

The records of the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company in St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota, were searched with a view to compiling a list of telephones which were discontinued during the middle part of February, 1934. Special Agent E. N. Notesteen checked the records in St. Paul, and the records in Minneapolis were checked by Special Agents R. B. Donaldson and W. E. Marshall. Upon completing the check, the names were then checked against the 1933 and 1932 City Directories for each city and also the old and the new telephone books. In the file of the St. Paul office is a list of names which could not be found in the directories above mentioned and regarding which some further check at some future time may be desired.

St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREKID.
St. Paul file 7-30.

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With reference to the telephone call from the Division to the effect that [redacted] had furnished information to the Division to the effect that JAMES "SPEED" WILLIAMS alias JACK WILBUR, 31 years of age, 6 feet, 185 pounds, light curly hair, light complexion, blue eyes, scar over right eye, aviator, had resided at the St. Paul Hotel, as had the informant [redacted] up to and including January 17, 1934, please be advised that with MR. J. E. BARRY, Assistant Manager, all the records of the hotel company were checked and no record was found of JAMES "SPEED" WILLIAMS or JACK WILBUR or [redacted] being in the hotel during the year 1934.

MR. BARRY had no personal recollection of either.

C. G. HALL,
Special Agent.

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3 - Division
9 - St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 19, 1934.

Memorandum to Inspector Rorer:

Re: BREKID
St. P. 7-30

Acting on telephonic instructions from Inspector Rorer, this Agent proceeded to Omaha, Nebraska, on 2-8-34 and contacted HARRY COOPER, Operative in Charge, United States Secret Service, Post Office Building. Inspector Rorer had, previously, informed Agent that MR. COOPER had informed the Kansas City Office that he had information which he desired to give only to an Agent who was familiar with the facts in the case, *and from St. Paul.*

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HARRY COOPER was contacted during the evening of 2-8-34 at which time he stated that he possessed no information but had been advised by [redacted] a personal friend of his, that he had information as to the identity of the persons who kidnaped BREMER. MR. COOPER communicated with [redacted] and shortly thereafter we met [redacted] at his office. [redacted] started by stating that he did not want his identity known under any circumstances and for that reason was prompted not to communicate with the local Agent at Kansas City inasmuch as he was afraid that it might become known that he was interested in the case. He stated that if this information was of value that he and [redacted] had jointly secured same and he desired some credit for [redacted]. However, he, personally, was out of politics and did not care to have his name mentioned. During the interview with [redacted] it became apparent that the reason he wanted to talk with persons who possessed facts regarding the case was that he desired to know what the facts were before disclosing his information. He was interviewed for approximately four hours but disclosed very little information. However, on being contacted the following morning, at which time [redacted] was present, he stated that he and [redacted] had received information from an underworld character, whose name they did not disclose and would not disclose under any circumstances, that ELMER BLOCK, Omaha Police #18528 and TONY CURCIO, Omaha Police #18527, were two of the persons who actually kidnaped BREMER and that it was their information that he had been held at Emerson, Nebraska. In this connection, the St. Paul Division Office previously had knowledge of these individuals for whom a warrant was issued at Mason City, Iowa, in December, 1933, charging them with impersonation. However, the person referred to by [redacted] as BLOCK, is referred to in our file as ELMER BLACK, which is his correct name. However, [redacted] claimed that he was photographed and fingerprinted under the name of BLOCK. He further advised that it was his

information that some of the money in question was being passed out in Sioux City, Iowa; that the bankers there were none too reliable and it might not be advisable to contact them; that the money in all probability was being spent at Night Clubs and similar places and, in that event, it would hardly reach the bank as persons of this character do not have banking connections as a rule. HARRY COOPER, who was present, stated that the banking conditions in Sioux City were "lousy" and if the officials who, of course, are honest were contacted the information might get back to the underworld through employees of the banks there.

In company with Special Agent J.L. Flood of the Kansas City Division Office, who is stationed at Omaha, Nebraska, Agent proceeded to Emerson, Nebr., during the night of 2-9-34 and contacted L.C. McINTOFFER, postmaster. He stated that he had been postmaster there for several years and had been a resident of EMERSON for a number of years. He further advised that there are no church bells in, or near, Emerson that ring on Saturday; that no siren sounds in the morning and that there is no factory in, or near, Emerson and in the past two weeks there has not been a bakery in the city of Emerson. He further advised that there was no restaurant where Chinese food might be purchased. As a point of information, there are no paved roads in the vicinity of Emerson and the roads are exceedingly rough and it requires approximately one hour to drive to Sioux City, Iowa, which is a distance of approximately thirty miles. This town has possibly 1,000 inhabitants and, according to Mr. McINTOFFER, he is acquainted with each one of the citizens and that no strangers have been observed around town by him since Christmas, 1933.

A letter was addressed to the St. Paul Division Office by Jesse Hummel, care of Hummel Auto Shed, 514 North 14th Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Hummel advised, in substance, that he had some information regarding criminals which might be beneficial to this office and asked that an interview be granted him.

Special Agent Flood advised that Hummel continuously writes letters to the Kansas City Office and to officers in the vicinity of Omaha, Nebraska, as well as over into the State of Iowa, giving similar information and that he has never had any information of value [redacted]. In view of this situation, Inspector Rorer instructed that Hummel not be interviewed.

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From Special Agent Flood, it was further determined that [REDACTED] that his reputation in [REDACTED] is very bad and that [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

It was further determined from Agent Flood that [REDACTED] has the reputation of never giving any information and, in all probability, that his interest in this matter is a personal one rather than to assist the Government. In view of this fact, it is deemed inappropriate to again contact [REDACTED]. This Agent did, however, leave a note for [REDACTED] stating that it was necessary for him to leave the city and that he should communicate with Special Agent Flood regarding any information that he receives, which he thinks may be of value, or, if he did not see fit to do that, he was at liberty to call Inspector Rorer by telephone. Owing to the actions of [REDACTED], it is the opinion of this Agent that under no circumstances should he be contacted again as it is not believed that he possesses any information of value and in the event contact is made he will undoubtedly try to use same to his own personal benefit.

Mr. G. H. HOEBS, Special Agent, Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railway, Omaha, Nebraska, was contacted with reference to the letter submitted to the Chief Special Agent at Chicago, Illinois, copy of which was ultimately transmitted to Special Agent in Charge Purvis, and furnished the Kansas City Office as well as the St. Paul Division Office. This memorandum was in reference to JOE and FRANK BANGARNIO, who had resided, in the past, at Glenwood, Iowa, and whose actions were such as to throw suspicion on them in that vicinity.

MR. HOEBS stated that this matter came to his attention through Deputy Sheriff Cooney of Glenwood. He stated Glenwood is approximately twenty miles south of Council Bluffs, Iowa; that the population of the city is approximately 4,000. He stated in the Spring of 1933 possibly June, the two Italians, above referred to, came to Glenwood and contacted the Mayor, at which time they had a recommendation from someone from Council Bluffs; at that time they were driving a Lincoln Sedan and an Oldsmobile Sedan, both cars bearing license issued to the cars at Englewood, New Jersey; the numbers apparently were never recorded and this Agent was unable to secure the license numbers of the cars. MR. HOEBS accompanied Agent to Glenwood, Iowa, where Deputy Sheriff Cooney was contacted and he related the following story. He stated that, after contacting the Mayor, they located a house which they liked and through the Mayor they purchased the house for a consideration of \$4,000.00.

He stated that JOE BANGARNIO apparently was the purchaser and that he paid down the sum of \$2,000.00 in cash at that time; that he later spent \$1800.00 having the house repaired and made more modern and that he purchased approximately \$2800.00 worth of furniture at some furniture store in Omaha, Nebraska, which was joined by two women who were posed as wives of these men. He stated that the women returned for a few days thereafter and shortly after that FRANK left. He stated that JOE continued to reside there and drive the Lincoln automobile but finally the Lincoln disappeared and he stated that the car was too big and that he had sold it in Omaha. It should be noted that, when FRANK left, he took the Oldsmobile with him which apparently was his car. Thereafter, JOE appeared in a 1931 model, black De Luxe Sedan which he has since been driving; that he does not have a bank account and does not associate with the people about Glenwood, to any extent; however, he does associate with one, ARDEN SHUTES, who resides at the town of Pacific Junction. SHUTES' reputation is not good, however, he does not have a past criminal record. On 2-7-34, JOE BANGARNIO sold the house in question to OTTO JUDKINS, the present county treasurer, for a consideration of \$5,000.00, which consideration included furnishings. Since that time, he has been residing over a store on the north side of the town square. He disappears for a day or two at a time and returns without giving any account of his whereabouts and no one knows where he goes on these occasions. Mr. COONEY further advised that MR. JUDKINS, while working around the house, put on a pair of overalls which JOE owned and in one of the pockets he found the letter, apparently written to JOE by his wife, which did not bear a return address. The substance of this letter was requesting JOE to return home as "they were not looking for him". The letter was postmarked Wall Street Station, New York, New York. However, when MR. JUDKINS was contacted on that date by Mr. COONEY, in an effort to secure the letter, MR. JUDKINS declined to submit same but did submit it for MR. COONEY'S inspection and it was found that the letter was postmarked at the Wall Street Station, New York, New York. It appears that JOE BANGARNIO'S reason for remaining in Glenwood, at this time, is that the JUDKINS shortly expect to inherit some money with which to pay the purchase price of the house and that he is merely waiting until he receives the money. On the occasion, in question, the car as well as JOE BANGARNIO was absent from Glenwood. This car can be observed from the sheriff's office when it is parked in front of BANGARNIO'S room. With reference to the house in question, MR. COONEY, who is familiar with same, stated that it is located in the north end of town and that the basement has but two rooms; that there is no bathroom in the basement; that the walls are not papered and that there is no stove in the basement. He stated that the house is heated by gas and that the ground floor is divided into a living room and parlor, as one big room; the kitchen and dining room; and upstairs are four bedrooms; that the house is built of wood and is in excellent condition and that there is no variance in the floor levels. No siren sounds in Glenwood in the morning and the only whistle known to blow is the heating plant whistle.

which is some distance from the main part of town. There are no church bells in Glenwood that ring on Saturday afternoon and little or no switching of railroad engines at any time. However, approximately four miles away, at Pacific Junction, there is some switching but not enough to be noticed.

MR. COONEY, who knows JOE and FRANK BANGARNIO by sight, described them as follows:

Name:	JOE BANGARNIO
Age:	30 to 35 years
Height:	6 feet
Weight:	225 pounds
Build:	Medium
Complexion:	Dark
Hair:	Black
Peculiarities:	Italian accent
Features:	Course
Peculiarities:	Flashy dresser.

Name:	FRANK BANGARNIO
Age:	30 years
Height:	5'7"
Weight:	170 pounds
Build:	Medium
Complexion:	Dark
Hair:	Black
Peculiarities:	Italian accent; flashy dresser.

Inasmuch as FRANK BANGARNIO has not appeared in Glenwood for the past six or eight months, it is the opinion of MR. COONEY that he is in some other section of the country and inasmuch as JOE BANGARNIO spends most of his time there it is not believed by MR. COONEY that he is connected with any business enterprise elsewhere. It is noted that the descriptions of JOE and FRANK, as reflected above, vary considerably from the descriptions of JOE and FRANK furnished by the Kansas City informant and referred to in various reports from the Kansas City Office.

Respectfully submitted,

R.C. COULTER, Special Agent.

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The following memorandum submitted by Special Agent R. L. Hallis relates to information received by this office to the effect that on January 18th, early in the morning, a man behaved very mysteriously at Faribault, Minnesota, and made telephone calls to Minneapolis and St. Paul from the Faribault Hotel pay station. This person had shortly before, evidently, been pursued by persons with fire arms.

St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREKID.
St. Paul file 7-30.

Pursuant to the request of Inspector Rorer, a check was made of all long distance telephone calls made from the paystation located in the Faribault Hotel, Faribault, Minnesota, on the dates of January 17 and 18, 1934, the telephone number being Faribault 1990:

<u>To</u>	<u>Phone number</u>	<u>Date</u>
Albert Lea	2331, Albert Hotel	1-17-34
Red Wing	99, Humbert	1-17-34
Minneapolis	Main 0561	1-18-34, 2:42 a.m.
Minneapolis	Main 0561	1-18-34, 8:37 p.m.
Northfield	86, Campbell Ser. Sta.	1-18-34
Northfield	36, Post Office	1-18-34
Owatonna	6134, George's Cafe	1-18-34
St. Paul	La 4300	1-18-34, 2:52 a.m.

LaSalle 4300, St. Paul, Minnesota, is listed to John Schumann, 100 Ninth Avenue South, South St. Paul, Minnesota.

Main 0561, Minneapolis, is listed to Frances Drake Hotel, Tenth Street and Fifth Avenue South, Minneapolis.

On March 13, 1934, I called at 100 Ninth Avenue South, South St. Paul, Minnesota, for the purpose of interviewing JOHN SCHUMANN, but found no one at home. A neighbor informed me that MR. SCHUMANN could probably be located at the Priebe Garage, 209 North Concord Avenue, South St. Paul.

I contacted MR. SCHUMANN at this place and he disclaimed any knowledge of having received any telephone call from Faribault, Minnesota, on the evening of January 18, 1934. I inquired of him whether he thought that perhaps his wife could recall the telephone call, and he informed me that she was out of the city and would not return until Saturday, March 17th. On this date, I again contacted MR. SCHUMANN and he informed me that his wife was still absent from the city.

On March 21st, I again interviewed him at Priebe's Garage, at which time he told me that he had discussed the matter with his wife and she reminded him of the fact that some person had called him on the night of January 18th and requested him to tow him in from some point south, but he could not recall just where this message had come from.

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but would certainly like to have a true story from him. MR. SCHUMANN then stated that he had been withholding information [REDACTED]

He then informed me that he has two brothers, "SWEDE" SCHUMANN and WILBERT SCHUMANN, both of whom reside in South St. Paul and who were formerly employed by some man in Minneapolis [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that his brother WILBERT was beaten up and taken to Minneapolis where he was released, but his brother "SWEDE" managed to escape from the gangsters and got to Faribault, from which place he made the telephone call and requested him, JOHN SCHUMANN, to come to get him.

[REDACTED] He further stated that at the present time, his brother "SWEDE" and WILBERT are employed as truck drivers at the Truckers Terminal, South St. Paul, Minnesota, and that another brother, GEORGIE, is an auto mechanic at the same place.

I called at the Truckers Terminal for the purpose of interviewing "SWEDE" SCHUMANN but was informed that both "SWEDE" and WILBERT were out of town, having gone to some point in North Dakota and the exact date of their return was not known.

JOHN SCHUMANN also informed the writer that while TRUMAN ALCORN was Chief of Police at South St. Paul, he (JOHN SCHUMANN) received quite a few favors from the Police Department and did most of the towing service for them. It may be well to note that TRUMAN ALCORN was ousted as Chief of Police in South St. Paul, and the connection of SCHUMANN with ALCORN may prove of some significance at a later date.

R. L. NALLS,
Special Agent.

RLN:HVS
3 - Division
9 - St. Paul

The following memorandum submitted by Special Agent R. L. Nalls relates to information received from a paid informer of this office to the effect that the members of the St. Paul and Minneapolis underworld were using a pay station located at Jack's Smoke Shop, 311 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Special Agent Nalls secured the toll records of this telephone:

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 16, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO INSPECTOR ROBER:

Re: BREKID
St. P. 7-30

Pursuant to your request, I have made a check of long distance calls made from pay stations located at Jack's Smoke Shop, 311 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The telephone numbers are Main 9105 and Main 9180 and calls are listed below:

MAIN 9180

<u>Date</u>	<u>Party calling</u>	<u>Station & No. Called</u>	<u>Party Called</u>
12-18-33	Jack Boyles	Chicago - Belmont 9316	
12-19	"	Stillwater 200	
12-26	"	St. Paul - Ce 6778	
12-26	"	Ga 1023 - St. Paul	
12-27	"	St. Paul - Ga 3866	
12-28	"	" Ce 6778	
12-29	"	" Ce 9901	
12-29	"	" Da 4726	
12-30	"	" Ga 1023	
12-31	"	" Ga 1023	
2-1-34	Jack Boyles	Milwaukee Broadway 4850	Louie Simon Sporting Club
12-31	"	Chicago Seeley 2088	
12-20	"	St. Paul Ce 6778	
12-20	"	" Ga 1023	
12-21	"	" Ga 3866	
12-21	"	" Ce 6778	
12-22	"	" Ga 3866	
12-22	"	" Ce 6778	
1-2-34	"	" Da 2015	
1-3	"	" Ga 1023	
1-3	"	" Ce 6778	
1-4	"	" Ce 6778	
1-5	"	" Ga 1009	
1-5	"	" Ga 1023	
1-5	"	" Da 2015	
1-5	"	" Ce 6778	
1-3	"	Winona 2965	L. Cable

<u>Date</u>	<u>Party Calling</u>	<u>Station & No. Called</u>	<u>Party Called</u>
1-5	---	St. Paul - Da 8122	---
1-5	---	" Ce 6778	---
1-6	---	" Ce 9901	---
1-6	---	" Ce 4100	---
1-6	---	" Ce 2720	---
1-6	---	" Ce 6778	---
1-9	---	" Ga 1023	---
1-9-34	---	" Ce 6778	---
1-9	---	" Ce 6778	---
1-11	---	" Ga 3866	---
1-15	---	" Ga 3866	---
1-15	---	" Ga 1023	---
1-15	---	" Ce 9901	---
1-19	---	" Ga 1023	---
1-22	---	" Ga 1023	---
1-23	---	" Ga 1724	---
1-14	---	Chicago - Wabash 7000	---
1-18	---	Chicago - Wellington 0546	---
1-20	---	Rochester, Minn. 2305	Wonell Hosp.
1-21	---	Chicago - Wabash 7000	---
1-22	---	Duluth - Me 5874	---
1-24	---	Chicago - Crawford 5900	---
1-27	---	Milwaukee - Manhattan Club Marquette 3082	---
1-28	---	St. Paul - El 0988	---
1-25	---	" Ce 5520	---
1-27	---	" Da 1782	---
1-28	---	" Ce 4100	---
1-28	---	" Da 1782	---
1-29-34	---	St. Paul - Ce 1820	---
1-31	---	" Ga 1023	---
2-2	---	" To 5171	---
2-3	---	" Da 1782	---
2-4	---	" Ce 6148	---
2-6	---	" Da 1782	---
2-7	---	" Ce 4000	---
2-15	---	" Ce 3020	---
2-2	---	Cincinnati, Ohio Ma 4660	Fountain Sq. Hotel
2-4 (2 calls)	---	Milwaukee - Marquette 3083	---
2-6	---	St. Paul - Ce 6600	---
2-7	---	Mason City - 102	---
2-11 (2 calls)	---	Milwaukee - Marquette 3083	---
2-11	Jack Boyles	Milwaukee - Broadway 4850	Louie Simon Sporting Club

<u>Date</u>	<u>Party Calling</u>	<u>Station & No. Called</u>	<u>Party Called</u>
1-29	May Victory	From Eleva, Wisconsin - 100	Dickey
		To	
2-17-34	St. Paul	St. Paul - Da 1053	..
2-18	(4 calls)	Milwaukee - Marquette 3083	..
2-19	..	St. Paul - Co 6680	..
2-21	..	St. Paul - Ga 4304	..
2-21-34	..	St. Paul - To 7560	..
2-24	..	" Ga 2252	..
2-24	..	" El 0988	..
2-24	..	Duluth Me 3801	..
2-25	(4 calls)	Milwaukee - Marquette 3083	..
3-4	..	St. Paul - Da 3227	..
3-4	(5 calls)	Milwaukee - Marquette 3083	..
3-4	..	Chicago - Wabash 7000	..
3-5	..	St. Paul - Co 9301	..
3-5	..	" Da 3227	..
3-9	..	" Co 0821	..
3-11	(4 calls)	Milwaukee - Marquette 3083	..

MAIN 9105

12-20-33	..	Rochester - 2381	Ben Levy, Wonell Hosp.
12-20	..	St. Paul - Co 6778	..
12-21	..	" Da 3227	..
12-22	..	" Da 2536	..
12-23	..	" Da 3227	..
12-20	..	Chicago - Seelye 2088	..
12-21	..	" "	..
12-23	..	" "	..
12-25	..	St. Paul - Da 2536	..
12-27	..	" Ga 1023	..
12-28	..	" Ga 3866	..
12-26	..	Chicago - Van Buren 7100	A. J. Bartz, res. Mgr. of Winter Garden
12-27	..	La Crosse - 2460 0	..
12-27	..	Duluth Me 3801	..
12-28	..	Chicago Celic 2088	..
12-29	..	Rochester 2305	Ben Levey
12-31	..	Chicago-Van Buren 7100	..

<u>Date</u>	<u>Party Calling</u>	<u>Station & No. Called</u>	<u>Party Called</u>
1-3-34	..	St. Paul - Ce 6778	..
1-4	..	" El 0988	..
1-6	..	" Ce 9738	..
1-8	..	" Ga 1023	..
1-8-34	..	" Ga 1023	..
1-9-34	..	" Ga 2536	..
1-19	..	" Ce 6778	..
1-11	..	" Ga 1023	..
1-4	..	Rochester 2385	Den Levy
1-5	..	Chicago - Monroe 3842	Western Hening Co.
1-8	..	Rochester 2385	Levy
1-11	..	Duluth Me 3046 W	..
1-22	..	Rochester 2381	Ben Levy Wonell Hosp.
1-27	..	St. Paul Ce 1820	..
1-27	..	" El 0988	..
2-2	..	" Ce 9606	..
2-2	..	" Ce 9028	..
2-2	..	" El 0988	..
2-2	..	" Ce 2125	..
2-2	..	" El 0988	..
2-3	..	" El 0988	..
2-4	..	" El 0988	..
2-5	..	" Da 1782	..
2-8	..	" Ce 3956	..
2-9-34	..	St. Paul El 0988	..
2-10	..	" Ce 5328	..
2-10	..	" To 5171	..
2-11	..	" Ce 4100	..
2-13	..	" Ce 6600	..
2-2	..	" El 0988	..
2-17	..	Chicago Ne 6911	..
2-21	..	St. Paul To 3189	..
2-22	..	Chicago Bit 4385	..
2-24	..	St. Paul Ce 6600	..
2-25	..	" El 0988	..
2-25	..	Milwaukee Marquette 3083	..
2-26	..	St. Paul To 3189	..
2-27	..	" Ce 1028	..
2-27	..	" Ce 0127	..
2-27	..	Rochester 2381	..
3-1-34	..	St. Paul Ce 9901	..
3-5	..	" Ce 4000	..
3-7	..	" Ce 9094	..
3-8	..	Chicago Holl 1672	..
3-13	..	Milwaukee Da 3948	..

<u>Date</u>	<u>Party Calling</u>	<u>Station & No. Called</u>	<u>Party Called</u>
		<u>From</u>	
12-29-33	Miss Gordon	Chicago - Nevada 10142	---
12-31-33	"	" " "	---
1-1-34	"	" " 2164	---
1-3-34	Miss Jordan	" Van Buren 7918	---
1-6-34	Miss Gordon	" Haymarket 9105	---
1-30-34	Miss Gordon	" Van Buren 1606	---
1-17-34	Miss Gordon	" Haymarket 9105	---
		<u>To</u>	
1-28-34	---	Gold Springs #12	Mrs. Nolan
1-28-34	---	Chicago - Wabash 7000	---
1-29-34	---	Milwaukee - Broadway 4850	Manhattan Club
2-2-34	---	Rochester - 3381	Mrs. Simon or Ben Levy - Kehler Hotel.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. Nalls, Special Agent.

RLN:TC

St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREKID.
St. Paul file 7-50.

With reference to the location of the source of Shell signs used by the kidnapers on the pay-off car, the following investigation was made by this agent, together with Special Agent R. T. Noonan, in the neighborhood of the liquor store operated by ISADOR BLUMENFELD (KID CAN) on "Automobile Row", upper Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis.

The following garages, tin shops, machine shops, paint stores, and sheet metal works were visited:

East Side Garage, 118 Fifth Street, Southeast, Minneapolis. Investigation at this garage developed, after examination of the premises, that no copper or sheet metal of any kind was in the establishment. Employees contacted stated that no painting had ever been done at this garage. This establishment was visited particularly because of the fact that for some years past, it has had a very unsavory reputation in connection with stolen automobiles.

East Side Machine Shop, 119 Southeast 5th. This shop specializes in sign work, the signs, however, being constructed entirely of galvanized iron and wood. Employees stated that no sign work had ever been done with copper, and no copper of any kind was observed on the premises.

Central Sheet Metal Company, 618 Central Avenue. Employees of this concern advised that no copper work had ever been done except in construction of tanks. Some copper was observed in the premises but was about 14-ounce copper, and employees stated that no sign work had ever been done by this sheet metal company and that no copper larger than 14-ounce had ever been used in any of their construction work.

Seely Metal Shop, 984 East Central Avenue. Employees of this concern advised that the Shell signs in question had not been made by this establishment; that no sign painting had ever been done and that the concern confines itself exclusively to work on galvanized iron and similar materials.

At the Economy Pattern Works, 979 Central Avenue, agents were advised by employees that the Economy Pattern Works specializes in patterns on wood and aluminum only and had never done any work on copper nor did they have any facilities for painting.

At the American Pattern Works, 989 Central Avenue, agents noted that this establishment did only lathe work in wood and were also advised by employees that no metal work of any kind or painting had ever been done by this concern.

At Warner Brake Service and Garage, 831 East Hennepin Avenue, agents were advised that no copper work had ever been done and that no sign work or painting was done at this shop.

At the C. H. Carlson Mfg. Company, 15 Northeast Main Street, agents were advised that no patterns or sign work, and no work on copper, had ever been done by this company.

At the Col Sign Shop, 6 Second Street Southeast, agents were advised that this shop did sign work exclusively; that the Shell signs in question had not been painted by this establishment and that bases for signs were always brought in to this concern for finishing; that the Col Sign Shop had no facilities for the construction of signs or making up of copper such as used in the instant case.

At the Standard Garage, 280 Third Street, agents were advised that the signs in question were not made up by this garage but same might possibly have been made by the garage located at 305 Third Street, operated under the name of Legacy & Voss. The Standard Garage was contacted particularly and a complete examination of the building was made because of the fact that this establishment has for several years past enjoyed a doubtful reputation in connection with the hiding of automobiles to prevent repossession by insurance companies.

At Legacy & Voss, 305 Third Street, agents were advised that although this concern does some sign painting, none had ever been done on copper and that the sign work had been confined entirely to lettering and signs for the establishment itself; that no signs had ever been made for customers at the garage. Examination of the premises indicated that although the Shell signs might have been constructed by this establishment, there was no copper or sheet metal on the premises. MR. LEGACY was contacted and he appeared to be straightforward in his answers and was advised, as were other persons contacted, that the only purpose of this investigation was to determine who had obtained the Shell signs in question and that no criticism would be attached to the persons painting these signs.

Agents' identity or the purpose of the investigation other than as above were not disclosed nor were the names of the suspects mentioned. Generally, in connection with all interviews where inquiries were made by persons interviewed, they were advised that the signs were used by hoodlums in holdups and burglaries.

At the Yale Motor Garage, 322 Fifth Avenue South, agents were advised that no sign work had ever been done by this garage. Examination of the premises substantiated this statement.

At the Fourth Avenue Auto Repair Company, 242 Fourth Avenue, agents were advised that no signs were painted by this concern, and examination of the premises indicated that no equipment was present.

At the Northwestern Machine Tool Company, 247 Third Avenue South, agents were advised that this concern made only dies. Examination of the premises indicated that this concern is a large die making establishment and is engaged in the manufacture of signs such as "No Trespassing", "For Rent", and similar notices. These dies are made up for use on metal and the product is supplied generally to retailers throughout the city. Employees of the tool company stated that no sign such as those used in the instant case was ever constructed by this firm.

At the Third Avenue Garage, 252 Third Avenue, agents, after an examination of the premises, noted that this garage had no facilities for sign work, and employees indicated that the Shell signs in question had not been made up by this concern.

At the Twin Cities Sign & Stencil Company, 308 Third Avenue South, agents were advised that this establishment specializes in general stencil work, the product being constructed of sheet iron, rubber, tin, bronze, and copper. The materials made, however, are all stamped by large stamping machines and are made up in large quantities for retail stores. Employees of this establishment stated that the Shell signs had not been constructed by this firm.

At the Black Hawk Motor Company, 206 Washington Avenue North, agents were advised that no sign work was ever done and that the garage was operated exclusively for automobile storage. Examination of the premises substantiated the above statements.

At the Northwestern Auto Body Company, 215 Washington Avenue, agents were advised that automobiles were painted but that no sign or lettering work was done. Examination of the premises failed to reflect the presence therein of any copper or metals other than sheet iron and galvanized iron.

At the Adams Sign Shop, 1414 Hennepin Avenue, which concern is located in what is known as "Automobile Row", agents were advised that this concern specializes only in sign painting and that at no time had any signs been made on copper.

At the Becker Sign Company, 410 Hennepin Avenue, the same information was developed as appears in connection with the Adams Sign Shop, above.

At Lundeen's Automobile Paint Shop, 1312 Harmon Place, agents were advised that only automobile painting was done by this concern. It may be noted that Lundeen's Shop is one of the largest automobile paint shops in the Twin

Cities. MR. LUNDEEN stated that no sign work or lettering was ever done by his company.

The following investigation was made at Minneapolis, Minnesota, by this agent, together with Special Agent N. E. Marshall:

At the Vent & Canopy Works, tin and sign shop, 2617 Franklin Avenue, agents were advised that no work had ever been done by this concern using copper. Upon examination of the premises, it was noted that construction work then in progress was entirely in connection with the building of galvanized iron display signs for cafes and similar establishments.

At the Northern Sign Company, 1107 Franklin Avenue, agents were advised that the signs in question were not constructed by this concern; that no work had ever been done with copper or brass. Examination of the premises substantiated this statement.

