable for agent to interview Mrs. Rapier or make inquiry of any one in the vicinity of the Williams home, owing to the character of the neighborhood. She requested that agent report the violations of the narcotic and liquor laws to the proper authorities after the completion of the investigation at Bland.

Bland, Mo., which is a town of approximately 700 population, is situated on the western border of the district covered by the St. Louis office, and Osage City, Mo., which is in the district covered by the Kansas City office, is situated between Bland, Mo., and Jefferson City, Mo. With reference to Osage City, Mo., it should be noted that one Frank Howard, of St. Louis, Mo., who has been an informant for the Narcotic Bureau at St. Louis for approximately two years, recently advised Special Agent V. D. Garvey, of this office, in connection with the Luer Kidnaping case, that virtually all criminals travelling between St. Louis, Kansas City and Chicago, stop at Osage City, Mo.; however, Howard did not claim to have information

to the effect that any of the fugitives sought by the Bureau have stopped at Osage City.

In accordance with the suggestions contained in letter from the Chicago office, dated 2-19-36, the John Klutas and Jodil files were reviewed, and it was ascertained that the following persons were contacted in connection with those cases in the vicinity of Peoria and Havana, Ill.; Illinois State Police Officer Ben Harter, Canton, Ill., James Bainter, Lewistown, Ill., Deputy Sheriff C. C. Preckett, Lewistown, Ill., Fred Grimsom, manager, Pascal Hotel, Peoria, Ill., W. E. Wolf, Special Agent, C. B. & Q. Ry., Galesburg, Ill., George Pfeiffer, formerly employed by the J. W. Bushell Roofing Co., 1700 S. Washington St., Peoria, Ill.; Pfeiffer was Klutas' wife's first husband; A. W. Wheeler, prohibition agent, Peoria, Ill., Karl Barnewalt, 912 Peoria Life Bldg., Peoria, Ill., Clyde Garrison, 311 Fulton St., Peoria, Ill., Leo H. Borgelt, former postmaster at Havana, Ill. The following persons and places were contacts for Klutas: Gale Murray, underworld character, who operated a pool room at the Hotel Harvey, 3101 S. Adams St., Peoria, Ill., John Waters, alias Go-About-Riley, and James Meyers, both of Peoria, Ill., A roadhouse operated by John Decker, friend of Klutas, near Chillicothe, Ill., Dave Avery and Dan Avery, friends of Klutas, who operated the Johnson Boat Club near Snicarte, Ill., Windsor Hotel, Havana, Ill. This information was furnished to Special Agent D. S. Hostetter, resident agent at Peoria, Ill., who is conducting the investigation in that district.

In connection with the reference report of Special Agent T. S. Ferguson, the following mail tracings received from the postmaster at Urbana, Ill., on mail received by Mrs. Edith Kistler, are being forwarded to the office of origin attached to its copies of this report: Letter bearing return address 615 W. 9th St., Tulsa, Oklahoma; letter bearing return address 829 N. Mercer St., Decatur, Illinois; letter bearing return address Wabash Hospital, Peru, Indiana; letter bearing return address which appears to be V. L. Barry or Baroy, 4224 University St., Tucson, Arizona; letter bearing return address Pierson, 100 Womans Bldg., University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill. The following information was furnished regarding outgoing mail forwarded by Mrs. Edith Kistler: A letter was sent by Mrs. Kistler to Mrs. E. L. Woolsey, 615 W. Ninth St., Tulsa, Okla., and another was sent to Mrs. Viola Kintner, 2129 N. Edward St., Decatur, Ill. It is observed in the letter to the Chicago office from the Oklahoma City office, dated 2-18-36, that Mrs. Woolsey, of Tulsa, Okla., has been contacted by agents from the Oklahoma City office.

The following tracing from a letter addressed to Mrs. Margaret Mallon, 516 1/2 N. Adams St., Peoria, Ill., bearing return address M. Lyons, Box 141, Hawkins, Wisconsin, is also being transmitted to the office of origin with copies of this report.

Undeveloped Leads

Each office receiving copies of this report will conduct appropriate investigation in its district to ascertain the identity, character and occupation of persons corresponding with Mrs. Edith Kistler, Outlook Sanitarium, Urbana, Ill., and Mrs. Margaret Mallon, 516 1/2 N. Adams St., Peoria, Ill.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE: At Osage City, Missouri: It is suggested that appropriate investigation be conducted to ascertain whether persons sought in connection with the instant case are frequenting this town.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE: At Owensville and Bland, Missouri: Will continue the investigation, interviewing Mrs. May D. Crowder.

At St. Louis, Missouri: Will ascertain the address of John Doherty and John Russell (Babs) Moran to determine whether persons involved in the instant case are contacting or residing with these individuals.

P E N D I N G

P. O. Box #1525
Pittsburgh, Pa.

April 9, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to our telephone conversation on the night of April 7, 1936 in which you informed that ARONIZ or NEGLEMAN, with aliases, an inmate of the Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, had written to Postoffice Inspectors offering valuable information concerning the whereabouts of Karpis and Campbell in exchange for a reward.

Inasmuch as Special Agent L. S. Taylor of this office is acquainted with Negleman, I directed Mr. Taylor to proceed immediately to Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, at which place he interviewed Negleman on April 8, 1936.

It was ascertained that Negleman was received at the Northeastern Penitentiary on March 30, 1936 from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to undergo a sentence of seventeen months imprisonment for violation of the Internal Revenue laws; that Negleman, to date, has had no visitors.

Negleman was not questioned directly about the letter he wrote to the Postoffice Inspectors, however, he stated positively that he has no direct or tangible information concerning the whereabouts of Karpis or Campbell but that he confidently believes that if given his liberty he would be able to locate them through one ED. SIAMAN of Canton and Toledo, Ohio, with whom both individuals have associated.

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McGowan had very little information to offer concerning his alleged associations with HILTON, KARPIS, CAMPBELL, and others, in addition to that previously furnished agents of this Bureau, and set forth in the reports of Special Agents H. J. Ryan, Cleveland, Ohio, dated February 17, 1936, and L. G. Taylor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, dated March 5, 1936.

His previous stories were gone over again with him in detail and except for the fact that he now claims he last saw Harry Campbell and CHIRKALL on the street in Youngstown, Ohio, during December, 1935, and that it was only four or five months ago that Lett and Karpis came to his restaurant at Webster, Pennsylvania, his stories do not materially differ from those previously related.

McGowan furnished the following description of Ed. Seaman:

Age:	32-43 years
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	210-230 pounds
Build:	Heavy
Complexion:	Light
Hair:	Chestnut
Eyes:	Brown
Face:	Clean shaven - bulldog type
	Does not wear glasses

He could not furnish a better description of the rooming house in Toledo, Ohio, where Seaman allegedly resides, and where he allegedly was introduced by Seaman to Harry Campbell several months ago. A map of the city of Toledo was exhibited to him but after examining it for some time he was still unable to approximate the location of the said rooming house. He further informed, in this connection, however, that the man who was keeping company with the daughter of the manager of the said rooming house, had escaped from the Ohio State Penitentiary a short time before the fire, and during the escape had killed a guard. He described this man as follows:

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Age:	33 years
Height:	5' 5 or 7"
Weight:	180 pounds
Build:	Heavy
Hair:	Chestnut, very gray all over
Eyes:	Unknown
Face:	Smooth shaven, round type
	Does not wear glasses.

Negleman insisted that he could find the rooming house above mentioned within an hour's time if given an opportunity to do so.

Negleman furnished the following description of Karpis, whom he stated he had seen on just one occasion when Karpis, and Lett came to his restaurant in Webster, Pennsylvania:

Age:	25-27 years
Height:	6' 1"
Weight:	160-190 pounds
Build:	Medium
Eyes:	Unknown
Hair:	Chestnut or dark
Face:	Smooth shaven, thin type
Attire:	No rings. White gold square wrist watch with white gold strap. Blue serge suit, dark gray snap brim hat.

While Negleman was furnishing the above description he was asked if he had ever heard of Karpis having any pets. After thinking a moment, he asked, "He doesn't have a black Dane dog, does he?" He then remarked that during July or August, 1935, he, Negleman, had purchased a black Great Dane dog from Cliff Hall in Youngstown, giving Hall a diamond ring of white gold mounting, containing a karat and a quarter stone for this dog; that Hall had previously purchased the dog from a woman who lives on the outskirts of Youngstown. Negleman stated he took this dog to his home in Webster, Pennsylvania, where he kept it for several weeks; that he called the dog "Dusky"; that he brained it to sit in a chair and to remain in his automobile when the car was parked on the streets. He further informed that several weeks after

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he had obtained the dog from Hall, the latter, accompanied by Ed. Seaman, and another individual, who was unknown to him, came to his restaurant at Webster, Pennsylvania, and that Hall asked for the dog, stating that his wife wanted it very much. He stated he permitted Hall to take the dog back to Youngstown, and that Hall subsequently returned the diamond ring to him. He stated that the dog would be about eleven months old at the present time; that it had cropped ears; that Hall had pedigree papers on the dog which were registered some place in the State of Ohio.

Negleman also stated that at the time he saw Karpis, the latter was wearing dark blue sun glasses; that he noticed a pair of green sun glasses and a pair of white glasses of cheap make, in the dash compartment of the car Karpis and Lett were driving, which was a 1934 black Ford Coupe. He could not recall the shape of the lenses of the white glasses. He also stated that he noticed a brown leather brief case in the car, above mentioned. He stated it was quite large and was not of the zipper type.

Negleman appeared to be very cooperative and it is believed that he has related all information in his possession concerning his alleged association with individuals involved in this case. Inasmuch as this office is not in possession of detailed information concerning the investigation previously conducted in the Cleveland territory, I am unable to state as to the authenticity of the information furnished by Negleman.

This office has been and will continue to check in this territory information which has been furnished by Negleman.

Very truly yours,

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

R. L. SHIVERS,
Special Agent in Charge.

April 8, 1936
J. E. Hoover.

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Dear Sirs:

I suppose you recieved a quiet a few tips, about different men, wanted by the department of Justice. So I think I can tell you where "Alvin Karpis" is, I'm almost sure of it anyway. If it isn't him, it is his twin brother.

He compares to a T in a Detective book line up, Although on his right hand he has three fingers missing at the first joint. As it looks to me in my glances at him, as they have been shot off and I do not believe a doctor has treated them as the bone projects out from the flesh. I have a lot of convadence in myself believing that's him. So I would like to hear from you.

I wish you could send a man here and look me up somebody that new him or saw him before or no's anything about him, or could you wise me in any way what to do about it As I'm almost positive it is him.

I have said nothing to the local police and will say nothing till I hear from you. I for myself I am 26 yrs. of age and lived in Polo all my life, married and have two children, at present I am working on the P.W.A. so if you send a man let me know, have him dress as a farmer as this town is made up of retired farmers.

I have to be careful as he is a very close neighbor of mine so Mr. Hoover let me hear from you at once if I under stood prints I could send them to you then I would no for sure.

So I will wait for further details from you. Sent you a letter yesterday so will send this special Del.

Mr. Hoover, now as for my own perfection & family, could you give me a job of "Government Agent" temporary for now. By the way he goes by the name of "Earl Icks" here in Polo.

He looks exactly like is picture I am sending you.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Clifford G. Towle
305 Green St.
Box 214
Polo, Ill.

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P.S. You are the only one I mentioned this to.

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April 17, 1936.

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Mr. Clifford G. Powell,
Box 214,
305 Green Street,
Polo, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I have your letters of April 7 and 8, 1936, requesting a photograph of Alvin Karpis. For your information, there is transmitted herewith a copy of the best available photograph of this individual.

I note you have under observation a person who you believe is identical with Karpis. In accordance with your request, I am instructing Mr. D. M. Ladd, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago, Illinois, to have an Agent call upon you in the near future with reference to this matter.

In connection with your desire to secure a position as Special Agent in this Bureau, there is enclosed herewith a statement concerning this position. This Bureau does not employ persons for temporary periods. There are no vacancies in this service at the present time and, due to the condition of the appropriation, no further appointments will be made for some time to come.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; ET AL.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:		<p>Location of Joe Roscoe not established at Palm Beach and West Palm Beach, Florida. Harry Stewart, West Palm Beach, possessed of information indicating that Karpis presented Mrs. Joe Adams with a silver cocktail set for Christmas, 1934, but declines to divulge source of information without consent of his informant, an alleged prominent attorney of Miami. Therese Carmichael, Miami, Florida, claims she did not observe the individual who accompanied Cassius McDonald on his visit to Karpis in Miami on Christmas Day, 1934, but is convinced it was a woman, because of the voice she overheard. Miss Marcella Sadler, clerk, Dade County Tax Collector's Office, Miami, Florida, identifies her handwriting on certificate of title application dated at Miami, 11-5-34, on the occasion when Karpis, as Charles M. Bronson, transferred title to his Ford Coupe to Duke Randall. Miss Irma Robbins, Notary Public, identifies her signature and admits having notarized the application for title and the transfer of title certificate on that occasion, but neither Miss Sadler nor Miss Robbins recalls the details of the transaction or the identities of the parties thereto. Further interviews with bell boys and others regarding newspapers and radio supplied subjects at El Comodoro Hotel does not particularly involve Joe Adams.</p>	
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REFERENCES:

Letters to Jacksonville Office, dated Cleveland, Ohio, 3-2-36 and 3-23-36; Bureau letters to Jacksonville Office, dated 3-26-36 and 4-2-36; Bureau letter to SAC E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated 3-27-36; Bureau teletype to Jacksonville Office, dated 4-1-36; Letter from St. Paul Office, dated 3-6-36; Report of Special Agent Val C. Zimmer, Salt Lake City, 3-18-36, and Report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, 3-30-36.

DETAILS:

AT WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA:

Appropriate and discreet inquiries were made at West Palm Beach and Palm Beach, Florida, consistent with the information furnished to the Jacksonville office in the letters of reference from the Cleveland Office concerning the alleged location of Joe Roscoe at Palm Beach, Florida, where he was said to be taking baths at a well known bath house where health baths are administered in an effort to overcome an infection Roscoe is said to have. There are no bath houses at Palm Beach or West Palm Beach which specialize in the treatment of disease or infection and the waters in the bath houses at Palm Beach are not conducive to healing since salt water exclusively is used and the bathing is done in the ocean. There are two bath houses at Palm Beach, the Lido Pools and the Lake Worth Casino, which offer sun-bath treatments and massage. Inquiry at both of these places disclosed that an individual of Roscoe's description is unknown. These bath houses are the only places at Palm Beach where one suffering from an infection might seek treatment which, as stated, would be in the nature of sun baths. The Lake Worth Casino is not in Palm Beach proper, but is located about five miles south, on the ocean front, and is considered a part of the town of Lake Worth. There are no bath houses or facilities for bathing at West Palm Beach.

Through inquiry of E. R. McKenna and O. B. Carr, postmasters, respectively, at Palm Beach and West Palm Beach, Florida, it was ascertained that Joe Roscoe has not registered a local or forwarding address under his true name or known alias and he is unknown to the General Delivery Clerks.

In compliance with the suggestion in the Bureau letter of reference of March 26, 1936, concerning the alleged gift to Mrs. Joe Adams of a silver cocktail set from Alvin Karpis for Christmas, 1934, appropriate interview was had with Mr. Harry Stewart, Jr., Attorney associated with the firm of Wideman, Wideman and Wardlow, 1401 Harvey Building, West Palm Beach, Florida, Mr. Stewart stated that several weeks ago, while on a visit to Miami, he had occasion to meet with several friends for a social visit.

During the course of the conversation on that occasion Mr. Stewart stated that he was advised by a prominent Miami attorney whose identity he declined to divulge at this time, that the attorney had learned in conversation with friends that Mrs. Joe Adams had exhibited to these friends a sterling silver cocktail set, consisting of a tray, a shaker and six silver cups, the tray having been engraved with her initials. On that occasion, according to Mr. Stewart's informant, Mrs. Adams informed her friends, in a rather boastful manner, that the cocktail set had been given to her by Alvin Karpis, and this incident is said to have occurred subsequent to the time Karpis and Campbell escaped a police trap at Atlantic City, New Jersey. Upon receipt of this information, Mr. Stewart stated that he communicated with the Bureau.

On the occasion of the interview with Mr. Stewart he stated that his informant had requested that his name not be divulged, but indicated to Stewart that in the event the Bureau desired further information he would consider an interview and would assist in verifying the information furnished to him. When informed that the Bureau is interested in determining the source of the information, Mr. Stewart stated that he contemplated a visit to Miami on Wednesday, April 1, 1936, when he would communicate with his informant and thereafter advise this agent. No attempt was made by Mr. Stewart to communicate with this agent, and on Thursday, April 2, 1936, communication was had with Mr. Stewart, by long distance telephone, at West Palm Beach, when he informed that he did not visit Miami as contemplated, but assured Agent that he would visit Miami on Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5, 1936, and he again promised to communicate with his informant and to immediately advise this agent. At the submission of this report, Mr. Stewart, has not attempted communication with this Agent. On the occasion of the interview with Mr. Stewart, he was furnished with the name and address of the local resident agent at Miami and with the address and telephone number of the Jacksonville Office. No attempt thus far has been made by Mr. Stewart to communicate with the local resident agent at Miami or the Jacksonville office. Further attempt will, of course, be made to ascertain the identity of Mr. Stewart's informant and to obtain detailed information concerning the alleged gift to Mrs. Adams.

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Reference is made to the Bureau letter of reference, dated March 27, 1936, addressed to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, on pages two and three of which, attention is invited to the conflicting statements of Dolores Delaney and Therese Carmichael, the latter

a domestic in the employ of Karpis during his stay in Miami, relative to the visit on Christmas Day, 1934, of an individual since identified as Cassius McDonald, to the Karpis home.

Therese Carmichael was accordingly reinterviewed and on this occasion she stated that at about two-o'clock on the afternoon of Christmas Day, 1934, just as she, Dolores Delaney and Karpis were seated at the table for their dinner, Karpis received a telephone call. Miss Carmichael claims that she does not recall the conversation, but remembers that Karpis evidently was talking to some one who had just arrived in town; that he gave the party on the other end directions as to how he could reach the Karpis home. Thereafter Karpis returned to the dining room and informed Miss Carmichael and Dolores Delaney that a couple were coming out to the house and he instructed that the dinner be held and that two additional places be set. Miss Carmichael claims that she and Dolores placed the dinner in the oven and both of them proceeded to prepare two extra salad dishes and arranged the table for two guests. Within a short time thereafter, approximately thirty minutes to the best of Miss Carmichael's recollection, an automobile drove into the driveway and Karpis went to the front door. Miss Carmichael, on this occasion, denied that she observed the automobile, but claims she heard it. Immediately, Dolores Delaney left the kitchen and Miss Carmichael remained there. Within a few minutes Karpis came into the kitchen accompanied by an individual now identified by her as McDonald. Karpis and McDonald had a drink of whiskey, which Karpis himself served, and he and McDonald engaged in some brief conversation, the nature of which Miss Carmichael claims not to know. While Karpis and McDonald were in the kitchen, Miss Carmichael claims that she heard Dolores Delaney conversing with another woman in the living room, but she overheard nothing of that conversation which she now recalls. Shortly thereafter Karpis and McDonald left the kitchen and went into the living room and within a few moments McDonald left after which Karpis, Dolores Delaney and Miss Carmichael had dinner. During the course of the dinner, Miss Carmichael claims that nothing was said by Karpis or Dolores to indicate to her the identity of the visitor and his companion or the purpose of their visit. However, she stated that she recalls that Dolores asked Karpis if his visitor had money and Miss Carmichael interpreted that to mean whether the visitor was wealthy. She denied that the question was put by Dolores to Karpis in such manner as to indicate to her that Dolores might have meant ransom money. She claimed not to recall the response Karpis made.

When previously interviewed in this connection, as indicated on page 10, of the report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, Fla., dated April 4, 1935, Miss Carmichael stated that a man and woman drove alongside the Karpis home on Christmas Day, 1934, in a big new-looking automobile;

that the man came into the house alone, declining to have dinner with Karpis as his wife was sitting in the car and they had to return to the hotel. On a subsequent interview, as indicated in the report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, dated April 23, 1935, on page 21, Miss Carmichael denied that she had seen the automobile that McDonald was driving nor did she notice the woman companion with him, but recalled that this woman and Mrs. Green (Dolores Delaney) sat on the front porch and talked while the visitor, undoubtedly McDonald was in the kitchen having a drink of whiskey with Karpis.

When questioned concerning these divergent statements, Miss Carmichael replied that she is positive that she did not see the automobile, but knew the visitor had come in an automobile, because she heard it drive into the driveway alongside the house and prior thereto, Karpis had instructed the visitor how to reach the house, apparently from downtown. She now claims that she did not see McDonald's companion, as previously stated, and does not know, from her observation, whether it was a man or woman, but presumes it was a woman, because she overheard a conversation, rather the voices of two women, one of which was Dolores Delaney, in the living-room, while Karpis and McDonald were having a drink in the kitchen. In this connection, Miss Carmichael stated that she does not recall having stated to Special Agent in Charge Hanson, on the occasion of his interview with her, that the woman (who accompanied McDonald) and Dolores Delaney sat on the front porch and talked. In explanation, Miss Carmichael stated that she was in the kitchen; that there was along hall between the kitchen and the living room, and she could not see into the living room, but presumed, from the sound of the voices, that Dolores and the woman were conversing in the living room.

In compliance with the suggestion in the Bureau teletype and letter of reference, dated April 1 and 2, 1936, respectively, interview was had with Miss Irma Robbins, Clerk, Dade County Tax Collector's Office, Automobile Tag Division, concerning the transfer of title from Chas. M. Bronson (Alvin Karpis) to Duke Randall, on November 5, 1934, of Ford Coupe, Motor #18-1037480. When the photostatic copies of the certificate of title application and combination application for transfer of title certificate were exhibited to Miss Robbins she readily identified her signature thereon as notary public and she further identified her handwriting on the certificate of title application whereon the typed name of Duke Randall was marked out and the name of Chas. M. Bronson was inserted. Miss Robbins admitted that it was she who inserted the name of Chas. M. Bronson on the certificate of title application, because the typed name of Duke Randall had been improperly incorporated thereon.

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In this connection Miss Robbins stated that she examined the certificate of title application transfer of title certificate and, after having inserted the name of Chas. Bronson, with pen and ink, she thereafter notarized the instruments. However, she was unable to recall any of the details of the transaction and stated that the clerk who handled the transaction would not necessarily notarize the instruments inasmuch as it is the custom for the clerks to complete the transactions and after the close of business each day some designated clerk who is working on the reports will notarize all of the instruments of that particular date, although the notary might not have witnessed the signatures of the parties to the transaction. Miss Robbins further stated that it is not compulsory that the instruments be notarized in the presence of the parties and stated that any one of four other clerks on duty could have handled the transaction in question and that Miss Robbins thereafter, and without having seen or talked with the parties concerned, notarized the instruments. When the photographs of Karpis, Duke Randall, Joe Adams and other suspects in this matter were exhibited to Miss Robbins she stated that they bore no resemblance to any one she recalls having seen nor could she recall that the photographs resembled any one with whom she has had contact concerned with the transfer of title to automobiles.

Miss Marcella Sadler, Clerk, Dade County Tax Collector's Office, Automobile Tag Division, was accordingly interviewed and identified her handwriting on the Certificate of Title Application #950615, in that portion of that instrument where the original owner is required to answer the questions thereon concerning his ownership of the motor vehicle. Miss Sadler stated that she personally inserted the responses to the questions thereon, but could not recall anything concerning the transaction or the identities of the parties thereto. She was unable to offer information concerning the manner in which the Certificate of Title Application had been presented to her or by whom and could not state whether the typed name of Duke Randall, El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Dade County, had been placed on the application prior to the time she received it or thereafter. She was likewise positive in her assertion that she did not insert the name of Chas. Bronson, in pen and ink, on that certificate. However, she expressed the opinion that inasmuch as her handwriting appeared on that portion indicating the response of the original owner, she must have personally handled the transaction, but she had no independent recollection thereof and claimed not to recall the details of the transaction or the identities of the parties. When the photographs of Karpis, Duke Randall, Joe Adams and other suspects were exhibited to her, Miss Sadler identified the photograph of Joe Adams and stated that she is personally acquainted with Adams; that his wife is a very good friend of hers. She further stated that she was formerly the

secretary to John Knight, brother of Bob Knight, the father-in-law of Joe Adams and that through that employment she became acquainted with Adams. She was unable to identify the photograph of Duke Randall and other suspects as resembling any one known to her and further stated that the photographs of Duke Randall and Alvin Karpis did not resemble the likeness of any one with whom she recalls having had any negotiation concerned with the transfer of title to an automobile. She likewise denied that Joe Adams had ever entered into any negotiations with her for the transfer of title to an automobile and expressed herself as positive that he was not one of the parties to the transaction herein mentioned. Miss Sadler verified the statement of Miss Robbins in that the Clerk handling a particular transaction would not necessarily notarize the instruments but would, as is customary, place the instruments aside until the close of business for that date when a clerk designated would notarize all transactions for that particular day. Inasmuch as the signature of Miss Irma Robbins appeared on the instruments in question, Miss Sadler stated that Miss Robbins necessarily must have been the clerk designated to notarize the transactions for that date, November 5, 1934. Miss Sadler also stated that it is not compulsory that the instruments to a transfer of title be notarized in the presence of the parties to the transaction.

A specimen of the handwriting of Miss Sadler, on a certificate of title application form was obtained and is transmitted, with copies of this report, to the Bureau for submission to the Technical Laboratory for use in such handwriting comparison as may be in progress concerning the transaction herein involved.

Attempt to locate Duke Randall was made through inquiry of Henry Debro, Captain of bell boys, El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida. Debro stated that Randall has not been living at the El Comodoro Hotel for the past three weeks; that he left soon after the Biscayne Kennel Club closed for the season. However, Debro stated that Randall is still in Miami and is working somewhere in the city. He assured agent that he will obtain Randall's address and immediately communicate same to this Agent. At the submission of this report the definite location of Randall has not been established.

The following inquiries were made by Special Agent R. B. Donaldson at Miami, Florida:

Saul Eden still employed as bell boy at the El Comodoro Hotel and residing at 537 N. W. 2nd Avenue, advised Agent that he had no recollection of taking newspapers to the rooms occupied by members of this gang.

That he may have rendered such service but during some of the period in question he was on the verge of losing his job and because of this did not pay as much attention to the persons served as he might have ordinarily. He recalls Dolores Delaney but appears to be unable to supply information in detail as to services rendered.

Regarding the Postal telegram sent by Adams on December 31, 1934, from Miami to Duke Randall at Jacksonville, reading "use own judgment - - - etc.", interview was had with L. T. Williams employed as Revenue Clerk at Miami, Florida, by Postal. Mr. Williams was formerly Assistant Manager. He stated that the telegram in question was not available and had been destroyed, further that he could testify to this as a fact. No request had been received to set same aside and at the expiration of one year it was destroyed. Consideration might be given to having the copy of same as received by Randall introduced by using a proper witness of the Postal Telegraph Company at Jacksonville, Florida.

Arvis Bethel formerly employed as a bell boy at the El Comodoro Hotel during the period of interest to this investigation, now resides at 3635 Grand Avenue, in Coconut Grove. He states he is unable to supply any information of interest to this investigation as he did not commence work at the El Comodoro Hotel until January 13, 1935.

In view of the statement of Milton Johnson that he purchased papers at various news stands to send to Fred Barker and that most of same came from the stand in the Tamiami Hotel, Agent made inquiry at this Hotel and found that the stand was closed some months ago. It was formerly operated by Harold Moller who now has a refreshment stand in the rear lobby of the Florida National Bank Bldg. On taking the matter up with him he stated that he clearly recalled that various bell boys from the El Comodoro Hotel bought papers of all kinds at his stand from time to time. In particular he remember that one of the boys during the 1934-35 season was buying a particular out of town paper to mail to some former guests of the hotel who resided about 200 miles up in the State. It seems to him that the boy stated it was an old couple who had paid him to attend to this for them. Mr. Moller lives at 243 S. W. 6th Street in Miami. He does not recall any details of the papers purchased, in this instance, cities, dates, etc.

With regard to the matter of guests at the El Comodoro being supplied with radios it has been previously stated that there is a small radio store just around the corner from this hotel. It is the only one in the immediate vicinity as far as Agent could determine and because of its location seems to be the most logical place where these instruments might

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be obtained by the hotel if this practice was followed. This place is operated by Mr. H. W. Henshaw and is located at 156 W. Flagler.

When interviewed about this matter Mr. Henshaw stated that he has been in business for some five years past, that he sells new and used radios, rents radios and also conducts a general radio service business. Over a year ago he figured on a deal whereby radios would be installed in every room of the El Comodoro Hotel. Nothing materialized from such negotiations. Informant says he has a speaking acquaintance with the officials of this Hotel. He cannot recall that they ever rented a radio from him either directly or indirectly for any guest at any time.

Concerning the matter of locating, if possible and available, the dining room checks of the El Comodoro Hotel which would reflect the serving of meals in the rooms of Karpis, Campbell, et al, it was necessary take this up personally with Mr. Joseph Adams, subject herein. These records seem to be in the sole possession of Mr. Adams who, of course, is still manager of the hotel. When interviewed on March 30, 1936, he stated that he would be glad to look up all of the dining room checks that could be found and make them available for this Agent's inspection. However, he informed that during the November hurricane which was of great intensity all the windows of the hotel were blown out on the front and water came into the hotel to the depth of nearly two feet resulting in the destruction of many records, stationery and general supplies which were stored close to the floor. These old dining room checks were among a part of articles destroyed. Mr. Adams did find for Agent's inspection a number of these checks which were examined. They are numbered, apparently in sequence before being torn from the original pad. None are dated and none were found showing the name of a guest or a room number. It is the statement of Mr. Adams that if the meals sent to the rooms in question were paid for in cash at the time of being served as they undoubtedly were, there would be no occasion to make further record or notation on the checks. Occasionally a guest will have a meal sent to his room and sign the check in lieu of immediate payment. The procedure then is for the bell boy or waiter to take the check to the desk clerk who pays the bill and charges the guest's account. Mr. Adams says he greatly doubts that such practice was resorted to in the case at hand. He also says the checks still remaining will be available at any time for Court purposes if desired.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE at Miami, Florida, will continue efforts to locate and interview Duke Randall for the purpose of ascertaining complete details surrounding the transfer of title of the Ford Coupe from Chas. M. Bronson to Duke Randall at Miami, Florida, on November 5, 1934.

P E N D I N G

Application No. (DO NOT DETACH HERE) DADE COUNTY AUTO TAG AGENCY
Certificate No.

C MO CR CT EO BCK P AMOUNT SENT \$1.00

Name (Print or Type name plainly)

Street No. or
P. O. Box

City or
Town

County

FLORIDA

Motor Vehicle Commissioner, Tallahassee, Fla.

1. I (We) following described Motor Vehicle make application for Certificate of Title of ownership for said vehicle and for that purpose state under oath the following facts:

2. Make Type
3. Model Cyls. 4. Year of Make 5. Wheels

6. Eng. No. 7. Serial No. 8. Chassis No.

9. Is the Motor Vehicle Licensed in your name? 10. Tag No.

11. I (We) acquired the above described Motor Vehicle (State whether new or 2nd hand)
12. From (Name of dealer or former Owner)

13. Whose address is 14. The 20 day of July 1934 15. How Acquired (Purchase, trade, gift, inheritance, etc.)

LIENS OR INDEBTEDNESS

16. Amount at present time \$ none
(Please answer. If no lien word none.)

17. Kind of Lien

To Whom Due

18. Whose address is

19. Signature of Applicant

20. Signature of person signing for firm or corporation

21. STATE OF FLORIDA

County of

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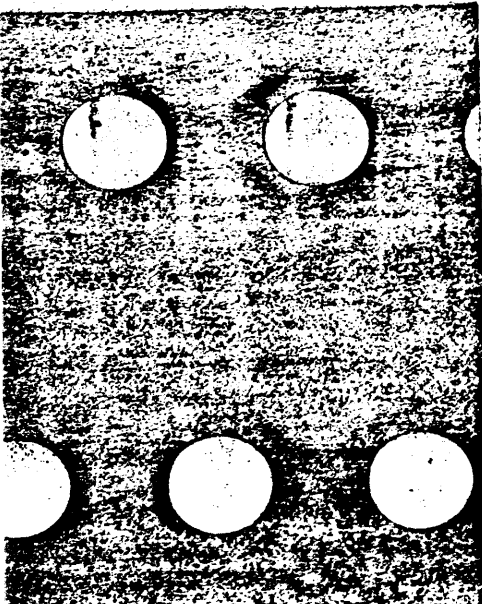
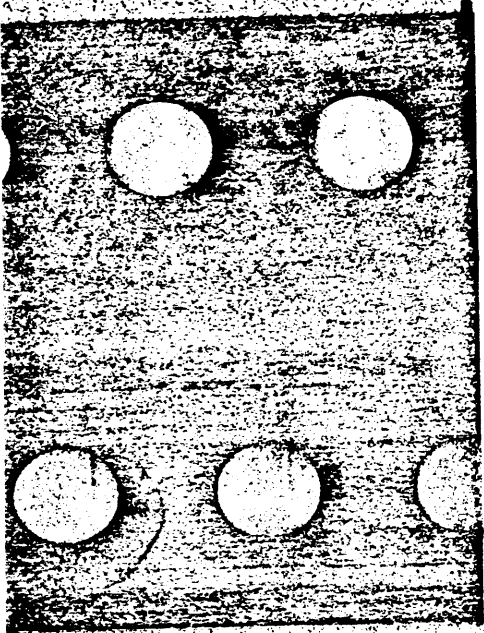
(Notary, Clerk of Circ. Court, etc.) personally appeared
who makes oath that the matters set forth in the foregoing application are true.