At the Oster Hardware & Tin Shop, 11th Avenue and Franklin, the manager and the employees of the tin shop and hardware store were contacted and they stated that the signs in question had not been prepared by their company; that their work was almost exclusively in tin and that no signs were ever made in the shop.

At the Franklin Garage, 1012 Franklin, agents were advised that no sign work or painting had ever been done.

At the Anton Larson Company, commercial body builders and auto painting, 515 East Lake Street, agents were advised that copper was not used by this concern and that no signs were made up.

At the Rainville-Carlson Company, roofing and sheet metal work, East Lake Street, agents were advised that this concern uses copper in roofing exclusively but at no time has ever made any signs or done any lettering.

At the Nordquist Sign Company, 312 East Lake Street, agents were advised that the signs in question were not made by this establishment; that no signs had ever been made on copper and that the Shell signs in question were undoubtedly the work of a show-card writer rather than a sign painter.

At the Universal Sign Shop, 2525 East Lake Street, agents were advised that no signs on copper had ever been made by this concern.

At the Ira Chapman Sheet Metal Works Company, 3027 East Lake Street, considerable copper of about 14-ounce weight was observed on the premises. This copper was not tin plated, and, according to MR. CHAPMAN, had never been used in sign work but was used in the construction of various types of conduit and roofing specialties. Some signs had been painted by the sheet metal works but MR. CHAPMAN stated positively that the Shell signs in question had not been constructed by his concern.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent W. F. Wood:

Inquiry was made at the following shops:

Eagle Iron Works,
829 Fifth Street South, Minneapolis.

Wexler Co. (commercial printers),
717 Tenth Street, Minneapolis.

Nelson Bros. (garage),
500 South Eleventh Street, Minneapolis.

Wheel Service Co. (repair auto shop),
135 South 11th Street, Minneapolis.

Lundeens Body Works,
1312 Harmon Place, Minneapolis.

United Auto Service,
23 South 13th Street, Minneapolis.

Ellison Service (car painters),
1407 First, South, Minneapolis.

Studebaker Auto Livery,
717 Sixth Avenue South, Minneapolis.

In addition to the above shops, several garages were visited, which names are not given as no tin work or painting of any kind was performed at these places.

It was learned that automobile painters have a union which covers both St. Paul and Minneapolis; that one FRANK GIBBONS is Secretary of this union known as the Minnesota Vehicle Body Manufacturers Association.

MR. GIBBONS, residence 1433 West 33rd Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, upon interview stated that the next meeting of the union was on March 15th and agreed to make inquiry at the meeting to determine whether any of the members recalled making or painting two Shell signs during the months of January and February, 1934. On 2-16-34, MR. GIBBONS called the St. Paul office and advised that he did make such inquiry at the meeting but all were certain that they had not made or painted any Shell signs.

One of the original Shell signs was exhibited to a sign writer and he advised that the character of the work would indicate that the same was done by a sign printer rather than an amateur.

W. F. BENNETT, a representative of the Twin City Sign & Pictorial Painters, residence 3209 Logan Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota, telephone Hyland 8608, advised that practically all of the sign printers in St. Paul and Minneapolis belong to the above union which consists of about 220 members and that each meeting is usually attended by at least 80 or 90 members; that the next meeting of the union is March 26th and MR. BENNETT invited one of the agents to be present at the meeting and he would request information as to who painted the above mentioned Shell signs. MR. BENNETT explained that a sign painter in addition to being able to recognize instantly his own work, would be able to identify readily printing of several other painters whose work he might have come in contact with.

MR. BENNETT advised that an agent would probably be present at the next meeting with the original Shell signs, in accordance with his suggestion.

MR. BENNETT advised that the meetings are held at 3402 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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E. N. NOTESTEEN,
Special Agent.

St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREKID.
St. Paul file 7-30.

Inquiry was made of the operators of the following Shell Oil Company stations at Minneapolis, Minnesota, to whom pictures of VOLNEY DAVIS, FRED BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, ARTHUR R. BARKER, and HARRY CAMPBELL were exhibited for the purpose of determining whether or not these individuals had purchased gasoline or had automobiles serviced at these stations. The operators of the stations were unable to identify any of the individuals as anyone known to them or who had purchased gasoline at their station:

1928 Portland Avenue
3252 Lyndale Avenue South
2628 East Franklin Avenue
46th and 46th
1600 Third Avenue South
4220 North Lyndale
101 East 26th Street
2301 Dupont Avenue South
5452 South Lyndale
800 Third Avenue South
Superior and Aldrich
1379 La Salle
3124 West Lake Street
4701 Nicollet Avenue
3756 South Grand Avenue
1851 Central Avenue
2458 Hennepin Avenue
Lowry and North Bryant
4750 Hiawatha
1400 First Avenue South
7th and Lyndale Avenue North
4500 East Lake Street
3744 Fifteenth Avenue South

At St. Paul, Minnesota, inquiries were made of the operators of the following stations, with negative results:

665 West 7th Street
820 East 7th Street
228 Concord, South St. Paul
214 West Kellogg
966 Arcade Street
775 Hastings Avenue.

Special Agent W. F. Wood contacted the following stations at St. Paul, with negative results:

W. E. Simpson,
79 West 7th Street.

Geo. Simeseck,
1042 Grand Avenue

G. W. Drewry,
1723 Selby Avenue

246 Snelling Avenue South,
John Lynch and Steve Stock.

390 Pleasant Avenue,
James Harvey and Wm. Harvey

286 Rice Street,
Ed Baltoger and H. Hagenah

1624 Rice Street,
B. J. Byers and M. E. Frerek

W. I. Lange,
314 East 6th Street.

D. L. NICHOLSON,
Special Agent.

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March 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY

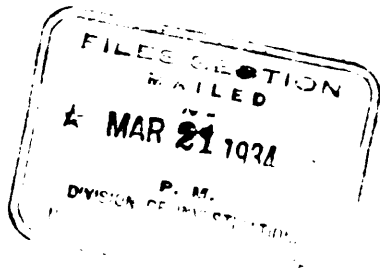
For your information, I am transmitting herewith a copy of a confidential memorandum forwarded to the Attorney General today, indicating the identification of Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis as the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, together with their photographs and the photographs of certain known associates.

Very truly yours,

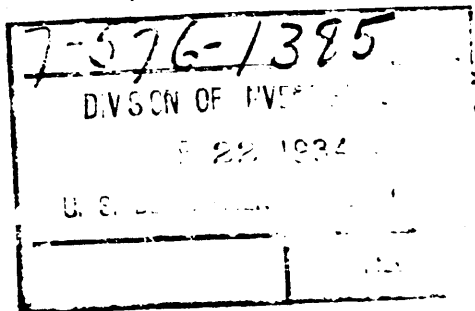
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Continued efforts being made in the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois to locate the hideout house in which Bremer was held.

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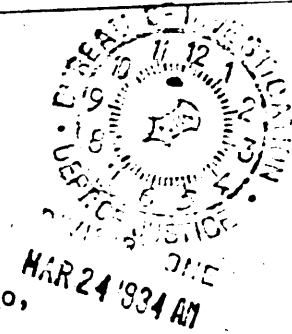
Continued efforts are being made by several agents attached to the Chicago office, in the vicinity of Chicago, in Illinois and Indiana, in an effort to locate the hideout house in which Bremer was held.

The information secured is being set out in memorandum form and incorporated into this report.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent V. W. Peterson on March 16, 1934, for the purpose of attempting to locate the hideout in the instant case:

DETAILS:

- Glencoe, Illinois
- Kenilworth, Illinois
- Northfield, Illinois
- Winnetka, Illinois, including Hubbard Woods and Indian Hill, Illinois
- Wilmette, Illinois



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AT GLENCOE, ILLINOIS

DeCourcy Lloyd, Acting Postmaster, Glencoe, Illinois, and Harry Schroeder, clerk, Glencoe Post Office, were interviewed. They advised that Glencoe is a town of six thousand inhabitants. No stationary siren is located in the town and it is impossible to hear any siren of a surrounding town. The only sirens that are heard are those on ambulances and fire trucks. The population of Glencoe consists largely of Chicago business men who commute to Chicago daily. They are business men of considerable wealth and a large number of the homes in Glencoe have a value in excess of seventy thousand dollars. No factories are situated in the vicinity of Glencoe and it is impossible to hear the whistles of factories of other towns or villages. The Chicago and Northwestern Steam Railway and the Chicago Northshore Electric Railway pass through Glencoe. These trains are used to a large extent by commuters. Very little switching is done in Glencoe. There are seven churches in Glencoe. The Lutheran Church and the Union Church are the only churches equipped with bells. Church bells are rung on Sundays only. No church bells can be heard on Saturday evenings. Practically all homes in Glencoe are occupied by only one family. There are practically no houses, the basements of which are suitable for living quarters. Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Schroeder advised that no suspicious characters have been seen in Glencoe during the past few months nor has a large dark colored Buick Sedan been observed. The writer was advised that about the only locality in Glencoe which might possibly have homes answering the description of the hideout as furnished by Bremer is a section in which many Italians reside. The mail carrier in the locality in question is Walter Menne.

Walter Menne, Carrier No. 8, Glencoe, Illinois, Post Office, was interviewed, at which time a description of the house sought was given to him. He was unable to provide any information pertinent to this inquiry and further advised that he has not observed any strangers in the locality in which he delivers mail.

John Kronn, Water Meter Reader, Glencoe, Illinois, (residence address 667 Bluff Street, Glencoe, Illinois) upon interview advised that he reads the water meters in all residences located in Glencoe; that there is only one home in Glencoe, the basement of which is used for living quarters; that the man and wife who live in said basement have resided there for the past two or three years; that they bear a good reputation; that the basement in question is almost level with the street and that it is necessary to descend only two steps to gain entrance thereto. The description which he provided of this place does not correspond with the description provided by Bremer. The writer drove by the home in question.

Inquiry of the Postmaster and other business men of Glencoe developed that there are no stores that are engaged in the sale of wall paper in Glencoe.

AT KENILWORTH, ILLINOIS

D. S. Crooks, Postmaster, Kenilworth, Illinois, was interviewed, at his home located at 609 Cummer Road, Kenilworth, Illinois. He advised that the village of Kenilworth has a population of 2501 people. A stationary siren is not located in Kenilworth, Illinois and the only sirens that are ever heard are those on passing ambulances and fire trucks. There are no factories in the vicinity and it is impossible to hear whistles of factories located elsewhere. The population of Kenilworth consists largely of Chicago business men who commute to their offices from Kenilworth. The homes are rather spacious and are of considerable value. There are no apartment buildings in Kenilworth and Mr. Crooks stated that within his knowledge there are no residence buildings in Kenilworth that possess basements which might be used for living quarters. There are two churches in Kenilworth, namely, the Episcopal and the Holy Comforter Church. The bells of said churches are rung on Sundays only and are never rung on Saturday afternoons or evenings unless there is a funeral. The Milwaukee Division of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway passes through Kenilworth. The Chicago Northshore Electric Railway also passes through the village. There is practically no switching whatever in the vicinity of Kenilworth, and it is estimated that approximately one car a week may be the subject of switching. About two or three planes fly over Kenilworth each week at the present time. Mr. Crooks stated that there are zoning ordinances in Kenilworth prohibiting two-family homes. He further stated that there are no stores in Kenilworth that sell wallpaper. Consequently, no investigation relative thereto could be conducted.

W. C. Yackel, Superintendent of Police, Kenilworth, Illinois, upon interview advised that there are no homes in the locality which have basements which are suitable for living quarters. Mr. Yackel advised that there have been no strangers in the village of Kenilworth during the past several months. Zoning ordinances prohibit people from living in basements in Kenilworth and the village authorities immediately secure a court order restraining individuals from residing in a basement whenever an attempt is made to do so. The last water meter reading in Kenilworth was in December, 1933, and the next reading will be March 31, 1934. Mr. Yackel and Mr. Crooks are well acquainted with the various homes in the village and in view of the information provided by these individuals, the water meter reader was not contacted.

AT NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS

Investigation in Northfield, Illinois developed that same is a village of one hundred eighty six people. There are no business places of any nature located in the vicinity of Northfield and no Post Office is situated therein. The homes are rather widely scattered. A resident of the town was casually questioned in a manner which could not arouse suspicion and he provided the following information. There is no siren situated in or near Northfield. On some occasions when the wind is favorable, it is possible to hear the siren of a neighboring village which sounds at noon. It is also possible to hear a greenhouse whistle at 6:00 A. M., noon and 4:30 P. M. There are no churches in Northfield and no church bells can be heard at any time. The Chicago and Northwestern Railway passes near Northfield. Very little switching is done.

The writer drove by all houses in Northfield but failed to see any residence buildings answering the description provided by Edward George Bremer.

AT WILMETTE, ILLINOIS

Joseph Shantz, Postmaster, Wilmette, Illinois, upon interview, advised that Wilmette is a city of sixteen thousand inhabitants. The Wilmette Fire Department has a siren but same is sounded only on the occasion of a bad fire. It has not been heard for the past two years. Sirens of surrounding villages are not heard. There are no factories in the vicinity and no factory whistles are heard. The Nelson Brothers Laundry has a whistle but same is used only on Armistice Day celebrations. There are nine churches in Wilmette. The only church equipped with bells is the Catholic Church. The bells of the Catholic Church in Wilmette are rung each day at 6:00 A. M., noon and 6:00 P. M. The Curtiss Airport of Glenview, Illinois is located only a few miles away and sight seeing planes frequently pass over Wilmette. The Chicago and Northwestern Steam Railway and the Chicago Northshore Electric Railway pass through Wilmette. There is some switching on the Chicago and Northwestern right of way. Practically all homes in Wilmette are privately owned. Within the knowledge of Mr. Shantz there is only one residence building in Wilmette, the basement of which is used in part for living quarters. The individuals residing in the building in question are the owners of the home and have lived in this place for many years. Mr. Shantz stated that he has seen the basement of this house. He provided a description of same and it does not compare with the description of the house described by Bremer. The walls are not papered and there is no coal heating stove in the basement inasmuch as the house is equipped with a hot water heating system. Mr. Shantz has seen no suspicious characters in Wilmette during recent months and further advised that there are no roadhouses or gangster hangouts in the locality.

W. E. Zibble, Chief, Fire Department, Wilmette, Illinois, upon interview stated that the siren in Wilmette is sounded only in case of a bad fire. On January 28, 1934 the Wilmette Fire Department received three calls. The first call was at 7:55 A. M. on the date indicated and the siren on the truck only was used. No siren was used when answering the remaining two calls. Occasionally the siren of Glenview which sounds at noon each day can be heard. Mr. Zibble stated that there are no factories in the vicinity and that the only whistle that can be heard is that of the Nelson Brothers Laundry. This is a very faint noise resembling the discharge of steam and can be heard only a few doors away. Mr. Zibble is well acquainted with all homes in the city, he stated, having lived in Wilmette for twenty years. According to Mr. Zibble, there are only two basements used for living quarters in Wilmette. Said basements are almost level with the street and in order to gain entrance thereto it is necessary to descend only two steps. The inhabitants of said basements are well known, having lived in same for the past several years. According to the description provided by Mr. Zibble neither basement could be the place described by Bremer.

Harold Nelson, Nelson Brothers Laundry, Wilmette, Illinois, was interviewed. He stated that the last time the outside whistle on the Nelson Brothers Laundry was sounded was Armistice Day, 1932. At the present time an inside whistle is sounded four times daily. This whistle cannot be heard over one block away, according to Mr. Nelson.

Mr. E. Compton, meter reader, Wilmette, Illinois, was interviewed. Mr. Compton stated that he enters each house located in Wilmette and that there are no basements used for living quarters at the present time. A description of the basement in which Bremer was held captive was provided to Mr. Compton. He stated that a basement of said description does not exist in Wilmette.

Inquiry in Wilmette developed that there are no places of business that sell wallpaper in Wilmette.

AT WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

J. C. Braun, Postmaster, and J. N. Schindler, Superintendent of Mails, Winnetka, Illinois, were interviewed. The Winnetka Post Office also has jurisdiction over villages known as Indian Hill and Hubbard Woods, Illinois. Said villages are considered part of Winnetka. There is no stationary siren located in Winnetka, and it is not possible to hear the sirens of other towns. There are no factories in the vicinity and no whistles are heard. There are five churches in Winnetka. The Catholic church bell rings each day at 6:00 A. M., noon and 6:00 P. M. The Chicago and Northwestern

Steam Railway and the Chicago Northshore Electric Railway pass through Winnetka. A small amount of switching occurs each day. The Curtiss Airport is located a few miles away and occasional planes fly over Winnetka.

G. M. Houren, Chief, Fire Department, Winnetka, Illinois, when interviewed stated that there is no stationary siren in Winnetka; that there are no factories in the locality and that factory whistles are never heard. On January 28, 1934 a fire was reported at 4:00 P. M. after the fire had been extinguished. The fire truck did not respond to the call and the siren on the fire truck did not sound. The report was apparently made for insurance purposes. Chief Houren advised that while a considerable amount of damage was done by the fire, the owner of the home extinguished the blaze before notifying the fire department. The homes in Winnetka are owned by individuals of considerable wealth. According to Mr. Houren, the basements of the homes in Winnetka are not built in such a manner that they are habitable.

F. A. Bartz, Foreman, Water and Electric Department, Winnetka, Illinois, was interviewed but no information of value to this inquiry could be developed.

J. H. Christenson, Water and Electric Meter Reader, Winnetka, Illinois, upon interview advised that there is only one dwelling in Winnetka which has a basement which is used for living quarters. The writer accompanied Mr. Christenson while he pretended to read the meter in order to examine the basement. It did not appear to answer the description of the basement provided by Bremer.

S. H. Peterson, of A. W. Nelson Wallpaper and Paint Store, 550 Center Street, Winnetka, Illinois, was interviewed, at which time samples of the wallpaper which covered the wall in the room where Bremer was held captive were shown to him. He stated that within his knowledge paper of that description has not been sold by the A. W. Nelson store. The writer examined several wall paper sample books in the Nelson store but was unable to locate paper which covered the wall of the hideout.

Alvin Carlen, paint store, 996 Linden Avenue, Hubbard Woods, Illinois, was also interviewed. He stated that he has never sold wall paper of the kind which agent exhibited to him.

Mr. L. C. Rowray, Manager, Sears Roebuck Store, 580 Lincoln, Winnetka, Illinois, was interviewed. He stated that the Sears Roebuck store at the given address has never handled the Lightmaster Pocket Lantern. Mr. Rowray further stated that the above store does not handle wall paper.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent G. J. Gross on March 16, 1934, at the following towns:

Hobart, Indiana
East Gary, Indiana
Highland, Indiana

AT HOBART, INDIANA

Interview was had with Frank H. Traeger, Police Officer, who advised that he had written Inspector Rorer, regarding a circular letter he had received, as he thought Hobart, Indiana fit the circumstances set forth therein. With reference to a siren, he stated Hobart has a siren owned by the town, which is blown only in case of fire, but that he thought due to the fact that the Hobart siren blew four times on Sunday, January 28, 1934, it might possibly be the place sought; further, that the siren is never blown at any time other than in case of fire. He stated further that the person he suspected of being implicated in the instant case was one Geldo Caprio, known as "Dago Joe", a former bootlegger of this community, giving as his reason that he had always believed Caprio to have been involved with hoodlums. Traeger had no other reason for this belief. The photographs of subjects and those suspected in this case were shown to Traeger, but he could not identify any of them as being known to him or as ever having seen them before.

In company with Traeger, agent observed several houses which Traeger suspected of being the hideout but it was obvious in each instance that same had no bearing on this case as all elements were missing.

There are three churches in Hobart, two of which have bells and both ring them on Sunday morning just once, neither of them ringing their bell on Saturday or any other day of the week.

AT EAST GARY, INDIANA

Interview was had with Sharon Link, City Marshal and Commissioner, who advised that the siren owned by East Gary, Indiana is used only in case of fire, never being used at any other time or for any other purposes. No church bells are located in this town.

AT HIGHLAND, INDIANA

Gladys Douchett, Postmistress, and a Tony Karen, merchant, both advised that the Highland siren is blown only in case of fire and never at any other time. There are no church bells in Highland.

Investigation relative to the hideout was conducted by Special Agent T. G. Melvin on March 16, 1934, at the following towns:

Geneva, Illinois
Ingaltton, Illinois
Lily Lake, Illinois
Virgil, Illinois
Wasco, Illinois
Wayne, Illinois

AT GENEVA, ILLINOIS

Agent interviewed B. A. Miller, Postmaster, who stated that the only siren heard in Geneva is the fire siren, which is heard only at 6:00 P. M. on Saturday; that a factory whistle blows in Geneva at 7:30 A. M., 12:00 Noon and 3:30 P. M., and the whistle on the State Training School for Girls blows at 7:30 A. M., 12:00 Noon and in the afternoon around 4:00 P. M. daily except Sunday; that four different church bells ring on Sunday morning but none on Saturday afternoon.

AT INGALTON, ILLINOIS

This town has a population of fifty, and inquiry among a group of construction workers disclosed that no sirens or whistles can be heard in this town.

AT LILY LAKE, ILLINOIS

Agent interviewed R. H. Reed, proprietor of a store in this town, who stated that no sirens, whistles or church bells can be heard in this town with the exception of a fire siren from a nearby town, which blows only for fires and which he has heard only twice in the last year. He stated he did not know the name of the town which has the siren as he is uncertain as to the direction.

AT VIRGIL, ILLINOIS

Interview was had with Frank Strobel, the proprietor of a store in Virgil, who stated that no siren can be heard in this town; that a whistle can be heard at 1:00 P. M. and 2:00 P. M. daily except Sundays; that one church bell can be heard on Sunday morning only.

AT WASCO, ILLINOIS

Mr. E. T. Peterson, Postmaster of Wasco, advised that the only siren heard is the one on the State Training School for Boys, which can be heard only at 11:00 A. M. on Saturday; that a factory whistle is heard on rare occasions and only when the wind blows from the South; that no church bells can be heard in Wasco.

AT WAYNE, ILLINOIS

W. M. Henning, Postmaster, advised on interview that no sirens or whistles are located in Wayne; that, however, sometimes at 6:00 P. M. only a fire siren can be heard from some town nearby; that he has also heard this siren blow for a fire at least three times during the past year.

Inquiry was made at the following towns by Special Agent John E. Brennan on March 16, 1934:

Maywood, Illinois
Melrose Park, Illinois
Bellwood, Illinois
Broadview, Illinois
Westchester, Illinois
Brookfield, Illinois

AT MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

Interview was had with J. J. Kronenbitter, Chief of the Fire Department. There is no stationary siren in this town. The Melrose Park siren can be heard but this siren has no schedule and blows for fire only. The siren at River Forest, which is also blown for fire only, can be heard. No morning siren can be heard.

AT MELROSE PARK, ILLINOIS

The Postmaster and the Chief of the Fire Department were interviewed, from whom it was learned that the siren here is blown for fire only; that there is no schedule and no morning siren. The sirens of Maywood and Bellwood, Illinois, which blow for fires only, can be heard in this town.

AT BELLWOOD, ILLINOIS

H. W. Boeger, Chief, Fire Department, was interviewed. The siren is blown for fire only, there being no schedule. No other siren can be heard here.

BROADVIEW, ILLINOIS

This town adjoins Maywood, Illinois, and uses the Maywood Fire Department. Investigation disclosed the same facts as shown under Maywood.

AT WESTCHESTER, ILLINOIS

This is an Insull real estate development not completed due to the collapse of the Insull companies. No churches, fire department or factories are located here.

BROOKFIELD, ILLINOIS

Chief F. B. McDowell of the Fire Department was interviewed. The siren is blown for fires only and there is no time or test schedule. No morning sirens are heard.

Agent was advised that the Chiefs of the Fire Departments above mentioned received communications from the St. Paul Division office and answered to the effect that the description given does not apply to their respective communities. All of the above towns are residential suburbs of Chicago.

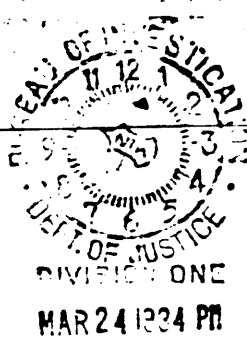
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REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/22/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/14,17/34	REPORT MADE BY: K. R. McIntire
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al, UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Continued investigation being made in towns in Illinois and Indiana within a radius of about 60 miles of Chicago, Illinois, in the hope of locating the hideout house in which Victim Bremer was held. No results to date.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, March 19, 1934.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">This report will contain the results of investigation in several towns in Illinois and Indiana, within a radius of approximately sixty miles of Chicago, Illinois, in the hope of locating the hideout house in which Victim Bremer was held. The hideout house has not been located to date.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Investigation is submitted in the form of memoranda by the investigating agents as follows:</p>			
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HIDEOUT

The following investigation was made by Special Agent E. D. Brown on March 16 and 17 in an effort to locate the "hide out" in this case:

Plainfield, Ill.,
Rockdale, Ill.,
Joliet, Ill.,
New Lenox, Ill.,
Elwood, Ill.

PLAINFIELD, ILLINOIS

This town has a population of 1400 and is located 12 miles northwest of Joliet, Illinois on the E.J.&E. Railroad. It has a local volunteer fire department.

Fire Chief Glen Rouch was interviewed and stated the only siren within hearing distance of Plainfield is the siren located on the local water tower which is sounded daily, including Sundays, at 6:00 P. M.; that a record is kept of all fires and occasions when the siren is sounded and that it did not sound on 1/28/34 other than at the usual time of 6:00 P. M.; He further stated there are no factory or other whistles blown in Plainfield or vicinity. He advised that Congregational, Catholic and Methodist churches are located in this town, but none of them ring bells on Saturdays except on special occasions. The information relative to sounds in this town were further checked, and found to be as Chief Rouch stated them to be. Due to the absence of factory whistles, frequent rail service, a morning siren and a fire on 1/28/34, no further check of this town was deemed necessary.

ROCKDALE, ILLINOIS

This town has a population of 1700 and is located 3 miles south of the city of Joliet, Illinois, being a suburb of Joliet. Investigation showed that factory whistles from Joliet can sometimes be heard at Rockdale from Joliet. It is located on C.R.I. & P. Railroad, having frequent trains, both freight and passenger.

Louis Peskur, Chief of the Colunteer Fire Department, was interviewed and stated the only siren which can be heard at Rockdale is the siren located at the local water-works which sounds daily, including Sundays at 9:00 P. M.; that his record shows no fire alarms on 1/28/34 and the siren did not sound except at the established time. He stated the factory whistles from Joliet can sometimes be heard in Rockdale in addition to the regular whistles which blow each day in Rockdale, blowing at 7:00 A. M., 8:00 A. M., 12:00 Noon, 12:45 P. M. 3:30 P. M. and 5:00 P. M. He further stated the only church bell which can be heard in Rockdale is that of the Catholic Church, which rings for three different masses on Sunday, but at no other times except on unusual occasions. He telephonically obtained this information from an official of the church in Agent's presence. He further advised there are several homes in Rockdale constructed in such a way that it is necessary to descend several steps down to the dwelling floor, but that none of these homes have running water or electric lights; that he knows this to be true, due to the fact he was formerly connected with the local town water department, and has entered most of the houses in connection with the town water business. Due to the above information, no further attempt was made to locate the hide-out at this point.

NEW LENOX, ILLINOIS

As a result of general inquiries, Agent learned this town has no siren and no factory whistles can be heard at any time. It has two churches, both being Protestant churches, neither having the practice of ringing bells on Saturdays.

ELWOOD, ILLINOIS

As a result of general inquiries at this town, Agent found the same conditions to exist as are listed under the town of New Lenox, Illinois.

JOLIET, ILLINOIS

Fire Chief John O. Nygren was interviewed and stated he had received an inquiry as to fires on 1/28/34, from the St. Paul Division Office; that he had replied advising of six fires in Joliet on that date. He stated, however, no siren is located within or near the city of Joliet, other than the siren at Rockdale, three miles South, which sounds daily at 9:00 P. M.; that each fire truck has a siren which is sounded enroute to fires.

Joliet is a city of 42,000, and has several large industrial plants, all having steam whistles which, according to Chief Nygren, blow at least twelve times each day and can be heard for a distance of three miles in any direction. Joliet is located on the main line of the C&A Railroad and a branch line of E.J.&E. Railroad, on which many "commuters" trains operate, as well as heavy freight traffic. Because of the reported presence of a dangerous criminal element at Joliet, it being the home of

the Illinois State Penitentiary, Agent interviewed Fred Witting, Superintendent of the Water Department, who called in the four men who read water meters, but none could state the location of a house constructed as described by Agent. Mr. Witting accompanied Agent on a tour of the city, during which several houses were examined, from the outside, but none appeared to have possibilities of answering the description of the "hideout".

HIDEOUT

On March 14, 15, 16 and 17, 1934, Special Agent H. H. Reinecke made investigation in the following towns and villages with a view of locating the kidnap hideout described by the victim:

Park Ridge, Illinois
Des Plaines, Illinois,
Mt. Prospect, Illinois,
Arlington Heights, Illinois,
Palatine, Illinois,
Bensenville, Illinois,
Wooddale, Illinois,
Itasca, Illinois,
Roselle, Illinois,
Bloomington, Illinois,
Bartlett, Illinois.

A few of these towns and villages had previously been checked as to noises, but agent in this instance also contacted water meter readers and electric light meter readers, where there were such individuals.

PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS

Mr. Sullivan, the postmaster, advised that the fire department siren is tested each weekday noon, and is also sounded for fires. There are eight churches, but only two with bells---St. Andrews, which rings its bell 6 P.M. on Saturdays and also on Sunday mornings for services, and St. Paul's Catholic church which rings for Sunday services. He says there are only two steam whistles in or near the city, being on green-houses, and they blow at morning, noon, and late in the afternoon. This city is on a main line and commuting railroad line, and has several main vehicular traffic arteries.