(SEAL)
(Affix Official Seal)

My Commission expires

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(Signature of Notary or Officer taking affidavit)
A. D. 19, before me



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Certificate of Title Application

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Address:
City or Town County FLORIDA

Motor Vehicle Commissioner, Tallahassee, Fla.

1. I (We) The owner (owners) of following described Motor Vehicle make application for Certificate of Title of ownership for said vehicle and for that purpose state under oath the following facts:
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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-24

REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-4-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-25-27-28-36	REPORT MADE BY: W. C. Ryan
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, WA, Fugitive I. O. 1218 DR. JOSEPH B. MORAN, WA - Fugitive I.O. 1232 HARRY CAMPBELL, WA - Fugitive I.O. 1236 ET AL GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIRE ARMS ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Department of Labor and Industry, Olympia, Washington, has no record of compensation being received by Clell Campbell, Olympic Hot Springs and Sol Duc Hot Springs, Washington, furnished with I. O.s on Campbell. No record of registration for 1935 Plymouth Sedan Motor number PJ322772 in the states of Oregon and Washington. Stop notices placed on this car, Daniel Stiefel in custody at Asotin, Washington on burglary charge, identifies photograph of subject Karpis as individual who drove him from Caliente, Nevada, to Salt Lake City about 3-1-36 subsequently registering at Moxum Hotel in Salt Lake City. Investigation conducted at Seattle, Washington, as to activities of Stiefel reveals that Stiefel lied as to his meeting with Karpis.			
REFERENCES: Letter of the Cleveland Office to all Field Offices dated December 12, 1935. Letter of Chicago Bureau Office to Bureau dated March 10, 1936. Report of Special Agent W. C. Ryan, Portland, dated March 18, 1936. Teletype of Portland Bureau Office to Salt Lake City Bureau Office dated March 27, 1936.			
DETAILS: In response to inquiry made by letter of the Department of Labor and Industry at Olympia, Washington, relative to any compensation being received by C. C. or Clell Campbell as a result of injury supposed to have been sustained by him while employed as a long shoreman in the vicinity			
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of Olympia, Washington as is indicated in information obtained in the reference report of Special Agent Ryan, the Portland Bureau Office is in receipt of a letter from the Department of Labor and Industry, Olympia, advising that a thorough check of their files fails to locate any such party receiving compensation for injuries in the State of Washington.

Following the receipt of reference letter from the Cleveland Bureau Office, relative to 1935 Plymouth four door Sedan, motor number PJ322772, serial 2619857, letters were directed to the Division of Licenses at Olympia, Washington, and to the Secretary of State at Salem, Oregon, requesting information as to the possible registration of this car in the States of Washington and Oregon respectively, and requesting that stop notices be placed against this automobile in event of future registration. Replies have now been received from both of the above mentioned Departments advising that there is no record in either State as to the above mentioned automobile, nor is there any registration for such a car under the name of Carl Baker, or Thomas J. Shaw. Both of the above Departments advised that stop notices have been placed in their files against this car and that the Portland Bureau Office would be immediately notified in the event it is registered in either State at some later date.

In connection with the reference letter of the Chicago Bureau Office, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent K. D. Deaderick on March 27, 1936:

At the Olympic Hot Springs interviewed Mr. Vern Howser who was at that time in charge. He advised that Mr. Harry Schoeffel is officially in charge of the Springs but that he was away for a period of approximately one week. Mr. Howser advised Agent that there is no one at the Springs at this time of the year and that as a matter of fact the resort is not yet open to the public. There is no one stopping at this resort at this time.

This matter relative to subject Campbell was discussed with Mr. Howser and he stated that he will be at the Springs all season and that he usually has custody of the baths and that he will be alert to observe all strangers closely and should Campbell make his appearance at the Springs he will immediately advise the Portland Bureau Office by telephone. He was furnished several Identification Orders on subject Campbell.

At Sol Duc Hot Springs, Agent interviewed Mr. and Mrs. L. H.

X Gordon who are in charge and they stated that no one had ever been to the Springs that they could identify as subject Campbell, but that they would closely observe all parties coming there in the future and should subject Harry Campbell appear there they would accomodate him and immediately telephone the Portland Bureau Office; these persons were furnished several Identification Orders on subject Campbell. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon stated that there is no one stopping at these springs at this time.

It has been ascertained that there are other such hot springs located at Soap Lake, Washington, Hot Lake, Wilhoit Hot Springs, and Breitenbush Hot Springs, Oregon. Similar investigation will be conducted at each of these places at the earliest possible date.

On 3-27-36, Special Agent R. C. Eberstein at Spokane, Washington received a telephone call from Sheriff Dennis Costello of Asotin, Washington, who advised that he had in custody at Asotin, one Daniel Stiefel who had related to him in effect that about March 1, 1936, while hitch hiking across the State of Nevada, he was picked up a few miles east of Caliente, Nevada, by a man in a new light blue colored Ford V8 Sedan. That this party drove him to Salt Lake City where the driver of the Ford Sedan registered at the Moxum Hotel. Sheriff Costello further advised that Stiefel had no money to eat on, and the stranger upon learning this, gave him \$5.00 to purchase some sandwiches and bring them to his hotel room where the two of them ate the sandwiches together. Further, that later, the same evening, this stranger was met at the Moxum Hotel by two other individuals; that Stiefel further said that the following morning the stranger gave him \$175 telling him to go out and buy a used Ford car for him and to return with it to the Hotel. Stiefel claimed that upon receiving the \$175 from the stranger, he pocketed it and did not return to the hotel and that about a week later while in the post office building in Salt Lake City, he noticed a photograph of Karpis on the bulletin board and immediately recognized him as the stranger who picked him up at Caliente and drove him to Salt Lake City. That upon seeing that he became frightened and immediately left Salt Lake City. Sheriff Costello stated that Stiefel could furnish no further information as to the name used by the individual whom he identified as Karpis or as to the room number at the hotel occupied by him or as to the license on his automobile.

The substance of the above information was furnished the Salt Lake City Bureau Office by teletype with the request that a check be made at the Moxum Hotel. Agent Eberstein immediately proceeded to

Asotin, Washington, to interview Stiefel as to his purported meeting with subject Karpis.

The following was submitted by Special Agent R. C. Eberstein relative to his interview with Stiefel at Asotin, Washington, on 3-28-36:

Pursuant to information received from Sheriff Dennis Costello at Asotin, Washington, Agent interviewed Daniel A. Stiefel, who is being held in the county jail at Asotin on a charge of second degree burglary.

After obtaining a brief statement of the facts from Stiefel concerning his supposed ride from Caliente, Nevada, to Salt Lake City about March 1st, with a man whom he believed to be Alvin Karpis, Agent interviewed him at length and obtained the following information.

He stated that his true name was William A. Stiefel, born at Salt Lake City, Utah, July 29, 1913; Father, Eugene Stiefel, who runs the cigar stand at the Dessert Hotel in Spokane; stated that his mother is employed at the Alta Mae Dress Shop on Riverside Avenue and his parents live at the San Marco Apartments. Just prior to Christmas in 1935 he came to Spokane from Salt Lake City and was only in town a few days, when on December 19, 1935, he was arrested by the Spokane Police Department on a charge of petit larceny and sentenced to serve a term of 60 days in the county jail, which he served, getting out he thought on February 14th, or 15th, 1936. That he stayed in Spokane for a few days after this and then rode to Los Angeles, California with a friend whom he refused to name. Think she remained in Los Angeles about a week, and while there he lived a part of the time at the Roslyn Hotel. Don't know what street this is on. Lived there about three days and then went to Long Beach, California and stayed about three days at the home of the friend, with whom he rode to California. Then left by bus and went to Las Vegas, Nevada. At this point he ran short of money and started hitch hiking east through Nevada. Stayed over night at Las Vegas, but just slept in the lobby of a hotel name unknown. The following noon he arrived at Caliente, Nevada, stopped to eat and then hitch hiked east on the main road. About four or five miles east of town was picked up by a man in a light blue V8 Ford Sedan, and this man took him into Salt Lake City. The stranger asked him many questions about himself, his age, what he did, where he was going, who his people

were, etc., but the stranger furnished no information about himself, either as to who he was, where he had come from or where he was going. They made only one stop at an outlying filling station for gas; he doesn't remember at what place. They arrived at Salt Lake City about 7 PM and the stranger bought his dinner for him at a restaurant but he doesn't know the name of it or on what street it was located. After dinner they got back in the car and the stranger drove to a point about half a block from the Moxum Hotel on State Street and parked his car. He seemed to know his location. On getting out of the car, he took one black suitcase, and the back of the Ford was piled full of stuff even with the back seat; but it was covered with a blanket and Stiefel could not see what was covered up. Looked like small boxes. While they were eating dinner the stranger left the cafe for three or four minutes but didn't say where he had been. The stranger registered at the desk, but Stiefel was not close enough to see what name he used. Went to a room on the third floor. Stranger carried his own baggage. This man asked Stiefel if he had money enough for breakfast, and Stiefel told him he was broke. Man then gave him a five dollar bill, from a roll he carried in his pocket. Told Stiefel to come back to the room the next morning. At that time somebody came to the door and was admitted to the room, it being two men. One of these men greeted the stranger as "Bill" who then told Stiefel he had better go and to come back in the morning. Says that he registered at a hotel about three blocks from the Moxum Hotel, but doesn't know the name of it or what street it was on. Next morning about 9:30 he went back to the man's room and he sent Stiefel out for some breakfast for him. He then asked Stiefel if he knew where there was a used car lot in town, where he could buy a good used car. Stiefel told him he did, and the stranger then gave him \$175 in bills, being 3 or 4 fives, 5 twenties and a few tens, and told him to go and pick out a good used heavy car of some kind. That he wanted to use this in an advertising campaign which he was going to put on. That he was to come back as soon as he could and let the man know what kind of a car he could find. Stiefel states that he went out of the room about 10:30 AM, and stopped at a few beer parlors, where he drank some beer and played some slot machines with about ten dollars of the money. He then went to the Salt Lake City Post Office to call at the General Delivery for mail he thought he might get from his friend in California. While there he saw a number of posters and immediately recognized a picture of Karpis as the man who was at the hotel. He said that he was scared and immediately went to the bus depot and bought a ticket for Pocatello, Idaho. Left Salt Lake City in the early afternoon and arrived at Pocatello about five hours later. At Pocatello he

stayed with some friends for a couple of days. He refused to give their names but later furnished the name as Mr. Kay Leavith, who works for the Telephone Company at Pocatello.

He says that he remained in Pocatello about three days, then bought a bus ticket to Lewiston, Idaho and upon arrival there he went to Clarkston, Washington, and stayed with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lundeen, who are old friends of his parents, but didn't know just how long he has been in Clarkston but thought about two weeks.

He was unable to furnish any further description of the car driven by the stranger other than he thought it was a 1935 light blue Ford V8, license plate unknown. Said the car was same color all over and had wire wheels. Took it to be a standard Sedan. Stated that he never heard any name for any of the three men except "Bill" as above described. That on the bulletin board in the Salt Lake City Post Office there were a lot of pictures, among whom were Karpis and Mahan and that he believes the man he rode with was Karpis. He stated that this man had a room on the third floor of the Moxum Hotel. That to reach this room you turned to the right upon reaching the third floor and he thought it was the room on the corner of the hallway, as you turned right upon reaching the head of the stairs. That this room looked out on State Street, and the room had windows on two sides of the room. That just prior to the time the men came to visit Bill, he had a telephone call. This was about fifteen minutes before they arrived.

He described "Bill" as follows:

Age	About 30 years
Height	5'10"
Weight	140 to 150 pounds
Build	Slender
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Black, combed straight back.
Eyes	Unknown
Marks or scars	No noticeable marks or scars
Dress	Brown suit that had a herringbone weave, blue overcoat, dark cap, tan low shoes, Smooth shaven, but beard was heavy and dark.

He described the men who came to the Hotel room to see "Bill" as follows:

Number One.

Age	About 30 years
Height	About 5'10" to 11"
Weight	About 150 pounds
Complexion	Medium dark
Build	Slim
Dress	Dark colored suit and overcoat and light grey felt hat. Smooth shaven.

Number two.

Height	About 5'7"
Age	About 25 years
Weight	About 160 pounds
Build	Stocky
Complexion	Light
Dress	Dark suit and overcoat. Hadn't shaved for 2 or 3 days.

Stiefel either would not or could not give the exact time of departure or arrival of any of the stages he rode on, could not give the fares and said he is unable to give the exact dates of the travels related above. He thought that he left Salt Lake City either on the last day of February or the first day of March. He could not give a good description of the lobby of the Moxum Hotel.

Agent interviewed Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lundeen, who reside at 7th and Highland Streets in Clarkston, who stated that they lived across the street in Spokane for a long time from subjects parents. That he arrived in Clarkston on March 4th, 1936, and since that time had stayed at their place and worked a part of the time for Mrs. S. B. Likes. They stated that when he arrived in Clarkston he told them he had come from Seattle, Washington, by the way of Spokane.

Mrs. S. B. Likes who resides near the Lundeens stated that Stiefel had worked off and on for her doing yard work since he came to Clarkston and she first saw him on March 6th, 1936.

On arrival at Spokane, Agent interviewed Mr. Eugene Stiefel at the Dessert Hotel Cigar Stand. He resides at the San Marco Apartments.

He at first denied that Stiefel was related to him but later advised that he was and had caused his parents a lot of trouble. With regard to his sons recent movements, he advised that his sons true name was Daniel A. Stiefel. That shortly before Christmas he came home and said he had been to Salt Lake City, which was true as a brother of Mr. Stiefel had written about seeing him there. That the boys grandmother also lives there. Mr. Stiefel refused to give these peoples name as he didn't want them to know that the boy was in trouble again. That shortly before Christmas Daniel left home again and didn't return until some time about the middle of February.

(Mr. Stiefel had no knowledge that he had served a jail sentence at this time). He said Daniel had been in Seattle doing work for his board and room. The parents didn't have room at the apartment to put him up so the father paid his room rent at the YMCA, where he remained for a week or ten days, when he left town again and the next they heard of him was when he was arrested at Clarkston, when they were notified by the Lundeens of his trouble. Mr. Stiefel stated that he has done all he will do for him and he will have to take his medicine. Questioned as to whether the boy had gone to California after leaving the YMCA Mr. Stiefel said he couldn't have as he was only gone a few days when he arrived in Clarkston and went to Lundeens.

Agent interviewed Mr. R. W. X Kromer, Business Secretary for the YMCA. He produced his records which showed that Daniel A. Stiefel roomed there from February 17, 1936, to February 26th, at which time they threw him out for being drunk and disorderly. Mr. Kromer stated that after Stiefel left they discovered that he had entered the office and stole some checks which were already made out but he evidently hadn't been successful in cashing them as they found the checks torn up in Stiefel's room. That about two weeks ago some plain clothes man from the police force came to the YMCA looking for Stiefel and told Mr. Kromer that he wanted Stiefel on a burglary charge. The above record shows that it was only 7 days between the time Stiefel left the YMCA and the time he arrived in Clarkston, and it is therefore certain that he is lying about where he has been.

Stiefel claims to have spent all the money that he got from the stranger in drinking and gambling in Salt Lake City, Pocatello, and Clarkston.

In view of the above which showed undoubtedly that Stiefel was lying as to his purported meeting with subject Karpis, it appears that no further investigation is necessary in regard to his story.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE PORTLAND BUREAU OFFICE at Soap Lake, Washington, Hot Lake, Wilhoit Hot Springs, and Breitenbush Hot Springs, Oregon, will conduct investigation relative to Harry Campbell as suggested in the reference letter of the Chicago Office dated 3-10-36.

PENDING.

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Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Baughman	✓
Chief Clerk	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Edwards	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Foxworth	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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THERE STOP AGENT LITTLE IN CHARGE MY ABSENCE

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January 29, 1934. 3-100473

Director,
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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
EDWARD BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING - EXTORTION

7-576-92
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my recent conversation by telephone with Assistant Director Tolson regarding the alleged similarity between the handwriting in the alleged crank note found in a taxicab recently in St. Paul, in connection with the above matter, and the handwriting of the so-called Three-X in connection with the murders attributed to the person so designating himself, in Queens Borough, New York City.

This inquiry originated at this office when Lou Wedemar, reporter for the New York World Telegram, communicated with the office by telephone and stated that he had caused a comparison to be made of photostatic copies of the St. Paul note and the Three-X letters and that the expert indicated that there was considerable similarity between them but that it was impossible to satisfactorily compare photostatic copies. I communicated with Assistant Chief Inspector Sullivan, New York City Police Department, and he arranged to have some of the Three-X letters turned over to this office for the purpose of comparison.

Special Agent George J. Starr of this office called on Inspector Sullivan and later on Inspector John J. Gallagher, in charge of the detectives in Queens Borough, and after some delay obtained the letters which are enclosed herewith. The delay was occasioned by the fact that Inspector Gallagher and other members of the Police Department are being sued for \$100,000. by a man named Blattman who was arrested in connection with the Three-X investigation, and the letters in question had through error been filed under Blattman's name instead of the Three-X file where they properly belonged.

The background of the Three-X case is briefly that on June 11, 1930 the body of Joseph Mozinski was found in a rather desolated part of Queens Borough, lying on the roadside near an empty parked automobile, and on June 16, 1930 the body of Noel Sowley was found slumped in the seat of a parked automobile, also in a desolated section of the Borough. In both instances the deceased had come to his death as a result of having been shot. The missiles were determined to be 32 calibre S. & W. bullets.

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Mozinski, just prior to his death, was in the company of Catherine May and Sowley was accompanied by Betty Ring. In both instances the stories were more or less alike, namely, that the murderer came upon the couple parked in the car; that the male companion was murdered and the girl escorted to a nearby bus line from which she reached her home. So far as is known, the murderer did not commit any assault on either of the girls. It is peculiar, however, that in each instance the girl returned to her home and made no report to anyone of the murder of her companion although it is true that one of the girls involved was said to have been married and of course would be reluctant to disclose that she had been out with another man.

The so-called Three-X letters commenced on the date following the Mozinski murder when somebody, presumably the murderer, mailed a note, written on the reverse side of the front torn from an envelope which he had taken from the handbag of Catherine May, and which bore her name and address. Thereafter there was a whole series of letters received by the Police and the newspapers, particularly the New York Evening Journal, signed with variations of Three-X, many of which were more or less satisfactorily determined to be the work of cranks having nothing to do with the murderer. There were, however, a number of letters which from their context and handwriting were determined to be from the same person, presumably the murderer. One of the letters, a photograph of which was exhibited to Agent Starr, aroused considerable curiosity among the Police for the following reasons: It was mailed somewhere in Brooklyn at 2:30 P.M. on July 9, 1930, according to the cancellation. However, the letters indicating the P. O. Station were obliterated with black ink so as to be illegible and a pencilled line drawn from the obliteration to the corner of the envelope where a notation in pencil, in handwriting identical with that of the alleged murderer, stated that this had been done to protect someone, and the Three-X signature appeared thereon. Thereafter, this envelope with its contents was delivered to the New York Evening Journal; the cancellation on the back of the envelope was City Hall Station, July 13, 1930, 6:30 P.M., and the mail room stamp of the New York Evening Journal shows that it was received on July 13. This incident is included merely as an interesting sidelight on some of the peculiar things that happened in connection with this matter, many apparently being done merely to befuddle the police.

It is understood that Blattman communicated with the police by letter and by telephone, indicating that he could help them solve this case. This finally resulted in his being arrested on suspicion and since his release he has instituted suit as indicated above. It is understood from Inspector Gallagher that Blattman has a brother employed in the Post Office at New York City.

For the purpose of comparison, Agent Starr obtained from

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Inspector Gallagher three letters, all alleged to be in the handwriting of the same person, the mysterious Three-X, and being the lengthiest communications among the several kept in the possession of Inspector Gallagher. The letters are as follows:

- P.D. No. 15 - Letter (no envelope) to City Editor, New York Evening Journal, dated Jersey City, N.J., September 1, 1930, starting with the words "I have just come back to the U.S." The Three-X stamp on the letter was understood to have been drawn in with pencil for the purpose of reproducing a photograph of the letter. It will be noted from the reverse of the letter that the stamp is very fine.
- P.D. No. 2 - Letter with envelope directed to the New York Evening Journal, dated Brooklyn, New York, June 13, 1930, commencing with the words "For your information, the young lady, Miss C. May involved in the case is innocent".
- P.D. No. 4 - Letter (envelope in separate container) addressed to Mrs. May at College Point, Long Island, New York, no date, but showing P.O. cancellation, June 16, 1930, starting with the words "This letter will explain some of the things that happened on Wednesday, June 15, 1930". The pink wanted card affixed to the back of the envelope was placed there by the police to prevent further wear and tear of the envelope which might obliterate the cancellation stamp.

It is respectfully requested that these letters be returned to this office by registered mail after they have served their purpose as they are to be returned to the New York City Police Department which Department requests that it be furnished with any information developed regarding the matter.

Very truly yours,

F. X. Fay
F. X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

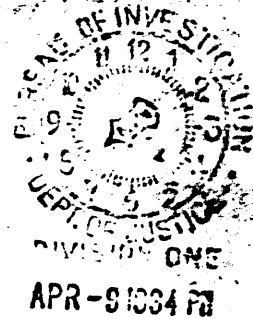
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January 29, 1934

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

Re: Unknown Subjects
Edward Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping - Extortion

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the enclosed letter and original exhibits in the matter of the Three-X murders.

Assistant Chief Inspector Sullivan, New York City Police Department, has asked that after the Division has completed its examination of the alleged crank note found in the taxicab in St. Paul in connection with the above matter, that it forward that original note to New York City so that the New York City Police Department may also have an opportunity to examine the note and to compare the handwriting with the handwriting on the so-called Three-X letters.

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Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY
Special Agent in Charge

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MR. LOCKE
MR. PETER

ROUTES IN TRANSIT

DAY LETTERS

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Memphis, Tennessee.
January 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office,
St Paul, Minnesota.

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7-576-94
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
JAN 30 1934
FILE

Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subjects;
Edward Bremer-Victim
Kidnapping.

On telephonic instructions from Acting Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson of the Birmingham office of the Division, agent made a check of the records at the Bureau of Identification, Memphis Police Department for the purpose of obtaining photographs and handwriting specimens in connection with arrests made at Memphis, Tennessee on May 27, 1926 of Fred Barker et al in connection with a possible fugitive from justice charge. Agent Hanson advised that the information on hand indicated that Fred Barker was arrested at Little Rock, Arkansas on May 28, 1926 at the request of the Memphis Police. As instructed, agent is forwarding the information obtained direct to your office by air mail special delivery.

The records at the Identification Bureau, Memphis Police Department reflect that at the request of the Chief of Police of McAlisterville, Oklahoma Herman Barker alias J. E. Hamilton, alias L. C. Whittier, alias D. W. Bowers, alias Bert Lavender, alias Clarence Sharp, alias Al Ayers, alias S. B. Wilson, Memphis Police #8853 was arrested at Memphis, Tennessee on May 27, 1926 with a woman, who claimed to be his wife and who gave the name of Mrs. J. E. Hamilton who has used the aliases of Mrs. S. B. Wilson and Carol Hamilton, Memphis Police #8854. The record reflects that these parties were wanted at McAlisterville, Oklahoma in connection with a diamond theft; that they were also wanted at Miami, Oklahoma for robbery, and that on June 2, 1926 they were turned over to the Sheriff from Miami, Oklahoma. It was also noted that they were reported to be members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

The above mentioned file also reflects that Herman Barker was killed at Wichita, Kansas in a gun battle with officers on August 29, 1927. Photograph and handwriting specimen of Herman Barker were therefore not obtained. Two photographs and a specimen of handwriting of Mrs. J. E. Hamilton with aliases were obtained and are being forwarded to you with this letter.

Fingerprint classification of Herman Barker is as follows:

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1 U 00 15

Memphis, Tennessee.
January 28, 1934.

The following is the description of Mrs. J. E. Hamilton with
aliases:

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Sergeant Burney Williams checked his records thoroughly but could find no record for Fred Barker. The file on Herman Barker reflects that on May 28, 1928 Fred Barker was taken into custody at Little Rock, Arkansas at request of the Memphis Police and was held for the Oklahoma authorities, he being wanted in connection with the diamond robbery at McAlistar, Oklahoma. The file contains no further information as to this party.

Mr. Dixon Robertson of the Burns Detective Agency advised that his files reflect that Fred Barker has been incarcerated at the Kansas State Penitentiary under #9836; that during 1933 he associated with Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, and that some of his relatives live in the sand hills between Sylvia and Hutchinson, Kansas and that he had been seen there in the summer of 1933. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Kansas City office and it is requested that they ascertain whether Fred Barker was incarcerated there under #9836, and if so obtain photograph and handwriting specimen and forward same to the St Paul office immediately.

cc-Division
Birmingham
Kansas City

Very truly yours,

R. E. PETERSON
Special Agent.

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900 Ezra Thompson Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah,
January 22, 1934.

MR. NATHAN
MR. CLEGG
MR. STANLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. FORD
MR. GUNN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. MANN
MR. ROY
MR. TOLSON
MR. TRACY
MR. WATSON
MR. WHELAN
MR. WILSON
MR. WOOD

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
805 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minn.

JAN 30 1934

RE: EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
Kidnaping - S.L. File 7-67.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your noted telegram of January 19th, 1934, requesting that an immediate check be made and cover placed on mail, telegraph and telephone communications to and from Benjamin Laska, Attorney-at-law, Denver, Colorado, and that his telephone lines be tapped if possible.

I was absent from

[REDACTED]

For your information, it would require two telephone dial recorders to make the tapping effective, one of such machines would be necessary to tap the residential phone, and one the office phone. This office has but one of such machines in its possession, and it would be necessary to send that one to Denver.

It would also require a minimum of four, and a maximum of six agents to manipulate the instruments over a 24 hour period, including day and night service. This office has but five agents, each of whom is personally known to Ben Laska, and of course if they were seen in the neighborhood in which he lives, or in the building in which his office is maintained, suspicion would arise.

I never knew one could find so many reasons why a thing couldn't be done. D. C. H.

It would also be necessary to rent a residence in the vicinity of the residence occupied by Lister, and an office in the building in which his office is located, in order to get the equipment. Thus, it might not be possible to secure the equipment necessary.

I telephoned Mr. Harold Nathan, Assistant Director of the Division at St. Paul today, and explained the situation to him, and he instructed that the tapping of the wires be not carried out.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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BREMER KIDNAPING ARREST

HERE THIS AFTERNOON MENTIONED

OVER PHONE BY NATHAN HOAX

NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS VARIOUS

SOURCES OF INFORMATION RECEIVING PROMPT ATTENTION=

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MR. NATHAN
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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MR. COWLEY.....
MR. EDWARDS.....
MR. EGAN.....
MR. QUINN.....
MR. LESTER.....
MR. LOCKE.....
MR. RORER.....

SPC:EG

January 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Agent Notesteen called this morning from St. Paul and advised that Mr. Nathan suspected that the telephone wires of the St. Paul office have been tapped and that at 11:15 central standard time, Mr. Nathan would call either the writer or Mr. Clegg and make the following statement:

"There is something big breaking here", which would be followed by other information not correct, to determine, if possible, whether the wires were actually tapped.

Accordingly, Mr. Nathan later called and carried on such a conversation.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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January 26, 1934.

MR. NATHAN...
MR. TOLSON...
MR. CLEGG...
MR. COWLEY...
MR. EDWARDS...
MR. GOAN...
MR. QUINN...
MR. LESTER...
MR. LOCKE...
MR. RORER...

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan telephoned and inquired whether the first two ransom notes received in the Bremer kidnaping case were written on the same typewriter and he was informed, after I had talked with Mr. Edwards, that they were both written apparently on a Corona typewriter and that the third alleged ransom note appears to have been written on an L. C. Smith, 1922 or earlier model typewriter. Detailed reports from the Laboratory have subsequently been forwarded to St. Paul.

Mr. Nathan advised there were no new developments.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

January 27, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN...
MR. TOLSON...
MR. CLEGG...
MR. COWLEY...
MR. EDWARDS...
MR. EGAN...
MR. QUINN...
MR. LESTER...
MR. LOCKE...
MR. RORER...

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan telephoned. The ransom money is at the bank. The police are guarding the bank. However the time lock is not placed on the bank at present until midnight instead of at 4:15 P. M. as usual so that the money will be available immediately up until that time. Mr. Nathan feels that two of our men should be available in the bank from 4:15 to midnight as a guard for safety. He asked that two men be transferred from another office to St. Paul for this purpose.

Mr. Nathan advised that there are no new developments concerning the case; that the family, which he has just left, is becoming more and more worried; that their requests for advice are many and occasionally place him in a rather hot spot but he thinks that everything is O. K.

He expressed some doubt about the safe return of the victim, indicating that he had connections with the bank and it was a racketeering bank; that he had connections with the brewery; that the victim was on bad terms with many people and is alleged to have a bad disposition. However, they are continuing aggressively on the case.

He desires to take back almost but not quite everything that he has said about the Technical Laboratory in view of the splendid duplications or forgeries of the ransom letters. They are fine.

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Respectfully,

JAN 31 1934

H. E. Clegg.

Mr Tolson consulted.
2 men, armed, ordered from Chicago
by phone to act as SAC W.D. Arnold
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
TOLSON
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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Official indicated below by check mark

MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
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MR. EDWARDS
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MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
LEGGE FILE

Edward G. Bremer

January 22, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

We are experiencing difficulty in solving the Bremer kidnaping by reason of approximately one hundred newspapermen and photographers gathering in the City of St. Paul and literally pursuing agents of the Government, local police and the prosecutor's office, as well as surrounding the premises of Mr. Bremer and Mr. McKee, who received a communication from the kidnapers.

Under all circumstances it is almost impossible to make any headway in the solution of the crime until the victim is returned and information obtained from him. Naturally the victim is not going to be returned by the kidnapers when the road is blocked by all of these publicity agencies. It may well be that this analogous condition existing in the Lindbergh case prevented its reasonable solution.

Paramount Movietone Company makes request of this office that one hundred and fifty words be given in a news reel from this Department, again sending direct word to the families of victims emphasizing the direction to communicate promptly with this Department and otherwise holding their peace. It is undesirable of course to have any conflict with the press organizations of our country, and the

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Memorandum for the Atty. General.

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matter of cooperation in these instances is a most delicate one. It is further of great importance, from the investigative standpoint, to instruct the victim's family or the contact man receiving ransom notes, to see that they are kept uncontaminated from further fingerprints. Some other practical suggestions might be made from the standpoint of investigation.

The Paramount Company requests that this be done by tomorrow, for immediate release, and I am transmitting their request to you for your direction.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH B. KEENE
Assistant Attorney General

Notation by the Attorney General:
What does Mr. Hoover think of this?
My instincts are against it.

H.S.C.

805 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BRENNAN - Victim
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. 7-80.

In connection with the above matter, it is desired that your office examine any written document of subjects at large, particularly such who might be involved with any notorious gang or in kidnaping cases, and that these written instruments be examined for correct spelling. For your guidance, your attention is called to the following words which have appeared in connection with this case, written in ransom notes, which have been misspelled:

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If you have any communication of suspects who have committed similar misspellings, please forward such written document by air mail to the St. Paul office and advise the name of the suspect and, if available, furnish photograph and fingerprints.

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Copies of this letter are being furnished to each
Division office with the request that similar investigation be
conducted in each district.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANDEL,
Special Agent in Charge

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- 2 - Each Div. office.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

January 28, 1934.

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

Dear Sir: Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
 EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
 KIDNAPING.
 St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Enclosed find a number of letters received
in connection with the above matter. Copies have
been made which are on file in this office.

Very truly yours,

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WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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411 U. S. Court House
Portland, Oregon

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January 23, 1934



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
903 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: Edward Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

One James T. Price, 115 North Morris Street this city, called at this office and stated that he had lived in St. Paul and Minneapolis for a period of over ten years up until 1924, and that since that time he has returned to St. Paul upon two occasions, one in 1928 and again in 1932. He stated that in June 1932 he went to St. Paul where he was employed as a taxi-cab driver. During this time he was employed as a taxi-cab driver for Thomas Otto who owned a blue and white cab and that during his employment as a taxi-cab driver in St. Paul he became considerably suspicious of Otto's activities and was satisfied that Otto was engaged in bootlegging and some other suspicious racket and used the taxi-cab business only as a cover.

The informant stated that it was his understanding Otto had considerable sums of money deposited in various banks in St. Paul and that since the Hamm, Bohn, and the Bremer kidnaping he has a confirmed suspicion that Otto may be one of the higher ups in the kidnaping racket in the vicinity of St. Paul and might bear investigation. Price said that he was unable to furnish any specific information to bear out his belief, and, on the other hand, it was altogether possible that the authorities in St. Paul knew enough about Otto to eliminate him as a possible suspect.

While he was driving Otto's taxi-cab he was accompanied by a woman who appeared to be operating a gambling racket and who was closely associated with Otto. Price stated that he knew the name of this woman but that the address was 273 Marshal Street, St. Paul and it was his understanding that Otto and the woman occupied by this house at 273 Marshal Street.

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The above information is passed on to you for such value as you may think of it. It was my thought that if Otto was under suspicion in any way in connection with the Bremer kidnaping that the above information furnished by Price might be of some assistance. I know nothing as to the veracity or standing of Price and it may be that he bears some grudge against Otto as the possible result of his employment as a taxi driver under Otto in St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

S. E.
St. Paul Division

G. A. SPEARS,
Special Agent in Charge

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MR. NATHAN
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600 Ezra Thompson Building
Salt Lake City, Utah
January 23, 1934

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL
Special Agent in Charge,
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805 Post Office Building,
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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
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Dear Sir:

Please refer to my communication of January 23, 1934,
marked "Personal & Confidential". I wish to further inform
that Agent Val C. Zimmer of this office, stationed at Denver,
Colorado, furnished further information in connection with the
practicability of tapping the telephone lines entering the home
and the office of Ben Isaacs, Attorney-at-Law, at Denver, Colorado.