Agent called at the Premier Greenhouses to verify the fact that they have a steam whistle and secure the exact time of its blowing. It has such a whistle and is blown each day at 6:55 A.M., 7 A.M., 12 Noon, and 3:30 P.M. There is another greenhouse in another part of the city which blows its whistle at the same hours.

Rudy Niebergall, water meter reader, was given an oral description of the interior of the building which it is desired to locate, and after spending considerable time with him to give him an opportunity to go over his records and recall any such premises, he advised that the house at 343 Dee Road, on the edge of Park Ridge, might fit the description. He said that it was a large frame house with living quarters in the basement, a kitchen range, toilet and besides there were two dogs attached to these premises. The postmaster advised that these premises are what is known as the John Fecher place. John Fecher died some few years ago, and the place is now in the hands of some relatives who inherited it. Mr. Niebergall added that this place would be the only one which would come near answering the description given by agent.

Agent accompanied the water meter reader to the vicinity of this house, and with him entered some of the neighboring houses on the pretext that a new meter reader was being trained. Neighboring houses were entered to lay a proper foundation for approaching the Fecher place in case anyone at these premises was observing the approach.

Finally 343 Dee Road was entered. Entrance is gained by going down two cement steps in the rear. A room used as a kitchen, bedroom, and general living room is first entered. This also has a coal burning range therein. Walking towards the front of the basement the next room has in it a furnace and a toilet with a porcelain water closet. The last two rooms which are at the front of the basement are a fruit storeroom and general storage room. These walls are rough cement and not even painted, although the cement walls of the kitchen are painted. Three dogs approached and barked at agent and Mr. Niebergall on arrival at this house. Approach to the rear is had by a driveway only on one side. A gravel road lies in front, and about a quarter of a mile away is a main line railroad, and a main vehicular highway. No children seem to be about these premises or in the immediate neighborhood, and there is no school in the vicinity to which children would go by passing this house. The house is located at the very edge of town, and might be said to be in the country. There are only three other houses near it.

A general visit was had with a man in the basement. His name is Fecher, and he says that he is a nephew of old John Fecher, and that he, together with another nephew, inherited the place in 1930. These nephews are both unmarried and live alone in the basement. There are two floors above, but they have been unoccupied for several years. The furnace is not used.

Following entrance into this house the house across the road was entered and in a general conversation with the owner it was learned that the two Fecher's had inherited the place as set out above, and resided there alone. No visitors, strangers, or strange cars have ever been seen there.

Mr. Niebergall will keep in mind the description of the premises for which we are searching, and should he come across anything which appears interesting, he will notify the Chicago Division Office.

The electric meter reader covering Park Ridge resides in Des Plaines, and advised he could not recollect any premises answering the description given by agent.

DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS

The postmaster, and Vic Spiegler, secretary to the fire department advise that the fire department siren is sounded each weekday noon, and for fires. There was no fire January 28, 1934. There are two churches with bells in the town, both of which are rung at 6 P. M. on Saturdays, and for Sunday services. There are two main line railroads and several principal highways. There are numerous small factories and institutions with whistles and sirens in the town and vicinity which prompted the following investigation:

The Benjamin Electric Company has a steam whistle which is blown each weekday at 8:18 A.M. 12 M., 12:42 P. M. and 4:12 P. M. It also has a small inside siren system which could not be heard outdoors.

St. Mary's Training School has a steam whistle which is blown every weekday at 7:45 A.M. 12 M., and 4:45 P. M. This school also has a fire whistle which sounds something like a siren but it is sounded only for fires, and for fire drill twice a month. This fire drill is held in the evenings.

All Saints Cemetery has a small siren which is sounded each weekday at 8 A. M. 12 M., 1 P. M. and 4 P. M.

Lord and Burham Greenhouse has a steam whistle which is blown each weekday at 8 A. M. 12 M., 1 P. M. and 5 P. M.

Frank Fisher, the water meter reader, was given a careful oral description of the place for which we are looking, and after going over his records and carefully recalling every residence and building, he advised that there was nothing in Des Plaines which seemed to fit in. He was given the address of the Chicago Office, and will communicate with it if he runs into anything interesting.

Agent contacted Mr. Moeller, the gas and light meter reader who resides in Des Plaines. He says that he works out of the Public Service Company office at Northbrook, Illinois, where numerous readers come out of. Special Agent V. W. Peterson, who is covering Northbrook, Illinois, will call at the Public Service Company offices there and contact all meter readers who work out of that office, and cover numerous towns and villages northwest of Chicago. Mr. Moeller's address at Des Plaines is 1316 Henry Street. He personally reads meters in Park Ridge, Des Plaines, and Mt. Prospect, Ill. Mr. James Biba, electric meter tester 1536 Campbell Street, Des Plaines, was also interviewed. Both of these men were given a careful oral description of the hideout and stated they could not recall anything at that time which would fit in. Both were given the address of the Chicago Office, and will advise when and if they run into anything that seems to be similar to the place for which we are looking.

MT. PROSPECT, ILLINOIS

The Chief of Police advised that the fire department siren is sounded each weekday noon and for fires. There was no fire on Jan. 28, 1934. He stated that there are no whistles in the village, but that the whistle of the Benjamin Electric Company, which is between Mt. Prospect and Des Plaines could be heard. There is one church bell on St. Paul's Lutheran church which rings at 6 P. M. on Saturdays and on Sunday mornings at 8:30, 9:15 and 10:30. There are no other bells, whistles, etc., which can be heard in this village. The chief of police also reads the water meters and as a result, has been in all basements in the village. The hideout was orally described to him, and he said it fit in with nothing in Mt. Prospect. He will go out and read meters again in about a week, and will keep the description in mind and if he runs into anything interesting he will notify the Chicago Division office.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

The Chief of Police advised that the fire department siren is sounded each weekday noon and for fires. There is not a single whistle in or near the village. There is a German Lutheran church which rings its bell at 6 P. M. on Saturdays and again on Sunday mornings, and there are also three other churches with bells. There is a main line railroad through the place, but the chief says that there is very little switching, and this only late in the afternoon. Arlington Heights is a small village, and the Chief says that he is personally familiar with all residences and buildings therein and in the neighboring vicinity, but could think of none that would fit in with the oral description of the hideout given to him by agent.

The electric light meter readers for this village come out of either Northbrook or Barrington, Ill., and both of these places will be checked with a view to contacting these meter readers.

PALATINE, ILLINOIS

This place has been previously checked by Special Agent R. D. Brown as to noises, but is set out here to record the fact that Jack Winn, 128 North Fremont Street, the water meter reader was contacted, and given an oral description of the hideout. He stated there was nothing in the village which would come anywhere near fitting it.

BENSONVILLE, ILLINOIS

This place has also previously been covered by Special Agent Brown, but this is to record the fact that the water meter reader was interviewed and given an oral description of the hideout without results. His name is F. H. Ahlborn.

WOODDALE, ILLINOIS

Noises and other details previously covered by Special Agent Brown, but this agent endeavored to contact the water meter reader, only to find that it has no water supply, no fire department, etc.

ITASCA, ILLINOIS

Previously covered as to noises, etc., by Special Agent Brown, but this is to record that the meter reader, who is also the Chief of Police was contacted and given an oral description of the hideout, and he then stated there was nothing there that would seem to fit it.

ROSELLE, ILLINOIS

Previously covered as to noises by Special Agent Brown, but this is to record interview with Wm. Thurnou, water meter reader, who, after hearing detailed oral description of the hideout, stated that there were no such premises in Roselle, which is a very small village.

BLOOMINGDALE, ILLINOIS

Investigation here disclosed that it is so small there is no city water supply, no meter reader, is on or near no railroad or switching, and has no whistles anywhere, within the village or neighboring vicinity.

BARTLETT, ILLINOIS

This agent has previously reported on this village as to noises, but that is to record that H. J. Hotham, water meter reader was subsequently contacted and given oral description of the premises described by victim, after which he stated that there was no place in Bartlett which would come anywhere near fitting it.

Bartlett, Illinois, and vicinity electric meters are read by men employed out of the West Chicago, Illinois office of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, and Special Agent Melvin will interview all of these readers when in West Chicago in a few days.

Electric meter readers covering Itasca, Illinois, and the country and villages in that vicinity work out of the office of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois at Elmhurst, Illinois, and Special Agent J. E. Brennan, who is covering that town, will interview these readers.

Other electric meter readers for the territory northwest of Chicago work out of electric company headquarters at Elgin, Crystal Lake, and Barrington, Illinois, and will be interviewed by this agent when at those places in the very near future.

HIDEOUT

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent George J. Gross, on March 17, 1934, at the following cities:

Dyer, Indiana
Shererville, Indiana
Lansing, Illinois

DYER, INDIANA

Interview was had with Mr. Louie Harmon, Town Marshal and also Mr. Louie Hacksmith of the Dyer Garage and Sales Company, both of whom advised that Dyer, Indiana, has a stationary siren, but that same is used only in case of a fire in the town and is blown on Saturday evening at five P. M. for test purposes.

SHERERVILLE, INDIANA

The postmaster at Shererville, Indiana, was interviewed, who stated that his city has a stationary siren, owned by the city, which is used only in case of fires in town and on Saturday evening at five (5) P. M. for testing purposes.

A merchant in the above town was also interviewed, who stated as set forth above.

LANSING, ILLINOIS

Agent interviewed a filling station proprietor and also a printer, both of whom stated that Lansing has a stationary siren, but that same is used only in case of fire, and on Saturday evening at six P. M. for testing purposes only.

None of the above mentioned towns have a church bell which rings on Saturday evenings.

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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al, UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DEPT. OF JUSTICE DIVISION ONE MAR 24 1934 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>Investigation conducted at numerous stores in Wisconsin which handle the cap in question without disclosing a purchaser fitting the description of any of the suspects in this case, or a purchaser acting in a manner to arouse suspicion. Certain parties in Tipler, Wisconsin, believe they saw Karpis in said town around the last of January or the first of February, 1934.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Ill., 3/9/34.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: Investigation was conducted in several towns in Wisconsin at stores where instant cap was sold, and the information secured is being set out in this report in the form of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent Arthur McLawhon.</p>			
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CAPS

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Arthur McLawhon at the following towns with regard to caps, from February 27 to March 10, 1934:

ANIWA, WISCONSIN.
MATTOON, WISCONSIN.
LONG LAKE, WISCONSIN.
TWO RIVERS, WISCONSIN.
STURGEON BAY, WISCONSIN.
TOWNSEND, WISCONSIN.
TIPLER, WISCONSIN.
ST. NAZIANZ, WISCONSIN.
WAYSIDE, WISCONSIN.
MANITOWOC, WISCONSIN.
LUXEMBURG, WISCONSIN.
AMBERG, WISCONSIN.

AT ST. NAZIANZ, WISCONSIN.

Agent displayed photographs to J. C. Kusterman and two clerks, who operate a general merchandise store in this town dealing in caps. None of these were able to identify the pictures as being anyone who had ever been in their store.

AT MANITOWOC, WISCONSIN.

At Carstens Exchange, agent exhibited photographs to the Manager and clerks of the store, none of whom were able to recognize any of the men.

AT MATTOON, WISCONSIN.

At the Mattoon Mercantile Agency operated by George Duenkel, agent exhibited the photographs to Duenkel and the clerk in his store, neither of whom could identify the men as ever having been in their store.

AT ANIWA, WISCONSIN.

Agent exhibited photographs at the store of Mr. W. C. Kautsa to Mr. Kautsa and his wife, who are the only clerks in the store. Neither were able to recognize the pictures as being anybody they had seen before.

AT TOWNSEND, WISCONSIN.

Agent exhibited photographs in the store of Mr. R. O. Pintsch to his wife, daughter and son, none of whom could identify the photographs as being anyone they had seen before.

AT LONG LAKE, WISCONSIN.

Agent exhibited photographs in the store of Mr. H. F. Hablitzel. They were viewed by both Hablitzel and his wife, neither of whom could identify them as being anyone they had ever seen before.

AT TIPLER, WISCONSIN.

Agent exhibited the photographs to Thomas Tipler and his wife in the store of Thomas Tipler and Son. Mrs. Tipler identified the picture of Alvin Karpis as being a man who came into her store about five or six weeks ago, not, however, to purchase a cap, such as had prompted this investigation, but rather to buy something to eat. He came in after supper, at approximately six o'clock, appeared to be in an awful hurry and stated that he wanted to get something to eat and something that he could get in a hurry. He purchased one can of beans, a loaf of bread, some cheese, and a package of Lucky Strike Cigarettes. He paid for these with a ten dollar bill. It was necessary for Mrs. Tipler to go into the back room of the store to get the change for this. In this back room were Mrs. Earl Tipler and Mrs. Harvey Tipler. She told these ladies to watch this man in the store as she was afraid of him. She stated that there was something about his very appearance that made her afraid inasmuch as she and the other two women were in the store alone, the men of the family having gone to a basketball game that night. She said she particularly noticed his eyes which were very mean looking. She also stated that his general attitude in the store frightened her. In reply to further inquiry on this point she said he followed her to the door to the back room, was extremely impatient, and seemed in an awful hurry. She stated that he was dressed in a dark overcoat and a cap, she could not recall the color of the cap, merely remembering that it was lighter than the overcoat. In response to inquiries as to a description of him she said he looked to be about as tall and as big as a man whom she pointed out in the store. Inquiry revealed that this man was 5'10", and weighed 145 pounds. She said the man in her store, whom she identified as Karpis, appeared to her to be about 35 years old. Mrs. Tipler stated further that when he left the store she heard him talking to at least two other men who were in a car waiting for him on the outside. She did not get a look at the car nor at the men therein, stating that it was very dark and she did not go to the door to look out at them. She had no idea as to where they had come from or where they were going, or who the men in the car with him could have been, stating merely that she knew the car left her place on State Highway 139, headed north toward Iron River, Mich.

Mrs. Earl Tipler and Mrs. Harvey Tipler also identified the photograph of Karpis as being the man they had seen in the store that night but they both admitted that they had not gotten a very good look at him, merely glancing at him through the door as they were watching the store while Mrs. Thomas Tipler was making change for the ten dollar bill which the man had given her.

In an effort to ascertain the exact date when this man had been in the store, reference was made to a basketball score book which was in the possession of one of the men in the store at that time, but inasmuch as the score book showed three games a week, being played practically every week, it was impossible to affix the particular basketball game to which the men in the family had attended on this particular night.

Photographs of the suspects were also exhibited to other people in the community in an effort to ascertain if others had seen the same man on that night.

A saloonkeeper who operates a saloon adjoining the Tipler store failed to identify the pictures as being anyone he had ever seen before.

Mr. Bill Howell, one of the men in the community who was in the saloon, said he thought he had seen the man Karpis only this past week on a truck belonging to a Mr. Murray, who lived some distance out of town on County Highway K. Howell accompanied this agent to the home of Mr. Murray and the pictures were exhibited to him but he failed to identify any of them and stated he was sure that Howell had been mistaken about seeing this man on the truck belonging to him.

AT AMBERG, WISCONSIN.

Agent exhibited the photographs to Mr. Joseph Smeester, his son and wife, who run a general merchandise store at Amberg and deal in the caps prompting this investigation. None of them could identify the pictures as being anyone they had ever seen before.

AT WAYSIDE, WISCONSIN.

Agent returned to Wayside and exhibited photographs to L. Stynski, who was absent from the store at the first visit of the agent, at which time Mrs. Stynski and her daughter could not identify the pictures; likewise Stynski failed to recognize them as being anyone he had ever seen before.

AT STURGEON BAY, WISCONSIN.

Agent interviewed Mr. I. Turschen and his wife, who run a general merchandise store at Sturgeon Bay, exhibiting the photographs to them, making inquiry concerning the sale of their caps. Neither of these people were able to identify these pictures as being anyone who had ever been in their store.

AT LUXEMBURG, WISCONSIN.

At the Farmers Trading Company agent exhibited photographs to the Manager and three clerks, none of whom could identify them as being anyone they had seen before.

AT TWO RIVERS, WISCONSIN.

Agent displayed the photographs of suspects hereinbefore mentioned at the store of Wm. J. Minges, R.F.D. Two Rivers, to Mr. Minges and a clerk. Neither could recognize the pictures as being anyone they had ever seen.

Ben Urbanik, owner of a store in Two Rivers which handles instant caps, was also interviewed and furnished no information in addition to that set out above.

In all instances above referred to where cap investigation was made, the cap was exhibited to the persons interviewed and stress laid on any possible sale of such a cap to persons unknown to themselves.

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<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>b7c</i> Officers P. L. Hutson and Edward Cooper, Michigan State Police, supplied information to effect that one [REDACTED] attorney, [REDACTED] Chicago, is possibly a contact man for Ted and Ed Bentz, "Pretty Boy" Floyd and John Dillinger. Tap placed on office telephone of [REDACTED] 3/17/34 which revealed he has a second office telephone and an unpublished residence telephone. Both office telephones tapped on 3/21/34 and efforts are being made to tap residence telephone. Data obtained through tap thus far appeared to be of negative value.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p>REFERENCE: Division letter dated March 17, 1934.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>At Chicago, Illinois.</u></p> <p>On March 15, 1934 Sergeants P. L. Hutson and Edward Cooper of the Michigan State Police called at the Chicago Division office and during an interview with Special Agent in Charge, M. H. Purvis, furnished the following factual information with respect to Theodore and Edward Bentz, suspects in this matter:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">That one, R. J. Caperton, 17907 Homewood Avenue, telephone Homewood 640W, Homewood, Illinois, has a wife who is a sister of the Bentz brothers; that a Mrs. Eagle (first name unknown) is a sister of the wife of Ed Bentz, this Mrs. Eagle residing in an</p>			
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apartment number 205, 4141 Ellis Avenue, telephone Oakland 0643, Chicago, Illinois - the above telephone being issued in the name of Catherine Wild; that a Frederick D. Benz, Palmer Avenue, Homewood, Illinois, telephone Homewood 8507, might be related to the Bentz boys; that J. B. Byron, 1821 Pine Road, telephone Homewood 611J is the second husband of Mrs. Bentz; that one of the Bentz boys is said to have bought 1933 Illinois automobile licenses, number 736658 and had it issued in the name of Edward Byron, 12009 Ridge Road, Homewood, Illinois, which address is the Homewood Hotel, and which license plates were issued for use on an Oldsmobile Sedan; that Ed Bentz is said to be presently driving a Lincoln sedan and that one of the present wives or sweethearts of Ed Bentz is one, Marian Friedmark, daughter of an old German woman who is said to live at 704 Monroe Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin and who is also said to be respectable.

Mr. Furvis was informed further that there is an attorney by the name of [redacted] with offices at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, telephone [redacted] who is the attorney for [redacted] an inmate of a state penal institution located at Jackson, Michigan; that [redacted] telephone [redacted] has a woman informant whose given name is [redacted] who contacted [redacted] on March 15, 1934, at which time she told him she had just come from Jackson, Michigan where she had seen [redacted] and that [redacted] had advised her to get in touch with him [redacted] and that he would put her in touch with Ed Bentz. It was stated that during the conversation held by [redacted] with [redacted] that [redacted] indicated to her that Ed Bentz is now with "Pretty Boy" Floyd and John Dillinger and that it would take Ed Bentz at least a day and a half to get to Chicago and that for him, [redacted] to get in touch with Ed Bentz it would require the making of at least three different telephone calls. It was also stated by the Michigan State Police Officers that this woman [redacted] knows a man in the penal institution at Jackson, Michigan named [redacted] and that she left Chicago immediately after talking with [redacted] and proceeded to Jackson, Michigan, where she will go to see [redacted] and tell him that she used his name in order to get in touch with Ed Bentz; further, that [redacted] is to tell [redacted] that she used his, [redacted], name for the same purpose.

The State Police Officers advised Mr. Furvis that [redacted] has been informed that the above information was turned over to the Chicago Division Office and that this office will communicate with [redacted] if any developments take place. Arrangements were also made to have [redacted] communicate

with this office in the event he obtains any additional information of value.

In line with the above information and under authority of the Division letter of reference, a tap was placed on office telephone number [redacted] in the name of [redacted] at about 1:30 P.M., March 17, 1934. Arrangements for this tap and the actual installation of same were made by Special Agents L. D. Nichols and W. C. Baum of the Chicago office. The listening end of this tap being in the rear of a [redacted] located at [redacted] and his son, [redacted].

A complete log of both incoming and outgoing calls has been maintained by Special Agent M. F. Glynn and the writer who have covered this tap and the same is being retained at the Chicago office in the confidential file relating to telephone taps. It is to be noted that from 80 to 100 calls per day have been received and sent over telephone [redacted] and that for the purposes of this investigation, the information learned through listening in on this phone appears to have been of a negative value; however, on the evening of March 17, 1934, one [redacted] or some similar name, called and left a message for [redacted].

The log of telephone calls has been closely examined by Special Agent A. E. Lockerman, who is assigned to the Bentz angle of this investigation, and he advises that last summer a magazine bearing the name of [redacted] was found in the place occupied by Ed and Ted Bentz.

On March 19, 1934, while the above tap was being covered, [redacted] proprietor of the [redacted] in which the tap was located, advised that he was aware of the fact that the tap was on the phone in [redacted] office, and inasmuch as [redacted] was his landlord, both he and his son felt uneasy about the phone being covered from the [redacted] phone inasmuch as his son saw the tap being put in, but this explanation is scouted for the reason that a person in [redacted] position would have had no way of telling on what phone the tap was being placed, inasmuch as the connection was made at a telephone terminal box. At the time of this conversation with [redacted] the writer, of course, did not admit to him that the tap was on the phone of [redacted].

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During the course of the above tap it was learned that, in addition to telephone [redacted] which is located in [redacted] office, there is also a second phone located in the office, the number being [redacted] in addition, the tap revealed that there is an unpublished telephone located in the residence of [redacted] at [redacted] - same being listed to [redacted]

In view of the fact that [redacted] and his son had learned the location of the telephone on which the tap had been placed and because of possible embarrassment to them, Special Agent in Charge, Purvis, instructed that the location of the tap be changed and that the new tap, when installed, be placed on both of [redacted] office telephones. Arrangements for the change of the tap on the office phones were made by Special Agent L. D. Nichols and the writer and the same was installed and put into operation about 2:00 P.M., March 21, 1934, in the third floor, rear apartment home of one, [redacted] located at [redacted] which is two city blocks distant from the office of [redacted]. The log of telephone calls obtained through this tap is for the period from 1:30 P.M., March 17, 1934 to 2:00 P.M., March 21, 1934.

At the present writing efforts are being made to secure a suitable location for the placing of a tap on the residence telephone of [redacted] at [redacted]

In accordance with the instructions in the Division letter of reference, semi-weekly reports will be rendered in connection with negative results obtained, and the Division will be advised immediately in the event any information of value is secured.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
March 22, 1934

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Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
et al. Unknown Subjects.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82.

Dear Sir:-

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This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of
March 19, 1934, in which you transmitted a specimen of the
handwriting of Mrs. U. E. Barker, aliases - Mrs. Katherine
Barker, Kate Barker, Kate Hunter, Mrs. Carrie Barker, Mrs. Kate
Dunlop, Mrs. Arthur Hunter, the mother of Arthur H. and
Fred Barker.

You requested that this letter be photostated
and the original and the letter of transmittal, dated Sept.
13, 1929 from the Warden to M. F. Amrine, be returned to the
Kansas City Office.

Accordingly, photostatic copies of the said
letter have been prepared and five copies are being supplied
to each office to which a copy of this letter is being
directed.

The original specimen and the letter of trans-
mittal are being returned herewith to the Kansas City Office.

Very truly yours,

M. E. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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CC: Division, Encl.
Kas. City.
St. Louis.
Okla. City.
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Laboratory Report

Case: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al.
Edward George Bremer, Victim
7-576-1390

Number:

Specimens: 1 letter in handwriting of Mrs. G. E. Barker, with aliases.
Letter addressed to Warden, dated 8-8-29, Tulsa, Okla.

*fingerprint cards of Kathryn Hall 552942
and George Lee P. Dillwood 66408/29
and Katherine Barker 66408/29*

Examination requested by: Inspector W. A. Rorer - St. Paul Div. Office.

Date received: 3-26-34

Examination requested: Laboratory.

Result of examination:

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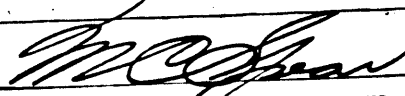
W. A. Rorer
*Not sufficient to determine
but could be Katherine Barker
Doesn't look like any of them*

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. 7-37

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL**

REPORT MADE AT: Kansas City, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-22-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-9 to 21-34	REPORT MADE BY: M. C. SPEAR
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Interview with Henry Bannon, County Jail, Liberty, Mo. reported herein. Photographs Paula Harmon and Arthur R. Barker identified by Fritz Mulloy, Kansas City, Mo., subject in Kanmo case, as being in Kansas City Spring of 1932 when Vernon Miller and Vivian Mathis were that city. Further investigation possible Bremer hideout Davenport, Iowa, indicate negative results. Kanner records maintained National-Bellas-Hess, Inc., K.C.Mo., mail order house, make it impossible to obtain information relative sales of socks similar to those furnished Victim by abductors. No further information relative Joe, Frank and Tony, Kansas City, obtained.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 3-9-1934.</p> <p>DETAILS: <p>Reference is made to report of Special Agent K.R. McIntire, Chicago, dated 2-21-1934 setting out a lead for an interview with Henry Bannon, who was reported incarcerated in the Clay County Jail at Liberty, Missouri, which lead was covered by Special Agent G. F. Hurley, his memorandum thereon being as follows:</p></p>			
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Kansas City, Missouri
March 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED BY SPECIAL AGENT G. F. HURLEY:

IN RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

On March 1, 1934 Agent interviewed Henry Bannon, County Jail, Liberty, Missouri, and discussed with him in detail the information set out in the report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, dated 2-21-34.

Bannon advised that his home was in Leavenworth, Kansas, but that for a number of years he has been running whiskey in and about Dubuque, Iowa. He also advised that he had been involved in a number of box car thefts and that the case in which he was picked up on is the outgrowth of a theft he committed on a box car sometime ago. Bannon states that a man by the name of Rufus Brown operates a restaurant at East Dubuque known as "The Old White Owl"; that Martin Rieder (not Rider) operates a restaurant in close proximity known as "The Midnight Sun"; that both of the above restaurants are hangouts for gangsters and racketeers.

Bannon stated that he met Jew Eddie and Red McLaughlin at the above restaurants sometime last August. He states that the last time he saw either of them was about last Thanksgiving. He advised that "Jew Eddie" and "Red" McLaughlin had many racketeering contacts at Dubuque, St. Paul, Minnesota and Rochester, Minnesota. He is not at all certain whether or not they were connected with any organized mob. He advised that "Jew Eddie" and "Red" McLaughlin, when they first appeared in Dubuque, were interested in operating gambling houses, and in this connection they were in constant contact with one Fred Luzier. He stated that Fred Luzier now practically controls the beer industry at Dubuque, Iowa and that he is the agent for Schmidt City Club Beer.

He further advised that one Fred Geisser, a brother of Maurice Geisser, a prominent Chicago racketeer handled quite a bit of business for "Jew Eddie" and "Red" McLaughlin at Dubuque. He further advised that one "Babe" Jones was well acquainted with "Red" McLaughlin and "Jew Eddie" and from this acquaintance he draws the conclusion that both "Red" McLaughlin and "Jew Eddie" were interested in the snatching racket. He advised that "Babe" Jones was supposed to have perpetrated a kidnaping about a year ago of one "Red" McGuire, and he has heard information to the effect that "Red" McLaughlin was the finger man on the above kidnaping. He further stated that the

original plans had been to kidnap Fred Luzier (not Lizira) but through some mixup McGuire was the victim. Bannon stated that shortly after Thanksgiving "Jew Eddie" and "Red" McLaughlin made a hasty departure from East Dubuque and rumor had it that the Department of Justice operatives were searching for "Red" McLaughlin and "Jew Eddie" in connection with some kidnaping case. Bannon states that "Jew Eddie" and "Red" McLaughlin and Rufus Brown did have in their possession about \$500.00 in United States Postage Stamps, and that they tried to get him to dispose of some of these stamps. However, he stated he did not help dispose of these stamps but does know that some disposition was made of them.

Bannon was asked what information "Heinie" Jenson of East Dubuque might have in his possession which would throw any light upon the instant case. He advises that Jenson, who resides at 1598 Alta Place, East Dubuque, was also a liquor runner in that district and consequently was well acquainted with all the racketeering enterprises that have taken place in that region. He further stated that Jenson is hostile to Fred Luzier because of some argument they had, and that he might divulge information concerning Luzier which would in turn connect up with the present case. He lays no foundation for the fact that Luzier might have been involved in the present case other than the fact that he was a companion of criminals in that locality.

He further advised that the wife of Rufus Brown might be a prolific source of information.

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[REDACTED] He further advised that one Rose Mannon, of Dubuque, might be a source of information.

[REDACTED] and that if some pressure were exerted on her she would probably talk.

He further advised that one W. E. Mulgrew, who did stay with George Baker at Rochester, Minnesota might be a source of information. Baker, according to the report of reference, is now incarcerated in the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois. He is originally from Oelwein, Iowa. Mulgrew was an employee of Baker in the liquor traffic and was well acquainted with "Red" McLaughlin and "Jew Eddie". Bannon gave a telephone number, Rochester 128, at which Mulgrew might be contacted. At this point Bannon stated he had information in his possession which might be of interest to the Department of Justice with regard to Mulgrew. He states that about a year ago Mulgrew was running liquor out of Chicago, together with one known as "Gabby"; that they were stopped on the road while driving a Studebaker Sedan by two highway policemen near Joliet. Bannon stated that the police had been paid off for the privilege of running

this liquor but on the instant occasion some dispute had arisen as to their cut in the proceeds from the sale of the liquor. The two policemen, after stopping the car, were about to arrest both Mulgrew and "Gabby" when Mulgrew drew his revolver and shot both of the police officers. Bannon is not certain whether or not the officers died but did know they were seriously wounded. Bannon states that if the party known as "Gabby" could be located and the above information were disclosed to him that he would probably be willing to talk.