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Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge

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P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

January 27, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BURMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

With reference to the above matter, some efforts are being made to discover, if possible, some writing of well-known suspects in kidnaping cases, at present at large, for the purpose of comparing samples of their writing with certain misspellings occurring on the ransom notes involved in the present case. It is desired that any communications from suspects like "Ike" O'Connors, Basil Banghart, and others, be examined and for your guidance the following misspelled words might assist in discovering similar errors in correspondence of such kidnapers still at large:

dollar
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If you find any correspondence with similar misspelled words, please notify the St. Paul Division Office.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANAU,
Special Agent in Charge.

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801 Title Guaranty Bldg.
Saint Louis, Missouri
January 27, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
205 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.



Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated January 23, 1934, relative to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD BREMER, VICTIM, KIDNAPING.

Investigation conducted by this office has verified the fact that Bernie Shelton resides at 780 N. 39th Street, East St. Louis, Illinois, and is married to one Carrie Stevenson, with whom he lived for several years prior to his marriage. This individual has been seen nightly in St. Clair County, Illinois for the past month or six weeks, and he makes occasional visits to the "Maples Club," referred to in my reference letter, located on Collinsville Road in Madison County, Illinois. This information was obtained through Chief of Detectives George Byrnes at East St. Louis, Illinois, and also from [redacted] of this office who heretofore has supplied reliable information in numerous cases under investigation.

Relative to Albert Barth, a reputed member of the Shelton "Mob," it has been definitely established that he operates a saloon at 601 Broadway Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, and has for the past month or six weeks receiving mail at that address. He is known to have been present in East St. Louis, Illinois for the past month or six weeks, it being further developed that the various members of the Shelton Mob have been frequenting this establishment.

Relative to the address 704 N. 41st Street, East St. Louis, Illinois, it has definitely been established that the same is occupied by an individual giving the name of Thomas Nevin, together with one Ruth Kirksey of Granite City, Illinois, and Mrs. Mary Henry of Clinton, Illinois, the establishment apparently being a house of prostitution. It is known that John Kenney frequents this address and that Nevin, a close associate of the Shelton Mob, and Kenney have been in East St. Louis, Illinois and vicinity for the past month or six weeks. It was further developed that this address has, for the past month, been occupied by John Kenney, Ralph M. Tatum, and Ed Wortman, all members of the Shelton Mob, and that they have all be in and about this vicinity for quite some time, having been seen on various occasions.

The Hyde Park Gambling Club in Venice, Illinois is operated by one John T. Soy and John Connors, which club is now the subject of investigation by local authorities in Madison County, Illinois, particularly [redacted] 1934 A.M.

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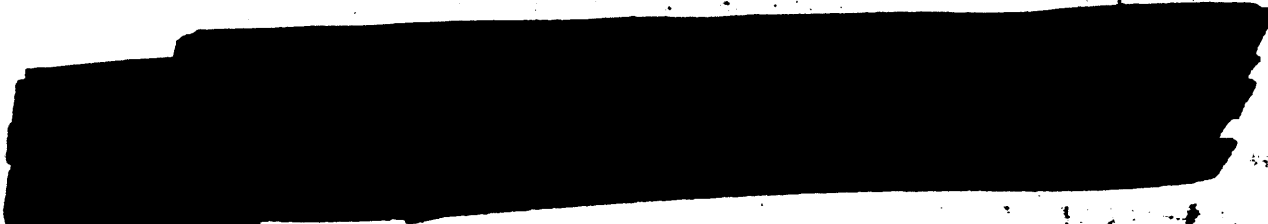
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Sheriff's office. It is understood that members of the Shelton Mob frequent this establishment; however, no information could be developed verifying this understanding.

The gambling establishment known as "The Maples," located on Collinsville Road in Madison County, Illinois, was purchased by Monroe, alias Blackie Arms, about one month or six weeks ago, from William Peterson, an ex-police officer of East St. Louis, Illinois. This club is a known hang-out for the Shelton Mob, and it has been definitely ascertained that Arms has been operating said club and present therein for the past month or six weeks.

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Relative to information concerning William "Red Eye" Smith, it was established that he can be seen any night at a saloon known as "The Fountain" at Venice, Illinois, and at the present time he is employed by the C. W. A. at that point. It was further established that Smith has been seen frequently during the past month or six weeks in and about St. Louis and East St. Louis, Illinois.

It was further developed that Earl Shelton, a brother of Shelton, has been seen on numerous occasions during the past six weeks and about East St. Louis, Illinois; however, former State Police Officer Dankenbrink advised this office that he had received information that Earl Shelton went to Kansas City, Missouri about three weeks ago, and returned some six days ago, accompanied by three other men, identities unknown, at which time they were driving an automobile, make unknown, with a Kansas license, the last three numbers of which were 474.

Relative to Carl Shelton, Mr. Dankenbrink advised that he had been seen in and around Madison County, Illinois during the past week. It was believed that he had not been out of this vicinity during the last months or so. Carl Shelton resides at 1708 Weiman Street, East St. Louis, Illinois. An unknown woman at this address has been receiving mail from Miami, Florida, and numerous trucks have been seen parked in and about the address.

It was further developed that the Shelton Mob owns a cottage on Kingshighway and Buncombe Road, on the outskirts of East St. Louis, Illinois. However, it could not be developed whether they have been occupying this

saloon at 438 Missouri Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, which is a known hang-out for members of the Shelton Mob. "Toots" Miller is known to have been in East St. Louis, Illinois for the past month or six weeks.

For the information of the St. Paul Office, information has been received at this office from a Mr. Paul Laidley, 2820 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, to the effect that one Frank Robinson, alias Frank Johnson, and wife, Mildred Johnson, nee Mildred Jarva, formerly residing near him on Washington Avenue, have not been seen in that vicinity for the past month. In this connection, Mr. Laidley advised that Robinson was a "Big Time Racketeer," and formerly came from St. Paul, Minnesota; however, he has been in St. Louis for several years. Laidley describes Robinson as being 34 years, 6 ft. in height, weighing 180 pounds, with grey hair.

Mr. Laidley advised he had been following the papers, and inasmuch as he knew that Robinson came from St. Paul, and had not been seen in St. Louis by him recently, he felt that perhaps the name and description might be of value in connection with this case.

Mr. Laidley has called at the St. Louis Division Office on a previous occasion for the purpose of making a contact, in order that he might be in a position to report any violations of law which came to his attention, and not much credence is placed in the information supplied by him; however, said information is being forwarded to you for what value it may possess.

From the above it would appear that members of the Shelton Mob have not been absent from their usual haunts for the past month or six weeks; however, there is nothing definite to establish this fact, except through information obtained from casual inquiries, as related in the body hereof.

Further investigation is not being conducted at this time, unless a request therefor is made by the St. Paul Division Office.

Very truly yours,

F. F. YEARSLEY, Acting,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Salt Lake City, Utah.
January 23, 1934.

F.J. BLAKE,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
POST OFFICE BUILDING,
DALLAS, TEXAS.



BENJAMIN LASHLEY, ATTORNEY FOR ELLIS SANKEY RECEIVED LETTER FROM POST OFFICE BOX TWO THREE SIX THREE DALLAS TEXAS DATED JANUARY TWENTYSEVEN 1934 CHECK BOX DETERMINE IDENTITY RENTOR OTHERS RECEIVING MAIL FOR ANY VALUE TO SUBJECT OF BREMER KIDNAPING CASES STOP FURNISH OKLAHOMA CITY STPAUL OFFICES MYSELF YOUR FINDINGS.

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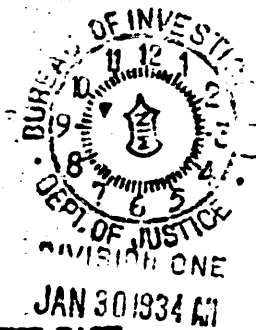
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St Paul Minnesota
January 25 1934

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Division of Investigation
U S Department of Justice
901 Title Guaranty Building
St Louis Missouri



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Chg. Div. of Inv., U.S. Dept. of Justice,
205 P.O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.
Kidnaping.
St. Paul File 7-50

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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

January 28, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
205 Post Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD BREMER, Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

On January 24, 1934, Mr. Schumaker, Associated Press Correspondent of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, communicated with me by telephone and stated that information had been supplied to him that Charles C. Connors, alias Ice Wagon, had a friend who operated a saloon at 12th and Robey Streets in Chicago, Illinois. The tip that Mr. Schumaker had was that the Bremer kidnaping was the work of Connors assisted by this saloon keeper.

Special Agent W. Carter Baum was assigned to investigate this tip, and investigation disclosed that there was only one saloon, now closed, on the corner of Roosevelt and Damen Avenue. It will be noted that 12th Street is now Roosevelt Road, and that Damen Avenue is the present name of the street formerly known as Robey Street. The saloon on the southeast corner was named the Derby Inn, which was closed about January 2, 1934 because the owner, Peter Harnucci, alias Red, a young Italian of 22 years of age, had been unable to pay the \$250.00 license fee. In addition there was a grill at 1857 Roosevelt Road, two doors from the corner, which bore the appearance of having operated as a saloon in the past.

Information was on hand in the file entitled "William Sharkey with aliases, deceased, John J. Foster, victim, Kidnaping", bearing Chicago file No. 7-24, and in which Charles C. Connors with aliases is the Subject, which indicated that Connors and other members of the Touhy gang, had a friend, one Crab Sullivan, who operated a "speak-easy" and later a beer tavern on South Kedzie Avenue, just north of 16th Street. Captain Albert Mikes of the 23rd District, which covers this territory, also corroborated the friendliness of Sullivan with Ludwig Schmidt, Charles Francis McGuire, and other parties closely associated with the Touhy gang.

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From the information developed, it seemed unlikely that Peter Warducci had any connection with Connors, but an inquiry by Agent disclosed that about 2 years ago, Crab Sullivan operated a "speak-easy" at 1957 Roosevelt Road. Mr. Schumaker's informant apparently must have been acquainted with Sullivan at that time. Efforts have been made by Agent Dunn, assisted by Special Agent McKee to locate Crab Sullivan, whose first name is believed to be William, but these endeavors have not been successful. The saloon that this man operated was located at 1571-3 South Kedzie Avenue, and there was also a man by the name of William Byrnes, who was associated in this business. The saloon closed about Christmas time, the fixtures being moved at night by a truck from the Trucking Concern of Terry Druggan. Inquiry through postal authorities and by a neighborhood investigation failed to disclose any indication of present whereabouts of Byrnes, who may be "Porky" Dillon, or Sullivan. Sullivan is described as a man of only 5' or 5'1" in height and as weighing approximately 180 lb., being of exceptionally sturdy build. Some indicate that he now wears glasses. Captain Mikes reported that this man had no criminal record, but a more detailed description will be obtained later.

This information is being supplied to you at this time for your information in the above entitled matter, and further efforts will be made to locate Crab Sullivan. Sullivan's location would be of assistance not only in this case, but would also be of assistance in the possible location of other members of the Touhy gang, who are wanted for other charges in other types of cases.

Very truly yours,

M. J. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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Re: Unknown Subjects; Edward Bremer, Victim;
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He stated that on January 26, 1934, a man came into his office, asked to see him and while waiting to see Lieutenant Kelly, he started to look through the album of pictures of confidence men which Lieutenant Kelly has in his office. When Lieutenant Kelly started to talk to him, he would not state his name, business or reason for looking through this album. After considerable questioning he finally advised Lieutenant Kelly that he had lost \$200,000.00 to confidence men and that he was looking through the Chicago Police Department Gallery of Confidence Men, in an effort to see if he could identify any of them.

The man advised Mr. Kelly that his name was [REDACTED] and that he had been in the United States for some time. He evidently met the confidence men in St. Louis, Missouri, where he was on business, and they got him interested in betting on horse races. As a result of their placing bets for him he had at first won \$370,000.00. They stated they would not pay this sum of money over to him until he put up an amount of money showing that he could have paid had he lost. [REDACTED] stated that he approached Edward Bremer and that Bremer loaned him \$200,000.00 to put up. He stated that Bremer obtained \$100,000.00 of this from his safety deposit box. The result was that the \$200,000.00 was lost to the confidence men.

Understandably, he had looked over pictures of Confidence Men at the St. Paul Police Department and had identified one of the men, and that Mr. Brown, of the Detective Bureau of the St. Paul Police Department, would know who the individual was that he had identified. In the Confidence Men Gallery at the Chicago Police Department, he identified the picture of one William E. Heade, Chicago Police Department Group Picture #5647, who is known to Lieutenant Kelly and who was arrested at 2970 Sheridan Road on August 10, 1935, as a fugitive from Lima, Ohio. He was returned to Lima and later jumped a \$30,000.00 bond.

Lieutenant Kelly stated that [redacted] requested him to keep this matter confidential, as he did not want his betting company to know that he was engaged in betting on horse races and that it was for this reason that he borrowed this money personally from Bremer. Lieutenant Kelly stated, however, that he believed this office should know this information, as there was a possibility that there might be some connection between the kidnappers and these confidence men, inasmuch as the confidence man evidently knew that Bremer was able to obtain this sum of money for [redacted].

This information is being forwarded to you for such value as it may have in the instant investigation. This office will obtain a picture of Meade from the Chicago Police Department as soon as possible and forward the same to you.

Very truly yours,

M. E. FURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
629 First National Bank Bldg.
Omaha, Nebraska.

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426 U. S. CUSTOM HOUSE & POST OFFICE BLDG
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Trixie Barker, 23 North 4th.

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At the time of receipt, the box was sealed with
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it was delivered to the post office. The box was
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W. A. R. LINDSEY
Post Office

P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

January 23, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON MILLER (D:CRASH), et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.
St. Paul File No. 62-688.
St. Paul File No. 7-30 (BRUMER, VICTIM)

In the above captioned case, there are enclosed herewith memoranda submitted by Special Agent O.C. Hall and Special Agent E.M. Motesteen, dated January 27, 1934 and January 24, 1934, respectively.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANF.
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
January 27, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HARKEL:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - EDWARD G. BRENNAN
VICTIM. MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. FILE NO. 62-553
Re: VERNON C. MILLER (deceased), et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL
PRISONER. St. Paul file 62-553.

Reference is made to the memorandum of Special Agent E. W. Notesteen, which is serial 367 of this file, which relates the details of certain investigation conducted regarding the shooting of McCORD and the tracing of the license number appearing on the car in which the gunmen were riding to the E. V. DAVIS, Post Office Box 345, White Bear, Minnesota.

Agent Notesteen related to me the circumstances of the renting of the Post Office Box and I recalled that while I was investigating this case last June and July, the occupants of 204 Vernon Avenue, which address was figured so prominently in this case, had two automobiles, one of which was registered to one DAVIS. He described the DAVIS who had registered that automobile and it developed that he fit the description of the DAVIS who rented the Post Office Box at White Bear. Agent Notesteen and myself compared notes and it was decided that there is a strong possibility that ALVIN KARPIS, FRED BARKER, DOC BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL and VOLNEY DAVIS may have been involved in the McCORD shooting. In that connection it has often been reported that the above named are very reckless in their shooting and it has often been mentioned that they are "blasters", that is, they shoot at the least provocation, which seemed to be the case in the McCORD shooting.

Agent Notesteen, while at White Bear, noticed a postcard which was signed "Trixie and her gang", 23 South 5th Street. The St. Paul Police conducted an investigation, and being unable to find a South 5th Street in St. Paul, abandoned the clue. Agent Notesteen, however, made the necessary inquiry in Minneapolis and discovered that one TRIKIE operated a bawdy house at 23 South 5th Street, third floor. Agent Notesteen then in company with SMITH and GALT of the St. Paul Police Department raided 23 South 5th Street and arrested TRIKIE BURNES, DOLLY LARSON, and a colored maid, taking them to the St. Paul office.

I interviewed TRIKIE BURNES. She cannot remember the date, is

card is in this file.

Her business

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TRIXIE MURKIN advised that she has been in Minneapolis for six years and prior to moving to 25 South 6th Street on January 15th, she had resided in apartment 101, 1530 LaSalle Avenue, Minneapolis, where she operated a similar institution. She stated that about January 5th, she was at the LaSalle address.

I displayed to her pictures of the above named and she seemed quite interested in the picture of DAVIS but denied emphatically that she knew him or had ever seen him. However, she stated that on or about January 5th, DOC BARKER, whom she identified from photograph and whom she described with the addition that he speaks with a peculiar southern accent, had patronized her at the LaSalle Avenue address. She stated that the only individual named DAVIS she knew was a B. DAVIS, a woman, also a prostitute, whose address she claimed she does not know. She stated that her (TRIXIE'S) boy friend is JOE EDWARDS, who she stated drives a Plymouth Sedan. EDWARDS is described as being 33 years of age, short, light complexion. She claimed that he lives on 25th Street some place but does not know the exact address.

She advised that when DOC BARKER was at her LaSalle Avenue place on January 5th, he was accompanied by a fellow whom she described as a "punk" about 24 years of age, 5 feet tall, slender build, light sandy hair.

She refused to give me the names of the persons for whom she operated the house. She claimed she was not supporting anyone and did not operate a call house.

DOLLY MURPHY, whose correct name is [REDACTED]

She claimed that she got mixed up with TRIXIE by meeting one B. DAVIS while she (DOLLY) was a waitress at the Tip Top restaurant at 9th and Hennepin, Minneapolis.

DOLLY MURPHY is described as 22 years of age, blue eyes, blonde hair, 5 feet 3 inches, 115 pounds. This woman failed to identify any picture and claims to know nothing.

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About one o'clock on the following morning, while at home, I received a telephone call from O'ROURKE of the Identification Division of St. Paul Police Department, this being on January 25, 1934, he advising me that the person we were seeking, that is, VOLNEY DAVIS, was at the 5th St. address in Minneapolis. I arranged for a squad and named by CARLSON and his partner, proceeded to the Minneapolis Police Department, and talked to Captain FORNEY. He gave me the assistance of Detectives HARRY JOHNSON and PETER UGIDUN. When arriving at the Captain's office, there were present HARRY and DAVE KRAFT, who FORNEY had told me were the operators of this "joint" at 23 South 6th Street. They were endeavoring to make some deal with FORNEY to locate the girls and have them "sprung". I arranged to have the KRAFT boys detained until we made our raid at 23 South 6th Street.

Fire escapes, etc., at that address were covered and JOHNSON, CARLSON and I entered the third floor. There we found a prostitute named

On a bed in one of the rooms
[redacted] was
[redacted] He bore some resemblance to VOLNEY
[redacted] but it was apparent that he was not DAVIS.

[redacted] sitting in the parlor was
[redacted]
[redacted] No one else
was in the place. They were all taken to the Police Station in the patrol
car

[redacted] I turned him over to the
police, who released him. [redacted] were likewise
released.

I gathered from conversation with [redacted] that he was a stool
pigeon of CHARLES TIERNEY, Captain of Detectives at St. Paul, so I treated
him accordingly. Evidently, CHARLES TIERNEY got his information from
[redacted]

Further developments regarding the mail addressed to DAVIS and
MURREY at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, will undoubtedly be reported by Special
Agent Notesteen.

O. G. HALL,
Special Agent.

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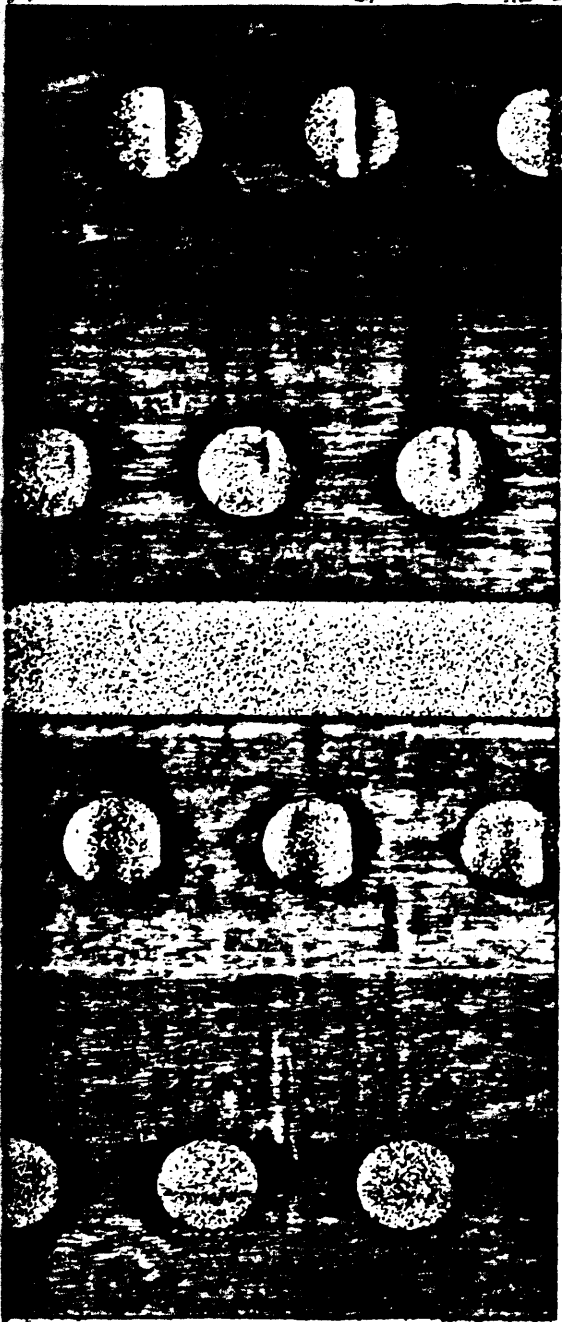
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Mr. J. C. Hoover, Esq.
Director U. S. Dept.
Dear Sir

I have read in the newspaper
of the latest challenge of gangsters to the
organized forces of law and order, I refer to
the kidnapping of Mr. Bremer in St Paul and
after very careful study of published reports
of the case, I would like to make a few
suggestions relative thereto, if I may.

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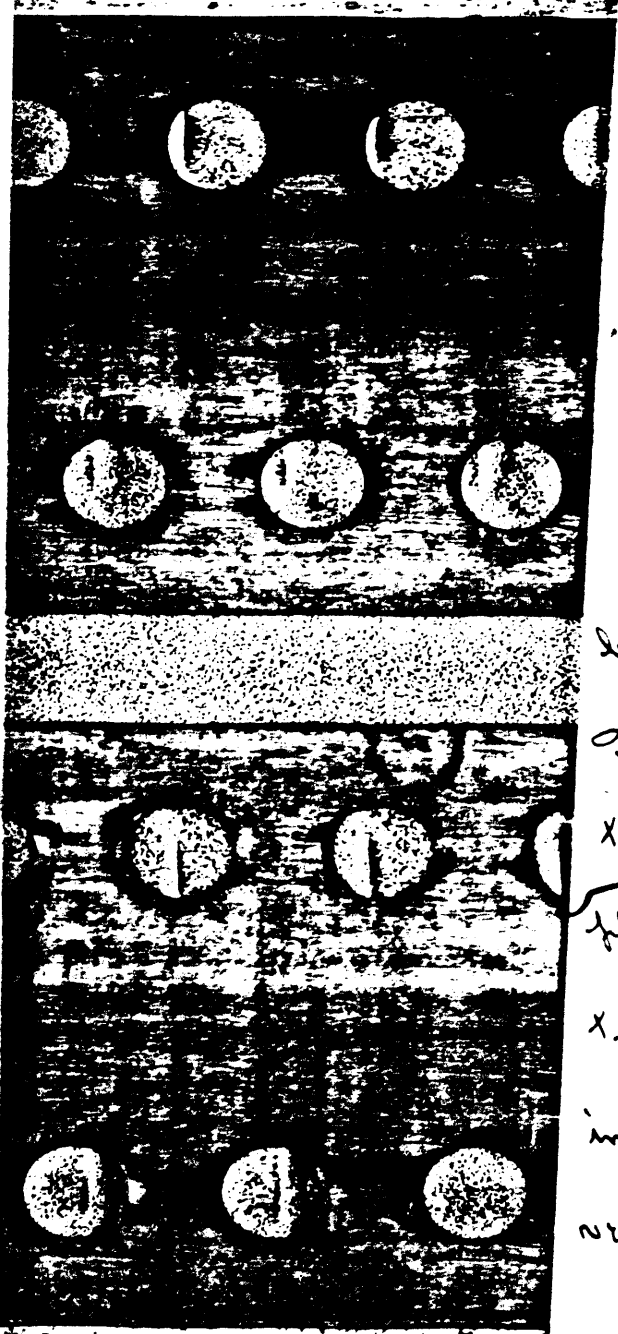
in my opinion that the few
members of the Tjebk gang now on trial
in a desperate effort to raise funds for the
defense counsel have committed this latest
crime in which case I would suggest the
mail of those particular lawyers for a letter
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postmarked St Paul or any adjacent city
also if and after a ransom payment is
made it would be well to scrutinize
the bank accounts for recent large de-
posits of money and ascertain the source

It may develop that the lawyers for
the defence hit upon this plan first in
order that they in summing up before
the jury may talk something like this

Gentlemen of the jury you have no
doubt read about the kidnapping of a
Mrs. Brown in St Paul, and you may
have further read how the authorities
me, and all have said that the case
had all the earmarks of a Turkey
gang job, well the point I am trying
to bring out to the jury is, that if
my client had been free they would



have been picked up and charged with this crime, also. I am just trying to show the jury how easy and simple it would be to convict an innocent man on circumstantial evidence, that's all.

One other motive too might have been responsible for this crime, although I don't think so much of it myself that is a rival gang knowing the physiological effect the commission of this crime would have on the jury in this case, and wanting to get revenge could easily do so, and collect too.

I have discounted the liquor & political angles of the case entirely and strongly feel that the first motive outlined is the logical one of yours. 46

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Bureau could only intercept a letter
or a wire from St Paul or Minneapolis
you would have both ends of the
string.

In closing I trust that it
will fall to the lot of your men to
solve this case rather than to any
other agency and I also hope that
my application for a ~~position~~ in
your department which was filed
last week by the Hon. Senator Wagner
of New York will be acted on ~~as soon~~
as possible as I am idle now for
quite a spell

Yours Very Truly
John Lyahon.

838 Commonwealth Ave. N.Y.C.

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January 24, 1934

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Mr. John Mahon,
838 Communipaw Avenue,
Jersey City, New Jersey.

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Dear Sir:

Kindly be advised that your letter of January 19, 1934, concerning the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer, has been referred to Mr. Werner Hamel, the Special Agent in Charge of the St. Paul, Minnesota Office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 203 Post Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, and will be given appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JAN 31 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN
SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

There are transmitted herewith copies of a letter
dated January 19, 1934, from Mr. John Mahon, Jersey City,
New Jersey, concerning the above entitled matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 681583.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

January 25, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

MR. NATHAN	.....
MR. TOLSON	.....
MR. CLEGG	.....
MR. COWLEY	.....
MR. EDWARDS	.....
MR. EGAN	.....
MR. QUINN	.....
MR. LESTER	.....
MR. LOCKE	.....
MR. RORER	.....

HHC:DSS

Mr. Nathan called from St. Paul. A newspaper man just told him that there was an Associated Press dispatch from Washington quoting the Attorney General in effect as follows:

"The investigation of the Bremer kidnaping case is being impeded because of the lack of cooperation on the part of the Bremer family."

Mr. Nathan stated that he frankly did not know of any lack of cooperation; that naturally he was going to be asked by the Bremer family wherein they had failed to cooperate; that he felt that he should be in a position to deny the statement if the Attorney General had not made it; that, however, if the Attorney General had made it he, of course, was not going to comment on what was said. I attempted to communicate with Mr. Gates and with Mr. Carusi but was unable to get anyone in those offices. I told Mr. Nathan I would endeavor to verify the report and call him back. He thought it would be well to handle it promptly.

Mr. Nathan advised that there were no new developments.

Respectfully,

H. K. Clegg.

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U. S. Department of Justice

P.O.Box 515, St.Paul,Minn.

January 28, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM
KIDNAPING.
St.Paul File No.7-30.

There are transmitted herewith several memoranda
submitted by Agents of the St.Paul Division Office in the
above captioned case.

Very truly yours,

Werner Hanni

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
January 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANDEL:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM,
KIDNAPING

Re: St. Paul file No. 7-30.

On January 22, 1934, agent went to White Bear, Minnesota, and interviewed Postmaster CAMPBELL, who stated that the St. Paul Police had told him that an automobile, in which gunmen were supposed to have ridden some time ago in St. Paul when they shot at two citizens of St. Paul, was registered to an individual whose address is given as Box 345 White Bear, Minnesota, and it was believed there might be some connection between this case and the instant one.

MR. CAMPBELL exhibited three letters, all mailed in St. Paul on January 12, 1934, one of which was addressed to MR. E. L. MURPHY, Box 254, White Bear, Minnesota; one to MR. and MRS. E. L. MURPHY, the same address; and one to MR. R. DAVIS, Box 345 White Bear, Minnesota. There was also a postcard mailed at St. Paul on the same date signed TRIXIE BURKAS, the return address on it was 26 South 6th Street. There is no such address in St. Paul, Minnesota. MR. CAMPBELL stated that he intended to hold the mail at least until January 23rd at noon, trusting that some advice would be received by him from the Postal Inspectors authorizing this mail turned over to the proper authorities.

It may be noted that MR. CAMPBELL is related to one of the St. Paul citizens, a MR. MCCOY, who was wounded in the gun altercation referred to above.

Very truly yours,

T. J. DODD,
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
January 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HARRI:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING

Re: St. Paul File No. 7-30.

JOSEPH T. EMATINGER, 400 Minnesota Building, Carfield 2322, who stated that he was Special Assistant County Attorney on taxes, Ramsey County, called at this office January 20 with what he thought might be information in the BREMER matter to bear in mind. One CARL G. SIEBOLD, 1499 Ashland Avenue, telephone Westor 3064, is the one who gave the information to EMATINGER, or at least called his attention to the possibility of its value.

MR. SIEBOLD, and others, attended the Van Buren School on Dayton's Bluff in St. Paul about 25 or 30 years ago. At that time, one CHARLES McKEE was principal of this school. MR. EMATINGER stated that the BOHNS, the HANNS, and the BREMERS at various times have all lived on Dayton's Bluff and have all recently been the victims of kidnapers. The BREMERS, however, have been gone from the Dayton's Bluffs vicinity for many years. At the time that this CHARLES McKEE was principal of this Van Buren School, there was known to be a hard lot of young students attending there and it was said that there were at least three different gangs.

MR. EMATINGER stated that it was noted that the original ransom note in this case was delivered to WALTER MACKE although addressed to CHARLES McKEE, and it was MR. SIEBOLD'S idea, as well as his own, that possibly the writer of this note had been a student under the CHARLES McKEE, former principal of the school above mentioned, and that in writing the address on this note had a mental lapse or absent mindedness and wrote this name instead of the name WALTER MACKE.

This information was not considered of much value by MR. EMATINGER but was offered for what it was worth, thinking that possibly someone still living in the vicinity of Dayton's Bluff might be connected with this case.

Very truly yours,

R. T. MOONAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
January 25, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANNI:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING

Re: St. Paul file No. 7-50.

MR. C. F. McNEVIN, 942 Lowry Bldg., St. Paul, received a hand-printed letter in the 3:30 p.m., mail on January 24, 1934, envelope of the Zumbro Hotel, Rochester, Minnesota, postmarked St. Paul, Minnesota, 1:30 a.m., 1-24-34, the contents of which, written on toilet paper, was as follows:

"You friend of Bremers No police Have money Come home tonight if come

MR. McNEVIN stated he called MR. MAGKE and informed him of contents and destroyed letter last p.m. Searched wastebasket at his apartment in the Commodore Hotel and found maid had removed wastepaper which was burned.

J. E. BRENNAN,
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
January 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANSEN:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file 7-30.

The St. Paul Division office on January 26th was contacted via telephone from H. A. GROGAN, 2312 Sixteenth Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, that he had some information to furnish to this division.

This agent interviewed MR. GROGAN and was advised that MR. GROGAN is a conductor on the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad with a run from St. Paul to La Crosse, Wisconsin; that he has been making this trip during the past five years and has had many opportunities to observe a hotel known as the Hotel Health Haven located 15 miles east of Winona, Minnesota, at the railroad stop known as Dunhauer.

MR. GROGAN further advised that the Health Haven Hotel closes up for the winter on September 1st and that in past years he has never seen any activity of any kind at this hotel during the winter months; that approximately ten days ago he noticed smoke coming from one of the chimneys of the Health Haven Hotel and that there has been such evidence of its occupancy on every day since.

MR. GROGAN further advised that to the best of his knowledge, there is no caretaker located at the hotel; that the hotel charges exorbitant rates and is patronized solely by wealthy people and others who make their money in "some unusual manner".

MR. GROGAN further stated that the building is divided into two sections; that its architectural style is very extravagant and that there are quite a number of cottages in the immediate vicinity. The railroad stop Dunhauer is merely a siding with no ticket office or depot.

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Very truly yours,

E. N. NOTESTEEN,
Special Agent.

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January 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G.
WERNER HANAU:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim
Kidnaping
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

Postmaster W. C. ROBERTSON, Minneapolis, Minnesota, produced carrier G. L. KRAKE, main postoffice, who stated that a group of men congregated at 230 Second Avenue, North, Minneapolis, in what was formerly known as: THE WESTERN SALES COMPANY, name later changed to NATIONAL AGENCY COMPANY, and recently changed to some name other than this, which he does not recall; that the only mail received there is from the telephone company, no name on window, etc.; that he has observed several men around this place, and his suspicion has been aroused because the WOLK TRANSFER COMPANY, 203 North Washington Street, is in the same building on the same floor, the places of business of these two concerns is separated by partitions but there are connecting doors between each. KRAKE has no information as to the nature of the business carried on by the agency.

KRAKE further stated that about a week ago MR. HOGMOE, of the Hogmo Manufacturing Company, 319 North Washington Avenue, Minneapolis, found a number of suspicious looking cars, bearing license tags from South Dakota, Iowa, and Illinois, parked in front of this address, and informed KRAKE of same.

Further, that a MR. RAYBEN, of the Rayben Machine Works, Minneapolis, told him that for some time RAYBEN has noticed a number of men going in and out of a vacant building at 237 Third Avenue, North, which building has been unoccupied for the past three or four years.

Postmaster Robertson stated that GEORGE L. BROWN, Postoffice clerk at Sears Roebuck Company, Minneapolis, had reported to his superintendent that [REDACTED] has served time in Stillwater, and thinks this may have something to do with the instant case.

T. J. DODD
J. E. BRENNAN
Special Agents

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January 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C.
WERNER HANCI:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim
Kidnaping
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

Agent contacted Chief of Police Martineson of Bismarck, North Dakota, at Evangelical Hospital, in regard to his wire to MR. GORDON of the Burns Detective Agency, Minneapolis, Minnesota. MARTINESON states that his data was secured from local bootlegger with Minneapolis connections, named LEON BRYAN, Bismarck telephone #1634.

Agent contacted LEON BRYAN, Bismarck bootlegger (alcohol runner from Minneapolis) who stated that on evening of Friday, January 19, 1934, he was in cafe in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on Hennepin Avenue, near the Nicollet Hotel, the cafe being called "Roma" or "Nora" Cafe and having a blue sign on the front. At the beer bar in this cafe, he saw four Jewish men whose names he cannot give, but whom he knows to be connected in alcohol rackets with BENNY BINDER of Minneapolis. (The first name of one of these Jewish men is SAM, and he buys fruit wholesale at Minneapolis market for out-of-town concerns).

These four were discussing BREMER and his Kidnaping, and one said "ANDY MILKUS and RED WENNER are in on the BREMER Kidnaping." One of the four said "I am positive that ANDY MILKUS and RED WENNER were the 'finger men' in this bowling alley they are talking about (in connection with BREMER)." The one known as SAM said "I don't think they (MILKUS and WENNER) have the guts to pull anything that big."

BRYAN says both MILKUS and WENNER are well known to him, that they occasionally come to Bismarck; that ANDY MILKUS used to hang out at the Van Dyke Hotel on Sixth Street, South, in Minneapolis.

BRYAN further states that he returned to Bismarck the next day after hearing the above conversation in Minneapolis, and about 6:30 P. M. Saturday, January 20, 1934, he saw ANDY MILKUS in the lobby of the Patterson Hotel in Bismarck, but in spite of the fact that he knows MILKUS, MILKUS on seeing him did not speak but walked toward the elevator and went upstairs; that later in the same evening he was told by a man whose name he does not know, but whom he knows by sight as a non-partisan political worker at Bismarck, that MILKUS and WENNER came to Bismarck that evening by automobile; that this man had talked to MILKUS, who told him that he (MILKUS) and WENNER were both "on the lam" hiding away from Minneapolis.

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BRYAN states that on Sunday, January 21, 1934, he met a bootlegger from Minot, North Dakota.

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This bootlegger, who is known as "ALGONOL PETE", told him that he had just seen MILKUS and WENNER and that these two had a room at the Grand Pacific Hotel. BRYAN informed that seeing them in Bismarck after hearing in Minneapolis that they might be connected with the BREMER Kidnapping was the basis of his advising Chief of Police MARTINESON of Bismarck, North Dakota, of this.

BRYAN states that both MILKUS and WENNER are associates of JACK FRIEDGA alias JACK RYAN, who spends a lot of time around the Van Dyke Hotel in Minneapolis. He believes both men are known to Minneapolis Police as they have both been in the rackets there for years.

He advised that ANDY MILKUS is said to be married and to have a family in Minneapolis, but sometimes keeps a room at the Van Dyke Hotel there; that he is twenty-seven years of age, 5 feet, 10 inches in height, 155 pounds in weight, of light complexion, light hair which is almost blond, blue eyes, good dresser; that his occupation is bootlegging; that RED WENNER is married and is supposed to live with his wife's folks in Minneapolis; is known and can be reached through clerks at Rogers and Van Dyke Hotels in Minneapolis; that he is 34 to 37 years of age, 5 feet, 8 inches in height, 160 pounds in weight, with red wavy hair, round red face, florid complexion, blue eyes; that his occupation is bootlegging; that both men are undoubtedly known to Minneapolis Police.

Neither WENNER nor MILKUS registered at the Patterson or Grand Pacific Hotels under these names, January 19, 20, 21, 1934. Both are known to JOE ANDERSON, Clerk of Patterson Hotel, but he has not seen them in Bismarck recently.

S. W. HARDY
Special Agent

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3 Division
9 St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota.
January 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANNA:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file 7-30.

On January 26, 1934, JACK BARRY, Assistant Manager, St. Paul Hotel, informed me that he had two guests who had been acting very mysteriously. He stated they stayed in their rooms most of the time and that there was always one in the rooms, 1009-11-15, which is a suite of rooms. The names furnished by the guests are L. A. MOLEN, 101 Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., and D. Y. WEMPLE, 101 Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.

MR. BARRY stated that when they came to the hotel, they represented that they were connected with the Senate Committee investigating Air Mail contracts; that they had failed to pay their bill and had explained that Government salaries were slow in forthcoming.

I informed Mr. Nathan of this and he thought it advisable under the circumstances to have the Division make a check. I communicated Mr. Nathan's wishes to MR. COWLEY of the Division and on January 27, 1934, reply was received that the men actually were connected with the Senate Committee as represented.

This matter can be closed.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.

January 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WERNER HANNI:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

With the thought in mind that the car or cars used by the kidnapers may have been stolen and for the further reason that there is some indication that a Hudson may have been used, I called the Auto Bureau at Minneapolis to determine whether a Hudson, Cadillac, or Lincoln has been out since the first of the year. None has.

I telephoned TOM DAHILL, Chief of Police in St. Paul, and he informed me that his department had not made such a check but will and notify us.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota
January 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File 7-30.

While in Chicago in connection with testimony in the Touhy Kidnap Case, I undertook to make some inquiry at the Blackstone Hotel relative to the conference the Bremer's were supposed to have had at that place on Sunday, January 14, 1934.

With the assistance of the Chicago office I contacted Mr. R. Cunningham, Chief House Officer, of the Blackstone Hotel, who assisted in checking the records of the hotel, which disclosed that E. G. BREMER and Wife occupied rooms 1606 on the 14th and 15th of January; that Mr. Bremer has what they call a "City Account", which means a credit account whereby the bills incurred for room rent and incidentals are billed monthly. It was further found that the Bremer's used Suite 1509 and 1509-A for their baggage. Other members of the Bremer household were not registered at the Hotel. It was further found that Suites 704 and 705, which are considered the most exclusive suites in the Hotel, were occupied on January 14th by MR. GODFREY. No record was had of MR. KISKISSEN. According to the record, GODFREY checked out of the hotel at 1:40 P.M., January 15th. The records further show that a call by Mr. Bremer was made from room 706 to St. Paul, telephone; Emerson 1159 on January 14th at 9:25 P.M., the St. Paul number being Otto Bremer's residence. On January 14th, a long distance call was made from room 704 by GODFREY to New York, number [REDACTED] This call was made at 12:56 P.M. On January 14th, a call was made from 706 to St. Paul, Cedar 6600. This call was made at 12:53 P.M. Another call was made from room 704 to St. Paul, Cedar 6600 at 1:14 P.M. On the 14th and 15th of January, a Western Union message was sent by GODFREY to New York. Two local telephone calls were made from room 1606 to [REDACTED] 6336, being the telephone of [REDACTED] 6335 Lakewood Avenue, the other to [REDACTED] 6336, being the telephone of WILLIAM L. KRISER, 1641 Fargo Street, Apartment [REDACTED]. On January 15th, at 8:12 P.M., EDWARD BREMER sent a Western Union telegram to New York from the Blackstone Hotel, Room 1509A.

Through the Chicago office, efforts were made to ascertain the name of the party called at [REDACTED] which is the Lowry Hotel in St. Paul; however, the telephone company have no record of the name.

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While enroute from Chicago to St. Paul, Agent happened to run into M. HARKY of the Alcoholic Beverage Unit, St. Paul, who informed that he was on his way back to St. Paul from a trip to New York; that he left Minneapolis for New York on the evening of January 15th, and that the same train he took to Chicago was also occupied by "Kid Can", Blumfield and one "Red" Stearns, the former being mentioned in connection with the Urschel Case; that these two men informed him they were going to Chicago; however, he discovered they had transportation amounting to over \$190.00, and ascertained through his St. Paul office by wire that they purchased transportation to New York; that he took a Pennsylvania train out of Chicago to New York, at which time he was informed of their travel on the "Liberty Limited" of the Pennsylvania Railroad out of Chicago; that he made arrangements to board the "Liberty Limited" at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at which place the "Liberty" would overtake the train that he (HARKY) was riding on; that he boarded the "Liberty" at Pittsburgh at 12:30 A.M. of January 17th, and on doing so "Kid Can" and Stearns came running on to the train and "Can" explaining that he just ran out to get a newspaper. He subsequently saw them arrive in the City of New York.

The above information is significant as to "Can's" staying up until after midnight and hurriedly leaving the train to get the latest newspaper available and even though this occurrence happened several hours before the kidnaping of BREMER, it may later prove of some importance. MR. HARKY, in conversation with me, expressed his opinion that BREMER's kidnaping was not committed by any Twin City talent and based his opinion on the fact that the BREMER's as well as the HARM's were particularly influential at the present time and did have at their command the police and law enforcement utilities of the Twin Cities and that for that reason alone, it would indicate that outsiders have committed the crime. MR. HARKY believes that if they were local men they would not tackle families which would have at their disposal the entire police assistance of the Twin Cities; but that they would undertake to kidnap members of the other wealthy families in the Twin Cities, who would not have that immediate assistance of the police.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HARKY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR

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Washington, D. C.

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MR. CLEGG.....
MR. COWLEY.....
MR. EDWARDS.....
MR. EGAN.....
MR. QUINN.....
MR. LESTER.....
MR. LOCKE.....
MR. ROBER.....

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG.

Colonel Gates called and stated that some newspaper boys in his office had information to the effect that the Bremer family had requested the Agents of the Division to withdraw from the investigation and that the Division had consented to do so. He wanted this information confirmed. I told him I knew of no such arrangement and that the Division had no statement to make concerning same.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
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Mr. Harold Nathan,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 315,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Nathan:

Confirming telephonic conversation with you today, there is attached hereto a transcript of information furnished by Mr. Keenan, who advised that [redacted] is the source of his information. Please give the matters mentioned therein your attention in connection with the investigation pending there.

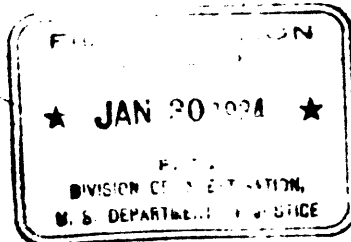
You are further advised that on January 29, 1934, Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLean stated that she had received information from an informant of hers by the name of Farrell. Farrell has recently furnished information which relates to the Lindbergh kidnaping case and he has been interviewed by a Special Agent of this Division. According to the information furnished by Farrell, who had talked to Mrs. McLean by telephone from New York, it was stated that Bremer was alive January 29th at 10:00 A.M., but if the money were paid he would be killed. If the money is not paid, however, he will be returned alive. He stated that Magee and Swankey, evidently Swankey, are in together on this kidnaping, that Swankey is keeping in close touch with Magee, and if the Special Agents of the Division will follow Magee they can locate Swankey, who is in St. Paul. Mrs. McLean did not know the source of Farrell's information but he told her he had been to St. Paul, although he called her from New York City. Mrs. McLean advised that it was her belief that Bremer was dead. She indicated that she would in fact like to go to St. Paul and is thinking seriously of proceeding there, as she believed members of the underworld would contact and have confidence in her more than they would in other people because of her publicity in the Means case.

Although there may be no basis in fact for the information which Mrs. McLean's informant has furnished, it is desired that this matter be given appropriate attention and not be dismissed without some thought.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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January 29, 1934

Mr. Keenan asked that the following information be given to Mr. Hoover:

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[redacted] told him the following:

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That sometime ago a confidence man name unknown relieved one Wanderlich of a very large sum of money thru kidnap victim Bremer's bank. That in connection therewith young Bremer was to go before the Grand Jury one week after the kidnaping date. The query is made - was he taken to prevent him from talking, or otherwise in connection with this confidence affair. Two - it was reported to be "common knowledge" that bootleggers had large deposits in Bremer's bank. Three - it is reported that due to the close relationship between Adolph and Otto to save the latter's bank Adolph put in about \$4,000,000, that to procure the necessary sum to indemnify the RFC to provide for the opening after the Bank Holiday Adolph pledged the brewery stock with the RFC after obtaining the consent of his son and daughter, which caused bitter dissention with the son and son-in-law later. In reference to the general underworld situation in Minneapolis and the Bremer case in particular a man thought to be of the name of Harris is awaiting electrocution in the District of Columbia Jail (perhaps Harris is the name of the murdered person). This person is alleged to have killed a gambler and is thought to know much of the Minneapolis underworld and was at one time pardoned by Governor Olson who prosecuted him for murdering this gambler at Minn., the Governor being insecure in his conviction that the identity was correct or that the Jury's verdict was justified; this despite the fact that one of the members or counsel for the Trade Commission known to [redacted] told [redacted] that he was an eye witness of the killing and made a positive identification. It is thought that it would be worth while to immediately interrogate the doomed man with a view of learning anything that he might know of the Bremer kidnaping and of the general underworld connections in Minneapolis.

The suggestion is further made that any letter sent in this confidence matter hereinbefore mentioned may be examined at St. Paul and the writing compared with that of the typewritten ransom note for the possible identity of the typewriter used.

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While [redacted] suggests interviewing [redacted] and Wanderlich he requests that his name be not used.

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John T. Halley
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

MR. NATHAN	_____
MR. TOLSON	_____
MR. C. COO	_____
MR. COWLEY	_____
MR. DAVENPORT	_____
MR. Egan	_____
MR. QUINN	_____
MR. LESTER	_____
MR. LORKE	_____
MR. ROSEN	_____

During my absence from the office yesterday, Mrs. McLean called a number of times and later, at about 4:00 o'clock, she called and stated that she had received information of a confidential nature from her informant ~~Farrell~~. Accordingly, I made an appointment to see her last night and upon my arrival there, she stated that ~~Farrell~~ had talked with her over the telephone from New York and stated that Bremer was alive yesterday at 10:00 A.M. but if the money was paid he would be killed. If the money was not paid, he would be returned alive. He stated that Magee and Swanky are in together on this kidnaping, that Swanky was keeping in close touch with Magee and, if Division agents followed Magee they could locate Swanky who is in St. Paul.

Mrs. McLean did not know the source of the informant's information in connection with the Bremer case but stated that he told her he had been to St. Paul but he called her from New York City. Mrs. McLean was asked whether she was sure the name given was Swanky and she stated she was not and it may have been Sankey. She also stated that the informant advised her that Elizabeth Morrow, who he implicates in the Lindbergh kidnaping, is at the Belvedere Hotel in San Francisco, California and the informant told her one near to her was being selected as a victim of kidnaping.

The informant requested an appointment with her on Friday. Mrs. McLean, of course, wanted advice as to whether she should see him. I told her that I would endeavor to have some information here from New York concerning the information the informant has already given us before Friday in order that we may know something about the reliability of the informant's statement before she again contacts him. Accordingly, I will call New York and request that as much of the statement as possible be checked and into the Division by Thursday afternoon. Mrs. McLean stated also that she was of the firm belief that Bremer was dead. She requested me to accompany her to St. Paul to work on this case and, when advised that I would be unable to go, stated she was thinking seriously of going herself as she believed members of the underworld would contact and have confidence in her before they would many other people because of her publicity in connection with the Means case.

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Respectfully,

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J. P. Cowley
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January 24, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN	✓
MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	✓
MR. COWLEY	✓
MR. EDWARDS	✓
MR. EGAN	✓
MR. QUINN	✓
MR. LESTER	✓
MR. LOCKE	✓
MR. RORER	✓

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Following my talk with Mr. Nathan last night seeking information concerning certain angles of the Bremer kidnaping case. He subsequently telephoned as follows:

Concerning the story that Post Office Inspector in Charge Hughes, of St. Paul, had announced to the Associated Press that the kidnapers had made an attempt to effect a contact through the Police Department and that Post Office Inspectors were working on the case, Mr. Nathan advised that Mr. Hanni has interviewed Mr. Hughes, who stated that knew nothing of the kind; that he had no information concerning the Bremer kidnaping case other than what had appeared in the papers; that he was not working on the case; that he did not consider the developments of the case any of his business; that none of the Post Office Inspectors in that vicinity were working on the case to his knowledge; that he recognized that the case was one under the jurisdiction of the Division and that the only thing that he had knowledge of that could be interpreted in the way the press reports indicated was that last Saturday a note was received by the Postmaster in that vicinity advising that Bremer had been killed and that his body would be found near Anoka, Minnesota, after the snow had cleared away. He stated that he had seen this note; that the Postmaster had given a statement to the press about it and there was no other note or attempted contact of which he was aware.

I asked Mr. Nathan to contact all the Federal investigative agencies in St. Paul and Minneapolis and inform them that if they should receive any information bearing on the case it should be communicated to the St. Paul office rather than sent to anyone in Washington, D. C. He stated that he would do so.

Concerning the taxicab note, Mr. Nathan stated on the first telephone call that the St. Paul Agents had not made an investigation of this incident and the facts reported in Special Agent Noonan's letter was merely the information obtained from the local Police Department. I requested that the full facts be ascertained. Mr. Nathan's subsequent call explained that the note was now in the possession of our Special Agents; that the note read in effect that they had better pay; that one word was misspelled and that it was signed "Kip". The police immediately conducted an investigation as newspapers reported this lead to them. They

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brought in the taxicab driver who made a written statement that his name had never appeared in the paper; that he saw this opportunity to get some publicity and he wrote the note himself. The note, however, is being sent in to the Laboratory and I suggested that any and all leads of this kind should be followed up and the documents sent in to the Laboratory for examination.

Mr. Nathan advised that no one newspaper reporter was being given advantages which other newspaper reporters were not accorded and he felt that the present arrangements whereby all of them were allowed and were taking advantage of similar privileges within the bounds of reason should continue; that to exclude any one newspaper reporter or to ask him to stay away might have an undesirable effect, although they would be certain that no one reporter would be allowed social or other privileges over those allowed others.

Concerning the contact with Bremer, I informed Mr. Nathan that employees down at the Old Southern Railway Building were working tonight and some of them were awaiting orders as to whether they should proceed on the scientific examination of the notes which would be discolored by scientific treatment. He stated that he had contacted Mr. Bremer that morning. He stated that it was true that we had one Agent continually in Bremer's residence and that he would again contact Bremer tonight and would telephone back leaving word with the night clerk in the Director's office whether to proceed with the scientific investigation. The attached note shows that Mr. Nathan telephoned advising that it would be O.K. to go ahead with the analysis. Mr. Edwards has been notified.

Respectfully,


H. H. Clegg

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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MR. NATHAN	
MR. TOLSON	
MR. CLEGG	
MR. GLAVIN	
MR. LADD	
MR. NICHOLS	
MR. ROSEN	
MR. TRACY	
MR. Egan	
MR. Gurnea	
MR. Hendon	
MR. Jones	
MR. Quinn	
MR. Nease	
MR. Lester	
MR. Moore	
MR. Rorpe	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan called from St. Paul at 10:15PM and
stated that it will be ok. to go ahead on the "Analysis"

Respectfully,

R. L. Moore
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The following arrangements have been made in connection with the sequencing of the numbers on the notes in the Bremer Case.

The notes represent approximately 25,000 numbers and according to Mr. Harbo one employee in the Statistical Section is capable of punching on punch cards these numbers at the rate of 2,000 per day. At present there are two punching machines and one verifying machine in the Statistical Section and arrangements have been made to procure two additional punching machines and two additional verifying machines. This equipment will require a personnel totalling twelve on two shifts to punch and verify approximately 12,000 cards per day, and it is estimated that the punching and verifying of the cards will require approximately two and one-half days.

In addition to the above it will be necessary in order to have these punch cards arranged in sequence that they be run through the separating machine which will require approximately one day. Further, in order that the numbers appearing on these punch cards can be typed by the typist, arrangements have been made with the International Tabulating Machine Company to have these cards run through an interpreting machine which will print the numbers at the top of the cards, thus reducing the possibility of error on the part of the typist in taking the numbers from the punch cards. This will require about five hours.

The following personnel from Unit 5 has been selected to perform the work outlined above:

9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Mr. Z. Van Landingham
Mr. J. Cantwell
Mr. G. Nicholson
Mr. S. Proctor
Mr. W. W. Baker
Mr. R. Vogel

4:30 P.M. to 12 Midnight

Mr. H. Manfreda
Mr. E. Abbott
Mr. R. Snyder
Mr. W. Pond
Mr. E. Coble
Mr. C. May.

In addition, the services of four temporary employees, namely Marion Herr, Bilda Mallette, Mrs. Georgiana Holstad and Helen Fleishman, have been obtained through the International Tabulating Machine Company and they will report for duty tomorrow morning at 9 A.M. These persons are experienced operators of punching machines and will replace Messrs. G. Nicholson, S. Proctor, W. W. Baker and R. Vogel, above mentioned.

All of these employees have been instructed that this matter is of a confidential nature.

Respectfully,
John J. Edwards.

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MR. COWLEY...
MR. EDWARDS...
MR. EGAN...
MR. QUINN...
MR. LESTER...
MR. LOCKE...
MR. RORER...

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Please be informed that on January 26, 1934, the undersigned telephoned Mr. Broughton of the Treasury Department and inquired regarding the serial numbers on paper money. He informed me that the numbers on all of the Federal Reserve notes were prefixed by a single letter, the letters involved ranging from A to L, depending upon the district in which the bank of issue was located. This inquiry was made in view of the fact that on one of the sheets received from the St. Paul Field Office, listing currency numbers, the first item in some of the numbers was an Arabic "1", whereas in others the first item was a Roman "I".

Mr. Broughton stated that in all instances the first item should be considered as the capital letter "I". Mr. Broughton stated further that the numbers on all paper money of recent issue, that is, the small size now in use, the first item is a letter. Accordingly, in sequencing the currency numbers received from the St. Paul Office, the numeral "1" will in all cases be interpreted as a capital "I".

I inquired further regarding the possibility of a letter being used in the middle of a serial number, and he advised that the letters were used only at the beginning or at the end of the number.

He sent, by messenger, a statement entitled "System of Numbering United States Paper Currency in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing," dated April 1930, which will be sent to the Division files when the present sequencing project is completed.

Respectfully,

R. T. Harbo

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DOMESTIC		CABLE	
TELEGRAM		DAY RATE	
DAY LETTER		NIGHT RATE	
NIGHT MESSAGE		DAY RATE	
NIGHT LETTER		NIGHT RATE	

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

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
January 27, 1934.

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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD G.
BREMER - Victim KIDNAPING.

Postal Telegraph

(THE MCKAY SYSTEM)



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DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
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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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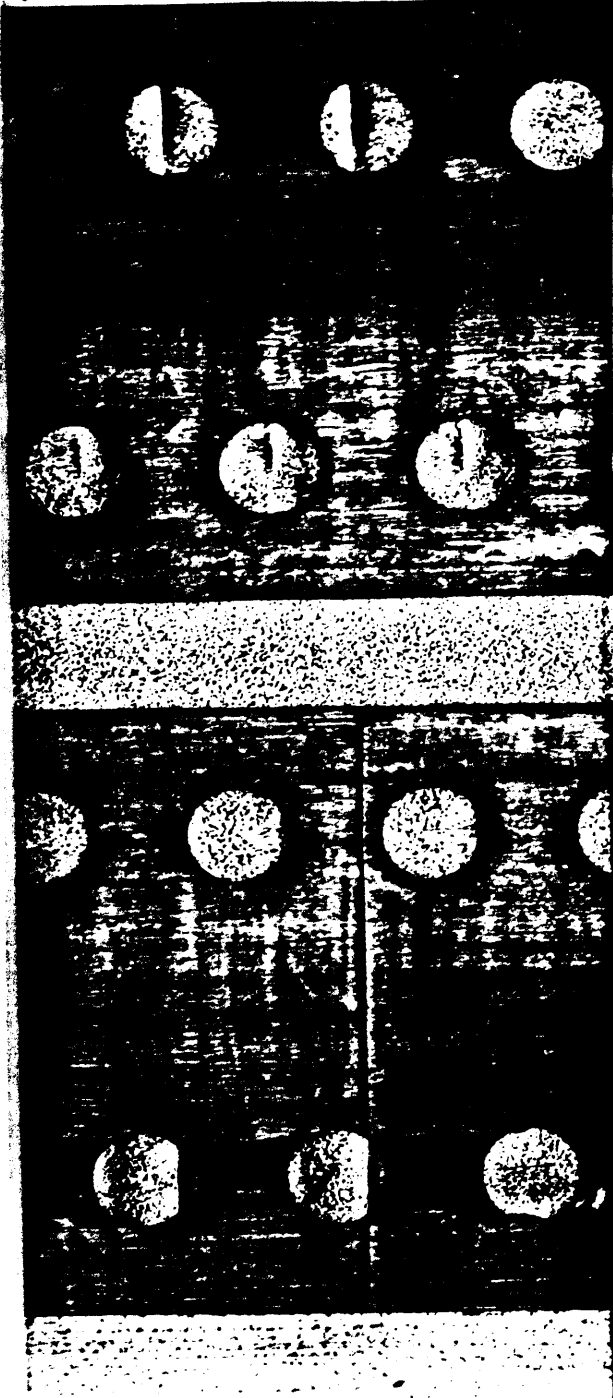
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
COMMISSIONER OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

Mr. [unclear]

The other day I sent you a statement concerning the handling of paper currency. I am now sending you a new statement prepared by the Bureau of Engraving & Printing - which I did not have in my files the other day.

Edward L. Bremer

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Mr. & Mrs. [unclear]

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~~SYSTEM OF NUMBERING UNITED STATES PAPER CURRENCY~~
~~IN THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING - September 22, 1933.~~

A scheme of numbering so valuable a product as paper currency requires that there be no two notes of any one class, denomination and series with the same number in order that the record of its production may be traced at any time. The numbers should not be too long and they should be of uniform length and appropriate for each design of notes. The designs of the notes of which the largest quantity is printed must accommodate a longer number. The capacity as to the number of digits the numbering machines are capable of operating mechanically also has to be considered in the scheme. Eight digits have been found as the maximum practicable to use and it will therefore be seen that the highest number of a note made mechanically is 99,999,999. Whatever the maximum number is for any denomination and class, the number of its digits is the number of digits on each note. If the maximum number made mechanically is 99,999,999, the number on each note will have eight digits, ciphers being used at the left of the number to make eight digits. The first note would have the following figures 00000001, the second 00000002, the hundredth 00000100, the thousandth 00001000, the hundred-thousandth 00100000 and so on. To have all notes numbered in even millions, a note is numbered 100,000,000 by hand at the proper time.

Of some denominations of some classes and series, more than this number are issued. It is therefore necessary again to start with number one. To be able to tell which was the first group of 100,000,000 notes numbered, a letter is printed both before and after the numbers. A character representing a star is sometimes substituted for a letter, as will be explained hereinafter. The second group of 100,000,000 notes will have another letter substituted for one of those used with the first group, and succeeding groups will have one change of letters in order that no two notes of any one group will have the same number, the same letter and the same character. For mechanical and obvious reasons, the schemes of numbering the several classes of paper money vary, which are explained hereinafter in more detail under separate headings. The same number and letters appear in two places on the face of the note, in the upper right-hand corner and in the lower left-hand corner. This facilitates counting and identifies half notes when redeemed and destroyed, the worn-out notes being cut in half and the left halves shipped by the Banks to the Treasury Department in separate packages from the right halves.

The letter "O" is used neither as a prefix nor as a suffix on account of its similarity to a cipher. Hereinafter when reference is made to the use of all the letters of the alphabet as prefixes and as suffixes, it is understood that the letter "O" is not included.

United States Notes, and Gold and Silver Certificates, Series of 1928.

These notes are numbered on the presses in sheets of twelve notes each.

Eight digits are used in the serial numbering of these three classes of money, the digits having a letter for a prefix and for a suffix. The first group of notes of any one denomination of these three classes, numbered as previously explained for eight digit groups and for the 100,000,000th note, from 1 to 100,000,000, has the letter "A" as a prefix and as a suffix; the second group has the letter "B" as a prefix in place of the "A" used on the first group but the suffix remains "A"; the third group has "C" as a prefix, the suffix remaining "A"; and so on through

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a total of twenty-five groups each of 100,000,000 notes, each group having assigned as a prefix a different letter of the alphabet in order from "A" to "Z" and all groups having assigned as a suffix the letter "A".

The next or second twenty-five groups have assigned the letter "B" as a suffix on all but each group has a different prefix, "A" to "Z", in the order of the alphabet.

The third twenty-five groups have assigned the letter "C" as a suffix on all but each group has a different prefix letter from "A" to "Z" in the order of the alphabet. And so on through the twenty-fifth twenty-five groups prefix and suffix letters are assigned.

From the foregoing it will be seen that it is possible to have 625 groups of 100,000,000 notes of any one denomination of each class of each series of each of these three kinds of paper money, or a total of sixty-two and one-half billion notes, with no two notes of the same number, the same prefix and the same suffix.

Federal Reserve Notes, Series of 1928.

These notes are numbered in the same manner as the United States notes and gold and silver certificates with one variation. Not all letters of the alphabet are used as prefix letters, "A" to "L" inclusive only being so used. These letters are the letters representing the District in which the Federal Reserve Banks are located. The bank for district "A" is located in Boston, for district "B" it is located in New York, for district "C" it is located in Philadelphia, and so on through the letter "L" for the remainder of the twelve districts into which the United States is divided. All notes for the Boston Federal Reserve Bank, therefore, have the letter "A" as a prefix to the numbers; New York "B"; Philadelphia "C"; Cleveland "D"; Richmond "E"; Atlanta "F"; Chicago "G"; St. Louis "H"; Minneapolis "I"; Kansas City "J"; Dallas "K"; and San Francisco "L". The suffix letters, however, change for each 100,000,000 notes in the same manner as on United States notes and gold and silver certificates.

Federal Reserve Bank Notes (National Currency)

Plate-printed stock of national bank notes, twelve-subject, is converted to Federal Reserve Bank Notes (National Currency) by overprinting, in black ink, the name of the bank and the city and state in which it is located, four geographical letters, one at each end and one on each side of the portrait, two fac-simile signatures, one of the governor and one of the deputy governor or one of them and one of another official, and the following words "or by like deposit of other securities". The sheets are then sealed and numbered, in brown ink, in the same manner as Federal reserve notes.

National Bank Notes

Each national bank throughout the country has the privilege of issuing its distinctive bank note and each denomination of notes of each bank has its own series of numbers. The backs and the stock faces of these notes are plate-printed on sheets of twelve notes each, the same as all other notes. The plate-printed sheets are separated into sheets of six notes each for overprinting, in black ink, of the bank title, city and state in which bank is located, charter number on each end of note and fac-simile signatures of the president and the cashier. The second overprinting, in brown ink, is of the seal, serial

numbers, and two additional charter numbers. One of these charter numbers is placed in the upper right half of the notes next to the portrait and the other is the lower left half of the note next to the portrait.

Six digits are used in the serial numbering of these notes, the digits having a letter for a prefix only. The series of numbers for notes of any one denomination is from 1 to 999,996, inclusive, with the letter "A" as a prefix for the first series, the letter "B" as a prefix for the second series, and so on through the alphabet.

"Star" Notes.

United States notes, gold and silver certificates, Federal reserve notes and Federal reserve bank notes (National Currency) are numbered on the presses in sheets of twelve notes each and occasionally one of the twelve notes is mutilated in the process of manufacture. Replacing such notes with others of exactly the same numbers on special paging machines is an expensive and a delaying proposition, and, therefore, "Star" notes are used in packages to displace such imperfect ones. There are "Star" notes of the four classes named under this heading. They are exactly like the other notes but they have their own series of numbers and in the case of United States notes and gold and silver certificates a letter follows the number but a star instead of a letter precedes the number, and in the case of Federal reserve notes a letter precedes the number but a star instead of a letter follows the number, as for example, *00,000,001A or B00,000,001*..

Plate Numbers.

The small capital letter near the upper left-hand corner of the face of a note and the same letter in the lower right-hand corner indicate the position of that note on the engraved plate. Each plate contains twelve notes, two notes across and six notes deep. Beginning with the note in the upper left-hand corner of the plate and lettering down, each note is given a letter, commencing with "A" and ending with "L." The small number immediately after the letter near the lower right-hand corner is the number of the plate. On the back of the note, usually near the lower right-hand corner, is another small number which is the number of the back plate. This applies to all kinds of paper money.

SYSTEM OF NUMBERING UNITED STATES PAPER CURRENCY
IN THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING

April, 1930.