Bannon further stated that Mulgrew's wife now has in her possession a book in which are listed all the names and addresses of prominent racketeers in that part of the country, and that if this book were obtained it would be a great source of information to the Division, especially with regard to criminals operating in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa. "Gabby" is now reported to be living at Rochester.

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Bannon also related the following information: That Sheriff Jack Ehlers, of Galena, Illinois, is intimately acquainted with Martin Reider; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bannon advised that this information might be used to press Reider for information, and he further advised that Reider might now be willing to talk in view of the fact that his son is now in the same trouble for which Bannon is being held in jail.

Bannon talked in detail with regard to the possibility of "Jew Eddy" and "Red" McLaughlin being involved in the instant case. He bases his conclusions on the fact that "Red" and "Eddie" were well acquainted in Rochester and St. Paul, and he further theorizes that inasmuch as Victim Bremer was released at Rochester that the hide-out for the gang may have been some place near Dubuque, Iowa. He admits that he has no basic information upon which to base the above theory other than his own suppositions.

Bannon was questioned with regard to the information contained in reference report that "Jew Eddie" had told him, Bannon, that he had connections and friends in St. Paul which would make it possible for him to commit such a kidnaping. Bannon states that "Jew Eddie" had told him about his connections in St. Paul, but he does not remember whether or not "Jew Eddie" ever stated that he intended to pull off a kidnaping.

Reference report indicates that a Missouri State Trooper named Ellis displayed a picture of one Hadley, alias Karpis to O. H. Abbott, Special Agent for the C. B. & Q. Railroad. The Chicago Office is advised that in 1930 Subject Alvin Karpis was picked up at Kansas City on a charge of larceny of an automobile and at that time he gave his

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name as Hadley. State Trooper Ellis was interviewed and advised that he had received a photograph of Subject Karpis, alias Hadley, from Special Agent W. F. Trainor, of the Kansas City Division Office and that this was the picture which he showed to Mr. Abbott.

Description of "Jew Eddie" as obtained from Henry Bannon is as follows:

AGE	38 or 40
WEIGHT	145 lbs.
HAIR	Bald
HEIGHT	5' 9"
EYES	Dark
COMPLEXION	Dark
PECULIARITIES	Limps when walking.

Description of "Red" McLaughlin as obtained from Henry Bannon is as follows:

AGE	30
HEIGHT	5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
WEIGHT	160 lbs.
HAIR	Red
COMPLEXION	Light
EYES	Blue

Bannon states that he has served time (in 1927) at Anamosa, on a four year liquor sentence, and that he was released from this institution in 1931. He states that he was picked up on January 13, 1934 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin on a technical charge of driving with fictitious license plates, and he was thereupon extradited to Missouri where he is being held for robbery of box cars, which occurred some years ago.

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Reference is made to letter from Special Agent in Charge Gus Jones, San Antonio, Texas, to the Kansas City Office under date of March 9, 1934, relative to the diamond rings sent by Allen & Kasperon, Jewelers, of Houston, Texas to Paula Brannon (Harmon) at Kansas City, Missouri, on May 10, 1933, reference also being made to report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, San Antonio, dated March 10, 1934.

In addition to the memorandum of Special Agent W. F. Trainor incorporated herein at this point, attention is directed to letters from the Kansas City Office to the Division dated March 13 and 14, 1934, under the caption of "VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER", two copies of which were furnished the St. Paul office.

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Kansas City, Missouri.
March 13, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE E. E. CONROY:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL,
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to telephone call from Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones of the San Antonio office to this office on March 8, 1934, advising that Paula Harmon, nee Paula Brannon, had, under her name as Paula Brannon, two diamond rings in the pawn shop of Allen & Kasperson (jewelers), at Houston, Texas, which were forwarded to her on May 10, 1933, from Houston to 14 East 56th Street Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri.

As noted, at the time of the telephone conversation, this is the address of Frank B. Mulloy, Subject in the case of Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, (Deceased), et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

With Special Agent H. E. Andersen, the writer interviewed Mrs. Edna Mulloy, wife of the Subject Frank B. Mulloy, on March 8th, at her residence in Kansas City. At first, she denied that she had any knowledge of, or acquaintance with, a woman named Paula Brannon, or Paula Harmon. She was asked whether she recalled the delivery of a package of jewelry from any point in Texas to her house for Paula Brannon. A description of Paula Brannon, particularly her facial blemish (an injured nose) was suggested to Mrs. Mulloy, who apparently became aware of the fact that the matter was already known, and at that point, she stated that she did have some recollection of such a package being delivered, and that she had been present at the house when a delivery man, probably from the Express Company, brought the package; that Mrs. Hattie Layman, her housekeeper, answered the door, and that she, Mrs. Mulloy, instructed that the package be returned, as she did not know Paula Brannon. She admitted that she immediately informed Paula Brannon that the package had been brought to the house and returned to the office of the carrier, whoever it might be. She was evasive as to the means

whereby she reached her, but stated that she saw Paula with Vivian Mathis, paramour of Vernon C. Miller, and that Paula had either called at the house immediately after the package was brought there, or had given her information before that time, where it was to be delivered.

When shown a photograph of Paula Brannon, she identified it, after some study, as a likeness of the woman for whom the package was intended. She denied that she knew her intimately, or that she had entertained Paula Brannon at her house for more than a few moments, when Paula called with Vivian. She also stated that she had seen Paula at the home of Vernon C. Miller about that same time, and that she was not accompanied by any man, as far as she knew. Mrs. Mulloy was obviously evasive, and no further information could be secured from her.

Frank B. Mulloy was interviewed at the Blue Ribbon Beer Agency, 21st and Wyandotte, Telephone No. Victor 4400, which establishment, Mulloy operates jointly with June Kathrens. He advised the Agents that Paula Brannon was casually known to him, and that he met her through the paramour of Vernon C. Miller sometime in the spring of 1933. He claimed to have no definite recollection of the details whereby Paula received a package shipped to her at his house and stated that the package might have been left at the house for her, but anyway, he knew it was a diamond ring, which she had had "in hock." He also stated that Paula came to the 85th Street Tavern, which was jointly operated by him at Kansas City in the spring of 1933, and that she had with her a male escort, whom he described as being short in stature, weighing about 150 pounds, dark hair, but considerably bald, with probably a tinge of gray. When shown the photograph of Paula Brannon, he immediately identified it, however, he did so in a rather grudging fashion.

When shown a group of photographs, Mulloy picked out the photograph of Arthur R. Barker as the male companion of Paula Brannon, whom he stated was at the 85th Street Tavern with her. He claimed to be unable to fix the time of year except by saying that it was "the spring of 1933" when he saw these parties. He professed inability to state where they were stopping in Kansas City. No other details were obtainable from Mulloy.

At the Railway Express Agency, Union Station, Kansas City, Missouri, a search of the records revealed that on 5-13-33, an insured package, traveling on Way Bill No. 880381, consigned by Allen Casperson, Houston, Texas, to Mrs. Paula Brannon, 14 East 56th Street Terrace, declared value \$1,000.00, was delivered from the "ON HAND" DEPARTMENT at the office of the Railway Express Agency at the Union Station to Paula Brannon, who signed for same. It is shown that an attempt was made to deliver the package at 14 East 56th Street Terrace, and the notation is shown "Not there." The package was delivered by Clerk George Stipe, with the O.K. of Mr. A. Mc Masters, District Agent of the Railway Express Agency here. Copy of the Way Bill and the Delivery Sheet, which is an exact copy of the Way Bill, are in possession of Mr. Mc Masters.

When interviewed, Mr. Mc Masters stated that he does not recall the basis for his O.K. on the delivery of the package, and when shown the photograph of Paula Harmon, he claimed not to recall her or any of the details surrounding the delivery. He was then asked to summon the clerk, George Stipe, for interview, which was done, and it was plainly indicated that Mc Masters did not desire to divulge the basis for his O.K. of the delivery.

Stipe when viewing the Delivery Record advised that he definitely recalled that "a politician" had come with Paula Harmon and talked to Mr. Mc Masters when he O.K.'d the delivery. Stipe then informed that he had noted down the name of the politician on the back of the Delivery Record. When same was produced the words, "Accompanied by Frank B. Mulloy" were found.

Mr. Mc Masters then advised that he is well acquainted with Frank B. Mulloy and claimed that he was surprised to recall the incident.

Further interview with Mulloy is not being had for the present in connection with this delivery, since it is evident, that he would furnish no facts, other than those already known.

It may be stated that George Stipe, the clerk who delivered the package, appeared entirely frank and willing to furnish information. He advised that there was no other individual with Paula Harmon, when he delivered the package except Mulloy.

Paula Brannon gave no local address, other than that shown as 14 East 56th Street Terrace, when she secured the package.

With further reference to letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, 3-2-1934 and Kansas City Office reply dated 3-10-1934 concerning 1934 Nebraska license plates number 14-770, Special Agent J. R. Green has submitted the following memorandum:

"On my arrival at Hastings at 5:10 this afternoon I received your communication of March 7th, with letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, of 3-2-1934. This letter arrived after my departure on March 8th, for I had asked for mail just prior thereto.

Agent immediately hurried to the County Treasurer's Office of Adams County, Hastings, Nebraska, and assisted by A. J. Theobald, County Treasurer, secured the following information:

1934 Nebraska license plates were issued to LeRoy Laase, 711 Turner Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska, on January 11, 1934, for a 1933 Chevrolet Sedan, Motor number 3,577,615, and was renewal of 1933 Nebraska license 14-770 issued to LeRoy Laase, June 15, 1933, on this same car. Bill of Sale filed on securing of the 1933 license disclosed that said car was purchased new from the Western Auto Sales Company, Hastings, Nebraska, by LeRoy Laase, June 14, 1933. No serial number was disclosed in registration or Bill of Sale. Dealer selling same carries #14 D 6 license plates.

When Agent asked County Treasurer Theobald if aforesaid license plates had been reported stolen, he replied not. He stated that LeRoy Laase, was Professor of Debate and Public Speaking, at Hastings College, Hastings, Nebraska, which is maintained by the Presbyterian Church of Nebraska; that he was a man of splendid reputation, would do nothing dishonorable, and could be confidentially contacted by Agent.

Raymond Crosson, Sheriff of Adams County, informed that he was not acquainted with Mr. Laase, but he would not be employed by aforesaid College if not all right and that information secured from County Treasurer Theobald could be depended on concerning Laase.

Accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Arnold, Agent confidentially interviewed Prof. LeRoy Laase at his office on the Hastings College Campus. He advised that his license plates had neither been lost or stolen; that week before last he took the debating team from Hastings College in his 1933 Chevrolet DeLux, 4 door sedan, black body, side mounts, motor number 3577615 to St. Paul to participate in a debating tournament at St. Thomas College, St. Paul, in which 12 college debating teams participated; that they were there in aforesaid sedan from Tuesday noon of February 27th to noon of Friday, March 2, 1934; that he and his team registered at the St. Frances Hotel; that aforesaid car was used principally while they were going down Summit Avenue from the St. Frances Hotel to St.

Thomas College and return; each night the car being kept in the St. Frances Garage excepting the last night, March 1st, when it was left out all night on the curb by the St. Frances Hotel. Professor Laase volunteered that if he could render any further assistance in this matter he would gladly do so. Being unfamiliar with the streets in St. Paul and Minneapolis, he stated he could not tell just what streets the car might have been on, but its principal route was as heretofore described. Carbon copy of telegram immediately dispatched to the Kansas City Office on securing of this information is attached hereto. Mr. Laase still has aforesaid car in his possession.

The following memorandum has been submitted by Special Agent W. F. Trainor:

"On March 10, 1934, while in telephonic conversation with Sheriff Dean Rogers of Topeka, Kansas, Agent was advised that a South Dakota 1934 License Tag, No. 1-1334, had been seen at Topeka by an informant of the Sheriff, and that he suspected the car on which the license was used might be driven by the wife of Alvin Karpis, namely, Dorothy Slayman. He had not secured details as to the make of the car, or the place in Topeka where the same was seen. His belief that the car might be suspicious was based on the fact that there had been a bank robbery at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, a day or so before, March 10th. A telegram was, therefore, dispatched to the St. Paul office with the request that the license tag be checked to determine the identity of the owner, and any details of interest in connection therewith."

The St. Paul Office on March 10, 1934, was telegraphically requested to check the owner of these plates, and in reply thereto Inspector W. A. Rorer wired from St. Paul on March 10, 1934 as follows:

"BREKID SOUTHDAKOTA LICENSE PLATES THIS YEAR ONE ONE THREE THREE FOUR ISSUED WILLIAM SPATH SIOUX FALLS SOUTHDAKOTA FOR DESOTO SEDAN THOMAS SPATH BROTHER OF OWNER LEFT SIOUX FALLS YESTERDAY IN THIS CAR FOR TOPEKA KANSAS IS SALESMAN LOUISIANA LUMBER COMPANY DESCRIBED FORTY YEARS SIX FEET ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS COMPLEXION LIGHT EYES BLUE WEARING LIGHT TAN SUIT ARRESTED TWICE NINETEEN THIRTY SIOUX FALLS BOOTLEGGING."

Reference is made to report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 3-1-1934, page 2 thereof, relative to investigation of Special Agent Lish Whitson of the possible Bremer hideout in Davenport, Iowa, based upon information furnished by Mrs. Mary Kroll, 2340 East High Street, Davenport, Iowa. Additional investigation was made by Special Agent O. C. Dewey at Davenport, Iowa, as reflected by the following memorandum submitted by him:

"Accompanied by Sheriff Frank Martin, of Davenport, Iowa, I called on Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cerney, of 2326 East High Street, Davenport, and questioned

them relative to the person brought into their home during January with a bandage on their head. Each denied that any such a party had been brought to their place; they likewise denied that any injured man at any time had been brought there. They denied having any parties or numerous persons calling on them at night.

Mr. Cerney stated that he was a Bohemian; that he came to this country 30 years ago, and first visited in Colorado, and later came to Davenport; that for 23 years he has been employed by the Bettendorf Manufacturing Company, a large railroad car construction company, and for several years was an assistant foreman, until laid off two years ago. Since then he has odd jobs and has been working for the CWA. He has five children, one just returned from the Navy, the other employed in a local cigar store, and a girl employed part time at a soda fountain. He owns his own home.

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The complainant in this case, Mrs. Mary Kroll, is an Austrian.

There are being quoted herein memoranda submitted by Special Agents Lish Whitson and O. C. Dewey, dated February 22, 1934 and March 17, 1934, respectively, relative to one Bernie Shelton at Davenport, Iowa.

The Sheriff of Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, told this Agent that a negro named John Kiester, alias Oscar Jackson, who was recently returned to the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet from Rock Island County, Illinois, had told him that on December 10, 1933 one Bernie Shelton, a gambler and alleged trafficker in narcotics and enjoying a generally bad reputation in Illinois and Minnesota, had registered at the Blackhawk Hotel, Davenport, Iowa, under an alias, probably that of Jenkins, and had sent the negro, Kiester, alias Jackson, down to meet a train coming in from St. Paul to get two women, who were supposed to be coming down from St. Paul on that train. Kiester got the women and took them to Shelton's room. Shelton at this time was said by the Sheriff's informant to have strong connections in the Twin Cities in Minnesota, and was at that time attempting to negotiate the purchase or lease of a tract of land in or near the City of Davenport, Iowa.

The Blackhawk Hotel angle on this tip was not investigated by this Agent, because of sudden recall to Kansas City, but the Sheriff will be able and willing to cooperate with this Division in attempting to locate the individual with whom Shelton was dealing in the matter of the land, and also in checking up on Shelton's contacts in Davenport.

This may have some bearing upon the Bremer case, inasmuch as Shelton is believed to have been the advance man for several criminal activities in the middle west.

Respectfully submitted:

Lish Whitson
Special Agent

*Relative to the report of Sheriff Martin, Davenport, Iowa, that he had received word from John Kiester, alias Oscar Jackson, negro, that BERNIE SHELTON, Illinois gangster, had stopped at the Blackhawk Hotel on December 10, 1933, I checked the records thoroughly to verify this report, but did not get much information. SHELTON is reported to have been at this Hotel on December 10, 1933, in Room 422, and possibly used the name of Jenkins.

The Manager of the Hotel, Mr. Lofgren, advised that Room 422 is a \$4.00 a day room, and is not often used. This room was occupied on December 6th for one night by L. B. Ward and wife; again on December 26th for one night by W. D. Keenan and Frank Mulholland.

Checking the records under the letter "J", I find that a L. B. Jenkins and wife were registered in room 805 on December 20th for one night; and that an H. F. Jessen was registered on December 15th in room 922.

All cars from this Hotel are sent to the Yellow Cab Garage, and a check here revealed that a Stutz car was brought in here for storage on the night of December 8th with 1933 Minnesota license #B-37-644. Shelton is said to drive a Stutz car and this is possibly his. I did not ask the garage for too much information. I believe it worthwhile to have St. Paul check on this number for possible future reference. The informant in this case, John Kiester, is now incarcerated in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois. An interview with him might develop additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

O. C. DEWEY
SPECIAL AGENT

Reference is made to letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, 3-14-1934 to the Kansas City Division Office requesting investigation at the National-Bellas-Hess Company, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, relative to the socks furnished Victim Bremer by his abductors. Special Agent R. B. Donaldson has submitted the following memorandum relative to his investigation along this line:

Reference is made to a letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer dated at St. Paul, Minn. March 14, 1934 pertaining to the above captioned case wherein certain investigation relative to socks is requested at Kansas City, Mo.

Upon calling at the office and plant of National Bellas Hess, Inc., located at 5401 Independence Ave., Mr. Lawrence H. Gabrini was interviewed. Mr. Gabrini is manager of the Hosiery and Underwear department. He explained that this concern is strictly a mail order house doing business all over the United States and also pointed out that 99% of this business is carried on by use of the mails and the sales are made to individuals. It was further explained to agent that no detailed record as to specific articles purchased is kept. A record is merely made showing name and address of the purchaser and the amount of the purchase. These names are arranged first by cities and general localities then placed in alphabetical order under this geographical arrangement. The files of this company contain, according to Mr. Gabrini, about 4,500,000 names of so called current customers, i.e. persons who have made purchases within the last two years.

With regard to the specific style of sock of interest in this case, photograph of which was displayed by agent, Mr. Gabrini consulted his records of purchases but could not find or recall this exact sock. A great quantity of similar socks were purchased during the past two years from the Rockford Mitten and Hosiery Mills. Agent examined five different samples, all of which were different from the one herein involved. It is possible, according to this informant, that the mill had partially filled an order with this particular type sock, temporarily being out of a supply of some similar sock which had been ordered. This occasionally happens. Several old catalogues were examined by Mr. Gabrini and he stated that no photo or description of the instant sock could be found.

In conclusion Mr. Gabrini stated that it would be entirely impossible to trace from his records the data desired as this could only be accomplished by personally calling upon every person who had made a purchase and ask them what articles had been purchased. He stated that he would gladly cause a check of the name files for any names that might be submitted provided a city or town would be indicated as an address.

Special Agent W. F. Trainor has submitted the following memorandum relative to Jim Harmon, the deceased brother of Paula Harmon; attention being directed to report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, San Antonio, Texas, 8-1-1934:

Kansas City, Missouri.
March 14, 1934.

MEMORANDUM.

In connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, reference is made to the report of this Agent dated at Kansas City, February 20, 1934, wherein mention is made of Jim Harmon, a brother-in-law of Paula Harmon, who is being sought for the purpose of locating Arthur R. Barker and others.

Information was secured from the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing that Jim Harmon, correct name J. I. Harmon, was received at that institution June 27, 1931, from Johnson County, Kansas, and that he died in the hospital at the penitentiary April 4, 1933.

While at the penitentiary, Harmon corresponded with the following:

Miss Nora Mauhar, 2205 E 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

E. K. Walker, Longview, Texas.

Miss Helen Howard, Kilgore, Texas.

Mrs. Frank Mikael, 537 Elizabeth Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

Betty Holiday, 415 East 30th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Melvin Ash, Austin, Texas.

A. L. Clifford, Parshall, Colorado.

It is indicated by the correspondence record that Miss Mauhar moved to some point in Texas, and the file shows that she has been recently interviewed by Agents in the Dallas District. Also you will note that Mrs. Frank Mikael is no longer living at Kansas City, Kansas, pursuant to inquiries recently made by Special Agent Bray, and that she is now living in Texas, and will be interviewed.

W. F. TRAINOR
Special Agent

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Reference is made to letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, 3-8-1934 to Special Agent R. C. Coulter, c/o General Delivery, Omaha, Nebraska, relative to Joe, Frank and Tony; reference also being made to report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri 3-1-1934, pages 5 to 15, and to report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, 2-20-1934, pages 2 to 4. No further information has been obtained by this office as to the identity of Joe, Frank and Tony. Frequent contact is had with Sheriff Rogers at Topeka, Kansas, but he advised Special Agent B. R. Allen on March 21, 1934, that he has been unable to carry out his plans of having Bully Brown, bootlegger of Topeka, to come to Kansas City to endeavor to determine the true identity of Joe, Frank and Tony in view of Brown's absence from Topeka. This matter will be pursued further by the Kansas City Office.

Special Agent W. F. Trainor has submitted the following memorandum relative to information received from Sheriff Rogers, above named, of Topeka, Kansas:

"Sheriff Dean Rogers called this office today and requested that I phone him when I arrived at the office, which was done.

Mr. Rogers stated that he had just received a telegram from the Chief of Police at Sioux Falls, South Dakota to the effect that the photographs of Alvin Karpis, T. L. Carroll and one of the Barkers (which one not stated in the telegram) had been identified by parties in Sioux Falls as likenesses of the men who participated in the robbery of a bank at Sioux Falls recently.

A telegram was sent to the St. Paul Office from this office immediately on March 18th, stating the information regarding these reported identifications.

Mr. Rogers also informed Agent that there is a war on between various factions of bootleggers in Topeka. That two brothers named Joe and Vincent Murphy are members of that class there. Vincent Murphy is now located at Hutchinson, Kansas and is under observation of police, while Joe Murphy is located in the vicinity of Topeka, and Mr. Rogers has an arrangement whereby he will be "placed on the spot" for arrest on a charge of violating the State Prohibition Law within the next two or three days.

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Rogers was informed by [redacted] that on December 14, 1933 he observed the attempt to kidnap Mr. Harry Wolf of the National Bank of Topeka and that Joe Murphy was one of those who participated in the attempt. The names of [redacted] were not mentioned by Mr. Rogers telephonically. He stated, however, that the man who furnished this information [redacted] is of bad character and would not cooperate with the law enforcement officers. However, he is working [redacted] to secure additional data in this connection.

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It is the theory of Mr. Rogers, which seems plausible, that the attempt to kidnap Harry Wolf during December 1933 had a direct connection with the later attempt (February 15, 1934) to rob the same bank through the attack on Don Hasbrook (of that bank) and his family. Mr. Rogers stated that in his investigation of the attempted robbery of the bank as of February 15th he learned that Joe Murphy, and others, were seen in the vicinity of the Hasbrook home about the time the offense occurred. He also stated that the Murphy brothers are undoubtedly friendly with Karpis and the Barkers.

Mr. Rogers advised that he has information that several days ago Joe Murphy appeared at a bank in the outskirts of Topeka, Kansas, with a great quantity of five dollar bills, and requested the bank to change them for fifty dollar bills. That because of the great quantity of money the bank was unable to take care of it and he took the money away without changing it.

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Mr. Rogers stated that he will keep in close touch with this office regarding the location of Joe Murphy and as soon as he can be arrested this office will be advised. He also promised to pursue, through [redacted] who is his confidential contact, any and all information regarding major crimes which may be related by [redacted] there, who is apparently at enmity with other factions of that class.

The Sheriff states that he does not know of any criminal records which the Murphys (Vincent and Joe) have had, and therefore he does not know where their photographs and fingerprints can be secured.

Attention is called in connection with this memorandum to the reports in the file entitled August Gus Kahn, with aliases, et al; Harry D. Wolf - Victim, Kidnaping, Impersonation; as well as to the data contained in the Bremer kidnaping file wherein T. L. Carroll, Karpis and the Barkers have been prominently mentioned."

PENDING.

March 21, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

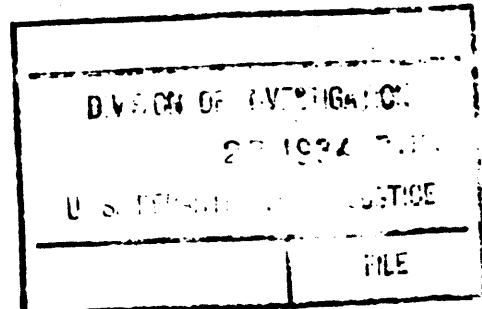
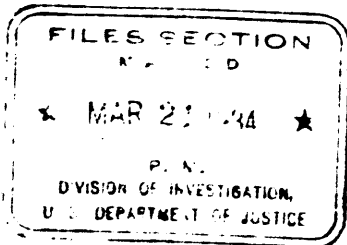
I am forwarding herewith a confidential memorandum, for your information, which forms the basis of the statement that Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis are known to have been participants in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 17, 1934.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

Incl. 691380.

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March 21, 1934.

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Respectfully,

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CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

RE: IDENTIFICATIONS IN THE
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM,
KIDNAPING CASE.

Immediately after Mr. Bremer was released on February 7, 1934 by the kidnapers at Rochester, Minnesota and returned to his home, efforts were made by the Division to obtain from him as many details as possible concerning his travels, the place where he was held by the kidnapers and their identities.

Although Mr. Bremer has been able to submit but little and meager information, he stated that the car in which he was returned contained several five gallon gasoline cans, which were removed from the car at about half way between the point where he was held by the kidnapers and the point at which he was released - Rochester, Minnesota - apparently for the purpose of refilling the car with gasoline. Consequently a search was begun to locate these gasoline cans, which resulted in locating four of such five gallon gasoline cans at a point near Portage, Wisconsin, which is about 235 miles from St. Paul, Minnesota. The cans were immediately forwarded to Division headquarters at Washington and examined for latent fingerprints, which resulted in the development of a print which was subsequently identified as that of Arthur R. Barker, a notorious criminal who is known to be operating in the middle west.

Walter Magee, the contact man who delivered the ransom money, was also thoroughly questioned in an effort to obtain information which might prove helpful in determining the identities of the kidnapers. Mr. Magee stated that he received orders to proceed to a certain point in St. Paul where he would locate an automobile at 8:00 P.M. on February 6, 1934; that in the side pocket of this car he would locate further instructions as to the procedure to be followed in delivering the ransom. The instructions indicated that he should travel from St. Paul towards Farmington, Minnesota and en route he would notice a number of flash lights which were signals to take another road.

Three flash lights were subsequently located near Zumbrota, Minnesota and found to bear the trade mark of "A Merit Product". A canvass was instituted in an effort to identify the purchasers of such flash lights. At the F. & W. Grand Silver Store at St. Paul, Minnesota, it was ascertained that a clerk at the hardware counter, on January 27, 1934, sold three such flash lights to an unknown person. The clerk had a vivid recollection of the transaction in question and was able to describe in detail the

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purchaser, her curiosity having been aroused by the fact that the purchase of three such flash lights was unusual. Photographs of suspects in this case were exhibited to this clerk who singled out and positively identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis as the purchaser. This clerk also described the clothes which Karpis wore upon this occasion. In the car which Mr. Magee was instructed to use in delivering the ransom, a cap was found which was identified as that worn by Alvin Karpis at the time he made this purchase.

Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis are among the nation's most desperate criminals and have long criminal records. Alvin Karpis is wanted for murder at West Plains, Missouri and Arthur R. Barker was received at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester on February 19, 1922 to serve a life sentence on a charge of murder. He was paroled on September 10, 1932.

Arthur R. Barker has a brother, Lloyd Barker, now serving a sentence of 25 years in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth on a charge of mail robbery. He also has a brother, Fred Barker, who is known to have been associated with Arthur R. Barker for the past several years in his criminal activities and who also has a long criminal record.

Other known associates of the Barkers and Karpis, who are probably implicated in this kidnaping, are Harry Campbell and Volney Davis, both of whom have criminal records. Davis was received at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester on February 3, 1923 on a charge of murder, under a life sentence. He escaped on January 8, 1925 and was returned on January 25, 1925. On November 3, 1932 he was granted leave of absence until July 1, 1933, which was extended to July 1, 1934. Photographs of the above described individuals are attached hereto.

The following are the criminal records and descriptions of the above named individuals:

ARTHUR R. BARKER

Descriptions

Age	34
Height	5' 3-3/4"
Weight	119
Build	Short
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium

Criminal Records:

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ALVIN KARPIS

Descriptions

Age	25
Height	5' 9-3/4"
Weight	150
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair

Criminal Records

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The following notations appear on the records

[REDACTED]

FRED BARKER

Descriptions
Age 32
Height 5' 4"
Weight 120
Build Slender
Hair Sandy
Eyes Blue
Complexion Median Fair

Criminal Records

[REDACTED]

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The following notations appear on the records

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MARRY CAMPBELL

Descriptions:	
Age	30
Height	5' 5"
Weight	140
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy

Criminal Records

[REDACTED]

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VOLNEY DAVIS

Descriptions

Age	30
Height	5' 8-3/4"
Weight	123
Build	Slender
Hair	Light Chestnut
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair

Criminal Records

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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March 19, 1934.