A scheme of numbering so valuable a product as paper currency requires that there be no two notes of any one class, denomination and series with the same number in order that the record of its production may be traced at any time. The numbers should not be too long and they should be of uniform length and appropriate for each design of notes. The designs of the notes of which the largest quantity is printed must accommodate a longer number. The capacity as to the number of digits the numbering machines are capable of operating mechanically also has to be considered in the scheme. Eight digits have been found as the maximum practicable to use and it will therefore be seen that the highest number of a note is 99,999,999. Whatever the maximum number is for any denomination and class, the number of its digits is the number of digits on each note. If the maximum number is 99,999,999, the number on each note will have eight digits, ciphers being used at the left of the number to make eight digits. The first note would have the following figures 00000001, the second 00000002, the hundredth 00000100, the thousandth 00001000, the hundred-thousandth 00100000 and so on.

Of some denominations of some classes and series, more than this number are issued. It is therefore necessary again to start with number one. To be able to tell which was the first group of 99,999,999 notes numbered, a letter is printed both before and after the numbers. A character representing a star is sometimes substituted for a letter, as will be explained hereinafter. The second group of 99,999,999 notes will have another letter substituted for one of those used with the first group, and succeeding groups will have one change of letters in order that no two notes of any one group will have the same number, the same letter and the same character. For mechanical and obvious reasons, the schemes of numbering the several classes of paper money vary, which are explained hereinafter in more detail under separate headings. The same number and letters appear in two places on the face of the note, in the upper right-hand corner and in the lower left-hand corner. This facilitates counting and identifies half notes when redeemed and destroyed, the worn-out notes being cut in half and the left halves shipped by the Banks to the Treasury Department in separate packages from the right halves.

The letter "O" is used neither as a prefix nor as a suffix on account of its similarity to a cipher. Hereinafter when reference is made to the use of all the letters of the alphabet as prefixes and as suffixes, it is understood that the letter "O" is not included.

United States Notes, and Gold and Silver Certificates, Series of 1928.

Eight digits are used in the serial numbering of these three classes of money, the digits having a letter for a prefix and for a suffix. The first group of notes of any one denomination of these three classes, numbered as previously explained for eight digit groups, from 1 to 99,999,999, has the letter "A" as a prefix and as a suffix; the second group has the letter "B" as a prefix in place of the "A" used on the first group but the suffix remains "A"; the third group has "C" as a prefix, the suffix remaining "A"; and so on through a total of twenty-five groups each of 99,999,999 notes, each group having assigned as a prefix a different letter of the alphabet in order from "A" to "Z" and all groups having assigned as a suffix the letter "A".

The next or second twenty-five groups have assigned the letter "B" as a suffix on all but each group has a different prefix letter "A" to "Z" in the order of the alphabet.

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The third twenty-five groups have assigned the letter "C" as a suffix on all but each group has a different prefix letter from "A" to "Z" in the order of the alphabet. And so on through the twenty-fifth twenty-five groups prefix and suffix letters are assigned.

From the foregoing it will be seen that it is possible to have 625 groups of 99,999,999 notes of any one denomination of each class of each series of each of these three kinds of paper money, or a total of approximately sixty-two and one-half billion notes, with no two notes of the same number, the same prefix and the same suffix.

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National Bank Notes.

Each national bank throughout the country has the privilege of issuing its distinctive bank note and each denomination of notes of each bank has its own series of numbers. These notes are numbered on the presses in sheets of six notes each. The numbers used have only six digits instead of eight as on the other classes of notes. The numbers on the six notes on a sheet are alike but the prefix letters are different. The letters used are A, B, C, D, E and F, in the order of the notes on the sheet from the top down. These are the only letters used as prefix letters and always in the order named. The suffix letters embrace the letters of the alphabet, "A" on the first 999,999, "B" on the next 999,999, and so on. The following is an example: The numbers of the six notes on the first sheet of each denomination for a particular bank will be A000001A, B000001A, C000001A, D000001A, E000001A, and F000001A; and of the six notes on the second sheet will be A000002A, B000002A, etc. When F999999A is reached the suffix letter changes to B, and so on. These notes also have a number on the face at each side in heavy type. This is the charter number of the bank.

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January 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Nathan telephoned from St. Paul relative to the Bremer kidnaping case. He stated that Mr. T. F. Cullen, of the International News Service in New York is in St. Paul; that he has informed Mr. Cullen that of course he can give him no information on this case; and that he has particularly cautioned the Agents working on the case to tell nothing to newspaper men. I asked Mr. Nathan to emphasize this strongly.

Mr. Nathan advised that no contacts of any kind have been made; that a couple of lawyers, who said they represented the father of the victim, called upon him, Mr. Nathan, about 12 o'clock last night, at which time they intimated that there were some family bickerings and troubles, although they gave no details. An Agent is stationed at the father's home, and also one at the wife's home. Seventeen telephones are being covered. Mr. Nathan said that the local Police last night expressed their desire to place one of their men in the house, and that of course there was nothing to be done to prevent this action. He stated that relations with the Police are very cordial. I instructed Mr. Nathan to again see the father of the victim, as well as the contact man, and stress the importance of immediately delivering any ransom notes to the Agents of this Division. Mr. Nathan mentioned the fact that the older families in St. Paul know each other very well, and that Mr. Kinkaid, the Prosecuting Attorney seems to be on very intimate terms with the Bremer family, which would make any confidential requests difficult.

I again stressed the importance of keeping this office advised of developments. Mr. Nathan said he has arranged to have a telegram, as well as a memorandum report sent in each evening.

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MR. NATHAN
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MR. CLEGG
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MR. EDWARDS
MR. FOAM
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. ROSEN

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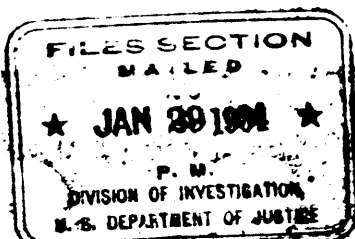
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January 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Mr. Nathan telephoned from St. Paul in regard to the Bremer case. He suggested that an undercover Agent, probably one from Chicago, be detailed to cover the place that he spoke to me about last night. I agreed with him that this should be done, and suggested that inasmuch as Mr. Ladd is being released from his assignment at Detroit, it would be well to place him on this assignment. I asked you to instruct Mr. Ladd to proceed immediately to Minneapolis, contacting Mr. Nathan, who is stopping at the Hotel St. Paul, upon his arrival in Minneapolis. I accordingly informed Mr. Nathan of this arrangement.

Very truly yours,



Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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January 29, 1934.

MR. NATHAN	✓
MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	✓
MR. COWLEY	✓
MR. EDWARDS	✓
MR. EGAN	✓
MR. QUINN	✓
MR. LESTER	✓
MR. LOCKE	✓
MR. RORER	✓

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Gusack of the Universal News Service telephoned about the Bremer case. A story purporting to have originated in Washington has it that the family was instructed to put a blue eagle in the window if they were willing to pay \$200,000, and that they put only one-half of a blue eagle in the window, indicating that they would pay \$100,000, whereupon they received a note from the kidnapers to the effect that "you are getting smart, aren't you?" Mr. Gusack wanted to confirm this. I told him that of course the policy of discussing this case negatively or affirmatively was continuing. He understood this and was very nice.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

I wonder where he got this. Only the A.G.; Stanley Keenan & ourselves knew of it. I never heard of the 1/2 blue eagle angle but the rest is substantially correct.

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U. S. Department of Justice

P.O.Box 515, St.Paul,Minnesota.

January 29,1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G.BREMER, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.
St.Paul File No.7-50.

In the above entitled case, there are transmitted
herewith two fingerprint cards of Mrs. Edward G.Bremer, wife
of the Victim in this case.

Very truly yours,

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WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Confirming Mr. Edwards' telephonic conversation with you today in connection with the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM, there is transmitted herewith a small portion of what is purported to be the getaway road chart used in the robbery of the First State Bank, Holland, Michigan in September, 1932. The Division has only photographic copies of portions of this chart which bore latent prints and such photographs are enlarged. It is necessary to obtain the originals for this reason, in order that direct typewriting comparisons may be made. The original chart should be readily identified by the figures "1", "2" and "4", the "1" in particular being distinctive and not appearing on the standard keyboard of the Corona Typewriter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

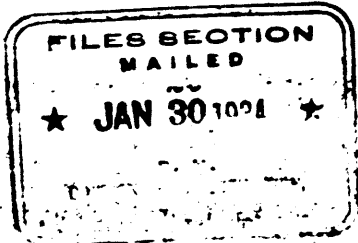
Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to the case entitled, "Unknown
Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping".

There is enclosed, herewith, a copy of an unsigned
and undated letter received at the Division on January 26,
1934 in connection with the above-entitled case.

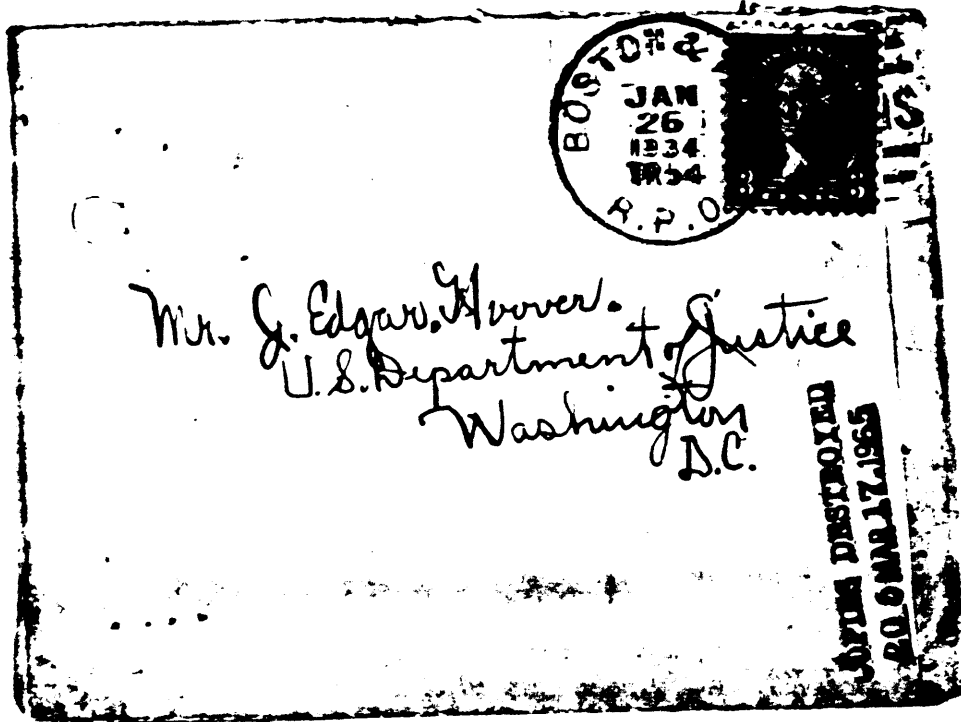
Very truly yours,

Director.



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In or around vicinity.
Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Edward G. Bremer.
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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

311 Hurley-Wright Building
Washington, D. C.

January 31, 1934.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith three copies of
a memorandum prepared by Special Agent C. G. Schenken,
covering an interview with Charles Harris at the District
of Columbia Jail, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

Earle M. Black
EARLE M. BLACK, Assistant
Special Agent in Charge

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311 Hurley-Wright Building
Washington, D. C.

January 31, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE BLACK

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER
Kidnaping

In accordance with instructions received from Mr. Clegg, the writer interviewed Charles Harris at the District Jail to secure any information he might have relative to the underworld activities in Minneapolis and St. Paul, with particular reference to the above entitled case.

Captain Arnold at the District Jail exhibited Harris' record to the writer, which shows that Harris was received at that institution on July 18, 1932, on a charge of murder, first degree. He is 36 years of age; gave his occupation as a broker; and resided at 89 Grand Street, Brooklyn, New York. He is known to the Minneapolis Police Department as Charles Bernstein, No. 17121. He is known to the Philadelphia Police Department as Frank Blum, No. 41661. Harris has been convicted in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia of first degree murder and his execution is scheduled for March 18, 1934.

Through the courtesy of Captain Arnold, the writer interviewed Harris in the Rotunda at the District Jail. His attitude at first was not cooperative, Harris stating that the Department of Justice had never done anything for him and he did not see why he should do anything for it. Further, Harris stated that he had spent about ten years in Minneapolis prior to 1919, when he was convicted and sentenced to the State Penitentiary at Stillwater. He served ten years in this institution before he was given a conditional pardon by Governor Olsen. One of the conditions of this pardon was that he should not return to the State of Minnesota. Accordingly, Harris claims that he has not had any information concerning conditions at Minneapolis since 1919, except what little information he had learned through other people. Harris repeatedly stated that he was wrongfully convicted in Minneapolis and that he is likewise innocent of the charge for which he now stands convicted in Washington, D. C. He admitted that he is a burglar by profession but denied that he had ever had any other racket or used a gun or other strongarmed methods. He claims that since his release at Stillwater, Minnesota, he had been engaged in legitimate business in Brooklyn, New York, selling extracts and flavorings.

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During the period that Harris was at Minneapolis, a man named Tom Hogan, who is now dead, was the over-lord of the underworld. Harris further stated that Gleckman was a small-time gambler. In further conversation, Harris mentioned that "Frisco Dutch" was the No. 1 man at Minneapolis and St. Paul. Harris claimed not to know any other name for "Frisco Dutch" and stated that he is well known in that community. "Frisco Dutch" receives revenue from gambling and sporting houses in that vicinity.

Harris denied any knowledge of the Bremer kidnaping case, except what he has been able to read in the newspapers. He stated, however, that Bremer was well known and well liked at Minneapolis and that he does not believe any of the "big-time criminals" would be involved in this kidnaping.

Toward the end of the interview, Harris repeated his earlier intention to refuse to cooperate, by saying that he would not tell anything if he knew it, and further stated that to be perfectly frank, he does not, in fact, know anything.

During the interview, Harris mentioned that his buddy, "Ice" Connors, had served time with him at Stillwater and was being wrongfully suspected of being involved in kidnaping cases. Harris stated that Connors is too much of an oldtimer to be foolish enough to be mixed up in such a racket.

Agent endeavored to discreetly ascertain whether Harris knew anything concerning Connors' probable present whereabouts, but Harris promptly and flatly denied that he had any such information.

In conclusion, Harris stated that he had sent word to Mr. John Edgar Hoover that he would like to talk with him and give him some information of value. He stated that apparently Mr. Hoover had not been able to grant his request. He repeated this request to the writer but refused to give any indication as to why he wished to talk to Mr. Hoover, other than to say that it was a matter which would be of interest to the Director.

Very truly yours,

C. G. SCHENKEN,
Special Agent.

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January 29, 1934.

Mr. Keenan asked that the following information be given to Mr. Hoover:

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[redacted] states that [redacted] told him the following: That sometime ago a confidence man name unknown, relieved one [redacted] of a very large sum of money thru kidnap victim Bremer's bank. That in connection therewith young Bremer was to go before the Grand Jury one week after the kidnaping date. The query is made - was he taken to prevent him from talking, or otherwise in connection with this confidence affair. Two- it was reported to be "common knowledge" that bootleggers had large deposits in Bremer's bank. Three- it is reported that due to the close relationship between Adolph and Otto to save the latter's bank Adolph put in about \$4,000,000, that to procure the necessary sum to indemnify the RFC to provide for the opening after the Bank Holiday Adolph pledged the brewery stock with the RFC after obtaining the consent of his son and daughter, which caused bitter dissention with the son and son-in-law later.----- In reference to the general underworld situation in Minneapolis and the Bremer case in particular a man thought to be of the name of Harris is awaiting electrocution in the District of Columbia Jail (perhaps Harris is the name of the murdered person). This person is alleged to have killed a gambler and is thought to know much of the Minneapolis underworld and was at one time pardoned by Governor Olsen who prosecuted him for murdering this gambler at Minn., the Governor being insecure in his conviction that the identify was correct or that the Jury's verdict was justified; this despite the fact that one of the members or counsel for the Trade Commission known to [redacted] told [redacted] that he was an eye witness of the killing and made a positive identification. It is thought that it would be worth while to immediately interrogate the doomed man with a view of learning anything that he might know of the Bremer kidnaping and of the general underworld connections in Minneapolis.

The Suggestion is further made that any letter sent in this confidence matter hereinbefore mentioned may be examined at St. Paul and the writing compared with that of the typewritten ransom note for the possible identity of the typewriter used.

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While [redacted] suggests interviewing [redacted] and [redacted] he requests that his name be not used.

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Mr. Clegg:
Talk with Nathan about
this at once. 1/30/34
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

MR. NATHAN...
MR. TOLSON...
MR. CLEGG...
MR. COWLEY...
MR. EDWARDS...
MR. EGAN...
MR. QUINN...
MR. LESTER...
MR. LOCKE...
MR. RORER...

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January 30, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I telephoned Mr. Nathan advising him of the information contained in the attached transcript of a conversation with [REDACTED]

Mr. Nathan states that the story relative to the Wanderlich confidence game was one which they had heard frequently, although they had not heard that young Bremer, the kidnap victim, was supposed to go before the Grand Jury, and although he doubts this is true he will check up on that right away. He was given the entire information contained in the memorandum and stated they would check up on the angles of it there and recommended that the prisoner being held in the District of Columbia be interviewed for any information which he might furnish. If this meets with your approval, the Washington Field Office will be requested to have this interview conducted with Harris, or the murderer of Harris, as the case may be.

Mr. Nathan also stated that there were no new developments.

Respectfully,

H. R. Clegg.

Special Agent C. J. Schenken
Assigned.

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Department of Justice

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

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January 31, 1934.

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

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
Edward G. Bremer - Victim.
Kidnaping - Extortion.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith, in sealed envelope, are specimens of the handwriting of Bud Lawrence LeMar, consisting of two sheets of ink handwriting executed by him at this office on January 29, 1934. The fingerprints of LeMar will be forwarded as soon as they have been searched through the files of the Identification Bureau of the New York City Police Department.

With further reference to my letter of January 29, 1934, referring to the so called Three-X letters, I have just been informed by Lou Wedemer of the New York World-Telegram that the letter in the Bremer case which he had in mind when he suggested a comparison with the Three-X letters is the letter which was received by the Postmaster at Minneapolis, Minn., in the Bremer matter, and not the note found in the taxi cab.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY

Special Agent in Charge.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 1/31/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/29/34	REPORT MADE BY [Signature]
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS <p>B. Lawrence LeMar investigated after having wired Adolph Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., that he had information which might prove valuable regarding Edward G. Bremer. Found to be salesman not regularly employed, and possessing very fragmentary information overheard in subway, not definitely connected with subject matter. LeMar practically destitute. Handwriting specimens and fingerprints obtained, and being forwarded Division Laboratory.</p>			
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<p><u>DETAILS:</u></p> <p>Information was received at this office by long distance telephone call from Special Agent in Charge, St. Paul office, to the effect that Adolph Bremer, father of the victim, had received a telegram directed to him at 855 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minn., over the signature of B. Lawrence LeMar, to the effect that LeMar had accidentally overheard information regarding the victim which might prove very valuable; that it was imperative that the father act immediately in strict confidence, and that he (LeMar) would help all he could. He requested that Mr. Bremer wire instructions to him in care of the Western Union.</p>			
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Office, Pennsylvania RR. Station, New York City, and he suggested that he (LeMar) should leave for St. Paul by plane that same night, January 29th. The wire further stated that if this plan were satisfactory, Mr. Bremer should wire transportation in care of the Pennsylvania Air Lines Ticket Office.

Agent, upon being assigned to investigate this matter, communicated with Captain McDermott, New York City Police Department, commanding the district detectives in the district which includes the Pennsylvania RR. Station, and he, in turn, issued instructions to Detective John J. Brennan, West 30th Street Police Station, to accompany agents on this investigation.

This agent and Special Agent J. L. Dalton with Detective Brennan went to the Pennsylvania RR. Station, where Detective Brennan interviewed the Western Union employees, while this agent interviewed the Air Lines employees. Detective Brennan ascertained from Thomas DiStefano, Western Union clerk, that he had accepted the message from LeMar and had at that time written down a description of LeMar, and also notified the main office of the Western Union by telephone of the sending of this telegram.

With the aid of this description, Detective Brennan and Agent Dalton made a search of the Pennsylvania RR. Station, but did not find any one answering the description. Subsequently, they had DiStefano also make a search, and he failed to locate the man who had sent the message.

This agent had in the meantime ascertained from Gleason, the clerk on duty at the Air Lines Ticket Office that there had been an inquiry for transportation to St. Paul, this inquiry having been made at 4:40 P.M. Prior to that, there had been an inquiry at 2:30 P. M. The first mentioned inquiry was made during Gleason's absence, while he was relieved by F. J. Macklin, Jr., Traffic Manager. Agent then went to Room 125, Pennsylvania RR. Station, and interviewed Macklin. He recalled the inquiry, but beyond stating that the man who made the inquiry was of about the height and build described by DiStefano, he could furnish no information, as he had not paid very much attention to the inquirer. The man making the inquiry was first informed that there would be a plane out at 9:30 on the following morning, which would put him in St. Paul at 8:15 P.M. This plane is operated by the Transcontinental & Western Air Inc. The inquirer indicated that he wanted a plane leaving that night. Macklin then gave him information regarding United Air Lines Planes to leave that

same night, but inasmuch as the inquirer was no longer interested in the T. W. A. plane, Macklin paid no further attention to him, other than to give him the information regarding the U. A. L. planes.

Agent then joined Agent Dalton and Detective Brennan and arrangements were made to have the Air Line and Western Union clerks signal in the event that LeMar called for a telegram or for transportation.

Sometime later, in further conversation with DiStefano, he mentioned to Detective Brennan that LeMar when sending the telegram had furnished his address as 631 Edgecombe Avenue, New York City.

The information obtained was transmitted by telephone to the New York office, as well as the additional information that the U. A. L. plane, leaving on the following morning, had one reservation for St. Paul, the passenger's name having been given as Hastein. The U. A. L. Line furnished the office with a description of Hastein and it in no way coincided with the description which had been furnished of LeMar.

Shortly thereafter, the Western Union employees indicated to agents and the detective a man who had just called and was leaving the Western Union desk, and this agent and Detective Brennan followed and accosted him, and he admitted that his name was B. Lawrence LeMar. He consented to accompany the agents and detective to the New York office, where he was questioned in detail. On the way over, he admitted that he had sent the telegram in question to Mr. Bremer.

At the office, LeMar gave his address as 631 Edgecombe Avenue, stating that he resides there with his sister, Mrs. Solomon, and that he is at the present time employed as a salesman by the Road Company of Wooster, Ohio, selling Hosegard, a rubberized stocking like device, to be worn by women over their hosiery to protect them from being splashed with mud during rainy weather. He stated that he has been employed by this company since about November 1933. It subsequently developed, however, that he is not an employee but merely sells their product, buying it from them at wholesale prices.

LeMar stated that on the morning of January 29, 1934, at about 9:30 he went to the Curb Exchange, New York City, to visit a friend, Herbert Heinerdinger, who is employed on the main floor. He

left there at about noon, walked over to the Brooklyn Bridge, and it was about 12:20 P. M. when he boarded a north bound express train in the subway, his destination being 42nd Street. He does not know the ultimate destination of the particular train, as all the trains pass his destination, 42nd Street. The particular car which he entered was not crowded, and he sat next to three men who also boarded the train at the Brooklyn Bridge Station. He states that these three men appeared to be continuing a conversation which had been going on before they boarded the train, as they kept on talking as they sat down. He describes the men as follows:

NO. 1

Height:	About 5 Ft. 10 in.
Weight:	Over 200 lbs.
Age:	Nearly 40 years
Build:	Stocky
Complexion:	Olive - clean shaven
	Noticeably square jawed
	Very well groomed; was
	wearing a black overcoat
	with a velvet collar and
	a derby hat with a rather
	smallish brim; dark suit;
	black shoes.
Nationality:	Probably Italian

This man spoke with a decided Italian accent and had a heavy coarse voice. He attracted attention for the reason that in spite of his size he was wearing a form fitting overcoat, which, coupled with the small brimmed derby hat, gave him an unusual appearance.

NO. 2

Height:	About 5 Ft. 7 in.
Weight:	About 145 lbs.
Age:	40 years
	Appeared to be dissipated;
	his cheeks were drawn or sunken.
Complexion:	Sickly; sallow; clean shaven
Hair:	Light colored; sandy
	Not particularly well groomed.
	Medium gray overcoat; medium gray
	Fedora hat.
	Spoke English with accent; was un-
	doubtedly a foreigner, but probably
	not an Italian.

No. 3

Height: About 5 Ft. 5 or 6 In.
 Weight: 160 to 165 lbs; short,
 very stocky
 Clean shaven
 Nationality: Probably Italian

This man sat farthest away from LeMar and did not do any talking, and LeMar did not observe him very carefully.

When these three men sat down, No. 1 had a newspaper, apparently one of the tabloids. However, LeMar did not observe the name of the paper or the date. They were reading a news item which No. 1 was pointing at, and LeMar states that he observed that the name Bremer appeared in the caption of the article. However, he is unable to state the exact wording of the caption, or in fact to mention any other word appearing therein except the name Bremer.

LeMar states that he overheard No. 1 ask No. 2 if he understood, to which No. 2 replied "Yes"; then No. 1 said, "Remember, 36 miles directly north, 8 o'clock tomorrow night, and you will get your instructions." He made some further remark which LeMar interpreted as meaning that will be the climax. However, the speaker did not use the word climax but some other word having that meaning. This, according to LeMar, was the end of the conversation so far as anything suspicious was concerned. The man continued talking, but LeMar did not pay any attention to the conversation, as it did not appear to pertain to the conversation referred to above. He states that No. 3 may have said something in Italian by way of acknowledging the instructions given by No. 1. However, he is not certain of this. LeMar got off the train at 42nd Street, and the three men referred to remained on the train.

After getting off at 42nd Street, LeMar rode in the shuttle train to Times Square, then took the subway to 33rd Street, went to Macy's Department Store, where he states he did some shopping, then walked up town as far as about 53rd Street on Seventh Avenue, and went over to look at the announcement board at the Arcadia Ballroom. He then walked back to Stewart's Cafeteria which he believes to be on 50th Street near 7th Avenue, where he had lunch and spent some time. He next walked through the street on which the cafeteria is located, and bought a cigar and thereafter he started to give some serious thought

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to the conversation which he had heard that morning. He strolled down to Pennsylvania Station, and spent some time in the waiting room as well as in walking about the station, debating what he should do. At about 10 minutes to five, he decided to send a message, which he in fact did send. He obtained the address of the Bremer family by making inquiry of the telephone information clerk, Pennsylvania Station. He sent the telegram collect and waited around until about 8 P. M., then walked over to the Pennsylvania Hotel and sat in the mezzanine. After he decided he had waited long enough, he walked over from the Pennsylvania Hotel to the Station, and inquired at the Western Union Desk whether there was a message there for him. This was at about 10:40 P.M., and it was immediately thereafter that he was accosted by agents and Detective Brennan.

Questioned as to what he intended to do in the event he did not receive any response, LeMar stated it was his intention to go to the New York Daily News and to speak confidentially to one of their representatives, and to find out from him the location of the U. S. Secret Service Department.

LeMar also admitted that he had made inquiry regarding plane service to St. Paul at about the same time he sent the telegram. LeMar's personal description is as follows:

Name:
Residence:
Born:
Height:
Weight:
Build:
Hair:
Complexion:
Classes:
Occupation:
Marital Status:

Fingerprints:

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LeMar stated that he had absolutely no knowledge regarding the Bremer matter other than what is set out above, and that he had no definite knowledge that the conversation referred to pertained to the Bremer matter other than the fact that the one man had pointed to the news item in the newspaper, in the caption of which he observed the name Bremer.

LeMar had no money in his possession other than some change. He stated that he could be reached through his sister at 631 Edgecombe Avenue.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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January 27, 1934

MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. CLEGG
MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. Egan
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. RORER

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

Reference is made to the attached letter dated January 25, 1934, from the St. Paul Office in connection with the case entitled "Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim," Division Number 7-576. A total of sixteen anonymous, crank, and information letters pertaining to the case were received with the reference letter.

Of these, one is that written by the cab driver, Bill A. Xentyla, which is being retained in the laboratory and will be compared with the handwriting in the Three-X Murder Case in New York, in accordance with Mr. Tolson's memorandum to the Director, dated January 24.

The remaining fifteen letters, which are listed below, are also being retained in the laboratory for an examination to determine whether the handwriting in any is similar to the handwriting of Edward G. Bremer or to the handwriting of any other letters received in connection with this case. The letters are identified by their first lines as follows:

1. To Police Dept.: There is a man that is living.
2. Mr. Frank Blake: I noticed in the paper you are one of the investigators.
3. We have Ed. G. Bremer very safe in Brooklyn. Everything will be all right.
4. Madison, Wisconsin, Jan. 22, 1933. Dear Sir: I will give you some information of the man in the Bremer.
5. Undecipherable message and sketch received in envelope postmarked at Blairstown, N. J., Jan. 23, 2:30 P. M.
6. W. W. Lagee: If you can keep the Police off the job we will do business.
7. Hern Adolf Bremer H. Paul, etc.
8. Lincoln, Ill., Jan. 22, 1934. Mr. Adolph Bremer. Dear Sir: Having read in the newspapers about.

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9. Mankato, Minn., Jan. 23, 1934. St. Paul Chief of Police. Dear Sir: There is a lady living near us.
10. Mr. Lagee: Final notice, on Jan. 20 at 9:45 P. M.
11. Letter dated at Halma, Minn, Jan. 22, 1934. Dear Sir: Postmaster, Minneapolis. Edward Bremer is still alive and feel fine.
12. Letter on stationery of Y.M.C.A. of Minneapolis, postmarked Jan. 20, 12:30 P. M., at Minneapolis.
13. Same as above, postmarked Jan. 23.
14. Same as above, postmarked Minneapolis, Jan. 24.
15. Jan. 19, 1934. Mr. Bremer: If you want your son bring \$50,000 this place.

All of the above are handwritten or hand printed.
At the present no fingerprint examination is being made, unless subsequent developments indicate connection with the kidnaping case or unless instructions to the contrary are issued.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey
E. P. Coffey

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This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

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January 30, 1934.

Mr. L. D. Waller, Manager,
L. C. Smith & Corona Typewriters, Inc.,
1018 15th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

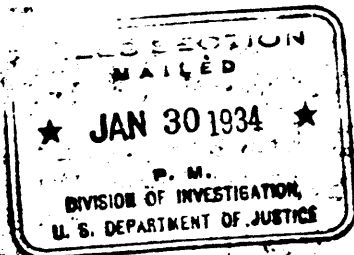
Dear Sir:

This will confirm the return by special messenger of the Corona typewriter, four keyboard, #G5D01412, and Corona typewriter, three keyboard, #JX652441. I am taking the liberty of retaining for a few days Corona typewriter, three keyboard, #JX652304.

Your courtesy in loaning these machines to this Division in connection with a matter under investigation has been indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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St. Paul, Minnesota
January 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANSEN:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. 7-80.

Captain of Detectives PARADEAU, Minneapolis Police Department, was interviewed by this agent and he advised that ARTHUR GINSBERG was taken into custody by Officer CHMAN of the Minneapolis Department and questioning of this man developed only that he had recently come to Minneapolis from Denver and was attempting to sell bonds in Minneapolis.

GINSBERG was not photograph nor were his fingerprints taken. The Minneapolis Police Department neglected to obtain his present address.

In connection with the anonymous letter directed to the Chief of Police at Minneapolis and signed "A citizen", this letter being dated January 28, 1933, Captain PARADEAU stated that inquiry had failed to identify or locate the person named in this letter as SMITH or SMITHY.

MR. PARADEAU further stated that all information deemed by his department to be of value to the Division will be forwarded to the St. Paul office in the future.

Very truly yours,

R. N. NOTESTEEN,
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota
January 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.C. WEBSTER HANBY:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File 7-50

The directory in the lobby of the Lincoln Building, Third and Nicollet Avenues, Minneapolis, Minnesota, indicated C. F. REDLICK, Rupture Expert, occupies Room 305. Without disclosing identity, Agent went to this office and noted on the door that the number was the only writing thereon. On entering the office it was found that there were three rooms; that four men occupied one room and that another man occupied a third room. All of these men appeared to be fifty years of age and Agent's entrance was barely noticed by them.

Inquiry at the Russell Hotel, 16 South Fourth Street, of the Clerk on duty, disclosed that C. F. REDLICK resided there, but on turning to the mail boxes he stated that REDLICK's key was in and that he had left the hotel a few minutes before.

The Minneapolis Police Bureau of Identification failed to reflect any record of C. F. REDLICK, nor is he known to Detectives A.M. MARXEN or S. A. COUGHLIN.

While in the vicinity of the Lincoln Building and the Russell Hotel, observation was made for a Hudson Coupe, License B 112-970, Minnesota, but same was not observed in either vicinity.

Very truly yours,

R. C. Coulter,
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota
January 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANSEN:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. 7-20.

On Thursday evening, January 25th, a telephone call was received from Sheriff SAM OWENS of St. Louis County, Minnesota, advising that MRS. FRANK NASH is residing at Aurora, Minnesota, with her parents and that since her arrival, she has been observed in several beer taverns at Aurora, Minnesota, and vicinity where she has been spending money very freely, mostly bills in denominations of \$10 and \$20. It was thought advisable to conduct an investigation at Aurora, Minnesota, and vicinity to determine whether MRS. NASH might be passing ransom money paid in the URSCHER and HANSEN kidnaping cases.

Upon arrival at Virginia, Minnesota, accompanied by MAJOR SHUTTLEWORTH and RUDY KIMQUIST of the Sheriff's office, Ramsey County, St. Paul, Sheriff OWENS was interviewed and he stated that Deputy Sheriff MURPHY of his office had reported to him that MRS. NASH had been living in Aurora for several months and had been spending money very freely; that for several days, a large green sedan, either a Packard or a Cadillac, had been leaving the home of MRS. NASH's parents at about 7:00 a.m., and returning around 2:00 or 2:30 the following morning; also, that neighbors in Aurora had reported that the shades in this home were drawn practically all of the time, which is an unusual occurrence and that MR. MIKLICH, MRS. NASH's father, who in the past had been more or less friendly with neighbors, had recently been keeping to himself and would not engage in conversation with anyone. Sheriff OWENS expressed the belief that possibly, MRS. NASH might be in some way connected with the BREMER kidnaping and that the victim might in fact be held in the MIKLICH home, and the strange car reported as going to and from the house might be used by others connected with the kidnaping in making contacts.

MISS MARY LOZAR, Aurora, Minnesota, who is employed in a candy kitchen located at Eveleth, Minnesota, was contacted by Sheriff OWENS and the writer. MISS LOZAR stated that she had heard rumors to the effect that strange activities were going on at the MIKLICH home recently and that MRS. NASH was spending money very freely since her return to Aurora. MISS LOZAR, however, was unable to give any definite information of value.

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MISS LOZAR related that on Tuesday morning, January 23rd, she was in Aurora visiting her parents; that she was standing on the street corner waiting for a bus going to Eveleth and that while standing there, a large green

sedan, believed to be a Packard, drove up to the curb and one of the men opened the door and inquired of her whether she would like to accompany them to the next town. She stated that she started to get into the sedan, when an second thought she decided not to since she was not impressed with the appearance of the two men occupying the car. She described the men as being between 35 and 40 years of age, both having little, black, well trimmed mustaches, parted in the center. They wore either dark blue or dark gray overcoats and black derby hats. She could give no further description other than that they appeared to be men of average size and of the gangster type, both having very brown and expressive eyes.

MISS LOZAR was unable to advise just where this car had come from, but stated that it appeared as though it came out of an alley running in the rear of the MIKLICH home, and this made her think that possibly the car had come from the MIKLICH home. She stated that the thing that annoyed her most was the early hour of the morning, shortly before seven o'clock; that it is a rare occurrence to see a car of the type described in Aurora at any time but that she had heard rumors to the effect that a number of large cars had been seen in Aurora since MRS. WASH returned home.

Photographs of ALVIN KARPIS alias GEORGE HALLER and FRED BARKER alias TED MURRAY were exhibited to MISS LOZAR and she stated that she was positive that these were not the men she saw in the car.

According to MISS LOZAR, MRS. FRANK WASH is known in AURORA under the name of HARRISON and her small daughter is enrolled in the school at Aurora under this name.

H. E. MATSON, Deputy Sheriff, Virginia, Minnesota, and ED ABELMAN, salesman, Studebaker Garage, Virginia, Minnesota, advised that on the evening of January 26, 1934, at about eight o'clock, a young man described as being between 25 and 30 years of age, weight 130 to 135, five feet ten inches, fairly dark complexioned, wearing dark gray overcoat and dark gray hat, and a woman described as being between 25 and 30 years of age, weight 110 pounds, medium fair complexion, dark hair, wearing black dress with black caracal jacket, drove up to the Studebaker Garage in a 1930 seven-passenger green Packard Sedan and came into the showroom to look over the Studebaker cars. Neither of these men noticed the license plate on the car. They stated that the couple asked quite a few questions with reference to trading in the Packard car on a Studebaker but gave no information as to their home address though both were strangers in the vicinity; and from their actions, seemed to be trying to put over some questionable deal.

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Photographs of HARRY J. PORCHE alias "DUTCH" SAWYER, WILLIAM WEISMAN alias WILLIAM WESTERMAN, RICHARD T. GALATAS, ALVIN KARPIS alias GEORGE HALLER, FRED BAKER alias TED MURRAY, BERNARD PHILLIPS, DOROTHY SLAYMORE, and MRS. FRANK NASH were exhibited to these men but neither identified the photographs as being those of the persons who called at the garage, though MR. AMELMAN stated that the young lady greatly resembled DOROTHY SLAYMORE and the man resembled FRED BAKER from a facial standpoint but was a much taller man than the description gives for FRED BAKER.

Deputy Sheriff MURPHY, Virginia, Minnesota, advised that after receiving the information that the mysterious green car was visiting the MIKLICH home in Aurora at unusual hours in the morning, he decided to watch the place for several days but failed to see any cars coming or going from the home; that on Thursday morning, January 25th, after having left the MIKLICH residence and being enroute to Virginia, Minnesota, he passed a green Packard Sedan occupied by two men, which sedan was headed toward Aurora; that because of the icy conditions of the road, it was impossible for him to immediately turn around to follow the car and it was necessary for him to proceed some distance before turning; that he then followed this car but never was able to get close enough to obtain the license number and finally lost the car just outside of Aurora; that he then proceeded to the MIKLICH home and just as he arrived there the lights went off in the home, but he was unable to find any car parked in the vicinity; that later in the day, he made inquiry in the neighborhood concerning the car and was informed that the car had been placed in the large garage located in Aurora and that MRS. NASH's brother is employed in this garage.

Sheriff OWENS and the writer checked at the garage referred to by Deputy Sheriff MURPHY, and the proprietor stated that no green Packard or Cadillac car had been stored in the garage for many months. Neighbors in the immediate vicinity of the MIKLICH home likewise were unable to give any information with reference to this mysterious green car.

A check was made at beer taverns located in Aurora, Minnesota, and at Gilbert, Minnesota, which is located nearby, these being the taverns in which MRS. NASH is reported as having been frequenting and spending large sums of money. Investigation, however, developed that though MRS. NASH has been in these taverns on several occasions, she has not spent any large sums of money; that she has been seen at the taverns but a few times in company with either her father or ELI DUNCULOVIC, Inspector of the Highway Patrol. It seems as though this MR. DUNCULOVIC is visiting MRS. NASH quite frequently. The Sheriff's office of St. Louis County regards this man with much suspicion and considers him to be very dishonest and distrustful.

Because of the location of the NIKLICH home and the surrounding which made it appear that it might possibly have been the hideout in the HANN kidnaping case, it was deemed advisable to search the home. Accompanied by Sheriff OWENS, several of his deputies, and MR. SHUTTLEWORTH and MR. KIMMEL of the Ramsey County Sheriff's office, the NIKLICH home was visited and permission was granted by MR. NIKLICH to conduct a search. A very thorough search was made and the writer is convinced that MR. HANN was not held in this home and that no one is being held there at the present time.

The town of Aurora, however, in many ways fits the description of the town described by MR. HANN as the hideout in which he was held and MAJOR SHUTTLEWORTH stated that at a later date, it is the intention of his office to make a more thorough check in the vicinity with regard to the HANN case.

MRS. NASH was carefully questioned by the writer but was very noncommittal. Her answers were very short and uninformative. Inquiry was made of her with reference to the possible location of ALVIN KARPIS, FRED BARKER, and DOC BARKER, and she replied that the persons were unknown to her.

Sheriff OWENS has instructed his deputies to keep this house under close observation until further notice and to make careful check on any and all cars which might be seen coming to or going from the premises.

While at the Sheriff's office in Virginia, Minnesota, an occurrence took place which might possibly have some bearing on the BREMER case and the development should be followed. JOHN PALCHER, Ely, Minnesota, called at the Sheriff's office and reported that on Sunday afternoon, January 30th, at about 2:00 p.m., a young man called at his store and wanted to rent a cabin from him on one of the nearby lakes; that he informed the man that he did not rent cabins in the winter but suggested that possibly FRANK JENKO, who has several cabins located about five miles out from Ely, might rent him a cabin; that this man asked him the direction to JENKO'S cabins and he directed him; that he thought this was unusual since no one rents cabins in the vicinity in the winter time. He described the man as being about 30 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches tall, weight 170 pounds, light hair, blue eyes, smooth shaven, gray hat, gray overcoat, and driving a light green two-door Plymouth Sedan, license not observed. HUDOLPH KLANCHER stated that he had been in the woods trapping near FRANK JENKO'S cabins and when he came out on the highway, he observed a man talking to MR. JENKO'S caretaker regarding the renting of a cabin; that this man wanted to know just where JENKO lived in Ely, Minnesota; and he informed him that he was going in to Ely and that if he would give him a ride in to town, he would be glad to take him to MR. JENKO'S home; that the man agreed and he accompanied him in to Ely and directed him to MR. JENKO'S home; that upon arrival there, this man did not seem to want to go into MR. JENKO'S home but asked him a number of questions concerning the same.

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JENKO, his standing in the community, and whether or not he had a good looking red headed wife; that it appeared strange to him that this man would not go in to see MR. JENKO after he had brought him there and that the man told him he was interested in renting the cabin and would get in touch with MR. JENKO later; that he gathered that this man's name is HERMAN OLSON and he stated he was from Chisholm, Minnesota. MR. KLANCHER did not observe the license plates on this car.

Late in the afternoon of January 26th, Sheriff OWENS' deputy at that place, who had been given instructions to watch developments there, telephoned advising that a man driving a green Plymouth Coach, accompanied by a woman, had arrived and moved into the cabin; that a dark Buick Sedan, in which were four men, had also stopped at the cabin for just a few minutes and then drove away. Sheriff OWENS' deputy obtained the license number on the Plymouth car, which is Minnesota license B 424897, 1933, but did not get the license on the Buick car. The Deputy Sheriff at Ely, in a conversation had with the caretaker of JENKO'S cabins, obtained information that the caretaker had been advised by the man who rented the cabin that he had rented it for only a week and that he expected five or six men to join him there later on.

Sheriff OWENS telephoned the State License Bureau and ascertained that license B 424897, 1933, was issued to one HERMAN F. OLSON, Chisholm, Minnesota, for a 1932 Plymouth Coach. The Sheriff then telephoned Chief of Police MILLER at Chisholm who advised that HERMAN F. OLSON is unknown to him. Chief MILLER promised that he would make a thorough check and endeavor to ascertain the identity of this person, after which he would immediately advise the Sheriff's office.

Sheriff OWENS has detailed two of his deputies to keep this cabin at Ely under close observation, instructing them to check on all cars and persons frequenting this cabin since there is a possibility that this place may have been rented for a hideout of those connected with the BREMER kidnaping case after the payoff. Any developments of interest will be immediately transmitted to the St. Paul Division office by Sheriff OWENS.

Very truly yours,

R. L. NALLS,
Special Agent.

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January 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C.

WERNER HANMI:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
EDWARD S. BREMER, Victim
Kidnaping
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

On Friday, January 18, 1934, while at the Julian-Dubuque Hotel, Dubuque, Iowa, the assistant manager of the hotel, whose name was not obtained, advised Agent, upon showing him a copy of the newspaper of Dubuque containing information with reference to the kidnaping of BREMER, that the kidnaping of BREMER was nothing; that in about two weeks something would happen which would make the BREMER kidnaping look small. He then continued on in the conversation, stating that just a few days previous one of the Government agents had followed a man out of the hotel, which party would probably figure in the happening he had in mind.

Agent endeavored to press him for information as to the identity of the mentioned Agent and the man that this Agent followed out of the hotel, and he remarked that perhaps he had better not comment any further, that time would tell.

Agent could not obtain any further information from the assistant manager, and is reporting this since it might prove to be of value should anything happen in Dubuque or vicinity in the immediate future.

It is the understanding of Agent that the Julian-Dubuque Hotel was at one time under the control of the Capone syndicate.

R. L. HALLS
Special Agent

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9 St. Paul

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MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G.
WERNER HANZI:

January 25, 1934.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim
Kidnaping
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

It is thought that the RED WERNER mentioned in memorandum of January 24, 1934, containing data from Chief of Police MARTINESON of Bismarck and LEON BRYAN, is connected with the BREMER Kidnaping; and the following may be of value in locating WERNER.

Agent contacted Chief Clerk ELLEN O'KEEFE, United States Attorney's office, Fargo, North Dakota, who advised that RED WERNER is probably one and the same party as the individual sentenced in Federal Court of North Dakota in 1931 for violation of the National Prohibition Act and Conspiracy in connection with the operation of a distillery near Mandan, North Dakota, to fourteen months in Leavenworth Prison under the name MAURICE WEINER alias RED VINER alias MAURICE VINER. File shows (United States Attorney's file) that his residence was in St. Paul or Minneapolis; occupation, liquor business; that WALTER T. LEMON, agent of Detroit Fidelity & Surety Company, 503 Pioneer Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, furnished his bond, being bond #205,586, under name MORRIS WEINER of Detroit Fidelity & Surety Company. Date of sentence at Bismarck, North Dakota, Federal Court, is April 28, 1931. Co-defendants in this case with MAURICE WEINER were Tom Ashbridge, farmer, of Bismarck, North Dakota, sentenced fourteen months in Leavenworth; Irvin Ashbridge, farmer, of Bismarck, North Dakota, sentenced nine months in jail; Isaac Saxon of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, sentenced to fourteen months in Leavenworth; David Gutterman, sentenced to fourteen months Leavenworth (Gutterman's alias being Ben Atterman, and residence New York City); Sol Sovotaky alias R. O. Katz, residence St. Paul or Minneapolis, sentenced to fourteen months in Leavenworth; Joseph J. Fetting of Linton, North Dakota, sentenced fourteen months in Leavenworth; Andrew Feist sentenced nine months in jail; and George Zerr whose case was dismissed.

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MISS O'KEEFE further advises that the BENNY HINDER mentioned in the LEON BRYAN memorandum of this Agent, dated January 24, 1934, is now under criminal charges in Federal court in North Dakota as the outgrowth of distillery operation at Jamestown, North Dakota, case pending and attorney for HINDER (name of attorney not known) has appointment to discuss case with United States Attorney Lanier on Saturday, January 27, 1934.

If RED WERNER is really thought to be connected with the BREMER case, his photograph, etc., can be obtained from Leavenworth Prison and his bondsmen.

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St. Paul, Minnesota, could doubtless furnish much data concerning him.

S. W. HARDY
Special Agent

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P.O.Box 515, St.Paul,Minn.

January 30,1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G.BREMER, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.
St.Paul File No.7-30.

In the above captioned case, there are enclosed herewith
the originals of miscellaneous letters received by Mr.Adolph Bremer,
copies of which have been made for the St.Paul File.

There are also enclosed memoranda submitted by various
agents of the St.Paul Division Office, in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Werner Hanni

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. CLEGG
MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. EGAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. RORER

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Reference is made to the attached letter from the St. Paul Office dated January 30, 1934, in connection with the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM, KIDNAPING. There were transmitted with the reference letter ten anonymous, crank and information letters which are listed below for record purposes.

They will be examined in the Laboratory to determine whether the handwriting or typewriting in any of them is similar to the handwriting of Edward G. Bremer or to the handwriting or typewriting in any other matters received in regard to this case to date. Unless otherwise instructed no fingerprint examination is being made.

1. Letter dated Jan. 27, 1934, Carroll, Iowa, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer and signed "Sylvester Xrbany". (No envelope)
2. Letter dated Jan. 27, 1934, Circleville, Ohio, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer and signed "Edward L Xlock".
3. Letter postmarked Defiance, Ohio, Jan. 27, 1934, addressed to Adolf Bremer and signed "Gang L", the first sentence of which reads "Followed these direction and you will have your son Edward back unharmed". (Anonymous)
4. Letter postmarked Walker, Minn., Jan. 25, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer unsigned, the first sentence of which reads "This may be an important clue to investigate." (Anonymous)
5. Letter postmarked Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 25, 1934, written on stationery of The Young Men's Christian Association of Minneapolis, the first sentence of which reads "You & Magee are getting our trouble better give us \$25000", addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer. (Anonymous).
6. Letter dated Minneapolis, Minn. Jan. 26, 1933, addressed to the Chief of Police and signed "A. Citizen", the first sentence of which reads "I overheard a conversation between two men that leaves no question in my mind that they are directly implicated in the abduction". (Anonymous)
7. Letter postmarked Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 27, 1934, addressed to Adolph Bremer and signed "XG", the first sentence of which reads "Ed will be back Sunday". (Anonymous)
8. Letter postmarked Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 27, 1934, addressed to Mr. A. Bremer, the first sentence of which reads "Here are your directions. Start Monday at 5 Pm from Franklin and Nicollet, with identification, as follows". (Anonymous)
9. Post card postmarked Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 25, 1934, addressed to Mr. W. C. Robertson, (Postmaster), the first sentence of which

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reads "Edward Bremer is dead", and ending with "We are not yellow like Machine Gun Kelly". (Anonymous)

10. Letter postmarked Middletown, Conn., Jan. 25, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, the first sentence of which reads "Locate the vehicle registration number 1608 and you'll find the clue." (Anonymous)

Respectfully,

E P Coffey
E. P. Coffey.

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WESTERN UNION

ST. PAUL MINN.
JANUARY 30, 1934.

DIRECTOR
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WASHINGTON D.C.

MR. NATHAN
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BREMER KIDNAPING INVESTIGATION AT CARROLL IOWA WHERE BLOODY CLOTHING
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TWO NARCOTIC AGENTS NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AND NO OTHER BLOOD SPECIMENS
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.
January 29, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN	—
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MR. CLEGG	—
MR. COWLEY	✓
MR. EDWARDS	✓
MR. GAN	—
MR. QUINN	—
MR. LESTER	—
MR. LOCKE	—
MR. RORER	—

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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Yesterday, Sunday, Mr. Coffey advised that the Bremer kidnaping notes were written on a Corona portable with an engineer's keyboard which was a type manufactured before 1922. It has been ascertained that the get-away road charts left by the robbers of the First National Bank at Holland, Michigan, in September, 1932, were likewise prepared with a similar Corona engineer's keyboard machine. We have only photostatic copies of the Holland, Michigan, specimens of typing and Mr. Coffey suggested that it might be profitable were we to obtain the original specimens. I telephoned the Chicago office and talked to Special Agent Mullen, who was in charge, and asked that they arrange through authorities at Holland, Michigan, to have the original get-away road charts transmitted to the Division.

Respectfully,

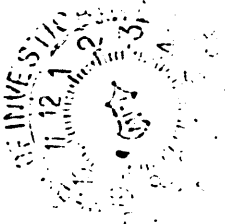
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Press this vigorously.
J. G. K.

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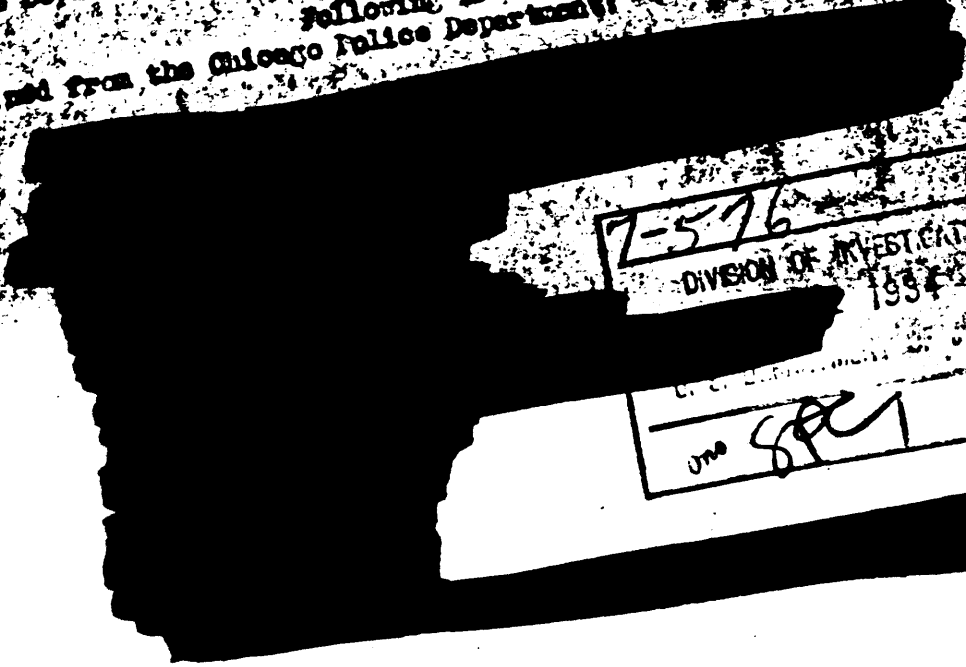
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNION OF UNIONS,
EDWARD BREMER, Victim,
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to letter from
this office dated January 27, 1934, containing information
to the effect that one William E. Lead might have been
connected with the above kidnaping. Transmitted herewith
is a photograph of this individual obtained from the Chicago
Police Department.

Following is a description of Lead
obtained from the Chicago Police Department:



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Very truly yours,

M. B. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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C. C. Sullivan

735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building
Philadelphia, Pa.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minn.

January 30, 1934.

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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
EDWARD G. BREWER - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to today's telephone conversation between Special Agent in Charge Frank J. Blake and the writer, wherein Mr. Blake advised information had been received in St. Paul that Pat Crowe, reformed kidnapper and racketeer, possessed pertinent information relative to the above entitled case.

For your information, Special Agent J. F. McDavitt located Pat Crowe, who is now residing at the Salvation Army Hotel, 705 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, at which address Crowe will remain until the end of the week, at which time, he stated, he intends to return to Chicago. Crowe advised that he had dispatched a wire to M. F. Sweeney, Sweeney Detective Bureau, Inc., 426 First National Bank Building, St. Paul, Minn., Crowe stating that Sweeney is an ex-captain of detectives in St. Paul and is the only man with whom he (Crowe) will attempt any negotiations. Crowe advised that he is aware of the identity of the kidnapers in the instant case; that there are five in number, one of whom is an ex-Deputy United States Marshal and an ex-convict (2) an ex-St. Paul policeman; the other three persons consist of pimps and bootleggers. Three of the five are old timers; the remaining two are younger men and are related, being either brothers or nephews of one of the older men.

Crowe's proposition is briefly this: If satisfactory to Sweeney, he will contact Sweeney and make necessary arrangements for the ransom money to be paid and the victim returned to his family, claiming that the victim is now alive on a farm (exact location not divulged). He further stated that as a reward for his services he desires 5% of the ransom money recovered, claiming that

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his part will consist of placing "the finger" on the guilty parties, and that he (Crowe) will figure neither in the trial nor will his identity become known. In the event that no ransom money is recovered, Crowe stated he receives nothing for his services but is working purely on the 5% basis of the ransom money recovered.

Crowe refused to divulge any further information, reiterating that he preferred to deal with Sweeney, who was absolutely reliable and was acquainted with Crowe. He further advised that the motive in the instant case was the same as that in the Hamm case, which, according to Crowe, was a desire on the part of ex-bootleggers to establish themselves in the liquor business.

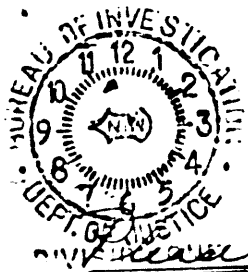
Crowe was questioned at length both by Special Agent McDavitt and the writer at this Division Office, but the above information comprises all that Crowe would divulge. He is very valuable and takes great pains to impress upon his listeners his achievements of the past in kidnaping cases.

Crowe also stressed the fact that if knowledge becomes public that he is involved in this case, the gangsters responsible for this crime will immediately put young Bremer to death.

Very truly yours,

A. SCHROEDER, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Dear Sir: read all of this!

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It certainly took a lot of nerve to write this but it might be a plan that if followed, may lead to some clue concerning the Edward Bremer kidnapers, if not their capture.

It looks like another of those "unsolved cases." Why wouldn't it be possible to trick them by finding some man to impersonate Edward Bremer. Let the papers publish what they wish. Let them publish in headlines that Edward Bremer has returned, escaped from his captors. Create and build up a story of his escape. Let him step into the life of the real Edward Bremer, let his family welcome him and let him live in this home with his parents. Create a story and atmosphere that would be easy with the wealth of intelligence and resources at your command. I realize the difficulties that are bound to arise, but as a last resort why wouldn't it be possible to do this?

W. L. Paul 2/6/34

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The success of the entire plan is to make the kidnapers think that some other gang is trying to "pull a fast one" on the family. This may lead them to take chances they would never take if they thought the public and the police were still looking for them. Let the man you pick out appear in any pictures in the papers, Pathe news etc (of course they must look somewhat alike). Think of the chances that the real captors may see his picture and hear him talk and surely they will try to find out what it is all about. Their curiosity will most certainly exert itself.

Lead them to believe that this new Edward is meeting confederates some place. Have a well known character of gang land (friendly with the police) confer with him in out-of-the-way places in the city. Let them think that the fake Edward and Pals are trying to swindle the Bremer family (of course the Bremer family will know that ~~he~~ is not their real son). All this time the police may pick up some clue that will unravel the whole case. They may capture the fellow who tries to shadow the fake Edward. Let the fake Edward give an address

or talk on his adventure in a public place (advertised before time) free of charge. He bet that one of the kidnapers will be in the crowd. They will have to hear his story thinking that the police have forgotten them as they will wonder what the other fellows game is.

Think of it! Why couldn't a camera be placed at the door just inside to take pictures of the people as they entered and later studied by police officials and detectives in hopes that they might pick up some information concerning the captors. Shouldn't it be worth the trouble if you found the real Edward Bremer? Think of his family! Think of your department! You could even arrest suspicious characters at this public appearance. It would be the biggest thing in police history.

The kidnapers took a chance. Don't let them think that you are not game. If you fail, what is the difference? What have you to lose? You at least - tried.

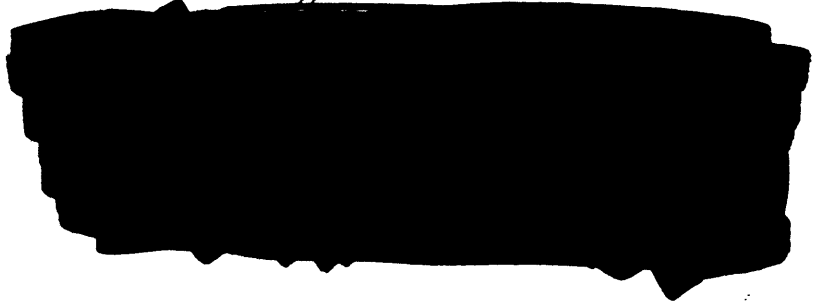
This entire idea probably sounds crazy to you more educated and ... men, but that may be

the most important part of the entire case. It should mislead the kidnapers as to the motive of the whole plan.

Please don't mention this letter to anyone as my name. It took a lot of nerve to write this, but I feel very sorry for his family and I hope to God that this suggestion may be of some help to you.

Sincerely -

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

January 31, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

The attention of the Division is invited to letter addressed to the St. Paul Division Office by the Philadelphia Office, A. Schroeder, Acting, under date of January 30, 1934, in the above entitled matter.

I am of the opinion that CROWE should be forcefully informed either by a representative of the Philadelphia Office, or someone from Washington, that the Division will not tolerate the withholding by him, CROWE, of any information of any kind, or nature whatsoever, that he may possess relative to the BREMER kidnaping case. It is not believed that any action should be taken here in the matter, nor that M. J. SWENNEY of St. Paul, referred to by CROWE, should be taken into the confidence of this office. It is not believed, of course, that CROWE possesses any information relative to the BREMER case and in this connection it should be noted that the original communication from the kidnapers instructed that no negotiations be held in response to any communication other than that bearing the signature of the victim. It is CROWE'S desire to gain either notoriety, or possibly money. However, it would appear intolerable that this old man, who is probably senile, should inject himself into this case and presumably, or, according to his own statement, withhold information from this Division.

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H. NATHAN,
Assistant Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,
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Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

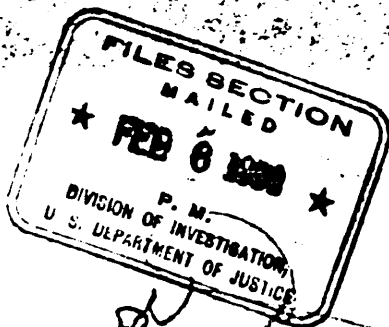
Reference is made to the case entitled
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter
dated January 29, 1934, from [redacted] concerning the above
entitled matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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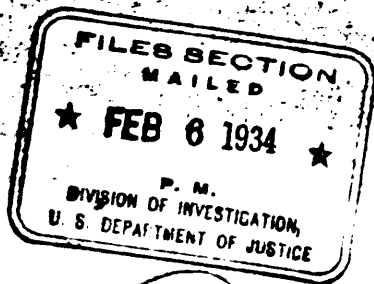
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Dear Madam:

Kindly be advised that your letter of January 29, 1934, concerning the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer, has been referred to Mr. Werner Hanni, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 203 Post Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, for appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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February 3, 1934.

MR. NATHAN	_____
MR. TOLSON	_____
MR. CLEGG	_____
MR. COWLEY	_____
MR. EDWARDS	_____
MR. EGAN	_____
MR. QUINN	_____
MR. LESTER	_____
MR. LOCKE	_____
MR. RORER	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG.

In connection with the attached letter from Mr. Nathan, advising that Pat Crowe of Philadelphia had made the statement that he had information concerning the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer but had refused to disclose same to a representative of this Division, I called Mr. Harvey and requested him to talk to Crowe and make it plain to him that the Division would not tolerate his withholding any information in connection with this case.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

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*If Crowe shows up here
let him know in vigorous
manner that he withholds
any information he is going
to land in trouble.*

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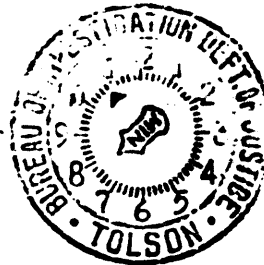
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

November 18, 1933.

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Mr. John Mahon,
838 Communipaw Avenue,
Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your communication dated October 31, 1933, regarding your application for appointment in the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, you are advised that there are no vacancies in this service at the present time. However, it is suggested that you execute and return the enclosed formal application blank in order that a statement of your qualifications may be on file for consideration at such time as it may be possible to utilize the services of one with your training and experience.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

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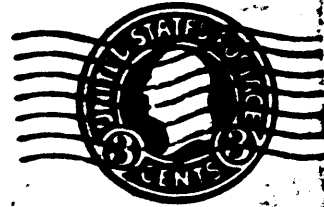
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Regarding blood stains found in car of Mr. Bremer
it is my opinion that blood was purposely put there by
gang to create fear for his safety thereby soft pedaling the
man hunt and expediting the ransom payt.
I do not believe the captive has even a scratch and I
further believe that this scratch was scheduled anyway. 135



Mr. John E. Hoover, Esq. Director,
U.S. Dept. of Justice
Washington
D.C.

Urgent and
Personal.

From Pho. Mahoney

January 22, 1934

SUBJECT - KIDNAP CASE of Mr. BREMER IN ST PAUL MINN.

SUPPLEMENTING MY LETTER of Jan. 19, 1934 ON SAME SUBJECT.

MOTIVE CONCOURED IN BY BEST MINDS - TO RAISE MONEY FOR DEFENSE COUNSEL
DEFENSE COUNSEL EITHER KNOWS ENTIRE PLANS OR IS IGNORANT OF SAME
CONTACT WILL HAVE TO BE MADE BY GANG, DIRECT OR INDIRECTLY SOONER
OR LATER

PROCEDURE - SHADOW EVERY PERSON MALE OR FEMALE WHO ENTERS DEFENSE
COUNSEL'S OFFICE AND ASCERTAIN IDENTITY. PROCESS of ELIMINATION WILL
CUT DOWN THIS PROCEDURE TO ONE OR TWO SUSPECTS, THEN WATCH
THE MAIL OR PERSONAL CONTACTS OF THESE SUSPECTS ETC.

ALSO - WATCH ALL MAIL TO LAWYERS AND CHECK PERSON OR ORIGIN
OF EACH LETTER - THIS WILL ALSO BE CUT DOWN TO A FEW SUSPECTS.

IF AND AFTER RANSOM IS PAID WATCH BANK DEPOSITS of DEFENSE
COUNSEL MAY ALSO DEPOSIT MONEY IN NUMBER of BANKS IN SMALL
AMOUNTS AND UNDER THE NAMES of MEMBERS of THE FAMILY
SOONER OR LATER THIS PLAN WILL NET ENTIRE GANG INVOLVED.
THEY HAVE TO WORK THIS WAY.

LAW OFFICES
DEFENSE
COUNSEL of
TOMMY GANG
CHICAGO ILLS



ALL NAMES USED WILL BE FICTITIOUS NO DOUBT.

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January 26, 1934.

Mr. John Mahon,
838 Communipaw Avenue,
Jersey City, New Jersey.

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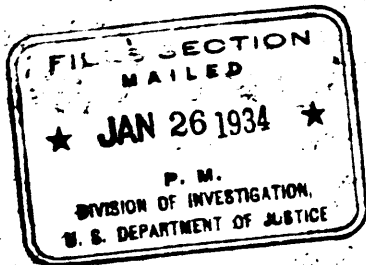
Dear Sir:

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Kindly be advised that your letter of January 22, 1934, concerning the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer, has been referred to Mr. Werner Hanni, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 203 Post Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, and will be given appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

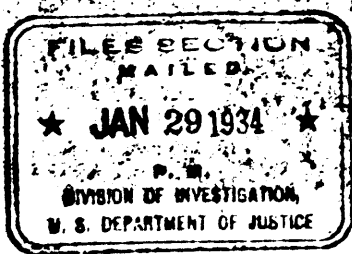
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN
SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM, KIDNAPING. There
are inclosed herewith copies of a letter dated January
22, 1934, from Mr. John Mahon, 836 Communipaw Avenue,
Jersey City, New Jersey, concerning the above entitled
case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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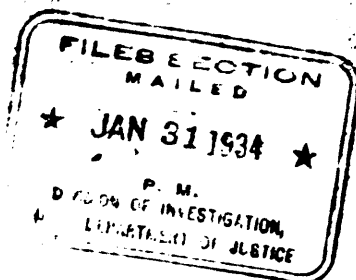
January 31, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG.