MR. NATHAN	
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MR. CLEGG	
MR. COWLEY	✓
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MR. GIBSON	
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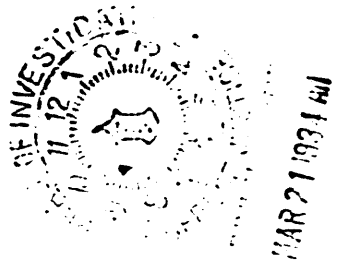
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called Mr. Rorer at St. Paul and gave him the information submitted by Mr. Brantley to the effect that [redacted] Burke, had first received the confidential information concerning the latent fingerprints from [redacted] Gilfillan, of the Minneapolis Tribune. Mr. Rorer was instructed to keep this information strictly confidential, not discussing it with anyone either in or out of the Division; that it was a matter which he alone should handle personally and that [redacted] should be held in the strictest of confidence. Mr. Rorer stated that other newspapers in St. Paul printed this story before the Minneapolis Tribune but that they had indicated they had obtained same from the Minneapolis Tribune. He stated that had the Minneapolis Tribune had the information in its possession for any extended period it seems it would have used same itself.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
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W. J. Brennan
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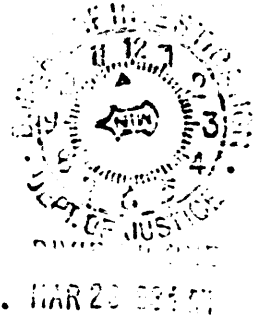


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Suite L -
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Kansas City, Missouri.
March 22, 1934.



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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

During the review of the case of Vernon C. Miller, (deceased) et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, in this office, a letter dated July 5, 1933, from the St. Louis office to the Kansas City office furnishing certain information which may be of value in the investigation to locate Karpis and Arthur R. and Fred Barker was noted. It appears that J. R. Jeffries former Chief of Police at West Plains, Missouri, furnished information regarding a Mrs. Asher, who resides south of West Plains, and, who, during the period around December 1931, was visited by the wife of either Alvin Karpis or Fred Barker shortly after the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelley of West Plains, in which crime Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis are accused.

A cover will be placed on the mail of Mrs. Asher, and all other investigation that can be conducted discreetly in this connection will be made.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While talking with Mr. Rorer today on another matter he advised me that he is in receipt of a three page telegram from the Salt Lake City Office, advising that an investigation by Special Agent A. R. Gere at Reno, Nevada disclosed that within the past three weeks Alvin Karpis has been residing in Reno; that it appeared likely that the other members of the gang had been there and in fact the entire Barker-Karpis gang may be in Reno at the present time. Mr. Rorer telephoned Acting Special Agent in Charge Wine at Salt Lake City. Mr. Wine stated that Mr. Gere, after making the investigation, had departed from Reno for Salt Lake City, and Mr. Rorer instructed Mr. Wine to immediately get in touch with Gere, if possible, and have him return to Reno. Rorer stated that obviously an additional Agent or additional Agents will be needed at Reno and I told him that we would issue instructions from here on that.

I endeavored then to reach Special Agent in Charge Vetterli at San Francisco and found that he was en route between San Francisco and Portland to interview applicants, whereupon I instructed Special Agent in Charge Dunn to instruct Special Agent Sackett to proceed immediately to Reno, where he would contact Agent Gere at the Golden Hotel. He was instructed to see that Agent Sackett had a machine gun. Mr. Dunn stated that Sackett would be there in five or six hours, which will probably be earlier than Agent Gere can be expected to arrive.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.



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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



Investigation in Illinois in vicinity of Chicago continuing in effort to locate hideout in which Bremer was held. No results to date.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, March 19, 1934.

DETAILS:

Contained herein are the memoranda of each investigating Agent, reporting the results of efforts to locate the hideout house in which Bremer was held. No results to date.

HIDEOUT

DETAILS:

Investigation relative to the hideout was conducted by Special Agent T. G. Melvin on March 19th and 20th, at the following towns:

- Aurora, Illinois
- Montgomery, Illinois
- Mooseheart, Illinois
- North Aurora, Illinois

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D. A. Curtis</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1396	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAY 26 1934
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AT AURORA, ILLINOIS:

Agent interviewed Postmaster Frank R. Dalton who stated that the only stationary sirens heard in Aurora are those operated by the Western United Gas and Electric Co. and the C. B. & Q. RR; that these are only sounded for fires, although the C. B. & Q. RR. siren is heard once a week, but that he is uncertain as to the time; that there are 8 or 10 factory whistles which are heard three times a day; however, the American Well Works and the Western Wheeled Scrapper Co. have a whistle or a siren that they blow each day; that there are four Lutheran Churches that ring their bells each Saturday afternoon; that there are two Catholic Churches that ring the Angelus each morning and night, and that the Lutheran Churches, Catholic Churches and several other churches have bells that ring on Sunday morning.

Interview was had by Agent with J. R. Hannon, Works Manager of the American Well Works who stated that his company has a whistle but no siren; that they blow the whistle at 12 noon and 12.30 P.M. daily except Sunday.

Agent interviewed J. W. Cyr, Superintendent of the C.B. & Q. Railroad shops, who stated that the C. B. & Q. Railroad has a siren which they blow each Saturday at 11 A.M. and for fires; that they also have two whistles which they blow at 6.30 A.M. 7 A.M. 12 noon, 12.55 P.M. 1 P.M. and 4 P.M. for their two departments in Aurora.

Agent also interviewed Fire Chief L. E. Granley of the Aurora Fire Department who stated that Aurora has no stationary fire siren; that they have sirens on their trucks.

Interview was had by Agent with H. D. Hamper, Superintendent of the Western Wheeled Scrapper Company who advised that the company has no siren, but that they have a whistle which blows at 8 A.M. 12 noon, 1 P.M. and 4 P.M. daily.

AT MONTGOMERY, ILL.

Agent interviewed William Beher, proprietor of the general store who stated that the only sirens heard in Montgomery are those in Aurora above referred to; that they also hear whistles from Aurora and Moosheart, Illinois.

AT MOOSEHEART, ILL.

Interview was had by Agent with F. J. Peterson, Assistant Postmaster, who stated that the only whistle heard in Mooseheart is the one which calls the children to meals, classes and designates "lights out"; that the only siren they hear is from Batavia, which does not blow in the morning. A report on Batavia has been submitted heretofore.

AT NORTH AURORA, ILL.

Agent interviewed Mary Smith, Postmistress, who advised that sirens are heard in North Aurora when the wind is blowing from the south, which enables them to hear the Aurora sirens above indicated; that North Aurora also has a fire siren which is heard only on Saturday at 12 noon; that the only whistle heard is located at Mooseheart, Illinois, and that there is only one church with a bell in North Aurora, which bell rings on Sunday morning.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. D. Brown at the following points on March 19th and 20th, in an effort to locate the hideout.

Channahon, Illinois
Minooka, Illinois
Morris, Illinois
Mazon, Illinois
Coal City, Illinois
Braidwood, Illinois
Essex, Illinois
Wilmington, Illinois
Manhattan, Illinois

AT CHANNAHON, ILLINOIS

This point is located seven miles southwest of Joliet, Ill. on a branch line of the A. T. and S. F. Railroad. It has a population of 200. As a result of interviews with Postmaster and other citizens of this town, Agent learned that none of the homes have running water; that no siren is located there or within hearing distance; that the railroad passing through and near this town has very little traffic. Due to this information Agent made no further inquiries.

AT MINOOKA, ILLINOIS

This town is located approximately fifteen miles southwest of Joliet, Illinois, on C.R.I. & P. Railway, and the E. J. & T. Railway, and has a population of 350.

Postmistress Mrs. Madelina Bramick was interviewed and advised that no siren is ever heard in this little town; that no factories are located here and that factory whistles cannot be heard any time from any other point; that but few of the homes in this town are equipped with running water. The houses so equipped were examined by Agent as to outward appearance and none were located which in any way resemble the description of the hideout. Due to the above no further investigation was undertaken.

AT MORRIS, ILLINOIS:

This town has a population of 5000, and is located on a main line of the C.R.I. and P. Railroad, having frequent passenger and freight trains and is a point used for switching. It is directly on the airline of the American Airways route.

Agent interviewed Leo Ahern, Fire Chief, who advised that a siren is located on the local water tower which is sounded daily except Sundays at 12.00 noon; that it has a very shrill tone and can be heard for a distance of approximately six miles under ideal weather conditions. It is located on the Illinois river where some fishing is being done at this season of the year.

Mr. Ahern produced his record of fires which showed that the local siren blew at 3.30 P.M. on January 28, 1934, and at no other time on that day; that it sounded one blast only. He advised that there are four churches having bells, one a Catholic church and the other three Protestant; that none of them ring bells on Saturdays. This was further checked by telephone conversations with the various Pastors of the churches.

Mr. Ahern stated that a factory, located three quarters of a mile from the downtown area has a shrill whistle which blows at 7.00 A.M., 12.00 noon and 5.30 P.M.

Claude Francis, local water-meter reader, was interviewed and advised of two houses so equipped and situated which might answer the description of the hideout. These houses were examined by Agent with the

assistance of Mr. Francis, but were found not to have the proper arrangement and were unpepered inside; neither were they constructed in the manner described by Mr. Bramer. An exhaustive search was made by Agent and Mr. Francis but no houses could be located which fit the description of the hideout.

AT MAZON, ILLINOIS:

This town is located 63 miles southwest of Chicago and is on the C. C. C. & St. L. Railroad. It has a population of but 300. As a result of inquiries of the Postmaster and other residents, Agent learned that this town has no siren; that no factory whistles can be heard; that only a few trains pass through the town and that only about twenty houses are equipped with running water. Due to the total lack of the necessary sounds, no further investigation was made.

AT COAL CITY, ILLINOIS:

This town is a mining town and is located 22 miles southwest of Joliet, Illinois. It has a population of 1600 and is located on the C. & A. and E. J. & E. Railroads, neither having very active traffic other than coal trains.

Mayor Pierard was interviewed and stated that Coal City has a siren on the local water tower but only is sounded at 7.30 P.M. twice each month to call firemen to meeting; that there was no fire on January 28, 1934, and therefore the siren did not sound; that a siren located at Wilmington, Illinois six miles away can some times be heard but very faintly. He stated that there are two Protestant and one Catholic Churches which have bells, but none ring on Saturday afternoons or evening. He stated the homes in Coal City do not contain water meters, a flat yearly rental for water being charged. Mr. Pierard states he is personally acquainted with all of the residents of Coal City and knows the equipment and arrangement of all the homes. He accompanied Agent on a tour of the various houses which offered any possibilities but none could be located which in any way answered the description of the hideout.

AT BRAIDWOOD, ILLINOIS:

This point is located six miles from Coal City and has a population of 1100. As a result of inquiries Agent learned that a siren is located at the local fire house which sounds only in case of fire and does not have a "testing day" each week; that no fire was reported on January

28, 1934, and the siren did not sound on that day; that no factory whistle or other siren can be heard in this town except under ideal weather conditions when the siren at Wilmington may be faintly heard. A branch line of the C. & A. Railroad passes through this town but handles mostly freight and has not been very active this year. No switching can be heard at this point. Agent was advised at the Post Office that only seven houses are equipped with running water. Because of the above information no further investigation was made.

AT ESSEX, ILLINOIS

This town has a population of 200 and is located on the Wabash and C. C. & St. L. Railroads. As a result of inquiries, Agent learned that no siren is located in the town and none can be heard from neighboring places; that there are no factories and no factory whistles can be heard from other towns; that none of the homes are equipped with running water.

WILMINGTON, ILLINOIS:

This town is located 17 miles south of Joliet, Illinois and has a population of 1700. The C. & A. Railroad passes through this town and has four passenger trains per day passing and considerable freight activity.

As a result of interviews with Mary I. Quinn, Postmistress, and J. C. Thompson, Mayor, Agent learned a loud siren located at the plant of Northern Illinois Corporation, two miles west of town, sounds daily except Sundays at 7 A.M., 11 A.M. 3.30 P.M.; that the steam whistle located at the plant of Orenda Corporation blows daily, except Sunday, at 7 A.M. and 4 P.M. Agent was informed there are two Protestant and one Catholic Churches located in Wilmington with bells but that no bells are rung on Saturday afternoons or evenings.

Mayor Thompson stated he was formerly connected with the local water department and accompanied Agent on a tour of the town at which time all houses were inspected from the outside. Only one house was located which was so constructed as to fit the possible description given of the hideout: Under suitable pretext this house was entered, but was found not to be papered on the inside and not equipped and arranged similarly to the victim's place of incarceration. The people who reside therein by the name of McCune are said to be thoroughly reliable. Only residences in the downtown area were found to be equipped with running water.

MANA TAT, ILLINOIS.

This town is located 15 miles southeast of Joliet, Illinois and has a population of 600, being located on a main line of the C.M.St.P. and P. Railroad.

As a result of inquiries at this point Agent learned no siren is located in this town and that no factories with whistles are located here, and none can be heard from other points. Due to this situation no further investigation was undertaken.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. N. Peterson on March 20, 1934, for the purpose of attempting to locate the hideout:

Buffalo Grove, Illinois
Gilmer, Illinois
Grays Lake, Illinois
Ivanhoe, Illinois
Round Lake, Illinois.

BUFFALO GROVE, ILLINOIS:

Buffalo Grove, Illinois is a small village of about 75 people. There is no Post Office in the town. The only places of business are a garage and a small general store. Casual inquiry was made of an employee in a store under suitable pretext. He advised that the only church in the locality is St. Mary's Catholic Church. The bells of this church ring morning and noon each day of the week. There is no siren in the village and the sirens of other towns are not audible. There are no factories in the locality nor can any factory whistles be heard. The writer drove through the streets of the village and observed the houses located therein, but failed to notice any house answering the description given by Bremer.

GILMER, ILLINOIS:

Investigation at Gilmer, Illinois discloses that this village has a population of approximately 15 or 20 people. There is no post office in the village. The business places consist of a small general store and a blacksmith shop. The Bowman's Dairy plant located in this village has not been in operation for some time. The Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway

passes through the village but very little switching is done. There is no siren in the town and casual inquiry of the storekeeper revealed that it is impossible to hear either a siren or a factory whistle in Gilmer, Ill. There are no churches in the vicinity. About three houses are situated in the village. Said houses are typical farm houses.

GRAYS LAKE, ILLINOIS:

L. E. Richardson, Postmaster, Grays Lake, Illinois, upon interview advised that Grays Lake has a population of 1120 people; that there is no siren in the town; that the Grays Lake Gelatin Company factory has a whistle; that said whistle is sounded each day at eight o'clock A.M.; twelve noon; one P.M. and five P.M. with the exception of Sunday; that in the event of fire the factory whistle referred to is sounded louder than ordinarily; that when it is sounded for a fire it resembles a fire siren; that factory whistles and sirens of other places are not audible in Grays Lake; that the Soo Line Railway and the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway pass through the town; that there are about twelve passenger trains each day over the St. Paul Railway; that there is some switching; that it is very seldom that an airplane passes over Grays Lake; that the town has four churches; that the Congregational and Episcopal Churches are the only churches that are equipped with bells; that the bells of these churches are rung on Sundays only; that each Sunday the bells of the churches named above ring at 9 A.M., ten A.M. and seven P.M.; that no church bells are rung on Saturdays; that the homes in Grays Lake are one family homes and that he is of the belief that there are no basements of homes in Grays Lake that are furnished in such a manner that they are habitable.

Mr. Richardson advised that Highland Lake, which appears on the map, is not a town and that only a few people reside in the vicinity of the place once known as Highland Lake in the summer time.

William Lenzen, Trustee of the Village Board, Grays Lake, Illinois was interviewed. He stated that he personally reads all water meters in the town of Grays Lake. According to Mr. Lenzen there are no basements in Grays Lake that are suitable for living quarters. The information which he provided with reference to the sounds which may be heard in Grays Lake is identical to that furnished by Postmaster L. E. Richardson.

Ray Grosbenor, Mundelein, Illinois was interviewed in view of the fact that he reads meters in Grays Lake for the Northshore Gas Company. The interview occurred in the office of that company at Libertyville, Ill. in the presence of H. W. Dunn, Manager. Mr. Grosbenor stated that there are no basements in Grays Lake, answering the description which was provided him by the writer.

IVANHOE, ILLINOIS

Investigation was conducted by the writer in Ivanhoe, Ill. and casual inquiry was made concerning the data pertinent to the instant matter. Ivanhoe, Illinois has a population of approximately fifty people. There is a dance pavillion, a school, and the St. Mary's Church. No railway passes through Ivanhoe, Illinois and the nearest railway is in Mundelein, a distance of two miles. There is no siren in Ivanhoe and no factories are situated in the vicinity. Only a few houses are located in the village and it is a typical country village.

ROUND LAKE, ILLINOIS

William Wilmington, Mayor, Round Lake, Illinois was interviewed, inasmuch as the postmaster and water meter reader were out of town. Round Lake is a town of about five hundred population. There are no factories in the vicinity. When the weather is favorable it is possible to hear the factory whistle of the gelatin factory located at Grays Lake, Ill. This whistle sounds four times each day. No other factory whistles are audible. Round Lake has a fire siren. It sounds each day, except Sunday, at twelve noon and in case of fire. It sounds at no other time. Two churches are located in Round Lake. Only one church is equipped with a bell, however. The bell on this church is rung each week day at eight A.M. and twelve noon. It also rings for mass on Sundays. No church bell is rung on Saturday night. The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway passes through Round Lake. There are about four passenger trains each day and two local freight trains. Occasional switching takes place in Round Lake. Airplanes fly overhead only on rare occasions. Mr. Wilmington was not aware of any homes located in Round Lake which have a basement that would be suitable for living purposes. He furnished information concerning some alleged gangsters who lived in a place about five miles from Round Lake during the fall months of 1933. The writer proceeded to the place referred to by Mr. Wilmington. It was disclosed that only a shack is located there and same is used for a shelter while individuals are engaged in hunting. The tenant on the farm stated that the shack has not been used since last fall. At the farm house in question it was noticed that there are two dogs, a

large dog and a smaller one. The basement possessed an outward appearance similar to that described by Bremer. A discussion was entered into with the farm wife and she assented to the writer looking through the basement window. She was led to believe that it was desired to rent a basement for a short period of time for the purpose of living in same. The basement of this house is unfurnished and does not correspond in any manner with the description provided by Edward G. Bremer.

H. Steffes, Contractor, and builder, Round Lake, Illinois was interviewed in the absence of the water meter reader. He advised that he has been in the larger number of basements in Round Lake. Within his knowledge only one basement is furnished in a manner that it could be used to live in. The writer passed this house in an automobile but its outward appearance would not indicate that it could be the hideout. Mayor Wilmington advised that this house is owned and occupied by an elderly man who is engaged in repairing watches. He has resided in this house for many years and bears an excellent reputation.

U. C. Hendee, a member of the Volunteer Fire Department, Round Lake, Illinois was interviewed after it was ascertained that he maintains the records of this fire department. He stated that the only occasions that the siren of Round Lake was sounded for fire during January or February 1934 were on January 17, 1934, and February 17, 1934. The fire siren was not sounded on January 28, 1934.

Ray Grosbenor, Mundelein, Illinois was interviewed in the office of the Northshore Gas Company, Libertyville, Illinois. He advised that he reads the gas meters in Round Lake, Illinois, and that there are no basements located in Round Lake, Illinois which compare with the description of the hideout.

Inquiry was made at the following places by Special Agent John E. Brennan on March 20, 1934:

Westmont, Illinois
Clarendon Hills, Illinois
Downers Grove (and Belmont), Ill.
Lisle, Ill.

WESTMONT, ILLINOIS:

This is a small residential section about 20 miles southwest of Chicago on the Chicago Burlington and Quincy Railroad. James S. Furlong, Chief of the fire department related that he had received a communication from the St. Paul office of the Division and had informed that office that the description given of the town sought would not apply to Westmont. He stated that there is one stationary siren in the village but that it is blown in case of fire only, no time or test schedule being maintained, and that the only other siren that can be heard is sounded at Clarendon, Ill. immediately adjoining, at 6 P.M.

CLARENDON HILLS, ILL:

This town is situated at the east side of Westmont, and has a population of about 300, on the C. B. and Q. Railroad. Inquiry of members of the volunteer fire department verified the statement made by the Chief at Westmont that the siren at Clarendon Hills is sounded at 6 P.M. each day for test and time signal. No siren is heard in the morning.

DOWNERS GROVE, ILL:

Interviewed Harry B. Riggsbee, Postmaster, Grant Bickey, Chief of the Fire Department, and R. V. Boltz, Assistant Manager of Sears-Roebuck, all of whom related that no schedule for blowing a siren is maintained here and neither siren nor whistle is heard sounding in the morning from this or any other community.

BELMONT, ILL. Immediately adjoining Downers Grove; has no fire department, industrial plant, or siren. The Downers Grove Fire Department renders service to this community.

LISLE, ILL:

Postmaster M. J. Riedy, and the Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department, related that the only siren in Lisle, operated by the fire department, is sounded in case of fire only, no regular test schedule being maintained; that no siren is heard in the morning from any other community.

On March 19, 1934, Special Agent H. H. Reinecke made investigation at the following towns with reference to the hideout described by the victim:

Barrington, Illinois
Lake Zurich, Illinois
Ela, Illinois
Long Grove, Illinois
Wauconda, Illinois
Cary, Illinois
Fox River Grove, Illinois

BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS:

The Postmaster and Paul Purcell, the water meter reader, both advised that the local fire department has a stationary siren which is tested only Saturday noons, and is sounded at no other time except for fires. They also say there are no other sirens in Barrington or vicinity, and also no steam whistles of any sort whatsoever.

There are several churches with bells, one of which is a German Lutheran which rings its bell each Saturday evening. There are numerous trains, commuting and otherwise, -and also main vehicular highways.

Mr. Purcell was given a detailed oral description of the hideout, and after studying over it stated that there was only one place in Barrington which would come near fitting it. This is the residence of a Mr. Wilkinson, a trucker, 129 George Street. According to Mr. Purcell, this house has living quarters in the basement, but he was of the opinion that this place, in view of the presumed respectability of the occupants, would not figure in a crime of any sort. Nevertheless, Agent made an outside examination of the premises and feels that they do not in any sense meet the requirements of victim's description.

Inquiry at the store of the Northern Illinois Public Service Company brought out the fact that all meter readers for Barrington and vicinity are out of the district office at Crystal Lake, Illinois, which will subsequently be covered by this Agent.

LAKE ZURICH, ILLINOIS:

The Postmaster and Mr. John Gehrke, the village marshal and water meter reader, advised that they have no fire department using a bell which is rung for fires only. There are no whistles of any type in the village or entire surrounding country. There is but one church bell and this rings at 6 P.M. on Saturdays, and for Sunday morning services. The village has only a branch line railroad over which nothing but a few freights pass.

Mr. Gehrke was given an oral description of the hideout and he said there was nothing in Lake Zurich like it.

ELA, ILLINOIS:

This is shown on agent's map as a very small village and not on or near any railroad. Inquiry at Lake Zurich verified this and developed the fact that it is only a crossroads with one building, a store, and the nearest railroad is four miles distant. As a result no investigation was made at the place.

LONG GROVE, ILLINOIS:

Inquiry at Lake Zurich indicated that this is a village of about 25 buildings with no city water supply, no whistles, and the nearest railroad five miles distant, and this is the "Soo" line and runs only one or two trains a day. They have a siren which is used as a fire alarm, and is tested each noon, weekdays. In view of the above it was not deemed necessary to proceed to Long Grove for a personal investigation.

WAUCONDA, ILLINOIS: Agent's map shows this village to be on no railroad line whatsoever, with the nearest line 8 miles away at Cary, Illinois. This was verified by inquiry of the village marshal at Lake Zurich, who also said Wauconda has a fire department siren, which is tested only on Saturday noons, and no whistle of any type. In the absence of any trains in or near Wauconda investigation there seemed unwarranted.

CARY, ILLINOIS: This town has previously been covered as to noises and possible hideouts, but this Agent called on Fred Crenz, the village Marshal, and water meter reader, who said he has been in every building in town, and that none seemed to fit the description of the hideout.

FOX RIVER GROVE, ILLINOIS:

With the exception of giving the water meter reader a description of the hideout, all matters in this village had been previously covered. Agent gave this description to Mr. Bowman, the village marshal, and water meter reader, and he said there was no such place in his village.

P E N D I N G

P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

March 20, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

I have received a letter from Mr. Arthur Mahler,
County Constable, at Matteson, Illinois, in response to one of the
circular letters sent out by me and the information supplied by
Mr. Mahler leads me to believe that inquiry relative to this matter
should be made at Matteson, Illinois.

Therefore, please have one of the Agents working
on this matter call upon Mr. Matteson.

Very truly yours,

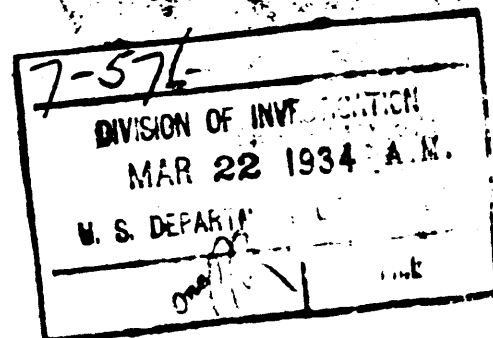
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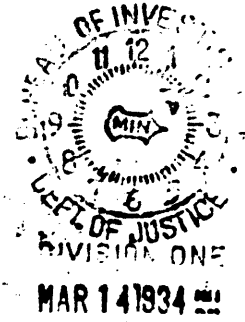
P.S. The letter from Mr. Mahler is attached hereto.

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Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri,

March 10, 1934.



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
801 Title Guaranty Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Please find attached hereto a copy of a letter received from Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated St. Paul, Minn., March 6, 1934, calling for investigation at Kirksville and Moberly, Missouri, both of which are within the territorial jurisdiction of your office. Please conduct the investigation requested.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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FILE NO. 7-22 BM

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DIVISION**

REPORT MADE AT: Birmingham, Ala.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-23-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-20-34	REPORT MADE BY: M. J. Sherry.
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD B. BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: The two pair goggles with Essentialite lens of same type mentioned in reference report received by Jackson Lumber Co. Lockhart, Ala. 11-22-32 and one pair same type received 2-12-34 from Chicago Eye Shield Co., Chicago, Ill. for use Oscar Mosley, Master Mechanic, Jackson Lumber Co., at Lockhart, Ala. in welding operations on repair machinery. Mosley now has possession of two pair said goggles and part of third pair that have been broken. Mosley not absent from Lockhart, Ala. since August, 1933.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Sp. Agt. T.E. Billings, Chicago, Ill., 5-13-34.</p> <p>DETAILS: At Lockhart, Ala.</p> <p>Agent interviewed Mr. E. C. Gates, Manager of the Jackson Lumber Company at Lockhart, Alabama, where he resides. He exhibited to Agent record of purchase of the goggles mentioned in reference report, which is as follows:</p> <p>On November 4, 1932, on order #175 the Jackson Lumber Company of Lockhart, Ala. ordered through its purchasing agents "The Tri State Mill Supply Co. of Fordyce, Ark. 2 #524 M&L Industrial Goggles fitted with Essentialite Lens (Dept. account #537).</p> <p>The order for these goggles was placed by the Tri State Mill Supply Co. with the Chicago Eye Shield Company, Chicago, Ill. on its order #13604 and these goggles were shipped direct by Chicago Eye Shield Company to the Jackson Lumber Company at Lockhart, Alabama, being received November 22, 1932 and billed through the Tri State Mill Supply Company.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. J. Sherry</i>		RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 26 1934	
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These records also show one pair Industrial goggles, catalog number 525 M&L #6 shade Essentialite lens ordered through the Tri State Mill Supply Co. of Fordyce, Ark, by the Jackson Lumber Co., Lockhart, Ala. Feb. 12, 1934, and received direct from Chicago Eye Shield Co.

Mr. Gates stated these three pair said goggles, only kind of their type purchased since 1931, were purchased for Mr. Oscar Mosley, the master mechanic of the Jackson Lumber Co. at Lockhart, Ala., to whom they were turned over. He stated Oscar Mosley has resided at Lockhart, Ala. for the past twenty-one years, being an old employee, and that Mosley has not been absent from Lockhart, Ala. since August 1933, his only absence from work being a trip with his wife to Birmingham, Ala. in August 1933, at which time his wife was ill, and went there for medical treatment.

Agent, accompanied by Mr. Gates, interviewed Mr. Oscar Mosley, Master Mechanic of the Lockhart Lumber Company at Lockhart, Alabama. He stated that the above described goggles are the only ones of their type he has, and that these goggles are used by him exclusively in welding operations on repair of machinery and equipment for his company. He exhibited the one pair of goggles, which were received February 12, 1934, as listed above, still in the original box of the shipper, the Chicago Eye Shield Co. and stated this pair of goggles has never been used and has never been out of his possession. He also exhibited to Agent one pair of the Goggles which were received on November 22, 1932 as listed above, which he was using at time of interview. He exhibited one-half of the shield and one lens of the other pair of goggles listed above, which were received November 22, 1932, explaining that these goggles had been broken in the course of his work and he threw the other half of the shield and lens away.

Agent noted that these goggles are identical with the sample received from the Chicago Office for use in instant investigation, and as described in reference report, and noted the shields of same had no holes bored in them. The lenses in the goggles received November 22, 1932 are #4 and 5 shade, and the lenses in goggles received February 12, 1934 are #6 shade (amber).

Agent interviewed Mrs. Ruth Bullard, Postmistress of Lockhart, Ala., a small community, without disclosing to her the purpose of instant investigation. She stated Oscar Mosley, father of six minor children, and his wife, have resided at Lockhart for over twenty years past and she sees him every day, and he has not been absent from Lockhart, Ala. during the past six months.

The sample pair of goggles received from the Chicago Office for use in instant investigation is being returned to the Chicago Office, as requested in reference report, with copies of this report.

P E N D I N G

JEM:HCB

March 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Colonel Gates telephoned and read to me the following paragraph which he proposed giving out at the press conference this afternoon:

"Karpis and Barker have been definitely identified by the United States Division of Investigation, Department of Justice, as two of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota."