Mr. Gridley of the United Press advised me during telephonic conversation this morning that there is a rumor around St. Paul Police Stations to the effect that the Bremer family and the kidnapers won't take any steps until our men are called off the case. I advised him that of course there is no basis for this rumor.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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C. C. Yoder

January 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Supplementing my recent memorandum in regard to the whereabouts of fugitive Verne Sankey, I wish to submit the following additional information which I received from my brother in Fargo, North Dakota.

He advises that a Special Agent investigated the lead I submitted but that he believed the proper way to have followed it would have been under cover rather than openly investigation in such a vicinity. His reason for this belief, he states, is the well known clannishness of Railroad men. Part of his letter goes on to state:

"He is the dope: Sankey was out there, and he had some pals out there, as close as I could find out was that his pal was a fellow named Frank (Sheep) Derr, now this Derr has a cottage at the lakes and I wouldn't be surprised if that isn't where Sankey has been hiding out. This cottage I believe is some place in the vicinity of Frazee, Minn. Now Frazee isn't very far from Minneapolis and it might be that Sankey is in on that Bremmer kidnapping ***** and to carry the acquaintance of a man by the name of Garfield Stenberg, he was a part time bar tender in the saloon Sankey was supposed to have been in, and he said it was Sankey, he is easy to get acquainted with as he likes hunting and fishing and will talk to anybody about it."

The above information is not submitted as being my own or in any way sanctioned by me I do feel that any possible lead which may help to solve the Bremer case in which the Division is interested should be at least offered for what fruits it may bear.

Respectfully,

R. HAMILTON SIMONS.

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

February 1, 1934.

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT ST PAUL

REPLYING RECENT CORRESPONDENCE BLOOD TESTS BEING KIDNAPING BEING TEST
BLOOD SUPPOSEDLY BEING FOUND HIS AUTOMOBILE PURPOSE ASCERTAIN WHETHER
HUMAN BLOOD AND IF SO WHETHER OF GROUP WHICH COULD NOT BE BLOODS STOP
TESTS REQUIRE VERY SMALL QUANTITIES ONLY AND CLEANING OF MATERIAL ON WHICH
SPECIMENS LEFT FREQUENTLY DOES NOT INTERFERE TEST IF BACTERIOLOGISTS MERELY
DETERMINED SPECIMEN WAS BLOOD BELIEVE VERY IMPORTANT OTHER TESTS BE MADE IF
AT ALL POSSIBLE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY EXACT LOCATION AND ORIGINAL QUANTITY OF
SPECIMENS CLEANING METHODS USED AND WHETHER POSSIBLE FORWARD OBJECTS OR
PORTIONS OF OBJECTS STAINED PARTICULARLY WHERE FOLDS OR SEAMS OCCUR IN CLOTH
IF CAR FLOOR MAT STAINED FORWARD IT STOP SPECIMENS MAY BE SCRAPED FROM FLOOR
CRACKS OR UNDER FLOOR BOARDS STOP MOST DESIRABLE THESE TESTS BE MADE TO
COMPLETE DIVISIONS RECORDS THIS RESPECT

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Edward L. Bremer
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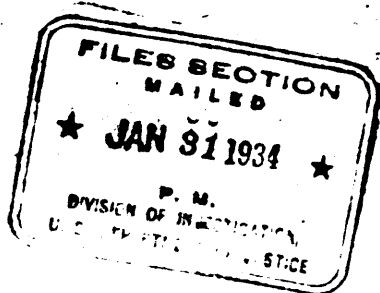
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Mr. Harry Gusack of the Universal Service telephoned to inquire concerning a story to the effect that "Bremer's kidnapers were sore at the family due to the fact that they were to put a blue eagle in the window signifying they were ready to pay the \$200,000 and one of the kidnapers passed by the house, noticed that the blue eagle was torn in half, which was an indication that they were willing to pay only \$100,000, and therefore they were quite peeved." This is apparently the same story that Mr. Gusack related to you Monday evening. I told him that I knew of no basis for such a story. Mr. Gusack asked me to let him know when the case breaks, and I told him that I would.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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February 1, 1934.



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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
Edward G. Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping - Extortion.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent George J. Starr of this office, dated January 31, 1934, and my letter of same date, transmitting specimens of handwriting of Bud Lawrence Lemar.

I am forwarding herewith fingerprints of Lemar taken at this office on January 29, 1934. The records of the New York City Police Department have been searched and no previous record could be found.

It is respectfully suggested that the description of Lemar, as set out on page 6 of Agent Starr's report, be supplemented by adding thereto the fingerprint classification

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No copy of the fingerprints of Lemar has been retained at this office. It will be noted that Agent Starr, in taking Lemar's fingerprints, inadvertently reversed the position of the prints as to right and left hand and they have, therefore, been changed to their correct position on the attached card.

Very truly yours,

cc-St. Paul

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F. X. FAY,

Special Agent in Charge

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St. Paul, Minnesota.



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January 30, 1934. FEB 2 1934 AM

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Ave., Room 1403,
New York City, New York.

Dear Sir:

Re: WORK SUBJECTS.
ED G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

One Arthur Pederson, who is described as 38 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches in height, 150 pounds, medium brown hair, partly bald, blue eyes, and ruddy complexion, on January 29, 1934, attempted to make a connection with Walter Magee, contact man in this case. He was arrested by the police at Minneapolis, Minnesota; and on questioning, admitted that his purpose in attempting to make connection with Magee was to obtain small sums of money from time to time from Magee on the pretext that he was endeavoring to solve this kidnapping.

Pederson stated that for the past year, he worked in the diet kitchen of the Metropolitan Hospital, New York City, and that he resided at 434 East 34th Street, New York City.

It is respectfully requested that this information be checked in New York City and the St. Paul Division office advised at the earliest possible date. Pederson is being held in jail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

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February 1, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Dear Sir:

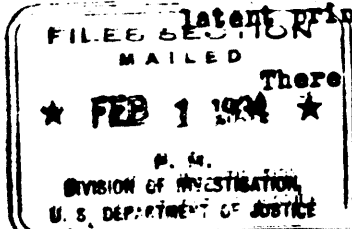
Reference is made to my letter of January 26, 1934, in connection with the latent prints developed on the series of extortion notes in connection with the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM. The search of such of these latent prints as could be classified has been completed in the single fingerprint file with the exception of one print of a delta formation which will necessitate search through the entire file.

Additional identifications of these latent prints with the fingerprints of persons known to have handled the letters have been made as follows:

- 2 fingerprints of Dr. Hippert have been found on the envelope bearing the typewritten address "To Walter Magee, Adolph Bremer, very important".
- 2 latent prints appearing on the envelope addressed "Dr. H. F. Hippert personal, please deliver at once", have been identified as those of Thomas Dahill.
- 2 latent prints appearing on the handwritten letter beginning "Dearest Pat, Please do not worry", have been identified as those of Edward G. Bremer, the victim. One latent print on this same letter has been identified as that of Thomas Dahill.
- 10 of the latent prints found on the handwritten letter beginning "Dear Walter, I'm sorry", have been identified as those of the victim, Edward G. Bremer.
- 1 of the latent prints appearing on the envelope which accompanied the last described letter has been found to be that of Walter W. Magee.

The fingerprints of Mrs. Edward G. Bremer have been compared with the latent prints with negative results.

There remain 66 latent prints on the series of letters which have not



[Handwritten signature]

SAC, St. Paul.

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been identified and which are of sufficient value to permit direct comparisons with the fingerprints of suspects. Comparisons of suspects as outlined in my letter of January 26th are being conducted. In addition to those listed in the reference letter, the following have been added and are also being given consideration:

John Dillinger	Our file 688382
Russell Clark	137616
Chas. McGray	82731
Frank Mason	4288
Oscar Merrill Hartzell	643231
Walter A. Henriksen	
Isaac Costner	729082
Rufus Costner	545300
Clara Morgan	648281
Latent prints, robbery First State Bank, Holland City, Michigan.	694736
Frank Yappa	57870
Glen Roy Wright	79217
Ruby Jackson	581413
Richard C. Baker	85400
Evrout J. Dee	124492
Laura Jensen	612639.

Very truly yours,

Director.

AIR MAIL

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

RE CURRENCY SERIAL NUMBERS SEVENTEEN PAGES ONE AND TWO FORMERLY
REFERRED TO AS SEVENTEEN AND SEVENTEEN A ARE DUPLICATES HAVE ALL SERIAL
NUMBERS BEEN SUBMITTED VERIFY PAGE TWO THREE A COLUMN FIVE LINE FIVE

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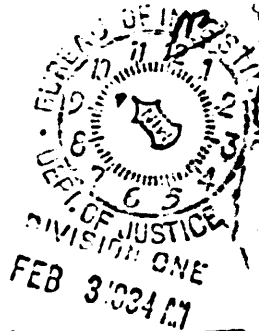
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated January 26, 1934 relating to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM, KIDNAPING, with which were transmitted copies of a letter addressed to the Attorney General under date of January 19, 1934 by Mr. A. J. Hertz, 6011 Plankinton Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Please be advised that Special Agent V. W. Peterson interviewed Mr. A. J. Hertz on January 30, 1934 in his office located in Room 6011 Plankinton Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mr. Hertz advised that he was formerly an attorney and was engaged in the practice of law in St. Paul, Minnesota. Several years ago he was retained to represent one, Leon Gleckman, who is alleged to be the dominating figure of the St. Paul underworld. Leon Gleckman was indicted for violation of the National Prohibition Act and on the advice of A. J. Hertz, his attorney, a plea of guilty was entered. It is alleged that Gleckman and former Assistant United States Attorney William Anderson, who was representing the Government in the case, were very friendly and that after William Anderson was released from his duties as Assistant United States Attorney he entered the employ of Gleckman in the latter's loan office. It is stated by Mr. Hertz that the Government later filed a confession of error in the case and that because of the influence of Leon Gleckman he, A. J. Hertz, was disbarred.

Mr. Hertz further advised that after his disbarment he moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Subsequent thereto he went to St. Paul, Minnesota for the purpose of instituting a civil suit against Leon Gleckman for damages. On this occasion he was accompanied by one, P. J. Dunham, and they registered in the Lowry Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota. Apparently Gleckman became aware of the intention of A. J. Hertz to file a civil suit against him for damages. Within a short time after arriving at the Lowry Hotel in St. Paul, he, Mr. Hertz, received a telephone call from some man who informed him that he would meet the same fate as some other men who had been taken for "rides" in St. Paul. A few minutes later three or four

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men came to the Lowry Hotel and without knocking entered his room and began threatening him. Mr. Hertz stated that he became extremely frightened and that he is unable to furnish a description of the men who entered his room on this occasion but he is confident that they were sent there by Leon Gleckman. Mr. Hertz is alleged to have reached for the telephone and the men left the room, after raising a disturbance. Mr. Hertz immediately left St. Paul and did not dare to attempt to return.

According to A. J. Hertz, Leon Gleckman is the Al Capone of the St. Paul underworld, and that it would be almost impossible for gangsters to commit a kidnaping without the knowledge and consent of Leon Gleckman. Leon Gleckman is alleged to have served a term in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas for violation of the National Prohibition Act and it is stated that he is now under indictment for evasion of the Federal Income Tax.

Mr. A. J. Hertz advised that he is well acquainted with Edward G. Bremer, for whom he has a high regard and also knows the father of Bremer. Mr. Hertz expressed a firm conviction that Leon Gleckman is implicated in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

The following description was provided by A. J. Hertz:

Name: LEON GLECKMAN
Age: 40 years
Height: 5 feet 8 inches
Weight: 170 pounds
Build: Chunky
Hair: Dark brown
Nationality: Jewish

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis
w.a.p.

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Los Angeles, Calif. Jan. 25, 1934

Division of Motor Vehicles
State Highway Department
Sacramento, California

PLEASE WIRE ^{COMPLETE} COMPLETE REGISTRATION THIS YEARS LICENSE FOUR P SEVEN SEVEN
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U. S. Department of Justice

P.O.Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

January 31, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.
○ KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

In the above captioned case, there are enclosed
herewith the originals of miscellaneous letters received, to-
gether with memoranda submitted by various agents of the St.
Paul Division Office.

Very truly yours,

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WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota
January 31, 1954

MEMORANDUM TO S.A.C. WERNER HANDEL:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BRENNAN, VICTIM
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-58.

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Very truly yours,

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
January 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO S.A.C. WERNER HANNI:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

Examination of Lincoln Sedan, bearing Minnesota State License B 74-619 for 1933, property of EDWARD G. BREMER, now being held at the McGee Garage in St. Paul, Minnesota, revealed that the front seat and upholstery of same had been drycleaned, whereby all bloodstains alleged to have been contained thereon had been removed.

OSCAR HYDAL, foreman of this garage, stated that the front seat had been taken to Sweeney's Clothes Cleaners, 115 West 7th Street, on January 19, 1934, by Frank Way, a mechanic of McGee's Garage, and the other upholstery, which was apparently stained with blood had been cleaned by Way and himself, all of which was done upon instructions of Mr. McGee. He stated that McGee did not want MR. ADOLPH BREMER to see the stains on this car.

At Sweeney's Clothes Cleaners, the writer was informed that an automobile seat had been cleaned on January 19, 1934, and what appeared to be blood stains had been removed; that no instructions had been given them to wash the stains out, whereby they might be preserved and analysis made, and it was not known until they were informed that the cleaning job was to be charged to McGee that this seat was from the BREMER car.

MR. H. M. SCHOBURG, bacteriologist, and director of the laboratory of the Department of Public Health, St. Paul, Minnesota, stated that he had made an examination of the BREMER car at McGee's Garage and found that stains on the upholstery had been removed by dry cleaning, although on the side of the cushion running to the floor, adjacent to the driver's seat, he found several streaks which, upon chemical examination, proved to be blood; that he also found a spot on the edge of the cushion leading to the floor, which, on chemical examination, proved to be blood. MR. SCHOBURG explained that due to the insufficient amount of blood available for chemical analysis, he was unable to determine whether or not it was human blood.

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Chief of Police Thomas E. Dahill, furnished photographs, taken by the St. Paul Police Department, of the above described car, on 1-18-34.

The photograph marked "A" shows blood stains on the seat adjacent to the driver's seat on the floor mat immediately beneath and spots on the upholstery of the right door.

The photograph marked "B" shows the same stains on the seat adjacent to the driver's seat, and several spots on the back of this seat.

The photograph marked "C", is taken from the driver's side of the floor seat and shows two marks which were found to be grease left from the extension cord used in making photographs.

The photographs marked "D", "E", "F", and "G", are photographs of the exterior of the car. The apparent smears shown in the photograph were made by fingerprint powder in the search for fingerprints. Chief Dahill stated that no fingerprints were found on the car.

Very truly yours,

J. E. BRENNAN, SPECIAL AGENT.

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9-St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota
January 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HARRY:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. 7-58.

Pursuant to your instructions, I interviewed ARTHUR PEDERSON, who had been arrested by Detectives CHARLES FIERSTEY and TOM BROWN of the St. Paul Police Department at room 234, Majestic Hotel, Minneapolis, today.

PEDERSON telephoned WALTER MAGEE and stated he had some important information for him and that MAGEE should come to see him at the Majestic Hotel alone.

MAGEE did not inform the Police.

When first interviewed, PEDERSON stated that from 1927 to 1929 he was an inmate of the State Penitentiary at Waupun, Wisconsin, doing a two-to-five-year sentence for larceny. He stated that while there he made the acquaintance of a man whose name he can not recall, which person had prior to his commitment to Waupun served a sentence at Stillwater, Minnesota. PEDERSON stated that he (PEDERSON) was a trusty at Waupun.

He advised that last Thursday, he left Chicago by Greyhound bus for Minneapolis; that the bus was crowded and that there was but one vacant seat, which was also occupied by a girl named HARRIET TAYLOR of Park Rapids, Minnesota. PEDERSON stated that when he smoked, he did so at the rear of the bus and there met the ex-convict previously referred to, who was also riding to Minneapolis. He claimed he got into a conversation with this man, the substance of which was that this person was not working but was plenty busy and was proceeding to a place 50 miles north of Duluth without stopping over in Minneapolis.

The BREMER case was discussed and PEDERSON remarked that the kidnapers were asking a lot of money. A minute or so later, the ex-convict remarked that in a few days he would be in big money.

PEDERSON described this individual as 38 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches tall, 155 to 160 pounds, medium complexion, brown hair.

PEDERSON was questioned as to whether he had attempted to shake down MAGEE for expense money to locate a mythical person, but he denied that this was the case.

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Pederson finger prints
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After this interview, which was conducted by Chief of Police TOM DAHILL, Chief of Detectives CHARLES FIERNEY, Detective TOM BROWN, and agent PEDERSON was placed in the jail and his fingerprints and photograph were taken.

He was interviewed later on the same date and he then admitted the following:

Monday morning, after he had been reading the various newspaper stories about the BREMER kidnaping, he conceived the idea that if he could call MAGEE and induce MAGEE to come to the Majestic Hotel, PEDERSON might be able to convince MAGEE that he could assist in solving this kidnaping, thereby making it possible for him to secure a few dollars in advance and possibly a few more dollars from time to time as he was ostensibly working on the solution of the kidnaping. He admitted that he had no means whatever of solving the case and that he had no idea as to who had done the kidnaping, knew nothing about it, and in all probability would receive no information other than that reported in the newspapers. It was his impression that since the newspapers had repeatedly carried stories to the effect that the police and other officials had adopted a "hands off" policy, he could easily work this confidence game on MAGEE without police interference.

He stated that while he had ridden on the bus from Chicago to Minneapolis, as previously stated, the only person he spoke to on the bus was MISS HARRIET TAYLOR of Park Rapids, Minnesota, and had not spoken to an ex-convict as he had previously stated.

Concerning his past, he advised that he was born at Peshtigo, Wisconsin; that he has a wife and two children living at Merrill, Wisconsin, from which place he had been sent to Waupun for embezzling \$200 from the Shoe Department of a department store, this being in 1927. He advised that he has a brother, OTTO J. PEDERSON, railway engineer, residing in the 1700 block on Dayton Avenue in St. Paul. For about the past two years he has been living in New York City, being employed in the diet kitchen of the Metropolitan Hospital for over a year and residing at 434 East 84th Street, New York City. In that connection, a letter is being written to the New York City Division office to check on this last information. He has never resided in Chicago but has resided in Milwaukee and in Marinette, Wisconsin.

He attempted to justify the attempted extortion by stating he thought it would make the old man BREMER feel better if MAGEE had an ex-convict assisting him in the case. He freely admitted that he had no plans for solving the case and that his only connection with same would have been to obtain a few dollars from WALTER MAGEE on a pretext of being able to supply some information.

The Police are holding PEDERSON until the solution of this case.
His photograph and fingerprints are available at any time.

Very truly yours,

G. S. HALL,
Special Agent.

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3 - Division
9 - St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota.

January 25, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANKE.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Relating to attached anonymous letter referring specifically to 666 Laurel, St. Paul, MRS. CATHERINE DALE, widow, who states she is the owner and occupant of this address, stated that she has resided there for many years and has rented rooms in her home to people known to her, notably FRED WINKEL, an employee of the Department of Public Works, St. Paul, but that she has no one living at her home who is from Chicago and has had no one living there from that city to her knowledge; that she has not recently rented any rooms, the most recent rental having been about four months ago. She also stated that there have been no visitors from Chicago at her home.

Very truly yours,

J. E. BRENNAN
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.

January 31, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WERNER HANDEL:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file 7-33.

With further reference to OTTO KELLERHOFF, State Representative, whose residence is 1819 Fifth Avenue South, Minneapolis, and who, as my previous memorandum will show, claimed he received a ransom note in this case, which at the time of the last interview he was unable to find but promised to find in a few days, please be advised that today Special Agent R. G. Coulter and myself interviewed him at his residence. He stated he remembered both Agent Coulter and myself; that he is very ill; that he was expecting the doctor to visit him; that he was too weak to work or walk; and that his neighbor in this rooming house had been taken on the day before to Glen Lake Sanatorium and that his room and the whole house had been fumigated for tuberculosis. His room had considerable of the belongings of the person who was taken to the Glen Lake Sanatorium; hence, because of this confusion, his illness, etc., he was unable to find the alleged ransom note.

It is my recommendation that this spurious lead be abandoned.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota
January 31, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. U. WERNER HARRIS

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BRENNER - Victim
KIDNAPING
St. Paul, File No. 7-30.

On the evening of Monday, January 29th,

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[redacted] had information which he believed might be of value in connection with the recent kidnappings in St. Paul but that [redacted] is not desirous of gaining any publicity in connection with the kidnappings and accordingly was withholding the information. I assured [redacted] that I could promise [redacted] that any information given by [redacted] to this Department would be held in strict confidence; [redacted] stated he would endeavor to arrange an interview for me with [redacted] which he did yesterday.

[redacted] stated that the information he had in mind had come to him through [redacted] so he requested [redacted] to furnish me with the story.

[redacted] that sometime during April, 1933, Colonel JACK MORANZ, registered at the St. Francis Hotel, stayed for several days and later returned with his two brothers AL and LOU MORANZ, HARRY KOHL, AL SACKOWITZ, also known as AL SACKS, and DOUGLAS BROWN; that Colonel JACK MORANZ had some agreement with the Daily News, St. Paul, Minnesota, and during a period of some few weeks there appeared in the Daily News the picture of some prominent St. Paulite, together with information concerning his business, social standing, etc.; that it was somewhat in the nature of a personality contest; that it was his understanding that this Colonel JACK MORANZ received about \$50 from each person for whom a story was run in the paper; that at least, this was the information which Colonel MORANZ had conveyed to him; that it seemed quite strange to him that it was necessary for JACK MORANZ to have so many helpers in this enterprise; that it seemed as though he did all of the work himself and the others in this party merely stayed around the hotel gambling, drinking beer, and entertaining women, among whom were the BOSWELL sisters, and one of the men in the party claimed that he was engaged to one of these sisters; that the party had two automobiles, a 1931 or 1932 Brewster green LaSalle with black fenders and a Cadillac; that they spent money very freely while at the hotel and it appeared strange to him that they were able to live in such high fashion when apparently the income of JACK MORANZ was but approximately \$50 a day.

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[redacted] stated that the thing which aroused his curiosity most was the fact that one day while the group was standing in the lobby of the St. Francis Hotel near the cigar counter, either LOU or ART MORANZ stated that he had just interviewed one of St. Paul's big shots, WILLIAM HAMM, who had told him all about himself both from a social and a business standpoint and that this man related that he must be a very wealthy man; that someone in the group said it was a wonder someone had not taken HAMM for a kidnaping, and that a stranger in the group remarked that it would not be an easy task since WILLIAM HAMM'S father was well known in underworld circles, had many connections, and it would be difficult for anyone to pull such a job without being detected; that one in the group in a most sarcastic manner remarked, "Oh yeah" and shortly afterwards the crowd dispersed. It is the belief of [redacted] that possibly the group above referred to were using the picture-taking and personality racket for the purpose of making entree into the homes and offices of St. Paul's leading citizens so that they could obtain information with reference to their financial standing, hobbies, connections, etc., which would be of value to them in the event they planned to kidnap any of the individuals.

The records of the St. Francis Hotel disclose that Colonel JACK MORANZ and wife registered in the St. Francis Hotel April 8, 1933, and checked out April 9th; that Colonel JACK MORANZ registered in again on April 9, 1933, and checked out May 26, 1933. When he registered on April 8th, he indicated his address as some boulevard (unable to decipher handwriting), Youngstown, Ohio; and on April 9, 1933, he indicated his address as 2702 Sturtevant, Detroit, Michigan.

ART MORANZ, LOU MORANZ, HARRY KOHL, DOUGLAS BROWN, and AL BAKER checked in April 9th and checked out May 24, 1933, all registering from Detroit, Michigan.

[redacted] that when the party left the St. Francis Hotel, it was his understanding that several of them went to Winnipeg by train and others in the group motored to Winnipeg where they met these persons, and part of the group went south, destination unknown, by automobile.

[redacted] was unable to give any very definite descriptions of these men but stated that Colonel MORANZ was about 35 years of age, of medium height, and his brothers ART and LOU were between 25 and 30, also of medium height and stocky build; that Colonel MORANZ had black hair streaked with gray and had medium dark complexion; that the brothers ART and LOU had sandy complexions; that these men were very well dressed and always appeared to have plenty of money.

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He described HARRY KOHL as being tall and thin, around 6 feet, with Roman nose, sharp features, black hair, and dark complexion. He could not give any description for AL SACKS but stated that this man received mail under the names of SACKS and SACKOWITZ.

[redacted] that the betting in the underworld is two to one that EDWARD BREMER will not be returned either dead or alive; that rumors have it that he has been knocked off because he was to have been a witness against some confidence man who obtained \$200,000 from a [redacted] by the name of [redacted] in some sort of a race horse deal; that he also had heard in the underworld circles that EDWARD BREMER had obtained something like \$400,000 in a similar deal and had been knocked off because of this.

[redacted] advised that in a recent conversation had by him with LEON GLECKMAN, local St. Paul underworld character, MR. GLECKMAN informed him that he had gone to MR. ADOLPH BREMER and offered him \$25,000 to assist him in raising the ransom money being demanded by the persons who kidnaped his son EDWARD BREMER.

[redacted] made mention of one C. A. VON SKIN alias WHITIE who he advised had been a permanent resident at the St. Francis Hotel for more than a year; that this man had been in the gambling racket and apparently had been making plenty of money; that on the afternoon of January 15th, this man checked out and at that time owed a bill of \$40; that he informed the house manager he was broke and was unable to pay the bill; that, however, the manager of the hotel managed to get \$10 from him, leaving a balance of \$30 unpaid; that VON SKIN stated he was going to Mankato but would return the following week, but to date, this man has not returned to the St. Francis Hotel. It is rumored that before leaving St. Paul, this man obtained quite a large sum of money from various gamblers in St. Paul. This man is described as being middle aged, about 5 feet 10 inches, 180 to 190 pounds, light hair, medium fair complexion, stoop shouldered and walks with a limp, and makes a good appearance.

In connection with this MR. VON SKIN, [redacted] advised that on the same date, one THOMAS J. FILBIN, St. Paul underworld character, who is in the slot machine racket, checked out; that FILBIN is considered to be a permanent guest at the St. Francis Hotel. Besides being in the slot machine racket, he deals in "hot" diamonds and automobiles and has his headquarters in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

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[REDACTED] it is the opinion [REDACTED] that possibly MR. FILBIN specifically requested this room so that he might be in a position to over-
hear any possible conversation concerning the BREMER kidnaping since he no
doubt has knowledge that the BREMER and the HENZ families are closely related;
that THOMAS FILBIN could very easily be connected with the BREMER kidnaping.

[REDACTED] expressed the opinion that one ABE GINSBERG, an under-
world character in Minneapolis, should be overlooked in this case; that it
seems as though this man appears on the scene whenever any crime of conse-
quence is committed in the Twin Cities; that one KIMA SWENSON, a lady who
lives in the house next to the one in which ABE GINSBERG owns in Minneapolis,
can give much information concerning the activities of ABE GINSBERG if she
is willing to talk. He stated that this MISS SWENSON lives on the same street
on which Governor OLSON resides.

Last night a telegram was forwarded to the Detroit office requesting
that they discreetly ascertain the identity, occupation, family connections,
business, associates, etc., with reference to Colonel JACK MORANZ, BYOR
Sturtevant, Detroit.

Very truly yours,

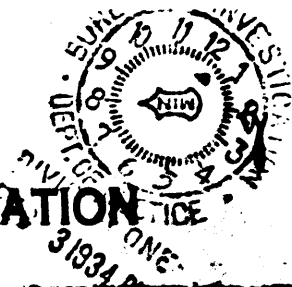
R. L. HALL,
Special Agent.

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on persons named [REDACTED]
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however have been positively
identified. S.V.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

ST. PAUL, MINN.

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS.	DATE WHEN MADE 2-21-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-29-34	REPORT MADE BY C. B. WENSHED.
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD G. BREMER (Victim)			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Paula Harmon married Doyle Benton in July 1932 at Lake Charles, La. Subsequently, in 1932 and up to May or June 1933 lived at Beaumont, Texas with her former husband Dennis Woods and also with Theo Riley. Operated bootleg joint. Left Beaumont in May or June for Chicago. May now be in Chicago or Kansas City. Her mother and acquaintances deny knowledge of her whereabouts since she left Beaumont.

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REFERENCE:

Telegram St. Paul Division Office to Dallas Division Office, dated January 27, 1934, and letter Dallas Division Office dated January 30 to New Orleans Division Office.

DETAILS:

It was ascertained at Beaumont, Texas, that Paula Harmon had lived at 994 Center Street with one Theo Riley, a burglar and bootlegger. Theo Riley now is staying in Galveston, Texas but was in Beaumont on January 29, 1934, and upon being located and interviewed stated that he and Paula Harmon lived together for about nine months where they operated a bootlegging establishment on Center Street, Beaumont; that Paula Harmon left Beaumont about a month, as near as he can recall, before he read in the papers of the massacre of officers in Kansas City; that when he took up with her she had about \$2000.00, obtained as a result of an automobile accident in which she was injured in Louisiana, and that he spent most of that for her and in addition thereto wrecked her Buick automobile two or three different times; that she went to Chicago on one trip for the purpose of having her nose operated on as there is a noticeable scar across

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the bridge of her nose and that her cheek bones are sunken as a result of the automobile accident; that when she left Beaumont she did not take all of her belongings with her and after she had gone he took them to the home of Velma Turk who was a very close friend to Paula Harmon, and that he would furnish Agent with a photograph of Paula Harmon, which would be an old one, as he does not believe she ever had a photograph taken of herself after the automobile accident. He stated that his first husband, Dennis Woods of Port Arthur, Texas, might know something about Paula's whereabouts.

Later in the day Theo Riley left a photograph of Paula Harmon at the Police Station for Agent, and this photograph, which evidently is an old one, is submitted herewith to the St. Paul Division Office.

Theo Riley claimed that he took Paula Harmon to the air field when she left Beaumont the first time, and she went to Chicago by airplane; that he never received a letter from her after she left but she was only gone about a week and returned and then left a second time and said she was going back to Chicago; that he heard from her once or twice by long distance telephone after she left Beaumont the second time; that she merely called him up and asked him if he was getting along all right and whether or not he needed any money, and on one occasion she sent him \$50.00 by mail; that he has tried to find her address since then but has never been able to ascertain where she is.

Mrs. Velma Turk, who resides at 2540 Magnolia Avenue, Beaumont, Texas, stated that she has known Paula Harmon for a number of years and that Paula and her former husband, Charlie Harmon, who was killed in a bank robbery at Menomonee, Wis., or Duluth, Minn., she could not recall which, had at one time lived with her (Mrs. Turk) prior to Charlie's death; that she had known Harmon and his family all her life as they were all reared around Nacogdoches, Texas; that at the time Paula Harmon left Beaumont she called her up and asked her to come over to her house and that she and her husband, Mr. Turk, went over to see Paula Harmon one night and Paula told her she was leaving for Chicago, and as her mother was then living in Georgia she would be writing to her and she desired that Mrs. Turk forward her mother's letters to her and that after her arrival in Chicago she would furnish Mrs. Turk her address there for this purpose, but that no letters ever came for Paula nor did Paula ever send her an address in Chicago; that just before Christmas Paula's mother, Mrs. Brannon, who now resides in Port Arthur, Texas, came to see her and asked her if she could give her Paula's address; that she was unable to do so.

Levi Delott, a pool hall operator at Beaumont, Texas, where Theo Riley hangs out, stated that he knew Paula Harmon while she was living with Theo Riley and that she was around his place some with Theo while both were drunk when they were living together, but he has never heard where she went when she left Beaumont and all he knows is that Paula left Theo Riley and that Riley has

tried frantically to find where she is; that a magazine is delivered to his pool hall addressed to Paula Harmon regularly, as also are bills from the printing company but that he has no forwarding address and, therefore, just destroys the letters and magazines.

Lena Lee Landry, [redacted] was interviewed but very little information could be obtained from her as she is not very intelligent. She stated that she saw Paula Harmon about three months ago in Port Arthur with her former husband Dennis Woods. This information, however, is discounted as Dennis Woods is living with another girl at this time known to the police at both Beaumont and Port Arthur, Texas.

Dennis Woods at Port Arthur, Texas, was interviewed and stated that all he knows about Paula's present whereabouts is that she told Theo Riley and Mrs. Turk that she was going to Chicago; that she has, to his knowledge, lived around Chicago some, especially when Charlie Harmon was alive; that she also has lived around Kansas City and that she may now be in Kansas City or Chicago; that he has neither seen nor heard from her since she left Theo Riley and went, apparently, to Chicago.

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Mrs. D. B. (Annie) Brannon, 337 DeQueen Blvd., Port Arthur, Texas, was interviewed and stated that if she knew Paula's address she would not hesitate to furnish same to Agent, but that she positively has no idea where Paula now is; that when Paula left Beaumont she (Mrs. Brannon) was living in Georgia, and about nine months ago she had a letter from Paula which was mailed on a train some place in Kansas, and that she has not heard from her since that time.

The Identification Bureau Records at both Port Arthur and Beaumont, Texas, were checked for photograph of Paula Harmon, but she has never been photographed or fingerprinted as far as could be determined.

The last address at the Post Office at Beaumont, Texas, for Paula Harmon, was 994 Center Street, and Levi Deloti's Pool Hall.

Roney Etie, 793 Harrison Street, Beaumont, Texas, a bootlegger and friend of Theo Riley, stated that he knew Paula Harmon when she was living with Theo but he knows that Theo Riley does not know where she is or he would have gone to her; that he understood Theo took a trip to Chicago trying to find Paula.

Mrs. Turk, 2640 Magnolia Avenue, Beaumont, Texas, was again interviewed and stated that she went with Paula Harmon and a tramp by the name of Doyle Benton, in July 1932 just after she got her money from the insurance company as a result of the automobile accident, to Lake Charles, Louisiana, where Paula and Doyle were married; that she witnessed the marriage ceremony and signed the certificate as a witness; that she believes this ceremony was performed by Minister Oliver of Lake Charles; that Charlie Harmon's sisters live in Houston, Texas; one Mrs. Ruth Larson lives on North Boulevard; her husband works for the Humble Oil Company. Another, Mrs. Phillip (Mora) Mauhar, address 1614 Walker Street, Apartment #5, Houston, Texas. These sisters were friendly with Paula Harmon and may hear from her; that another sister Mrs. J. A. Bryan, whose husband is a barber, and another sister Mrs. Marvin Treadwell, lives on Chartres Street in Houston, but she does not know their exact addresses; they were not so friendly with Paula; that Mr. Charlie Face and his wife Frances Face may know the whereabouts of Paula Harmon, but aside from the fact that they reside in Houston and Face was formerly a car salesman for the Ford Agency there, their whereabouts are unknown.

Jesse Hamilton, Deputy County Court Clerk, Beaumont, Texas, brother-in-law to Paula Harmon, stated that in his opinion none of the family know Paula's present whereabouts and that he is satisfied that his mother-in-law, Mrs. Brannon, would not tell him or anyone else if she knew.

At Mrs. Turk's place Agent obtained permission to look through the effects still in her possession which belong to Paula Harmon, but nothing was found therein of value in this matter except possibly a photograph of some unknown lady which was in a photographer's paper folder bearing the address 541 Diversey Parkway, Chicago; also the cover of a memorandum book with addresses and names of what appeared to be telephone numbers written thereon. The following names appear:

Lydia Johnson, Ken-2082
 Callie - Douglas 0869
 Buckham 6222
 Madeline Dumrsick 9810
 Drexal 7127
 Sue Gordon - Buck 1450
 Drug - Buck 4100
 Sophie - 3268
 L.V. 3268

It is not known what these names and phone numbers refer to, but they are being forwarded to the St. Paul Division Office together with the memorandum being referred to, for whatever value they may have.

The photograph of the lady referred to as having been taken by Lothar at Chicago, is submitted herewith to the Chicago Office in an effort to have it identified, as she probably is some friend of Paula Harmon's.

It will be noted that Paula Harmon is the only one of the following

Paula Woods
Paula Bradshaw
Paula Harmon
Mrs. Charles Preston Harmon
Mrs. Theo Wiley or Mrs. Dennis Woods

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

[REDACTED]
The whereabouts of Paula is desired by the St. Paul Division Office, and information as to her whereabouts particularly on January 17, 1934 is desired.

PENDING.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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January 31, 1934

MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. CLEGG
MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. Egan
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER	.....
MR. LOCKE	.....
MR. RORER	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Reference is made to the attached letter from the St. Paul Office dated January 28, 1934, in connection with the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim. There were transmitted with the reference letter ten anonymous, crank and information letters which are listed below for record purposes.

They will be examined in the Laboratory to determine whether the handwriting or typewriting in any of them is similar to the handwriting of Edward G. Bremer or to the handwriting or typewriting in any other matters received in regard to this case to date. Unless otherwise instructed no fingerprint examination is being made.

1. Letter postmarked Washington, D. C., Jan. 25, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer and signed "E. Haydon ~~Cozell~~".
2. Letter postmarked New York, N.Y., Jan. 24, 1934, addressed to Mrs. Edward G. Bremer and signed "Edward Chester ~~Kiedgemen~~".
3. Anonymous letter postmarked New York, N.Y., Jan. 23, 1934, addressed to Mr. Walter McGee and signed "An Servant of God", the first sentence of which reads "In the presence of the Almighty God our Father * * *".
4. Letter (air mail) postmarked Springfield Gardens, N.Y., Jan. 26, 1934, addressed to "Postmaster W. C. Robertson, Minneapolis, Minn." and signed "Gino ~~Tirelli~~".
5. Registered letter postmarked New York, N.Y., Jan. 25, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer and signed "Cosimo ~~Julianti~~".
6. Letter postmark illegible, dated Jan. 24, 1934, Willard, O., addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer and signed "E. A. ~~Carpenter~~".
7. Anonymous letter postmarked Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 25, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, the first sentence of which reads "Undecided if I am doing right by informing you of this for it may have no connection whatsoever * * *" and signed "Ask for Anne".
8. Letter dated 20-34 Webster, addressed to Mr. Werner Hanni and signed "Johanna ~~Krin~~". (No envelope attached)

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9. Special delivery, anonymous letter postmarked Saint Paul, Minn. Jan. 27, 1934, addressed to Miss Louisa Bremer and signed "From a Spirit", the first sentence of which reads "To Father, Sisters brother Wife and Daughter of Mr. E. Bremer. I Deeply symptatice with his relations. I am little of spirit * * * *".
10. Special delivery letter postmarked Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 24, 1934, addressed to Dr. H. T. Nippert, written by means of pin perforations, which begins "Strong light this is your last chance to meny police". (Anonymous)

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey
E. P. Coffey

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This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

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Suite 1
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
January 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the original of a typewritten letter received at this office from Mr. S. M. Need, 609 South Florence Avenue, Springfield, Missouri, dated January 26, 1934, together with the original letter transmitted by Mr. Need, which letter is written in longhand, purportedly by one Roy C. White. The news clipping which Mr. Need enclosed with the letter, which contains a copy of one of the notes sent in the Bremer case is likewise transmitted herewith.

All of the above mentioned is transmitted for whatever assistance it may be to you in connection with the above captioned case.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. C. H. Varley
Chief of Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir: (In explanation of the enclosed letter)

Roy O. White (author of letter) came to Springfield, Mo. in the winter of late 32 or early 33. I became acquainted with him and, borrowed money which, we used to establish the above business. (the business is now defunct.)

Upon Whites insistence that, his wife owned a large share of her brothers farm, near Barret, Minnesota. I borrowed more money and, took he and his family to Barret, for the purpose of converting Mrs. Whites share of the farm into cash, to finance the business.

After remaining a few days with the relatives, White suggested that, he and I return to Kansas City, and sell some hand painted menu boards, while his wife was selling her property.

In Kansas City, I left White and, returned to Springfield, to look after the business which was in bad shape and, within a few days, on May 19th. I received the enclosed letter from White. Thus ended my connection with White.

In case White proves to be your man, I will furnish as much information as possible. White has two brother-in-laws residing on farms about 9 miles from Barret, Minnesota. one Pete Kohn and Andrew Kohn, White also has a very good friend at Baron, Wisconsin, by the name of Ray Higenmeister.

White while in Springfield, preached several sermons and seemed to be quite an evangelist around Barret, which may account for the kidnaper message being written on the Union City Mission letterhead.

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White is about 40 yrs. of age, is about 5 ft. 7" tall, weight about 175 lbs. is rather wide between the eyes and, has a tremendous crop of brown hair, will probably be dressed in high top boots and olive drab riding pants
Wishing You luck Yours Truly (Signed) [REDACTED]
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MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.C. WERNER HANNI:

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St. Paul, Minnesota
January 31, 1934

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim;
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file 7-30

A letter dated January 27, 1934, written to ADOLPH BREMER by Sylvester Urbany, Carroll, Iowa, was turned over to this office by MR. BREMER. This letter sets out information that MR. URBANY is proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, Carroll, Iowa, and that a party stayed at that hotel on January 25, 1934, and registered as JACK RAY of St. Paul, Minnesota; that MR. URBANY's daughter compared the handwriting on the register of this party with that of the note written to the BREMER family shortly after the kidnaping signed, "One of the gang", and advising that BREMER was dead and his body was in the vicinity of Anoka, Minnesota. The letter also states that during this party's absence from the hotel, MR. URBANY's daughter inspected the room and found a blood stained shirt, also a blood stained hat lining and kid gloves. The register sheet covering the date of January 25, 1934, was forwarded with this letter and photostatic copies have been made.

At the Commercial Hotel, Carroll, Iowa, MRS. FRANK J. BUCHHEIT was interviewed. She is the daughter of SYLVESTER URBANY and her husband is the brother of FRANK BUCHHEIT, Sheriff of Carroll County. On the night of January 25, 1934, she stated that two men came to this hotel and looked at the rooms and decided the location and the rooms were just what they wanted so they went outside and then sent in a party who registered as "JACK RAY, St. Paul, Minn." She assigned him to room 12, but when he got to the room and noted that the lock was broken on the door he insisted on having a room, which could be locked at all times and stated he wanted no maid to enter the room during his absence. He was, therefore, assigned to room 11. MRS. BUCHHEIT observed the license number on the car which she was driving, a green coupe, same being B112-970, Minnesota 1933. (This number was checked through the Motor Vehicle Department by S.A.C. Hanni and was determined that same was issued for a Hudson Coupe, motor number 8447, licensed to C. F. REDLICK COMPANY, 305 Lincoln Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Minneapolis Directory shows CHARLES F. REDLICK to reside at 16 South 4th Street, which address is the Russell Hotel.) MRS. BUCHHEIT advised that she called the Sheriff shortly after this registration by the party giving the name of "RAY", and he also compared it with the handwriting on the note above referred to, this being available from a newspaper she had saved wherein this note had been printed. The Sheriff was of the opinion that the handwriting was similar so requested her to call him the next day when this party got up. She called the Sheriff and as soon as this party left the hotel, the Sheriff accosted him on the street. She stated that as soon as this party left the hotel, she went up stairs and made an inspection of the room and opened this man's suit case and found therein

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Agent inspected this room, number 11, at Wild Horse, and found that there are a number of red spots on the floor, believed to be

RAY stated that there had been five or six lawyers who had frequented Carroll doctors the past year or so. They have attempted to get narcotics from various doctors, but are always refused by the doctors. The Sheriff and the Speriff stated that in order to get rid of them and get them out of town he would suggest to the doctors that they give them enough to keep them quiet. RAY appeared in Carroll about three weeks ago and the Sheriff in this manner sent him to MR. MONTGOMERY and suggested to MR. MONTGOMERY that he give him a little if he thought it was necessary. This was the last he heard of RAY until a few days ago when he was arrested. RAY was taken to the hospital above.

After following RAY a short ways from the hotel, the Sheriff stopped him for questioning and recognized him as the same party who had been in Carroll two or three weeks ago. He then went to RAY's room with him and examined his suit case and found only what has previously been stated by MRS. FRANK J. BUCHHEIT. When they came down from this room the narcotic agent ELIZZARD and also another narcotic agent, both of whom presented credentials, stated that they had picked RAY up in Omaha and that he was working for them as a "steal pigeon". RAY, at the time, explained to the Sheriff that the various blood stains were caused by injection of the dope in his arms with needles.

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Sheriff BUCHHEIT describes RAY as follows:

Age: 35 to 40 years
Height: 5 feet 6 inches
Weight: 150 to 160 pounds
Eyes: Dark brown
Hair: Dark brown
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Dope fiend

At the Burke Hotel under date of January 25, 1934, Agent found the register of H. E. ANDERSON of Minneapolis, assigned to room 323, and H. E. BRADLEY, Des Moines, the same date immediately following ANDERSON's registration assigned to room 310. F. A. BENTLEY, Clerk, at the Burke Hotel, stated that he knew ELIZZARD, who had been there before and knew ELIZZARD had registered as BRADLEY, and further saw ELIZZARD send out official mail from that hotel under the name of ELIZZARD. BENTLEY also understood ELIZZARD was a Narcotic Agent. S. A. C. Manni called the Narcotic office in Minneapolis and determined that Agent ANDERSON of that office had been in Carroll, Iowa and vicinity on January 25, 1934.

Very truly yours,

R. T. Noonan, Special Agent.

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St. Louis, Missouri,
January 29, 1934.

Mr. Warner Hanni,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Bldg.,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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801 Title Guaranty
St. Louis Missouri

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Off. Bus. Govt. Bldg.
Chg. Div. of Inv., U.S. Dept. of Justice,
803 P.O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.
CC Division
CC St. Louis

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
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E. E. CONROY
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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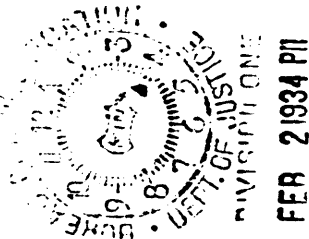
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Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas

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YOUR WIRE TO ST. LOUIS OFFICE NINETEEN THIRTY THREE MISSOURI LICENSE TWENTY NINE THREE SIX FIVE FOR PASSENGER CAR ISSUED FEBRUARY THIRTEENTH LAST TO ROSE BRUEGGEMANN THIRTY EIGHT NINETEEN A HARTFORD STREET ST. LOUIS MISSOURI FOR OLDSMOBILE SEDAN MOTOR E SIXTY THIRTEEN ST. LOUIS IS REQUESTED CHECK SAME LICENSE NUMBER FOR TRUCK ISSUED C E MALAN ST. JOSEPH MISSOURI FORD TRUCK MOTOR A THIRTEEN NINE ELEVEN FIFTEEN STOP NO LICENSE RECORDED FOR CHESTER L. BYRON REEDS JASPER COUNTY MISSOURI STOP CHECKING ON BRYON STOP ADVISE ANY FURTHER INVESTIGATION DESIRED

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EDWARD G BREMER KIDNAPING SECURE FROM MEMPHIS POLICE AND FORWARD AIRMAIL PHOTOGRAPHS AND ALL AVAILABLE WRITING SPECIMENS OF PERSONS ARRESTED THERE MAY TWO SEVEN NINETEEN TWO SIX POSSIBLY FUGITIVE CHARGE IN CASE INVOLVING FRED BANKER ARRESTED FOLLOING DAY AT LITTLE ROCK AT REQUEST OF MEMPHIS INSPECTOR DETECTIVES

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St. Paul, Minnesota.

January 31, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WENNER HANBY:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. 7-25.

On January 31, 1934, ALBERT LEE, a member of the Wisconsin State Conservation Commission, usually referred to as a Game Warden, with headquarters at Luck, Wisconsin, reported that on January 25, 1934, about 1:00 p.m., he was in a restaurant at Amery, Wisconsin, and overheard a conversation. A party was in a booth and another party came in and greeted this person as "BILL"; the party coming in being greeted as "JOE", both being strangers in the town of Amery. The party referred to as "BILL" asked during their conversation what he thought about the BREMER case, to which the party called "JOE" stated that it was not what he thought but what he knew that counted; that the police and the Federal agents were "barking up the wrong tree; that they should watch MAGEE". This party was heard to say that MAGEE and BREMER had made a trip to Chicago just before the kidnaping and that they had both been gambling considerably and and they lost money and BREMER failed to make good on I.O.U's. That was about all the conversation that MR. LEE overheard.

The party known as "JOE" left the restaurant and went to a pool hall, staying only a few minutes, then entered a drug store, came out with a magazine, returned to the hotel and read the magazine for a short time before taking a brief bag and boarding the train shortly after 2:00 p.m., going west. MR. LEE observed the movements of this party during that time. He described the party named "JOE" as follows: Age, 45 years; weight, 190 to 200 pounds; height, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches; dark brown eyes; dark hair streaked with gray; prominent Italian features; well dressed; carried no luggage except a brief case.

The party referred to as "BILL" is described as follows: Age, 40 years; weight, 170 pounds; height, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches; ruddy complexion; were light gray hat and brown overcoat.

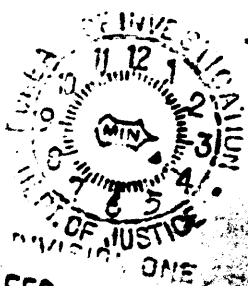
This information is submitted for whatever purpose it might serve.

Very truly yours,

R. T. MOONAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.C. WERNER HANAU

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING
St. Paul File No. 7-80

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] to talk with an agent of the Division.

On this date, Agent interviewed [REDACTED] at her office. She was much concerned lest what she told might not be treated confidentially, but was assured that such would be the case.

She stated [REDACTED] that about two weeks ago, she cannot say whether on Thursday or Friday, a man 'phoned her office during her absence but would not leave his name nor telephone number, as is customary with persons 'phoning her office when she is out.

On the Friday after the Kidnaping of MR. BREMER, a man called just at 5:00 P. M. and wanted to see her immediately, in fact he said he must see her. She stated that it is her custom to take a bus at 6:00 o'clock on Friday afternoons to her mother's home in Wisconsin, and not caring to miss the bus, she asked the nature of the business and the man said [REDACTED] as it was very important.

[REDACTED] She told him that he would have to see her the following Monday at 2:30 P. M. as she was preparing to leave town and could not change her plans. She said that she had not heard from him since that time and did not expect to hear.

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[REDACTED] says that it occurred to her that the man 'phoning to her might have been endeavoring to contact her in order that she might act

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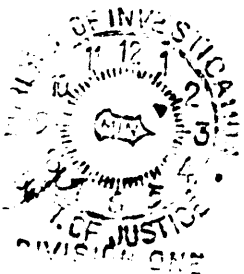
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as intermediary but said that there was no reason why she should do as she
had never had dealings with any of the BREMERS.

She has no idea as to the identity of the man, nor does she
expect that he will again communicate with her.

F. J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB:RWM
S Division
9 St. Paul



420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

January 29, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: Unknown Subjects.
Edward G. Bremer - Victim.
KIDNAPPING.

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Dear Sir:-

Pursuant to telegraphic request by you on 1/27/34, I am transmitting herewith two copies of report of Special Agent C.B. Winstead in the case of Vernon C. Miller (deceased); et al - Obstruction of Justice, pertaining to the investigation of A. CARTER.

Detective Ed Weatherford of Fort Worth, Texas, has advised this office that ALFRED THOMAS BLAKE, EDWARD BENTZ, KIDIE DOLL, alias EDWARD LARUE, and possibly BERNARD PHILLIPS, might be in on the Edward G. Bremer kidnapping case.

Detective Weatherford stated that Blake, who escaped from jail at Winnipeg, Canada, is a running-mate of George Kelly, Albert Bates and Verne Miller; and through a grapevine source in a previous conversation with Kathryn Kelly the names of Blake, Doll, Bates and Phillips were mentioned as planning bank robberies and kidnappings at St. Paul - and if so, the victim would be taken to one of the cottages on the lake (which lake was not known) near St. Paul.

I am attaching hereto fingerprint classification card and description of Alfred Thomas Blake. A photograph cannot be secured at this time; however, efforts are being made and it will be transmitted to your office if secured.

Detective Weatherford, through his under-world connections, has learned that the men named in this letter have formed a new gang since the breakup of the old gang headed by Frank Nash. Special Agent in Charge Blake will be able to give you any information required relative to the value of the information submitted by Weatherford.

Very truly yours,

D.L. McCormack, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Air mail.

801 Title Guaranty Bldg.
Saint Louis, Missouri
January 21, 1934



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
803 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

In Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
Edward G. Bremer, Victim,
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Upon receipt of your telegram dated January 20, 1934, concerning the ownership of Missouri 1933 license No. 29365, believed issued to Chester L. Byron, Route 3, Rada, Jasper County, Missouri, for model 7 Ford Sedan, please be advised in confirmation of my wire dated January 20, 1934 to you that the Kansas City Division Office ascertained that the above noted license plates were issued to Rose Brueggemann, 3819a Hartford Street, St. Louis, Missouri, on February 13, 1933, for an Oldsmobile Sedan, motor No. E-6013.

Special Agent E. L. Dameron, of this office, on the evening of January 20, 1934, ascertained from the Auto Theft Bureau of the Metropolitan Police Department at St. Louis, Missouri that the license referred to above had been issued to the individual noted.

The current city directory verified the address of Mrs. Rose Brueggemann at 3819a Hartford Street, St. Louis, Missouri, it being further developed that the first floor at this address is occupied by one John D. Edwards, a city employee.

Inquiry of the desk sergeant and detectives of the Seventh District Police Station at 2800 South Grand Blvd., St. Louis, by Special Agent Dameron, was without results as to the identity of the Brueggemann family.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Edwards, 3819 Hartford Street, advised Agent Dameron that Mrs. Rose Brueggemann is their landlady; that she is a widow and the mother of one daughter; that she has a good reputation and has been under a doctor's care for several weeks, and therefore confined to her home; however, that Mrs. Brueggemann is the owner of a 1929 model Oldsmobile Sedan, and has taken no recent trips in this car.

Mrs. Brueggemann was then interviewed by Agent Dameron, and permitted an examination of her automobile, which disclosed that 1933 Missouri license No. 29365 was attached to both the front and rear license plate holders of the car. She verified the information provided

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by Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, and stated that the automobile and license plates had been in her possession continuously from the date the license plates were issued to her, and that she had never driven to Minnesota in this car.

Reference is also made to the letter emanating from the St. Paul Office under date of January 28, 1934, in the instant case, requesting an examination of any written documents of subjects at large, particularly such who might be involved with any notorious gang or in kidnaping cases, and that these written instruments be examined for incorrect spelling and for the guidance of this office attention was called to numerous misspelled words which apparently appeared in the ransom notes received by members of the Bremer family.

An examination of all kidnaping and extortion cases in this office was made, and all ransom notes or other communications involved therein were examined closely for misspelled words similar to those set forth in the reference letter, without affirmative results.

Very truly yours,

F. F. YARLESLEY, Acting,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Kansas City
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St. Paul, Minnesota
January 31, 1934.

R. E. Vetterli
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
318 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California

DECODE

RE BREMER CASE ST. PAUL POLICE ADVISE MRS S S MITCHELL REPORTED TO SAN FRANCISCO POLICE YESTERDAY SHE ADDRESSED LETTER FOR STRANGER TO ADOLPH BREMER CONTACT POLICE AND MRS MITCHELL AND INVESTIGATE IF IMPORTANT WIRE SUMMARY

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Off. Bus. Govt. Rate Collect
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD G BREMER VICTIM KIDNAPING STOP ARTHUR PEDERSON EMPLOYED
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St. Paul, Minnesota
January 30, 1934.

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Mr. Larson,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

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St. Louis, Mo., January 31, 1934

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WERNER HANKE
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
803 POST OFFICE BUILDING
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE WIRE QUOTE BREMER CASE MRS RITCHIE LEFT HOTEL UNABLE LOCATE
HER YET CLAIMS UNKNOWN MAN HAD HER ADDRESS LETTER TO ST PAUL PER YOUR WIRE YESTERDAY
CLAIMING MAN STATED HE WAS ILLITERATE DESCRIBED ABOUT FORTY YEARS SIX FEET TALL
HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS MEDIUM DARK WITH FOREIGN ACCENT EITHER FRENCH OR ITALIAN
STOP APPEARS EITHER PUBLICITY STUNT OR WORK OF CRANK PLACE NO CREDENCE IN MATTER
BUT WILL SECURE FULL DETAILS FROM RITCHIE AND WILL WIRE LATER IF IMPORTANT SIGNED
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SUITE L - FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
JANUARY 31, 1934.



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

This will confirm telegram from this office dated January 29, 1934 relative to 1933 Missouri license plates 29-345, which you indicated in your wire to St. Louis on January 29th as having possibly been issued to Chester L. Byron, Route 3, Reeds, Jasper County, Missouri for model "T" Ford Sedan.

Through telephonic communication with the Secretary of State's Office, Jefferson City, Missouri, Special Agent W. F. Trainor was advised that 1933 Missouri license plates 29-345 for a passenger car had been issued February 15, 1933 to Rose Brueggemann, 3819 "A" Hartford Street, St. Louis, Missouri on an Oldsmobile Sedan, motor number E-8013. The truck license of that number was issued to C. E. Malan, of St. Joseph, Missouri on a Ford truck bearing motor number A-1391115. Agent Trainor was advised that there was no record of any license having been issued to Chester L. Byron (note spelling of surname; same as St. Louis wire) Reeds, Jasper County, Missouri.

Special Agent H. D. Bray located Chester L. Bryon (not Byron) who now resides at Route 1, Sarexie, Missouri, and is employed with the Carthage Bed Springs Company, Carthage, Missouri. Mr. Bryon, who has a good reputation in the communities where he resides and where he is employed, advised that 1933 Missouri license plates 29-3454 have been issued to him on his model "T" Ford bearing motor number 14389236. Mr. Bryon still has these license plates in his possession on the above mentioned car. Agent Bray also learned during his investigation that Mr. Bryon had not been away from the community, where he presently resides and works, recently.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Division
St. Louis

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P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

January 31, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O.Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

In the above matter, I return to you herewith two letters written by VOLNEY DAVIS and copy of parole report of DOCK BARKER, which were obtained by Special Agent J.F. Perkins from the warden of the State Penitentiary at McAllister, Oklahoma, these having served their purpose here. They are being transmitted to you for forwarding to the warden at McAllister, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM H. HARRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

January 20, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
826 Post Office Bldg.,
New Orleans, La.

RE: Unknown Subjects.
Edward G. Bremer - Victim.
KIDNAPPING.

Dear Sir:-

The St. Paul Division office has requested this office to locate one PAULA HARMON, who formerly resided in Beaumont, Texas. Our investigation at Beaumont indicates that Paula Harmon left there in May or June, 1933 for Chicago. In June or July, 1932 she married one DOYLE BENTON at Lake Charles, La.; her first husband was DENNIS WOOD. Since her last marriage she has lived with Dennis Wood and THEO RILEY. The purpose of her trip to Chicago was to have an operation on her nose, which was disfigured in an automobile accident in Louisiana sometime in 1931. She has not been heard from in Beaumont since her departure in May or June, 1933. Mr. Hardin, an attorney with the firm of Pugio, Bell & Hardin, Lake Charles, La., represented Paula Harmon in a suit against a surety company in connection with her accident. It is believed that possibly information might be obtained from Mr. Hardin which would reveal the present whereabouts of Paula Harmon.

It was further learned that Paula Harmon's face was so disfigured in the automobile accident that she could not be now recognized; however, photographs were taken for her attorneys in Lake Charles, La., and if possible one should be secured showing her present appearance. The St. Paul office desires especially to ascertain Paula Harmon's whereabouts on 1/17/34, and it is requested that your investigation be expedited - furnishing such information as is obtained direct to the St. Paul office.

DESCRIPTION

Name	Paula Harmon
Age	32 yrs.
Ht.	5 ft. 2 in.
Wt.	90 lbs.
Hair	Auburn; bobbed
Scar	Across bridge of nose
Cheek bones	sunken

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Very truly yours,

D.L. McCormack, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

DLM:LMT
cc Division
St. Paul-2
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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

January 20, 1934



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Bldg.,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: Unknown Subjects.
Edward G. Bremer - Victim.
KIDNAPPING.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to letter from this office dated
January 29, 1933 concerning ALFRED THOMAS BLAKE:

I am transmitting herewith 3 photographs of Blake,
secured from the Dallas Police Department.

Very truly yours,

D.L. McCormack, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

DLM:LMT
cc Division
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St. Paul, Minnesota, Pa
January 31, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANKE:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. 7-20

CHARLES H. LEIB, giving address of 1204 Harmon Place, Minneapolis, Minnesota, telephone Main 0971, called at this office on January 31, 1934, stating that it may be well in this case to bear in mind certain parties who were reputed to be payroll bandits. MR. LEIB had little information concerning these parties but claimed that what he knew had been obtained from a waitress in a restaurant at 821 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, who had overheard them talking. One of these parties is named MICKIE McGUIRE, a Jew about 22 years of age, dark complexioned and well dressed. He is accompanied by a party known as "AL", 23 to 25 years of age, and another party known as CHESTER has been associating with them. CHESTER and "AL" are reported to have made some trips to Chicago and were overheard to say by the above referred to waitress that there was not anything good around the Twin Cities at this time.

Very truly yours,

R. T. NOONAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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EPC:ON February 3, 1934.

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WILLIAM LARSON
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
625 LAFAYETTE BUILDING
DETROIT MICHIGAN

EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION LOCATION ORIGINAL GETAWAY CHARTS ROBBERY FIRST
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Edward J. ...

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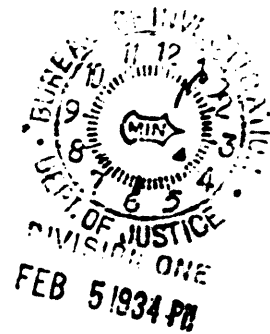


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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
February 2
1934



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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GO BREMER - VICTIM
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In compliance with telephonic request from the Chicago Division Office, I communicated with Lieutenant Van Loomis in charge of the Detective Division of the Michigan State Police at East Lansing, for the purpose of securing the original log used by the individuals who robbed the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan, on September 29, 1932, which log gave directions of the roads to follow and was found in the abandoned automobile following the robbery.

Lieutenant Loomis who is very familiar with this matter informed me that as far as he knew the State Police had never been in possession of the original log which was typewritten, and also he did not know of any carbon copies of same. He stated that his office did have several photostatic copies, and that one had been forwarded to the Division in compliance with the request of Special Agent Metcalfe of the Chicago Office on January 28, 1934.

Lieutenant Loomis stated that he was of the opinion that the Burns Detective Agency in Chicago, who was interested in this case perhaps would be in possession of the original log. He was informed however that this organization had been contacted by our office at Chicago and it was their thought that the original was in the possession of the State Police.

Lieutenant Loomis made several inquiries throughout his organization regarding this particular matter and later again notified me that he was unable to secure any information as to the possible whereabouts of the original log.

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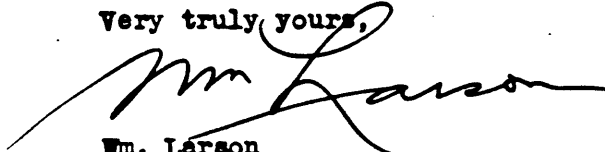
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In connection with the above reference is also made to communication from the Chicago office dated January 31, 1934, in which it is noted that Assistant Director John Edwards had communicated with that office regarding the log in question.

Very truly yours,



Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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St. Paul

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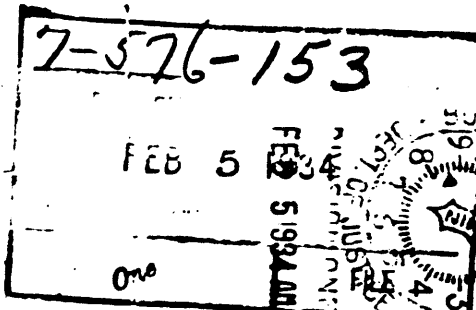
BREMER FAMILY ISSUING APPEAL TO KIDNAPERS THROUGH PRESS AT
THREE FIFTEEN TODAY=.

MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. CLEGG
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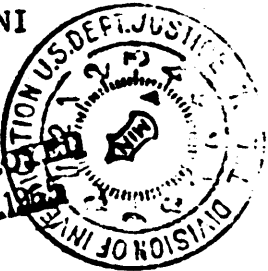
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BREMER KIDNAPING TWO PARCELS ONE SPECIAL DELIVERY MAIL THE
OTHER EXPRESS FORWARDED TO DIVISION TODAY EXPRESS PARCEL
CONTAINING THE FLUID USED TO WASH BLOOD STAINS
MAIL PARCEL CONTAINING CAR SEAT STILL BEARING TRACES OF BLOOD ON CUSHION
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MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
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MR. QUINN
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MR. RORER

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Edward J. Bremer

Dr. C. L. Evens

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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Jan 31 '34

J. Edgar Hoover

Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

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Dear Sir:

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My theory of the disappearance of St Paul is premeditated murder by some one who, has suffered, a loss through the Bank or personal dealings with Bremer. I think a clue could be got through such channel as his books or dealings through the Bank. The party being known to Bremer knew his habits & asked or was invited to a ride in Bremer's car. He was ordered to drive his car - some place unknown & informed he was kidnapped. The note was written & signed by Bremer. Then he was killed, his car was driven back to where it was found. The note said his Father & that the murderer established an alibi hard to penetrate. & everything taken for granted after the publicity that was given the Hamm case. This is my deduction as I cannot weave the kidnap angle into the actions & supposed contacts the papers have made public. Hoping I can be some help in solving this case.

Very Truly Yours
C. L. Evens

Attn: Sec St Paul
2/7/34 JPC

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Dr. C. L. Evans,
World Optical Company,
Walker Bank Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

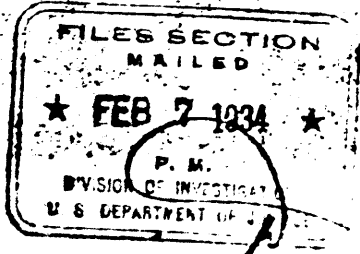
Dear Dr. Evans:

Kindly be advised that your letter of January 31, 1934, concerning the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer, has been referred to Mr. Werner Hanni, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 203 Post Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, for appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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February 7, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 615,
St. Paul, Minn. 55101.

Dear Sir:

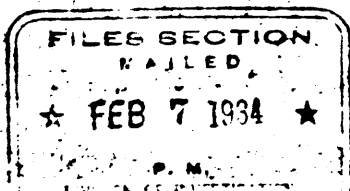
Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN
SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter
dated January 31, 1934, from Dr. C. L. Evans, of Salt Lake
City, Utah, concerning the above entitled matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 681435.



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PRESIDENT

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J. H. PURVIS
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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EDWARD G BREMER KIDNAPING FOLLOWING WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

RECEIVED QUOTE SEARCH HOUSE NUMBER THREE EIGHT FIVE SOUTH

WEST WARD EIGHT KENOSHA WIS FOR KIDNAPPED EDWARD G BREMER

NO BETTER ADDRESS KNOWN SIGNED HENRY BOER UNQUOTE HANDLE

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