I told the Colonel that I approved this statement, but suggested that he discuss the matter with the Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT: KANSAS CITY, MO.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-24-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-22-23-34	REPORT MADE BY: J. E. GREEN
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al 87009 EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigations at the former Savoy Hotel, Lincoln, Nebraska, disclosed no one registering at that hotel on or prior to 3-6-34 under the name of Harry Campbell or known Subjects. Manager Sam Lawrence could not recognize photographs of Subjects as anyone known to him. Night Clerk Harry Baldrige informed photograph of Harry Campbell looked somewhat familiar but could not identify same as having been a guest at said hotel.



REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent E. J. Bowd, Dallas, 3-7-34, and letter from the Dallas office, 3-15-34.

DETAILS:

Sam Lawrence, Manager of the Sam Lawrence Hotel, formerly known as the Savoy Hotel, Lincoln, Nebraska, advised their hotel was still using stationery of the latter named hotel which discloses it is located at 11th and P Streets, opposite the Commercial Club. After looking at photographs of Davis, Fred and Arthur Barker, Karpis and Harry Campbell, he was unable to recognize any of them as resembling any one known to him or having been a guest at his hotel, neither did he know anyone by the name of Harry Campbell as having been a guest at his hotel.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul

U. S. FILE NO. 7-62

REPORT MADE AT: San Antonio, Tex.	DATE WHEN MADE: March 22'34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/20/34	REPORT MADE BY: E. E. Parker
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; ARTHUR BARKER with aliases UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - EDWARD G. BREWER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Postal authorities, Harlingen, Texas, state that C. M. Hubbard does not call for or receive any mail and that they have no record of forwarding address. P.

References: Letter of Acting SAC M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Mo., dated 2/20/34.

DETAILS:

Agent interviewed Mr. J. F. Rodgers, Postmaster, Harlingen, Texas, who advised after an interview with General Delivery Clerks and a search of his records that C. M. Hubbard does not call for or receive any mail and that they have no record of forwarding address.

E. W. Anglin, Chief of Police, Harlingen, Texas, advised that C. M. Hubbard was unknown to him.

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REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE 3/23/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/22/34	REPORT MADE BY K. R. McINTIRE LM
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING



SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation continuing in the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois, in the hope of locating the hideout house in which Bremer was held.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, dated 3/19/34.

DETAILS:

The following investigation in an effort to locate the hideout house in which Bremer was held is being furnished in this report in the form of memoranda submitted by the various investigating agents.

HIDEOUT

Investigation relative to the hideout was conducted by Special Agent T. G. Malvin on March 22, 1934, at the following towns:

- Bald Mound, Illinois
- Big Rock, Illinois
- Kaneville, Illinois
- Sugar Grove, Illinois

AT BALD MOUND, ILLINOIS:

This is a small hamlet with no post office, located about 40 miles west of Chicago and is not on a railroad. Agent interviewed W. C. Masterson, proprietor of a general store, who advised that the

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only stationary siren heard in Bald Mound is the fire siren located in Batavia, Illinois, which blows only for fires; that the wind must be blowing from the east to enable them to hear this siren; that a factory whistle in Batavia can also be heard when the wind is blowing from the right direction; that the whistle at Mooseheart, Illinois, can also be heard several times a day. Bald Mound is not on a paved highway and according to Mr. Masterson no church bells are heard there.

AT BIG ROCK, ILLINOIS:

The above town is 45 miles west of Chicago in Kane County and is located in a farming community. Agent interviewed D. J. Morris, postmaster, who stated that no stationary sirens, factory whistles or church bells are heard there; that the town is located on the main line of the C.B. & Q.R.R. and that two local trains, two through trains, as well as numerous freights, pass through the town each day. Big Rock is on paved highway Ill. 71.

AT KANEVILLE, ILLINOIS:

This town has a population of 218 and is located in Kane county 46 miles west of Chicago in a farming section. Postmaster Jacob M. Frank was interviewed and stated that a stationary siren cannot be heard in Kaneville; that a factory whistle 8 miles away in Maple Park can be heard when the wind blows from the north; that only one church bell can be heard in Kaneville at 9:30 or 10 A.M. on Sunday morning only; that the nearest railroad is 6 1/2 miles north on the C. & N.W.

AT SUGAR GROVE, ILLINOIS:

The above town is 46 miles west of Chicago in Kane county and has a population of 121. It is on the main line of the C.B. & Q.R.R. and the same trains run through Sugar Grove that run through Big Rock above referred to. This town is in a farming section. Agent interviewed W. R. Keck, postmaster, who stated that no stationary sirens or factory whistles can be heard there and that only one church bell can be heard which rings at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday. Sugar Grove is on Highway Ill. 47.

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Reference is made to the letter of Inspector W. A. Rorer to the Chicago Division Office, dated March 20, 1934, which enclosed a letter received from Arthur Mahler, County Constable, Matteson, Illinois, stating that he knew of an unattended farm near Matteson, which might be the place sought.

On March 22, 1934, Special Agent W. G. Ryan interviewed Arthur Mahler at Matteson relative to the place suspected by him. Mr. Mahler advised that in addition to his duties as constable, he is also a member of the local fire department; that he had seen the letters from the St. Paul Division Office, inquiring relative to a fire on January 28th and the following day noted an article in the Chicago Tribune relative to church chimes having been heard near the place where Bremer was held. He stated that there are four churches in the vicinity of Matteson, which ring almost at the same time and might give the impression of chimes, and it occurred to him that an unoccupied house about 3/4 miles west of Matteson, which was formerly occupied by bootleggers, might possibly have been the hideout. He advised that the house was at present unoccupied, whereupon Agent accompanied Mr. Mahler to the house in question. The house was determined to be situated 3/4 miles directly west of Matteson; it is 1/4 mile off of State Route #50 and is approached by a dirt road. The Michigan Central Railroad is 1/4 mile north and the E.J. & E. R.R. is 1/4 mile south, both of which are exclusively freight lines in this locality. The Illinois Central Railroad is 3/4 miles east at Matteson, but no steam passenger trains stop here, the town being served by electric trains.

Upon approaching the house, Mr. Edward Watson, the holder of the lease on the property, was found working on the premises. Mr. Watson advised that the house has not been occupied for over a year. He allowed Agent to inspect the house and it was determined that there are no electric or water facilities in the house. The basement is entered by means of a trap door from the outside and consists of two compartments separated by a brick wall. The floor in one compartment is of uneven brick and the other contains a dirt floor. It was apparent that a person could not live in the basement of this house. Nothing was noted about the house which in any way answers the description of the hideout.

Previous investigation by this Agent at Matteson had disclosed that the siren here blows only on Tuesday nights and for fires; that there are no factories or whistles in the vicinity. Mr. Mahler advised that he has been County Constable for eighteen years and is thoroughly familiar with all houses in the vicinity.

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He stated that he knows of no house which would answer the description of the hideout. He also stated the he knows of no strange persons having resided recently in the community, nor has he heard of any. The photographs of suspects in this case were exhibited to him and he could not recall having seen anyone resembling any of them.

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March 22, 1934

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent V. W. Peterson for the purpose of attempting to locate the hideout:

Bannockburn, Illinois
Fort Sheridan, Illinois
Great Lakes, Illinois
Highwood, Illinois
Lake Bluff, Illinois
Lake Forest, Illinois
Northbrook, Illinois
Rondout, Illinois
Techy, Illinois

AT BANNOCKBURN, ILLINOIS:

Investigation was conducted in the vicinity of Bannockburn, Illinois. Casual inquiry was made of a filling station attendant, inasmuch as there are no places of business in the village. No post office or church is located in Bannockburn. The homes are largely estates of considerable size. Approximately fifty people reside within the boundaries of Bannockburn, which has been recently incorporated. There are about fifteen homes situated in the village. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway passes near the edge of the village, but there is no station in Bannockburn. No siren is located in Bannockburn, but it is possible to hear the fire siren of Deerfield, Illinois, on rare occasions when the wind is in the proper direction. The fire siren of Deerfield sounds only in case of fire. There are no factories in the locality and it is impossible to hear any whistles resembling a factory whistle.

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AT FORT SHERIDAN, ILLINOIS:

Fort Sheridan, Illinois, is inhabited entirely by members of the U. S. Army. There are no civilians residing in Fort Sheridan. The only homes are those of U. S. Army officers which are located on the Government reservation. This information was corroborated by F. E. Peterson, Superintendent, Highwood, Illinois Water Department. Highwood is located within a very short distance of Fort Sheridan.

Mias Mary Sweeney, clerk, Fort Sheridan, Illinois, post office, was interviewed. She advised that no siren is located in Fort Sheridan; that there are no factories within a radius of many miles; that no whistles are audible in Fort Sheridan; that no church is located near Fort Sheridan and that church bells are not heard. There are no places of business in Fort Sheridan.

AT GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS:

A. McClasky, Superintendent, Great Lakes, Illinois Postal Station, advised that the siren of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station is sounded only in case of fire. No civilians reside in Great Lakes. There are no churches in Great Lakes and the bells of surrounding towns are not heard. There are no factories located in Great Lakes, but it is possible to hear the factory whistles of several factories located in North Chicago, a neighboring town. The Chicago & Northwestern steam railway and the North Shore electric line passes near Great Lakes.

E. Wright, who is in charge of the Western Union Office, Great Lakes, Illinois, advised that there are several factories that have whistles in North Chicago. One factory whistle can be heard at the following times each day with the exception of Sunday; 7:30 A.M., 7:55 A.M., Noon, 12:25 P.M., 12:30 P.M., and 5 P.M.

AT HIGHWOOD, ILLINOIS:

Mary B. East, Postmistress, Highwood, Illinois, was interviewed. Highwood is a town of 3700 inhabitants. The population consists of a considerable number of foreigners including many Italians. Mary B. East stated that there is a volunteer fire department in Highwood, and that a siren is sounded only in case of fire. There are no factories in the locality and it is impossible to hear anything which resembles a factory whistle. The siren is located on a building of the Chicago, Milwaukee & North Shore Railway offices

which are situated in the northern extremity of Highwood. There are three churches in Highwood. The Swedish Lutheran Church has a bell which rings very faintly and it is impossible to hear same over one block away. This bell is rung on Sundays only and is never rung on Saturdays. The Catholic Church also has a bell which is rung at 9:45 A.M. and 11 A.M. each Sunday. The Chicago & Northwestern Steam Railway and the Chicago, Milwaukee & North Shore Electric Railway pass through Highwood. There is very little switching done near Highwood. Occasional airplanes flying from the Pal-Waukee or the Curtis Airport fly over Highwood. Approximately three planes per week pass over the town. Mary B. East further advised that in connection with certain Legion work she has visited practically all homes in Highwood, and the homes located in the northern part of Highland Park. She stated that within her knowledge there are no basements in Highwood which are used for living quarters.

George Duchane, Meter Reader, North Shore Gas Company, Highland Park, Illinois office (residence address: 236 Sheridan, Highwood, Illinois) was interviewed. He advised that he reads gas meters in Ravinia, Highland Park, Highwood, Fort Sheridan, Deerfield and country surrounding said towns. A complete description of the house in which Bremer was held, as provided by the victim, was furnished to George Duchane. He stated that he does not visit any houses with basements which correspond to said description. George Duchane further stated that he is a member of the Highwood voluntary fire department. According to Mr. Duchane, the siren is sounded in Highwood only in the case of fire. The siren is located on the buildings owned by the North Shore Railway Company. The latter company sounds an air whistle four times each day. The exact time said whistle sounds was determined by an interview with an official of the company, and same will be set out later.

F. E. Peterson, Superintendent, Water Department, Highwood, Illinois, was interviewed. After having been furnished with a description of the hideout, Mr. Peterson stated that a house corresponding to said description does not exist in Highwood within his knowledge. Mr. Peterson reads all water meters in Highwood, Illinois. With reference to the sounding of sirens and whistles in Highwood, information was provided thereto by Mr. Peterson which was identical to that furnished by George Duchane.

C. F. Christianson, Chief Employment Record Clerk, Chicago, Milwaukee & North Shore Railway, Highwood, Illinois, was interviewed. He advised that the shop whistle of the above named

railway company sounds at the following times each day with the exception of Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday: 7:45 A.M., 12 Noon, 12:45 P.M. and 4:15 P.M. This is an air whistle.

AT LAKE BLUFF, ILLINOIS:

Mrs. Mary Bubb, Clerk, Lake Bluff, Illinois Post Office, was interviewed in the absence of the postmaster. She stated that there is a stationary siren located in Lake Bluff but same is never sounded except on the occasion of a fire. There are no factories in the vicinity and no factory whistles can be heard except on rare occasions when certain whistles in Lake Forest and North Chicago, Illinois, can be heard. There are only two churches in Lake Bluff, namely - the Union and the Methodist Church. Neither church rings a bell and it is impossible to hear the bells of churches in other towns. The Chicago & Northwestern Railway and the Chicago & North Shore electric railway pass through Lake Bluff. There is very little switching done by the trains that pass through Lake Bluff. Prior to the cancellation of the air mail contracts, a mail plane passed over Lake Bluff each day. Mrs. Bubb expressed an opinion that there are no basements which are used for living quarters in Lake Bluff.

Adam R. Wachs, Superintendent, Public Works, Lake Bluff, Illinois, advised that he frequently takes meters out of homes and installs new meters in addition to reading water meters. One Alfred Bowman, who usually reads the water meters, was out of the city at the time of Agent's call, and Mr. Wachs was interviewed in his stead. A complete description of the hideout basement was furnished to Mr. Wachs. He stated that a basement of that description does not exist in Lake Bluff within his knowledge. The fire siren of Lake Bluff is sounded only in case of fire. There are no factories in Lake Bluff and it is only on rare occasions that it is possible to hear the factory whistles of North Chicago.

Eugene E. Spaid, Chief of Police, Lake Bluff, Illinois, was interviewed. He was unable to provide information regarding a basement which would compare to the description given by Bremer. A large number of the wealthy residents of Lake Bluff have their basements furnished for recreation purposes. Mr. Spaid stated that he has been suspicious of a house located several miles from Lake Bluff. He consented to point this house out to the writer. Agent entered this basement under a suitable pretext, but it was found that it bore no resemblance whatever to the interior of the basement used as a hideout.

Vincent Dumn, 269 Woodland, Lake Forest, Illinois - Robert Muir, 692 Cherry, Lake Forest, Illinois - and H. Bishop, 771 Oakwood, Lake Forest, Illinois, were interviewed. These individuals are employed as meter readers for the North Shore Gas Company, Lake Forest, Illinois and they read the gas meters in Lake Bluff, Illinois. A complete description of the hideout was provided them but they were unable to remember having seen any basement which would correspond to the description furnished by the Victim in this case.

AT LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS:

George E. Larson, Chief, Fire Department, Lake Forest, Illinois, was interviewed. Lake Forest has a population of approximately seven thousand people. A large number of wealthy people, including many millionaires, reside in Lake Forest. There are numerous estates of considerable magnitude in the locality. According to George E. Larson, the stationary fire siren of Lake Forest is sounded at noon each day with the exception of Sunday and at no other time other than at large fires. The siren is never sounded for small fires. It is possible to hear the siren of Lake Bluff, Illinois, when the wind is favorable. The siren of Lake Bluff is sounded only in case of fire. There are no factories in or near Lake Forest. There are four churches in Lake Forest. Two churches are equipped with bells which are rung only for Sunday services. The bells of the churches in Lake Forest are never rung on Saturday according to Mr. Larson. The Chicago & Northwestern steam railway and the Chicago, North Shore electric railway pass through Lake Forest. Trains arrive in Lake Forest every half hour. A large number of commuters use these trains. There is some switching done in Lake Forest. An air mail route passes over the town and four air mail planes are seen daily. There are also occasional planes flying overhead from the Pal-Waukee and Curtis Airports, which are located but a comparatively short distance away. At the request of the writer Mr. Larson checked the records of fires during the latter part of January 1934. Said records reflect that there were no fires on January 28, 1934, and the fire siren was not sounded on that date. The records further reflect that a fire call was received on each of the following dates: January 25th, 29th and 31st, 1934. The siren was not sounded for any of the fires in question however.

Walter Smith, Postmaster, Lake Forest, Illinois, upon interview stated that the siren of Lake Forest sounds each day at noon with the exception of Sunday, and at no other time other than at fires. Mr. Smith further advised that there are no factories in the vicinity and that the only factory whistle that can be heard in Lake Forest is a whistle of a North Chicago factory which is sounded at seven o'clock in the morning. Mr. Smith stated that it is only on rare occasions that the factory whistle in North Chicago can be

heard in Lake Forest however. The wind must be quite favorable and it is seldom heard. Mr. Smith corroborated the statement of George E. Larson to the effect that only two churches in Lake Forest have bells, and that same are rung only on Sundays. Walter Smith was formerly connected with a Lake Forest store and in that capacity he made deliveries to the greater number of homes in or near Lake Forest. He expressed an opinion that there are no basements in Lake Forest which are suitable for living quarters.

In order to attempt to locate the hideout, samples of the wallpaper which appeared on walls of room in which Bremer was held, were exhibited to L. A. Larsen, 255 Market Square, Lake Forest, Illinois. He operates the only place of business in Lake Forest that sells wallpaper. Mr. Larsen stated that he has never handled wallpaper similar to the samples which were shown him.

C. Van Laningham, Manager, North Shore Gas Company, Lake Forest, Illinois, was interviewed and arrangements were made to interview all gas meter readers who work out of the Lake Forest office. Mr. Van Laningham is familiar with a large number of the homes in the vicinity of Lake Forest but he was unable to recall a house which answers the description provided by Bremer.

Vincent Dunn, 269 Woodland, Lake Forest, Illinois - Robert Muir, 692 Cherry, Lake Forest, Illinois - and H. Bishop, 771 Oakwood, Lake Forest, Illinois, are employed as meter readers by the Lake Forest office of the North Shore Gas Company. The territory which they cover includes that lying between the north gate of Fort Sheridan to the south gates of Great Lakes and from the lake east to west of Waukegan Road. No information could be developed concerning a basement corresponding to the description provided by the Victim of this case.

AT NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS:

A. W. Werhane, Superintendent, Water Department, Northbrook, Illinois, was interviewed. Mr. Werhane reads all water meters in Northbrook and he stated that he has entered almost every home in the town. Northbrook has a population of 1400 people. It does not have a stationary siren. The only siren which is ever sounded in Northbrook is a small siren which is attached to the fire truck. This siren is sounded only in the case of fire and is used going to and from the fire. It is impossible to hear

any sirens of surrounding towns with the exception of the Deerfield, Illinois fire siren which is sounded only in case of fire. On rare occasions it is possible to hear the Highland Park and the Lake Forest siren. There is no factory located in or near Northbrook. Mr. Werhane stated that it is impossible to hear any whistle whatever which might resemble a factory whistle. Northbrook has one church. The bell of this church rings each Sunday at 9:25 A.M. and 10:45 A.M. It is never rung on Saturday. The St. Peter's Church is also located near Northbrook. The bell of this church rings only at 10:45 each Sunday morning. It does not ring on Saturday. The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific steam railway passes through Northbrook and on the edge of Northbrook, a distance of approximately one mile, the North Shore electric train passes through. The St. Paul railway trains leave Northbrook each day at the following hours: 6 A.M., 6:30 A.M., 7:06 A.M., 7:30 A.M., 7:36 A.M., 8 A.M., 9 A.M., 11:50 A.M., 3:20 P.M., 5:30 P.M., 7 P.M., and 9:35 P.M. These trains leave Northbrook at the designated times for Chicago and the same trains return from Chicago arriving in Northbrook about one hour later. Switching occurs in Northbrook once each day. Two air mail planes fly over Northbrook regularly at 8:50 A.M. and 7 P.M. each day. Numerous other planes from the Palwaukee and Curtis Airports fly over Northbrook at irregular intervals.

A complete description of the hideout was furnished to Mr. Werhane. He advised that the only basement resembling the description of the hideout is located in a house situated on the corner of Second and Center Street, Northbrook, Illinois. The writer proceeded to the house in question and after making a suitable pretext the entire basement was inspected. It does not correspond to the description of the hideout as furnished by Bremer.

Mrs. M. B. Corson, Postmistress, Northbrook, Illinois, was interviewed. The information which she provided is identical to that furnished by Mr. Werhane. She stated that no stationary siren can be heard in Northbrook; that no factories are located in the vicinity and that it is impossible to hear the whistles of other localities. Mrs. Corson advised that only one church is situated in Northbrook. The bell of said church rings only on Sunday and never rings on Saturday.

AT RONDOUT, ILLINOIS:

G. A. Fisher, Postmaster, Rondout, Illinois, was interviewed. Rondout, Illinois, has a population of 239 inhabitants. It is a railroad center and the people who reside there are of the poor working class. Many Mexicans and Italians live in Rondout. A large number of the Italians are engaged as gardeners on the estates

of the wealthy individuals, which are located but a few miles away. There is no siren situated in Rondout, Illinois. It is possible, however, to hear the siren located on the Fould's Milling Company factory at Libertyville, Illinois. This siren sounds each day at 8:30 A.M., 12 Noon, 12:30 P.M. and 4:30 P.M., in addition to sounding in case of a fire. It is impossible to hear any factory whistle in Rondout, Illinois. There are no churches in Rondout and the bells in churches located in other towns are not audible. The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway, the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Freight Railway and the North Shore electric train pass through or near Rondout. Mr. Fisher stated that because of the small size of Rondout he observes almost all strange cars that enter the village. A large dark colored Buick Sedan has not been seen by Mr. Fisher, however, and no strangers have been frequenting the village during the past few months. A description of the hideout was furnished Mr. Fisher, but he was unable to provide any information concerning a basement which corresponds to said description.

Roy Grosbenor, Mundelein, Illinois, who is a meter reader for the North Shore Gas Company, Libertyville, Illinois office, was interviewed. He reads meters in the vicinity of Third Lake, Grays Lake, Druce Lake, Mundelein, Libertyville, Rondout, Prairie View, Half Day, Aptakisic and Columbian Gardens. He advised that the only basement resembling the description of the hideout, as provided by Bremer, is in the home of Stephen Krotowski, Rondout, Illinois. Mr. Fisher stated that Stephen Krotowski is a devoted church worker; that he walks to Libertyville, Illinois, each day for the purpose of attending church, and that he bears a very good reputation.

The writer visited the home of Stephen Krotowski and entered the basement of his home upon a suitable pretext. It failed to correspond to the description provided by Bremer.

AT TECHNY, ILLINOIS:

There are no places of business in Techny, Illinois. In view of the fact that Techny adjoins Northbrook, Illinois, inquiry was made concerning Techny of Mr. A. W. Werhane, Superintendent, Water Department, Northbrook, Illinois. He stated that Techny, Illinois, consists of two thousand acres of land which is used for certain Catholic institutions. On this land there is a church, reform school, school for girls, and old folks' home. There is no siren in Techny. A whistle is sounded each day at 12 Noon. This whistle has but little volume, however, and it cannot be heard in Northbrook, according to Mr. Werhane. There is a freight belt railway line which passes

near Techny.

Mrs. M. B. Corson, Postmistress, Northbrook, Illinois, was also interrogated concerning Techny. She was unable to furnish any information in addition to that supplied by Mr. Werhane.

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TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Henry Hull, inmate #73166, Harlan State Prison Farm, near Richmond, Texas, stated he was former member of Barker gang, and was last with this gang in January, 1933; that he accompanied Doc Barker and Barker's father from Oklahoma to St. Paul, Minn., in December, 1932; that the Barkers and their associates resided in apartment house corner Marshal and Cleveland Streets, St. Paul, and they frequented Hollyhock Club near St. Paul; that Barkers' contacts were business man named Graham in Reno, Nevada, and Jack Glynn, former Chief of Police, Leavenworth, Kansas, also one "Doc" Stacey, gangster, in Chicago, Ill. P.

Reference: Report of Special Agent F. S. Dunn, Dallas, Texas, 3-6-34.

DETAILS:

Henry Hull, inmate #73166, Harlan State Prison Farm, near Richmond, Texas was interviewed by Special Agent E. H. Parker and this Agent, at that prison farm. He stated that he was a former member of the Fred Barker gang, and was last with them in Reno, Nevada, January 8, 1933. Hull stated that since that time he has had no contact with them, and does not know their whereabouts, for reason he believes that after the robbery of the Third Northwestern Bank in Minneapolis in December, 1932, certain members of the Barker gang intended to "put him on the spot" because he knew too much about their operations and was not in on that bank job. He stated that he was out of Oklahoma State Penitentiary on leave of absence in Fall of 1932, and Doc Barker picked him up, and he accompanied Doc Barker and Doc Barker's father from Oklahoma to St. Paul, Minn., in December, 1932; that members of the Barker gang were Fred Barker, Doc Barker, Jess Doyle, Bill Scott, Alvin Karpis and one

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Campbell. Also a man called "Louie" who has a woman, but does not know her name. He stated that Jess Doyle served time in Oklahoma State Penitentiary in 1923-1924, and Bill Scott is out of Oklahoma State Penitentiary on parole from life sentence.

Hull stated that while en route to St. Paul, Minn., with Doc Barker and Barker's father, Doc Barker informed him, Hull, their contact man in St. Paul is a man whose first name is Harry, and who works in State Capitol. Hull stated he never met this man Harry, and that Doc Barker informed him that Harry kept the gang posted on any information or inquiries regarding members of the gang. Hull also stated that Jack Glynn is also a contact of the Barker gang; that Glynn is the one who got Doc Barker and Volney Davis out of McAlester, Oklahoma, penitentiary, on parole, and members of the Barker gang pay off to Glynn; that Glynn is former Chief of Police of Leavenworth, Kansas, and he meets the members of the Barker gang at the big hotel in Leavenworth, Kansas, the name of which he cannot recall.

Hull further stated that the Barker gang has a contact man in Reno, Nevada, by name of Graham, who is a big business man in that city, and is in close touch with the Governor of Nevada; that after the robbery of the Third Northwestern Bank in Minneapolis, Graham kept the money they got from that robbery and changed it for them. Also that the Barkers had a private residence on Pueblo Street, Reno, Nevada, and Mrs. Barker was with them; that they used the surname of James while residing at that residence.

Henry Hull stated that when members of the Barker gang went to Chicago they stayed with "Doc" Stacey, who is a gangster in Chicago; that he, Hull, was never in Chicago with the Barker gang, and does not know where Stacey resides or frequents, but Stacey is known to the Chicago police as a gangster, and, no doubt, the Police can furnish information regarding his location. He also stated that members of the Barker gang frequented the Hollyhock Club, which is about four or five miles from St. Paul, Minn., and is operated by a man called "Jack" who is dark complected and looks like a Greek or Italian; that in December, 1932, Fred Barker and other members of that gang resided in an apartment house at corner of Marshal & Cleveland Streets, St. Paul; that the Barker boys were great friends of Frank Nash, and often visited Nash in Cicero, Ill., before Nash was caught in Hot Springs, Ark.

Hull stated that in his opinion the Barker boys will not frequent Kansas City, Mo., for they are "hot" in that City, and they will not frequent any State which has capital punishment. He stated that if a close watch is kept on father of Fred and Doc Barker, who operates a filling station in Neosho, Mo., the Barker boys or their father will contact with each other, and old man Barker will likely go to visit the boys wherever they are located.

agents informed Henry Hull they would again interview him at some later date, regarding the Barker boys and their associates, and he stated he would not be furnishing any information he had knowledge of providing it not be known that he is furnishing any information regarding them.

No leads are being set out for interested offices covering the above stated information, this being left to the discretion of Inspector Rorer. However, it is suggested that if it has not been done, the Kansas City office should keep him under surveillance, and keep him under surveillance. Henry Hull stated the Barker boys would sooner or later contact their associates.

Original notes of Henry Hull forwarded to the San Antonio Office with reference report are being attached to Dallas office copies of this report.

Note by SAC:

Louis Stacey is the individual under indictment in the Kansas City shooting affair. The information relative to the man Graham at Reno, Nevada, was thought of sufficient importance to pass to Salt Lake City by wire which was done.

The latest information by letter from St. Paul was received subsequent to this interview and Hull will be immediately re-interviewed.

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April 10, 1934

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
Identification Order 1218,
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
Identification Order 1219, et al,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy dated at San Antonio, Texas, March 23, 1934, wherein it is noted that Henry Hull, inmate #73166, Marles State Prison Farm, near Richmond, Texas, is furnishing information concerning members of the Barker-Karpis gang, stated that one Bill Scott was a member of this gang and that Scott is now out of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on parole from a life sentence.

There are transmitted herewith photographs and copies of the criminal record of an individual identified in the files of the Identification Unit of this Division as Phoenix Donald alias Bill Scott, #14993, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, who on April 7, 1925 was received at that institution for the crime of murder, sentenced to life imprisonment. This individual's fingerprints are included in the single fingerprint file of the Division and have been given consideration in examining latent prints submitted in connection with the above entitled case.

Offices receiving copies of this letter are also being furnished with the photograph and criminal record of Phoenix Donald alias Bill Scott, and they should ascertain the disposition, in their respective districts, relative to the arrests reflected on the criminal record.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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REPORT MADE AT: Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-22-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-15-34	REPORT MADE BY: J. S. Johnson WJ
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. Edna Douglas Barton, widow, resides at 1112 S. Mulberry St., Troy, Ohio. She bears a good reputation in her home community, is the mother of three small children and has no known connections with St. Paul racketeers.			
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REFERENCE: Letter from St. Paul Office to the Chicago Office dated 3-9-34.			
DETAILS: <u>AT DAYTON and TROY, OHIO</u> There is no Mulberry Street listed within the city limits of Dayton, Ohio. At Troy, Ohio, agent found that Mrs. Edna Douglas Barton was listed in the City Directory as residing at 1112 S. Mulberry St. She was described as the widow of Harold Barton formerly a photographer in Troy. Agent in company with Special Agent Lish Whitson interviewed Mr. DeGraff, Manager, Troy Telephone Company, who searched his records for December, January and February without finding any long distance telephone calls charged to Mrs. Barton. He had no record of the telephone call from Minneapolis on 1-12-34 nor on 12-4-33. One telegram was charged to Mrs. Barton, sent to Cleveland, Ohio, via Western Union. The Manager of the Western Union was contacted and declined to furnish a copy of this telegram without a court order.			
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At the Post Office, Troy, agent interviewed Walter K. Ross, carrier, who delivers mail to Mrs. Barton. He stated that some months ago her husband, Harold Barton, who had been a resident of Troy all his life and in business as a photographer there, died and that Mrs. Barton is now living at 1112 S. Mulberry St., Troy, with her three small children. He informed that Mrs. Barton's mother, Mrs. Helene Douglas, lives at 10306 Clifton Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, and that he has noticed at long intervals mail coming from Minneapolis, Minn. Ross further stated that he had noticed no strangers at the home of Mrs. Barton during the past three months; that she bears a very good reputation in the community and that the only time he knew of her being away was for a few days after the Holidays when she was reported to have gone to see her mother in Cleveland, Ohio. The telegram of 1-6-34 to Cleveland is probably to her mother.

The home of Mrs. Barton was viewed by Agent and Agent Whitson at 1112 S. Mulberry St. It is a small plain dwelling, located in a respectable neighborhood with close neighbors on both sides. There is no basement entrance in the front and the house appears to be heated by a furnace.

An old model Ford Coupe was parked in front of the residence with muddy Ohio license plates and the mail carrier Ross stated that this car belonged to Johnnie Allen, a friend of Mrs. Barton, who has been doing errands for her ever since her husband died. Johnnie Allen is well known in the community and resided there all his life.

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Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, DECEASED
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUG.
I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
FUG. I. O. #1194
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to Division letter of March 14, 1934, pertaining to this matter and to the case of ALVIN-KARPIS, ET AL EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM. KIDNAPING, wherein reference is made to a long distance telephone call made on the night of June 16, 1933, from Kansas City to the Hollyhocks Inn, St. Paul, Minnesota, which had an apparent connection with this massacre. It is also pointed out in the letter from the Division that Paula Harmon, believed to be an associate of the so-called BARKER-KARPIS gang, probably made a long distance telephone call from Kansas City, Missouri, to Beaumont, Texas, during April or May 1933, to one Theodore Riley, to whom Paula Harmon also forwarded \$40.00 by mail, evidently from Kansas City, Missouri.

Investigation in connection with Paula Harmon's appearance in Kansas City, as made recently by this office, has disclosed that she was here on May 13, 1933, when she secured an express package by calling at the Railway Express Agency in person. It is also indicated that she was visiting at the residence of Vernon C. Miller, 6612 Edgevale Road, telephone Jackson 7073, and that she was also in friendly contact with the family of Frank B. Mulloy, 14 East 56th Street Terrace, telephone Miland 0852.

Investigation in this matter has also shown that Frank B. Mulloy is associated in a business way with June Kathrens, of the Kathrens Storage Company here, and that Kathrens was also friendly with Vernon C. Miller. Kathrens resides at number 3 East Concord Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, where he resided in June 1933, having telephone number Miland 6707. The telephone number at the Kathrens Storage Company is Logan 3400. The telephone number at the wholesale beer establishment operated by Kathrens and Mulloy jointly is Victor 4400. These numbers were the same in June 1933. There were also

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during June 1933 two road houses in Kansas City in which Mulloy and Kathrens were interested; namely, the 85th Street Tavern and the Horse Shoe Club, telephone numbers Jackson 9702 and Jackson 9515 respectively.

Attention is called to the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainer dated at Kansas City, Missouri, November 28, 1933, in this matter, especially to pages 5 and 6, showing long distance calls from the telephones of these two road houses during the months of April and July 1933. It may be stated here that it seemed apparent at the time that report was made that there should be some record of long distance telephone calls from those telephones of May and June 1933, and although this office has endeavored repeatedly, through the assistance of the telephone company, to locate such records, it has been definitely stated by telephone company officials here that there were no calls during that period (May and June 1933), inasmuch as there are no toll tickets to be found. The telephone company does not render a bill on telephones such as these, same having been pay telephones and the only available record would be the toll tickets.

Investigation has been made heretofore of the records pertaining to Frank B. Mulloy's telephone and it was found that there were no long distance calls from that phone to any point in Texas during the period from April 1 to August 1, 1933. The telephone of Mulloy shows the following long distance calls during that period:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>PERSON</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Apr. 6	Chicago, Ill.		Kaywood 1893
Apr. 28	Leavenworth, Ks.		1475
May 4	Leavenworth, Ks.	Adler	1475
May 16	Chicago, Ill.	June E. Kathrens	Delaware 9782 (Stevens Hotel)
May 23	Western Union Telegram signed Rosemary		
May 24	Chicago, Ill.		Boulevard 1752
May 25	Leavenworth, Ks.		727
May 25	Leavenworth, Ks.	T. Hogan	727
June 5	Leavenworth, Ks.	Hogan's restaurant	2859
June 6	Chicago, Ill.		Boulevard 1752
June 29	Chicago, Ill.		Superior 4660 (St. Clair Hotel)
July 1	Leavenworth, Ks.		325
July 1	Western Union telegram signed Mulloy		
July 3	Leavenworth, Ks.		325

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Investigation has not been completed in this District with reference to the identity of the parties called by Malley and to whom the telegrams appear to have been sent, although it does not appear that any of these calls pertain to either this or the Bremer case. Attention is directed to the fact that Maywood 1893, Chicago, Illinois, is evidently the private telephone of Louis Stacci.

As outlined in the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, in this case, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 8, 1933, on page 11, the long distance telephone call made from Kansas City, Missouri, to the Hollyhocks Inn, St. Paul, Minnesota, on the night of June 16, 1933, was made from the Union Railroad Station. Same was a station to station call and the name of no one, either calling or being called, is shown on the record. A photostatic copy of the long distance toll ticket reflecting that call is herewith transmitted to the Division.

Inquiry was made of the telephone company on March 17, 1934 and March 19, 1934, to determine whether there were any long distance telephone calls from the phone numbers Hiland 6707 and Victor 4400 made to Beaumont, Texas, or other points in Texas, during April, May or June 1933 which could be identical with the call alleged to have been made by Paula Harmon to Theodore Hiley, as mentioned in the reference letter from the Division. Agent was advised, however, that the long distance telephone toll tickets for the months of April and May 1933 have been destroyed, pursuant to the regular policy of the telephone company. There may be a few May tickets still available, and a search is still under way by the telephone company to locate such as may be found.

The telephone company is still unable to locate any toll tickets for Jackson 9515 or Jackson 9702 for May or June 1933.

It is thought probable that there may have been some long distance calls on Hiland 6707 for June 1933 which would now be available, and within the next few days the Kansas City Office will be advised as to what is discovered in this connection.

It has been indicated in several communications in the Bremer case that Paula Harmon is believed to have stopped at the Baltimore Hotel during April or May 1933 when she was in Kansas City, and, accordingly, the long distance telephone records in possession of the auditor of the hotel were completely searched for the months of April and May 1933 but there are found no long distance telephone

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calls to Beaumont, Texas on those records.

The daily local telephone records of the hotel in question are still available and reflect all telephone calls made within Kansas City from that Hotel. A partial search has been made to locate telephone numbers called from any room at the hotel identical with those of Frank B. Mulloy, June Kathrens, Vernon G. Miller, or the road houses, telephone numbers of which are all mentioned herein. To date there has been discovered nothing pertinent, but the search is continuing. A later report will be rendered in connection therewith.

It is noted that investigation has been made and reported heretofore, through the Bremer case, at the Baltimore Hotel, in an effort to locate a registration of Paula Harmon, especially during the months of April or May 1933, but same was done without result.

Special Agent W. F. Trainor, who made this inquiry of the telephone company at Kansas City, Missouri, was advised that even though the long distance toll tickets for the months for which long distance calls are thought to have been made are available, unless specific telephone numbers are indicated for search there is no means of determining whether long distance calls were made from Kansas City to a given point without a search of the records pertaining to approximately 250,000 telephones in Kansas City and the suburbs. This is true because the records do not reflect long distance calls by cities, and the toll tickets are filed under the respective numbers of the source from which the calls emanate. The telephone company would decline to make such a search, and would require definite information as to what telephone and what date is to be considered.

The telephone records indicate the following toll calls on the telephone of Vernon C. Miller, listed under the name of Vincent C. Moore, 6612 Edgewale Road, for the period from April 1 to June 16, 1933, which was the full period for which the telephone was used:

April 12, 1933 - to Joplin, Mo. - Number 1541W2. Residence Subjects Herbert Allen Farmer and Esther Farmer.

April 16, 1933 - to Joplin, Mo. - Number 1541W2 - Same as above.

April 18, 1933 - to Leavenworth, Ks. - Number 458 - Barnes-Collard Chevrolet Company.

April 29, 1933 - to Leavenworth, Ks. - Number 1362 - Telephone of Jack Glyn.

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May 3, 1933 - By "Moore" to Minneapolis, Minnesota - telephone number Atlantic 3177 - Nicollet Hotel, Room 764.

June 1, 1933 - to Hot Springs, Ark. - phone number LD12 to Dick Latias (Evidently Richard Tallman Galatas, Subject of this case).

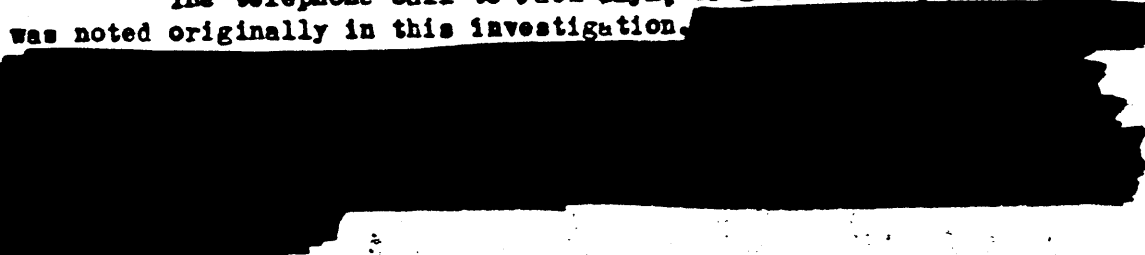
June 16, 1933 - Suburban call to Overland Park, Kansas, Number 411.

The long distance telephone calls mentioned above have been previously investigated. Subjects Herbert Allen Farmer and Esther Farmer denied, when interviewed, that they were at home when the telephone calls of April 12th and 16th were made at their house, having no other plausible explanation to offer.

The telephone call to the Chevrolet Company at Leavenworth, Kansas, could not be verified as no one there seemed to have any definite recollection of same. It was ascertained, however, that in all probability Miller had traded with that company.

The telephone call to Jack Glyn, of Leavenworth, Kansas, was noted originally in this investigation.

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The telephone call made to the Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was investigated without definite results.

As to the suburban call made on June 16th to Overland Park 411, it was ascertained that this is the number of the Milburn Golf Club, at which Miller is said to have played golf a great deal. He is shown by the records of that golf course, according to previous investigation made by this office, to have played for the last time there June 13, 1933. A further check is being made of the identities of all parties who might have been on the course when this telephone call was received on June 16th. It is indicated that the call was of five minute duration and was made at 6:11 P.M.

A check of the calls from Overland Park 411 as of June 16th reveals that there were no long distance calls placed on that date, and suburban toll tickets show that the following Kansas City numbers were called:

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Valentine 8100 - Alcazar Hotel
Victor 6328 - Erie Railroad Company
Grand 1125 - Hamm-Singer Corp. 200 Grand Ave.
Victor 9200 - J. J. Engle & Company
Drexel 0448 - Williams Meat Co., 20 Kansas Avenue,
Kansas City, Kansas.
Victor 7690 - Stanley & Stanley, Attys., 212 Federal
Reserve Bank Building.

None of these calls were made after 6 P.M. An investigation of all calls made to the above numbers which were reached from Overland Park 411 failed to reveal any calls of a suspicious nature which apparently might be connected with any of the Subjects in this case.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation
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Room 1403, 370 Lexington Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

March 23, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Captain Fred Zwirz of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York Police Department has requested me to secure for him, photographs, fing rprints and criminal records of ARTHUR BAKER and ALVIN KARPIS - both of whom are allegedly linked with the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim, Kidnaping and Extortion. He has requested that this material be sent through this office, in order to insure his receiving it.

Very truly yours,

F. X. Day
F. X. DAY,
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
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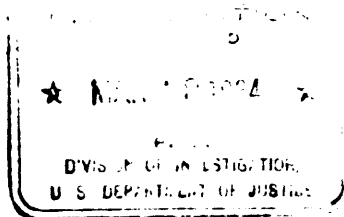
Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of March 23, 1934, wherein you inform of the desire of Captain Fred Zwirz of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York Police Department, to secure identifying data as to Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis, the Division is attaching copies of the Identification Orders issued in the cases of these persons for transmittal to Captain Zwirz.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #689793.



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March 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Hurley-Wright Building,
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sirs

Toll records of long distance telephone calls made from telephones listed to members of the St. Paul-Minneapolis underworld, two of which calls were made to Miss Audrey Billings at Emerson 6087, Washington, D. C., have been obtained. One of these calls was made on January 4, 1934, from the telephone Emerson 2121, located in the Hollyhocks Inn operated by Jack Phiefer at St. Paul, Minnesota. Another call was made to Miss Billings on January 19, 1934, from the telephone Geneva 2140, listed in the name of Tom Banks, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who is the alleged leader of the underworld in that city. Because of the distance involved in these two telephone calls, the Division desires that their significance be ascertained by establishing the identity of Miss Billings and her associates. The toll slip of the telephone call of January 19, 1934, bears the name of the Strayers Business School, in addition to the name of Miss Billings.

The Division considers the above very important and the investigation should be very thorough and should be handled in a confidential and discreet manner. The report submitted by your office covering the above requested investigation should make reference to the report of Special Agent C. G. Hall, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, February 27, 1934, rendered in the above entitled case.

This matter should receive prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 21, 1934.

St. Paul, Minnesota.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREKID.

St. Paul file 7-30.1934.

Agent contacted FREDERICK G. LAYTON as requested in Division letter dated 3-16-34, by phone and he insisted in coming immediately to the hotel, where he talked at length with agent. When questioned about any information that he may have in connection with the kidnaping cases referred to in his letter to the Director, he informed agent that all he knew was that on March 5th or 6th of 1932 he was called to Milladore, Wisconsin, to arrest a man by the name of Adrian Russell for being drunk and disturbance, and when he was about to leave with the man for jail, a person came up to the car, that looked exactly like Roger Touhy, and known to him as Charlie, and told Russell to be particular and not to act unruly. He stated that through another prisoner in jail, he learned that Russell was implicated in some so-called "big jobs" and as a result of this information, he called Chicago Police Department and got his criminal record which showed that he had been convicted on several important charges; however, Layton was unable to say what any of the charges were, or the penalty for same. When asked whether he could furnish agent with this record received from Chicago police, he stated that he could not as it had been lost. He further informed agent that while Russell was in jail, he wrote to a person in Kansas City and also put in a long distance call for Kansas City, and that he could furnish agent with the name and address of the person to whom the letter was addressed and also the phone number which he called; however, when interviewed the following morning, he reported that he had misplaced the telephone number and the address. He further stated that the same person that came up to the car the afternoon he was about to leave Milladore with Russell, known to him as Charlie, and looking very much like Touhy, called him from Chicago and asked whether Russell would be released if he paid his fine, and he informed him that he would, but nothing more was ever heard from Charlie.

The only reason Layton gave for thinking that Russell was connected with the Lindbergh case was the fact that he was about the same size and build of Lindbergh himself, and that he felt sure that he could gain entrance to the house and carry away the baby without the maid noticing it was not Colonel Lindbergh himself.

When questioned about their connection with the Hamm case, he stated that the only reason he suspected this bunch being connected with the Hamm case was the fact that the man known as Charlie looked very much like Roger Touhy.

When questioned relative to the Bremer case, he said that he had no reason to believe this crowd had any connection with the Bremer case, as he had not seen or heard of them since Russell was released from jail around May 1, 1932.

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but that he felt sure that if he was given a position with the Division he could find this group of people and get information of value in the Bremer case.

After Layton was unable to furnish agent with the telephone number in Kansas City or to produce the criminal record of Russell, agent went to the Postmaster, Mr. Fontaine, and made inquiry as to his general reputation around town

It was very evident throughout the interview with Layton that he was trying to impress agent with the many crimes that he had solved around Wisconsin Rapids, when upon inquiry agent found that no such crime had ever been committed. He further stated that he would be of great assistance to the Division when he started work for them, which he was sure would be next week.

S. L. FORTENBERRY,
Special Agent.

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Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
March 23, 1934

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
et al. Unknown Subjects.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82

I am enclosing herewith photographs of
the following named persons:

- ac 7/29* - Maurice Brown,
- p* - William Weisman,
- Herman Rierdorf,
- Leo Cellura.

It is respectfully requested that twenty
copies of each of these photographs be made and for-
warded to the Chicago Office at the earliest possible
date. The original photographs should also be returned
to this office. In connection with the fingerprint
card of Leo Cellura, it is desired that only the picture
be photographed.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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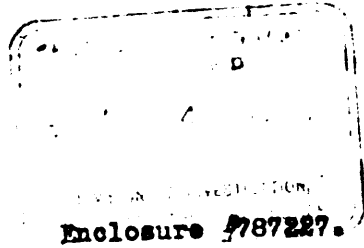
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 23, 1934 in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim; KIDNAPING, which enclosed photographs of Maurice Brown, William Weisman, Herman Kierdorf, and Leo Cellura. As requested by you twenty copies of each of these photographs have been made and are transmitted herewith. The four original photographs forwarded with your letter are also transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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April 9, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 5E,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Under date of March 23, 1934, the Chicago office, in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; et al; Unknown Subjects; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim; KIDNAPING, requested that it be furnished with twenty copies of the photographs of each of the following named persons: Maurice Brown, William Weisman, Herman Kierdorf, Leo Cellura. Original photographs of these individuals were submitted for the purpose of making the copies. The original and copies were transmitted to the Chicago office under date of April 4, 1934.

Very truly yours,

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March 19, 1934.

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

MAR 26 1934

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

With further reference to the newspaper article regarding fingerprints found on gasoline cans and flashlights identifying Karpis and the two Barkers with this case, please be advised that Special Agent O. G. Hall on March 17, 1934, interviewed Mr. Dillon, Managing Editor of the Minneapolis Tribune, in which paper the news article first appeared in the Twin Cities. Mr. Dillon stated that his first information regarding the story came when Mr. Campbell and Mr. Shipley, connected with the Minneapolis Tribune, came to him and discussed the headline that should appear concerning the news story. He stated that he is absolutely positive that his newspaper never had the information prior to its receipt by Mr. Shipley from Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

To this interview were called Mr. Clark, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Shipley. These three men, with Mr. Dillon, operate the newspaper and have full charge of same. They were all questioned very thoroughly regarding the first information they had concerning this story and all stated very positively that the first information they had concerning the gasoline cans and flashlights story was when Mr. Shipley had received same over the telephone from Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

They were all questioned as to whether they knew anyone connected with the Tulsa World, or any other Tulsa newspaper, and Mr. Dillon stated that many years ago, he met the person who is now editor of the Tulsa World while both were working on a newspaper on the West Coast. He stated that he has not seen this individual for many years and has not talked to him over the telephone or written to him for several years. Mr. Shipley stated that he knew the name of Mr. Burks of the Tulsa World by reason of the fact that Mr. Burks is National

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Vice-President of the Newspapermen's Guild. He stated he has never seen Mr. Burks, and the first time he ever spoke to him was the morning that he received the story regarding the gasoline cans and flashlights, which was after the raid had been made in Oklahoma.

Mr. Shipley was questioned very thoroughly as to from whom he received the story and he stated that he could honestly state that he is not positive from whom he received the story but he is positive that he received it during a telephone call to Sapulpa, Oklahoma, at which time he called the jail or the sheriff's office and spoke to the jailer, the sheriff, and Mr. Burks of the Tulsa World. He does not know whether he received it from Mr. Burks.

As of possible interest to the Division, the Newspapermen's Guild held a meeting in Washington, D. C., some time ago. It is presumed that Mr. Burks was in attendance at that meeting as he is the Vice-President of the organization.

Mr. Shipley stated that shortly after the release of Mr. Bremer, information had been received from Washington, D. C., that Karpis and Barker were suspects in this case. He could recall nothing more regarding this information.

For the information of the Division, there is a working agreement between the Minneapolis Tribune, the St. Paul Dispatch, and the Minneapolis Journal. These papers invariably simultaneously print the same news stories. In this particular case, the Minneapolis Tribune was the only paper that carried the story for several hours, indicating that it had not exchanged the information with either of the above two Twin Cities papers. Experience here has shown that had the information originated in St. Paul or Minneapolis, the above three papers would have simultaneously printed the story. All other newspapers in the Twin Cities got the story from the Minneapolis Tribune and published it later.

Mr. Dillon remarked that he was surprised that the Minneapolis Journal and the St. Paul Dispatch had not printed the story as it had been his experience that when reporters telephone from a different section of the country news of this nature, they usually telephone each newspaper in the town and receive a small sum of money from each newspaper. For that reason, he was surprised when the story did not appear in the Minneapolis Journal and the St. Paul Dispatch, as well as other Twin Cities papers.

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Should this office receive any further information regarding the original source of the news article, the Division will be promptly notified by telephone.

Very truly yours,



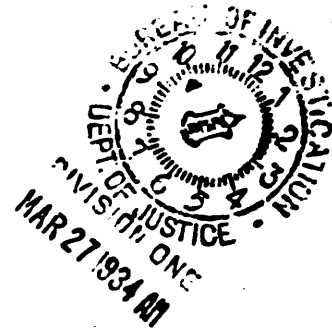
W. A. RORER,
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U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
March 24, 1934



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

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
et al. Unknown Subjects.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82

I am enclosing herewith a photograph of
Morris Roisner of which I would like to have ten
additional copies.

Kindly return the enclosed photograph
with the additional copies.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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March 29, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al,
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith ten copies of the photograph of Morris Weisner, which was furnished with your letter addressed to the Division, dated March 24, 1934. In accordance with the request contained in your letter, the original photograph submitted is returned herewith.

Six copies of this photograph are also being furnished to the St. Paul office with a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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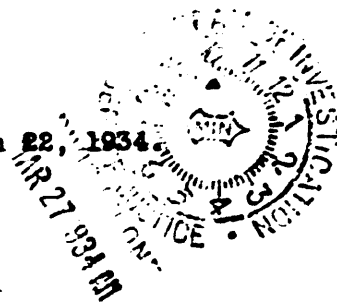
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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 22, 1934



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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-
Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. 7-50.

Please furnish the Los Angeles office with
six large photographs of each of the subjects involved
in this case in order that they may be placed with the
immigration officials at the California-Mexico border.

Reference is made to letter dated March 1,
1934, from the San Antonio office to the Division with
which was forwarded to the Division a composite photo-
graph of Paula Harmon, which includes six photographs.
It is requested that six photostat copies of this
composite be furnished to each of the following offices:
San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, and St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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Taken after accident in Jan 1932.

Taken before accident in Jan 1932 when nose and cheekbone dislocated.

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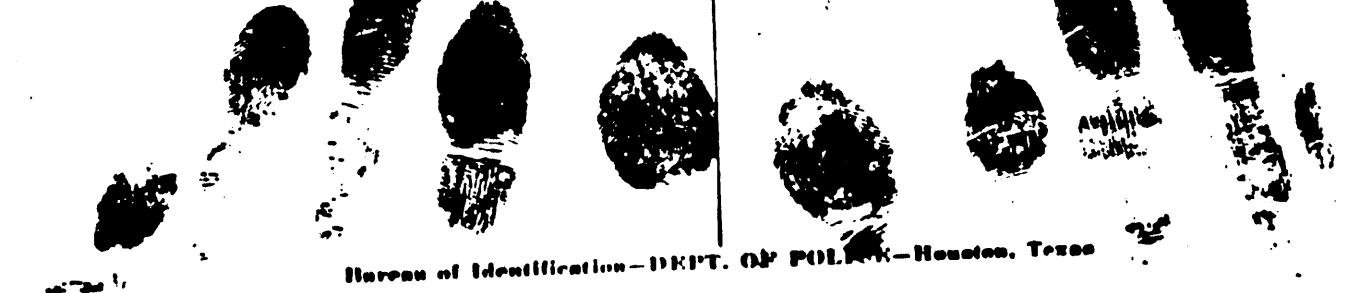
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Bureau of Identification - DEPT. OF POLICE - Houston, Texas

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 Paula Harmon*

*Miss Paula Harmon
 Miss Paula Brannan*

PAULA HARMON alias
 Polly Walker nee Brannan.
 Age: 30 (1934)
 Ht: 5' 3" (1924)
 Wt: 99# (1924)
 Hair: Md.Lt. Ch. (1924)
 Eyes: Ch.Gr.
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April 2, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 536,
Los Angeles, California.

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of Inspector Rorer dated March 22, 1934, addressed to the Division, wherein request is made that six large photographs of each of the subjects involved in the above entitled case be forwarded to your office so that they can be traced with the Immigration Officials along the Mexican Border.

There are enclosed herewith, and to each of the offices indicated below, six enlarged photographs of each of the following subjects:

- ALVIN KARPIS, #1539, Kansas State Penitentiary
- ARTHUR R. BARKER, #11906, Oklahoma State Penitentiary
- FRED BARKER, #9836, Kansas State Penitentiary
- VOLNEY DAVIS, #12808, Oklahoma State Penitentiary
- MARY CAMPBELL, #1846, Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The El Paso and San Antonio offices should likewise make appropriate arrangements with the Immigration Officials in their respective districts.

There are also enclosed herewith, and with each copy of this letter to the offices designated below except the San Antonio office, four photostatic copies of the composite arrangement photograph of Paula Harmon, who has been identified as an associate of the above named group.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Salt Lake City
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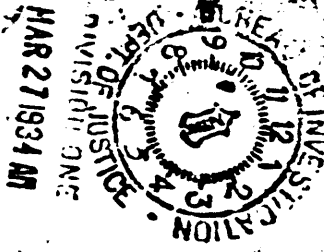
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1806 First National Bank Building
Charlotte, N. C.

March 24, 1934

Inspector W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 815,
St. Paul, Minn.



Dear Sir:

In accordance with a request contained in a letter of March 20, 1934 from the Chicago Office, there are being transmitted to you herewith six photographs of Danny Morgan, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Police Department, #3,554.

There is also being enclosed one photograph of James H. Clark, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Police Department, #3,554, and one photograph of Herman K. Lamm, alias Herbert J. Adams, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Police Department, #3,555, the associates of Morgan.

There are transmitted to the Chicago Office, with a copy of this letter, six photographs of Dannie Morgan, together with a copy of the photograph of Herman K. Lamm and James H. Clark.

Very truly yours,

L. B. Reed, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
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Mr. NATHAN	_____
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Mr. QUINN	_____
Mr. LESTER	_____
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent Hansen called from Oklahoma City and advised that Glen Roy Wright, Alonzo Briscoe, K. C. Johnson, W. McAtee, Ira Brackett, J. B. Cucklin and wife and two women, whose names have not been secured, were arrested at 7:00 o'clock this morning by police officers, accompanied by Agent Hollis, near Sapulpa, Oklahoma, about six miles west of a town by the name of Mannford; that they were arrested in a raid on the house of Ira Brackett, after a tip was received that there were gangsters and desperadoes in the home of Brackett; that they had in their possession a lot of artillery, 15 pistols and some lugers, rifles and shotguns. Agent Hansen stated that they did not know any of the gang except Glen Roy Wright, who is wanted by the St. Paul office for questioning in connection with the Bremer case; that Wright is said to be a member of the Barker gang. Agent Hansen was instructed to immediately call the St. Paul office, giving said office this information. He was also instructed to have the prints of these individuals taken immediately and forward same to the Division.

The report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated February 20, 1934, at Kansas City, in the Bremer case, indicates that Glen Roy Wright, alias Jack Hudson, is wanted at Joplin, Missouri, Hutchinson, Kansas, and Stillwater, Oklahoma, for robbery and burglary. The records of the Tulsa, Oklahoma, Police Department also indicate that he is wanted for murder, though they did not indicate where. He was shot in the hand at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, some time ago while accompanied by Gene Johnson, who was killed by officers. He is reported to be a close friend of Karpis and the Barkers.

The Identification Unit has been requested to forward to the Division Wright's criminal record. Photographs of Wright are attached hereto.

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Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

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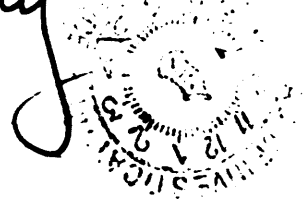
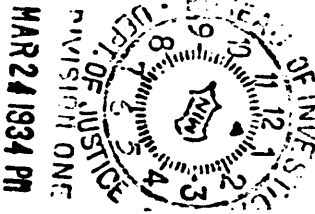
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See that Wright is thoroughly interrogated

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Paula Harmon with aliases: Mrs. C. P. Harmon, Mrs. Tom Brown, Polly Walker, and Polly Brennan, and Mrs. J. Stanley Smith.

Eto Barker, with aliases: Mrs. George Anderson, Mrs. Myrtle Barker, and Mrs. A. S. Hunter.

Bear in mind that it is customary for Mrs. Eto Barker, widow of Fred and Arthur B. Barker, to assume whatever name the Barker boys are using.

The Los Angeles office is being furnished with the above mentioned photographs and is requested to make a similar investigation at Los Angeles, San Diego, and all towns in the vicinity of Los Angeles, including Hollywood. Similar investigation should be made at Northridge, California, by the Los Angeles office.

The Salt Lake City office is being furnished with one photograph each of Paula Harmon and Mrs. Eto Barker, which photographs should be furnished to the agents now working at Reno, Nevada, for exhaustive investigative attention. Several photographs of the subjects in this case were previously furnished to Special Agent Gero at Reno, Nevada. Investigation similar to that requested of the San Francisco and Los Angeles offices should be conducted at Reno, Nevada.

The Division is being requested by separate letter to furnish the Los Angeles office with sufficient photographs for distribution among immigration officials on the Mexican border in California.

The photograph of Paula Harmon being furnished with this letter is not considered a good likeness of her and the Division is being requested to forward better photographs immediately.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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ST. PAUL, MINN.



BREKID ALVIN KARPIS UNDER NAME R.L. BURNES FIVE NINE ONE WEST SEVENTH STREET
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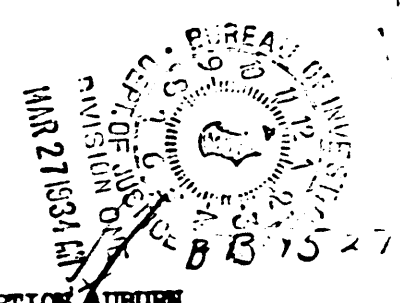
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Salt Lake City, Utah.
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R.E. VETTERLI,
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
318 HEWES BUILDING,
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.



GOLDEN HOTEL

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Laboratory Report

March 20, 1934.

Case: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al,
Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576

Specimens: Typing of Corona Special Portable typewriter No. 656647
of Pete Maras.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: March 19, 1934.

Examination requested: Compare with extortion letters.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel.

March 19. The typewriting of the specimens made on the Corona Special Portable typewriter No. 656647 of Pete Maras is not identical with the Bremer extortion letters. In considering typewriters which might be the ones used to write these extortion letters and the other letters tentatively identified it must be remembered that the specimens of typing appearing in the extortion letters are not clear. It was intended to convey in the original report of the laboratory that this typewriter is a Portable Corona such as was in existence in 1929. This does not mean that it was made in that year for the first time. Such statements should not be taken to be conclusive but merely as a lead offered for whatever assistance they may be even though this conclusion is not as definitely certain as other portions of the report. The typewriter of Maras could have been used to write the extortion letters in this case as far as the style and year of manufacture is concerned. A comparison of the individual letters, however, indicates that it was not used.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

MAR 27 1934

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al,
Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division

March 19, 1934.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
503-U. S. Court House & Post Office Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

As a result of a telephonic conversation with Inspector Rorer at St. Paul, the Division has been advised that Special Agent A. E. Gere, of the Salt Lake City office, made investigation at Reno, Nevada and discovered that Alvin Karpis had been in Reno within the past three weeks and that, further, information indicated that members of the Barker-Karpis gang were in Reno perhaps at the present time. It was further indicated by Mr. Rorer that he telephoned Acting Special Agent in Charge Wines, at the Salt Lake City office concerning this information and learned that Special Agent Gere, after discovering the information outlined above, had departed from Reno for Salt Lake City. The Division is unable to understand the motives prompting Special Agent Gere to depart from Reno for Salt Lake City right at the time when it appeared that an intensive investigation should be conducted for the purpose of definitely locating and causing the apprehension of the individuals who are being sought. The Division would like to be advised in detail concerning the circumstances surrounding Agent Gere's departure from Reno after having obtained information of the type which has been reported to the Division.

With further reference to the handling of this case, Mr. Rorer advised that a two or three page telegram was received by him summarizing the information received from Agent Gere. The Division believes that due to the importance of the case in question and the necessity for expediting the handling of all leads, as well as the transmittal of the information in question, the telephone should have been used rather than a telegram to transmit this information. Please advise the Division fully with regard to the above.

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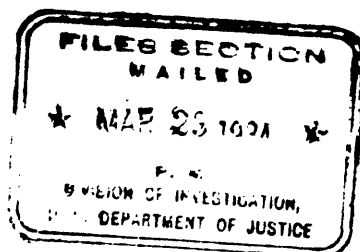
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Special Agent B. E. Sackett was instructed to proceed to Reno from the Los Angeles office to be of assistance and to meet Special Agent Gere at the Golden Hotel in Reno. In the event information is received indicating the need for additional Special Agents to handle this case at Reno it is assumed, of course, that you will communicate directly with the Division. In the event the investigation is thoroughly conducted at Reno and Agent Sackett's services are no longer necessary there, it is desired that he be authorized to return to his headquarters as soon as it has been determined that he is no longer needed.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



March 22, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

I am pleased to enclose herewith a photostatic copy of a sketch showing the principal automobile route between St. Paul, Minnesota, and Chicago, Illinois, over which it is possible that the kidnapers of Mr. Edward G. Bremer traveled while they had Mr. Bremer in their custody. Notations appear on this sketch showing where the four five-gallon gasoline cans were recovered near Portage, Wisconsin. It was from these cans that the latent fingerprints, identified as those of Alvin Karpis, were developed. Also, you will note the place where the car driven by the kidnapers was refueled at Stockton, Minnesota, and where Mr. Bremer was released at Rochester, Minnesota.

As the information obtained from Mr. Bremer indicates that the gasoline cans were removed from the car at a point estimated to be about one-half way between the place where he was held and the place where he was released, at Rochester, Minnesota, this sketch was prepared for the purpose of plotting the places where it was thought likely that Mr. Bremer was held in custody by the kidnapers. In the event the gasoline cans were removed from the car at exactly the one-half way mark, and in the event the route plotted in the attached sketch is a correct one, it is thought possible that the place where the hide-out would likely be found might be near McHenry, Illinois. A detailed study of the information obtained would indicate, at least, that this would be one logical conclusion.

This sketch, prepared in connection with the supervision of this case at the Seat of Government in Washington, has been furnished to the Special Agents handling the investigation with instructions that these possibilities be given prompt consideration.

I thought that you would be interested in the development of these possibilities evolved through the supervisory procedure here in Washington.

Respectfully,

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY.

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There is attached hereto a photostatic copy of a sketch which has been prepared in connection with the supervision of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case. There is also attached a copy of a memorandum which I am today forwarding to the Attorney General showing the purpose of this sketch.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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R. S. WHITE
PRESIDENT

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. E. WELLS
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
March 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Drawer 1457,
Saint Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
et al. Unknown Subjects.
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter from
the Dallas Office to the Chicago Office, dated March 8, 1934,
which requests investigation at Toledo, Illinois.

It is noted that Toledo is in the Saint Louis
District and it is observed you have received copy of the
Report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd, Dallas, dated March 7,
1934, which will assist you in making this investigation.
I am also enclosing a tracing which was received by the
Dallas Office from the Postmaster at Pampa, Texas.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PUEWIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
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E.E. CO ROY,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite L,
Kansas City, Missouri

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St. Paul, Minnesota
March 27, 1934.

To all Division offices except
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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES

1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
March 22, 1934.

Mr. U. A. Borer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 815,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al. Unknown Subjects.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82

Reference is made to your letter, dated
March 14, 1934, in which you request a photograph of
one FRED REARDON.

Enclosed herewith is a group picture
containing a photograph of REARDON. An additional
copy of this group picture has been secured from the
Chicago Police Department and same is being retained
in the file at this office.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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R. E. Vetterli,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
318 Hewes Building,
San Francisco, California.

BREKID COVER HOTELS SANFRANCISCO AND VICINITY FOR FRED BARKER ALIAS J DARBONE
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T C BLACKBURN ALIAS A S HUNTER AND ARTHUR BARKER ALIAS DOC BARKER ALIAS
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VOLNEY DAVIS ALIAS E V DAVIS ALIAS J H LOCKWOOD ALIAS S E LOCKWOOD ALIAS C E MOORE
AND PAULA HARMON ALIAS MRS C P HARMON ALIAS MRS TOM BROWN ALIAS POLLY WALKER
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BREKID UNDERSTAND THAT CHICAGO OFFICE HAS FURNISHED YOU INFORMATION THAT WILLIAM J GRAHAM IS ENROUTE NEW YORK BY RAIL STOP GRAHAM IS KNOWN AS CONTACT MAN AND CLOSE FRIEND OF BARKERS KARPIS STOP GRAHAM TOGETHER WITH J C MCKAY UNDER TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND FEDERAL COURT NEW YORK CITY FOR VIOLATION USE OF MAILES STOP ARRANGE SURVEILLANCE OF GRAHAM ENDEAVORING ASCERTAIN ALL OF HIS CONTACTS WHILE IN NEW YORK DISTRICT INCLUDING MAIL TELEPHONES TELEGRAPH

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Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minn.

March 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1457,
St. Louis, Mo.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim, KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File 7-30

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish this office with the best
available description of DOROTHY TRALLE, St. Louis Police
Department register number 22180.

This description is desired for use in
a summary report now being prepared in this case and it is
requested that you give this matter your early attention.

Very truly yours,

R.A. RORER, Inspector.

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CC Division ✓

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1900 Bankers Bldg.
Chicago, Illinois
March 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
318 News Building,
San Francisco, California

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
et al. Unknown Subjects.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter dated March 4, 1934,
directed to the Portland Office, copy of which was sent to this office.

Please refer to the personal description and criminal
record contained in that letter, which is set out as follows:-

HOMER VIRGIL WILSON alias "Whitey"; med. chestnut hair;
slate blue eyes; 5 feet 7 7/8 in.; 157 lbs.; 31 years in 1922;
Criminal Record: 7/16/22, Denver #8291; chg. vag. and
inv.; slicker with James McKinstry #8237; Harvey Oden #8238; M. H.
Mead #8292 and Leslie Davis #8290; alleged to have trimmed a slicker
out of \$35.00 and a gold watch."

This office is particularly interested in ascertaining
the identity of the party known as "Whitey" Anderson, who is believed
to have had a part in the Bremer kidnaping. In view of the fact that
Homer Virgil Wilson is listed with the alias "Whitey", it is desired
you make appropriate inquiries at the Identification Division, Sacramen-
to, California, for the purpose of securing a photograph and a handwriting
specimen of Homer Virgil Wilson, alias "Whitey".

The Salt Lake City Office is requested to make appropriate
inquiries at Denver, Colorado to secure a photograph and a handwriting
specimen, as well as a personal description of this party.

In the above noted criminal record, it is observed
that one H. H. Mead, Denver No. 8292, was arrested with Wilson. A
review of the file in the Bremer Case, discloses that one Martin
Wunderlich, 530 Desnoyer St., Saint Paul, Minnesota, was fleeced out
of approximately \$200,000.00 by confidence men; that Wunderlich made
an examination of the confidence men gallery in the Chicago Police
Department, where he identified one William E. Meade, Chicago Police
Group Picture #5647, as one of the parties who fleeced him of the
said sum.

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It is further observed that William E. Meade was arrested at 2970 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois, on August 10, 1933, as a fugitive from Lima, Ohio. He was returned to Lima and later he jumped a \$30,000.00 bond.

It is respectfully requested that the Salt Lake City Office secure a photograph, handwriting specimen and personal description of W. E. Meade and forward same to this office immediately so that it may be compared with the photograph of William E. Meade.

For the information of the San Francisco Office, reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, Jacksonville, dated February 23, 1934, entitled "Edward Doll, with aliases, et al, Fugitive, I.O. 11214 - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act", which discloses Foley (Doll) informed that late in the summer of 1933, he registered under the name of Lang or Long, at the Gary Hotel in Gary, Indiana for the purpose of meeting one "Whitie" Anderson; that at this meeting there were present, Ed Bentz and a brother of Jack Pfeiffer of Saint Paul; that during this meeting a discussion was had in connection with arrangements for a kidnaping and \$200,000.00 was mentioned as the ransom. Foley stated that he refused to take any part in this arrangement and that later "Whitie" and Bentz left Gary indicating they were going to kidnap a prominent doctor in Rochester, Minnesota, and it was his opinion, that for unknown reasons they were unable to carry this out and proceeded to Saint Paul where they pulled the Bremer job.

It is believed that the photographs which are requested in this letter may assist in the identification of "Whitie" Anderson, when shown to Edward Doll. In view of the connection between Homer Virgil Wilson and M. H. Mead in their arrest at Denver July 16, 1922, it is thought possible that Mead may be identified with "Whitie" Anderson and the Bentz Gang.

It is respectfully requested this investigation be expedited.

Very truly yours,

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St. Paul,
Kansas City,
Salt Lake City.
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M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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March 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File 7-50

Dear Sirs:

Please forward to this office the best available description you have of MRS. KATE BARKER, with aliases, and MICKEY RYAN SMITH, and MADELYN SNYDER.

These descriptions are desired for use in a summary report now being prepared in this case and it is requested that you give this matter your early attention.

Very truly yours,

W.A. ROEPER, Inspector.

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Suite L -
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri.
March 24, 1934.

Air Mail—
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ATTENTION: LABORATORY

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

Dear Sir:

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

Kindly refer to Division letter dated March 6, 1934,
to the Oklahoma City office with reference to the desirability
of obtaining specimens of writing from typewriters which might
possibly have been used in the instant case.

As result of the cover which has been placed at the
request of this office on all incoming and outgoing mail of
Lloyd Barker, Register No. 17,243, of the U.S. Penitentiary,
Leavenworth, Kansas, this being the brother of Fred and Arthur
Barker, that penitentiary has forwarded to this office a photo-
static copy of [redacted] Barker dated at Oklahoma City,
[redacted] at this office a photostatic copy of the envelope in
which this letter was received addressed to Mr. Loyd Barker,
Leavenworth, Kansas, Box No. 7, postmarked at Amarillo, Texas,
March 21, 1934, 9 p.m. There was also received a photostatic
copy of the following longhand writing taken from the letter:

W. H. Wilcox,
1326 West 2nd St.,
Okla City,
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The secretary to the warden of the U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, in his letter transmitting these photostatic copies, advised that delivery of the letter to Lloyd Barker at the Penitentiary will be held up until Monday March 26, 1934, and I am at this time having Special Agent Anderson request that it be delivered to him until noon of March 26th.

The above mentioned photostatic copies of the letter and Longhand writing are being transmitted herewith with request that they be immediately analyzed by the laboratory. It is requested that the laboratory, particularly when the specimens on the letter may indicate that the same was written by any type writer, make such identifications mentioned in Division letter dated 6/11/33, above referred to.

It is respectfully requested that in the event it is found the attached specimens are of any value, the Kansas City office be advised immediately, prior to noon March 26, 1934, in order that the original communication may be obtained for further examination. It is, of course, noted that after the communication is delivered to Barker, it may be impossible to obtain the same back from him.

Very truly yours,



M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr Lloyd Barker.
Dear Red:

I guess you thought that you would never hear from me again but I have sure been busy, for the past month. I have been up in Texas for the last month, with a friend who is down with the TB, And he has just been admitted to the veterans hospital at Santa Fe New Mex. He is a doctor and I have known him for nearly all my life.
But I guess it is better to write late than never, isn't it?

I don't know if I know your address there but I'll try and see if this reached you. If not I'll try it again.
When do you think you can expect your discharge from there? I don't know how long that I will be in Okla City, it will all depend on whether or not I can get a job here or not.
This old country is in an awful shape now.
Tell Joe and Bill hello for me, and tell Joe that I haven't been able to see the party here that he wanted me to see, but that I will do so as soon as possible. That month does Bill get out?
I am not doing anything but just getting by, making a living that is all.
I suppose you are wondering about the liquor and beer condition but I was in KC a short time ago and it doesn't amount to much.
I haven't seen any one in town here that you or I either know yet.
I expect to go to Amarillo Tex. tomorrow with a friend to see about a restaurant, which he wants to buy. If every thing goes well there well I guess that I will ring off for this time and will write more next time tell anyone that I know their hello for me and write soon.
You can send my mail in care of my sister and she will forward it to me wherever I may be.

So so long for this time,
As ever your friend,

Envelope:

Postmarked Amarillo, Texas Mar 21 9-PM 1934.

Mr Lloyd Barker

Leavenworth

Kansas.

Box 47

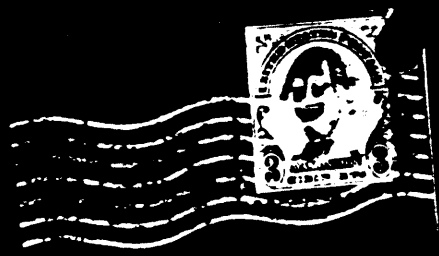
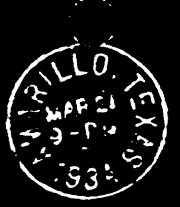
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Mr Lloyd Barber
Leavenworth
Kansas.

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Box #7

Mr Lloyd Baker.

Dear Dad: I guess you thought that you would never hear from me again but I have sure been busy for the past month. I have been up in Texas for the past month with a friend who is down with t. TB. And he has just been admitted to the veterans hospital at Santa Fe, New Mex. He is a doctor and I have known him for nearly all my life. I guess it is better to write late than never, isn't it?

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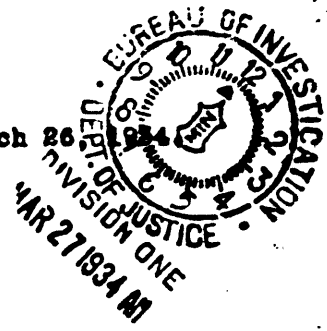
Well I guess that I will ring off for this time and will write more next time tell anyone that I know that hello for me and write soon. You can send my mail in care of my sister and she will forward it to me where ever I may be.

So so long for this time,
As ever your friend,

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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March 24, 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

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Mr. Tamm telephoned concerning the Bremer Kidnaping Case. He was in receipt of a letter from the Division asking that William P. Gemp be interviewed. Gemp had written Mr. Keenan that he could put the Department in touch with one of the Bremer kidnapers. Gemp is now being held at Wheeling, West Virginia on a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charge. His story is to the effect that after his recent sentence to Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, he was placed in charge of the ice boxes in the institution and had control of the milk and eggs; that in this position he was able to furnish milk and eggs to different prisoners and gain their friendship. One of those prisoners was Elmer Boucher, #936, serving as a ~~prisoner~~ *prisoner tax violator*. He asked that prisoner Jack Kusick or Quisick or some similar name, from Chicago, serving an income tax violation sentence, be given milk and eggs as a courtesy. Evidently Gemp did so, for upon leaving, Boucher stated that he could put him in touch with the "right guys"; that they were in control of the dope racket in New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania, and one of the members of this gang was in on the Bremer Kidnaping Case. Gemp further claimed that Elmer Boucher told him about the proposed kidnaping of Bremer five days before the kidnaping occurred, and stated that Doc Barker would be one of those in the group of violators. Gemp requested that he be returned to Lewisburg, where he believes he can get additional information from Boucher.

I inquired of Mr. Tamm as to when this interview was conducted and learned it was conducted this morning. Of course Gemp has been in a position to read the papers as to the recent announcement by the Department. Tamm further stated that Gemp has a long criminal record and is the "world's worst liar". Tamm doesn't understand how Gemp happens to be out of the Penitentiary, but is having a check made on this, since it was indicated that probably the Marshal was drunk and Gemp may be an escape. Tamm has instructed the Agent not to go back to Gemp as in the jail where he is being kept there are rather poor facilities and he might make an escape if he is permitted to leave the cell for conference purposes. Mr. Tamm suggested that Elmer Boucher's record be obtained from the Lewisburg Penitentiary for determination as to whether he should be interviewed further concerning this matter.

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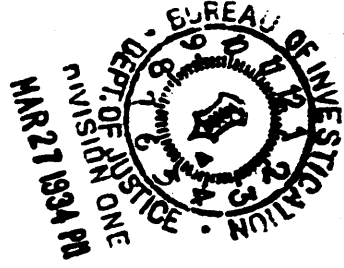
Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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Western Union



San Antonio, Texas.
March 24, 1934.

J. A. Dowd
Division of Investigation
US Department of Justice
503-a US Court House & P O
Salt Lake City Utah

Brekid Henry Hull former member Karpis Barker gang now confined
Texas Penitentiary advises that the Barker gang has contact man
Reno named Graham who is prominent business man there He aids
them in disposing securities and changing money Also that this
gang had one time occupied private residence on Pueblo Street Reno
exact time unknown House was rented name James stop Full name
Graham unknown exact address house unknown Report mailed today

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cc Division-1.

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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim	CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Pertinent information relative to Edward W. Bentz, possible suspect in this case, as obtained from files in the Portland office set forth herein on request of Division to the end that exhaustive search will be made to locate Bentz. Edward Bentz, Theodore Bentz, Verna Bentz, wife of Ed Bentz, and Christina Dawson, sweetheart of Theodore Bentz, reported as having left Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on or about March 11, 1934, for intended visit to Bentz's mother on West Coast. All peace officers this district notified to be on lookout for these parties.

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REFERENCE: Division letter dated March 13, 1934.

DETAILS:

The reference letter instructs the Portland office to prepare a report dealing exclusively with Edward W. Bentz, with aliases, and his known associates and to distribute copies of this report to each field office of the Division for its information. This action was requested by the Division to the end that an exhaustive search will be made for Edward W. Bentz, who is wanted in numerous places on bank robbery charges, and in view of the fact that he is a possible suspect in the kidnaping racket.

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The writer made a thorough review of all files available in this office in which Edward W. Bentz is mentioned, and the following pertinent information concerning this individual is set forth:

NAME AND ALIASES

Edward Wilhelm Bentz appears to be the true name of this individual. He has been known to have used the following aliases:

E. R. Richards
E. R. Ronaldson
Arthur Desmond
Jack C. Kearns
Francis K. Beckman
Ned Rowland Dewey
George Fairchild
E. N. Benz
Miles Dannecher
Fred Williams
Fred R. Thompson
Francis Dewey
G. B. Banier
G. B. Renier
Fred Wendel

DESCRIPTION

(Best available composite description as taken from files and persons who have observed Bentz)

Age	39
Color	White
Height	5' 11"
Weight	About 220
Build	Muscular
Hair	Light chestnut (may now be wearing dark brown wig and mustache)
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Florid

Nationality American
Marital Status Wife, Verna Bantz, nee Freimark
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Marks and Scars Large mole in front of left ear;
small flesh mole left side nose;
scar at root of nose;
partly blind in right eye;
oblique scar 3d phalanx middle finger
left hand;
oblique scar 2d joint index finger
left hand, outer;
horizontal scar 3d phalanx little finger
left hand;
scar 3d phalanx middle finger right hand,
inner;
scar 3d joint middle finger right hand,
outer;
shot scar left leg, limps slightly;
shot scar calf, right leg.

CRIMINAL RECORD

(As furnished by the Division under date of
August 16, 1933.)

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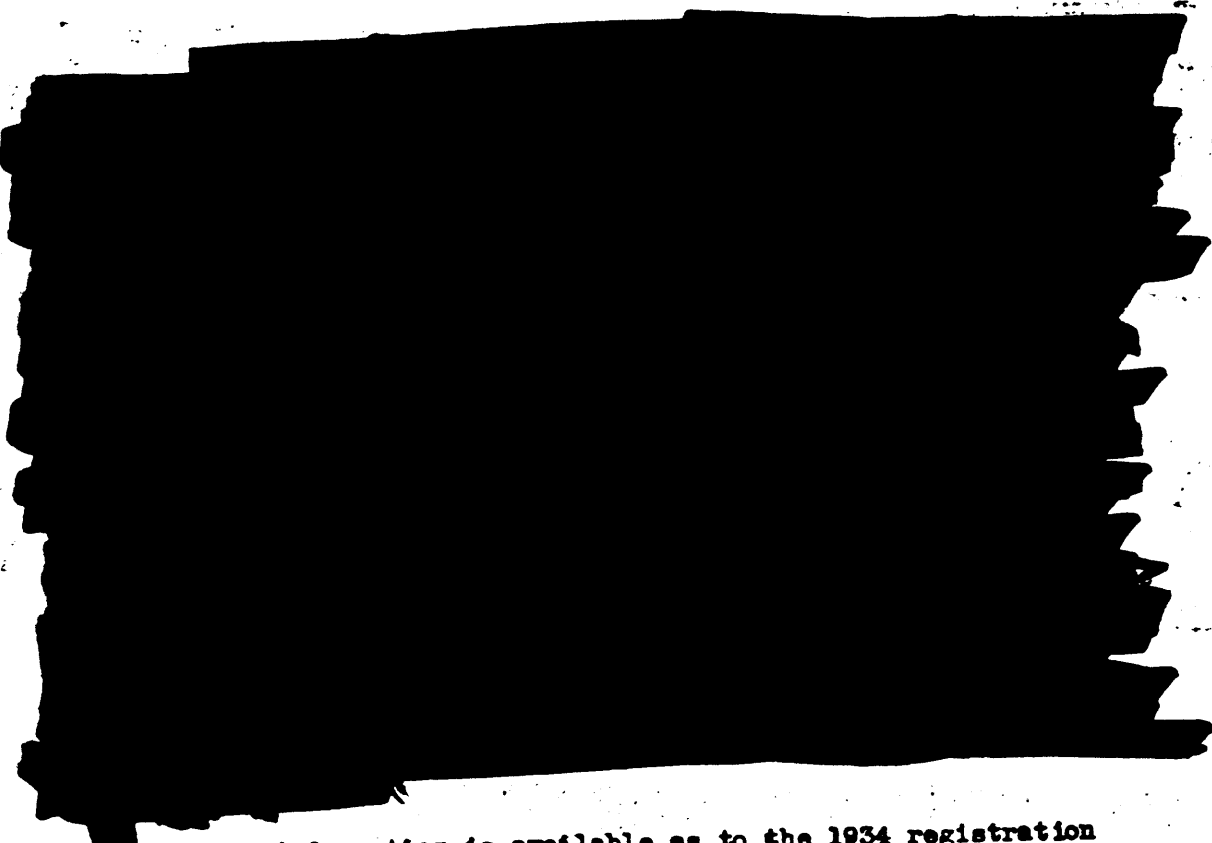
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GENERAL INFORMATION.

According to information contained in report of Special Agent W. Carter Baum, dated March 13, 1934, at Chicago, Illinois in the instant case, it appears that Edward W. Bentz has been identified as having resided at 7515 Kingston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, between August 28, 1933 and December 29, 1933. He is reported to have used the name of Fred Wendel and his wife resided at the same address with him. This was no doubt Verna Bentz, nee Freimark, and she was described as being 5 feet 5 or 6 inches in height, weight 115 lbs., slender build, hair dirty ash blond, blue eyes, no peculiarities noted. While at this apartment, Bentz and his wife had a small Pekingese dog. Bentz and his wife checked out at the above address on December 29, 1933, and investigation failed to develop any information as to where they went. This is the last known address of Edward W. Bentz, according to information available at this office.

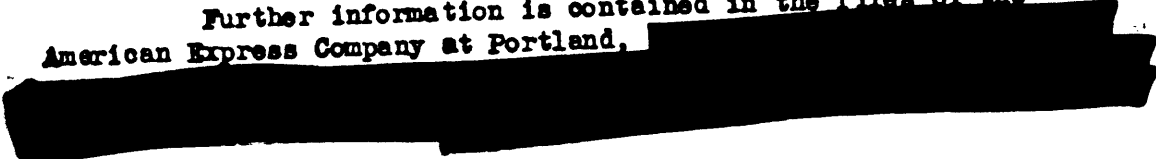
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No information is available as to the 1934 registration of the Lincoln Sedan in which these parties are alleged to be traveling, and on March 21, 1934, a telegram was dispatched to the Chicago office suggesting that contact be had with G. B. Plowman of the American Express Company for the purpose of securing full details relative to the alleged travel of Edward Bentz, et al, from South Milwaukee, Wisconsin to the West Coast, and to endeavor to ascertain the motor number of the Lincoln Sedan for the purpose of ascertaining the 1934 registration of same. A telegram was likewise dispatched to the San Francisco office to contact G. B. Viets, Special Agent of the American Express Company at San Francisco to obtain full information available there and to assist in locating the Bentz brothers.

Further information is contained in the files of the American Express Company at Portland,

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It should be stated that in October, 1933, one Neal Cashman, 6439 N.E. 32d Avenue, Portland, formerly brother-in-law of Edward Bentz, reported to the Portland Police Department that he had seen Edward Bentz in Portland for a few minutes and had conversed with him briefly, after which he observed that Edward Bentz departed from the down town district of Portland in a large dark blue sedan which he believed was a Lincoln. At this time he reported that Edward Bentz was wearing a dark brown wig and mustache. This information relative to the Lincoln Sedan coincides with the reported information as to Edward Bentz, et al, leaving Milwaukee, on March 11th in a Lincoln Sedan. However, attention is invited to the information obtained by Agent Baum and reported in his report of March 13, 1934, at Chicago, indicating that Ed Bentz and his wife, on their arrival at 7515 Kingston Avenue, Chicago, drove a 1930 model A Ford Coach equipped with a trailer and a large quantity of personal effects. Persons interviewed believed that this car bore an Illinois license. Further, that just before Christmas, 1933, he drove up to the apartment in an Essex Terraplane which he claimed belonged to his brother. This was a new 1933 model Essex Terraplane which was black in color. It is noted that the St. Louis office is requested in report of Special Agent Baum to check all registrations in the state of Illinois for 1933 and 1934 to determine whether Bentz registered a Model A Ford car or an Essex Terraplane similar to those described as having been in his possession during the past winter at Chicago.

In the event any information is developed by the St. Louis or Chicago offices as to the registration of an automobile to Edward or Theodore Bentz, it is requested that telegraphic notification be made to this office and to the Los Angeles and San Francisco offices, in order that a description of the car may be broadcast to all state, county and city peace officers.

It is believed, from examining the files of the Portland office, that this office does not have available all information reflecting investigations of the activities of Edward and Theodore Bentz and if upon reviewing the instant report there is additional material information available to other districts concerning Edward Bentz and Theodore Bentz, it is requested that same be reported immediately to all offices of the Division.

Photographs of Edward W. Bentz, Seattle PD #6894, were furnished all offices of the Division by this office with letter dated August 21, 1933, in the George Kelly Barnes Kidnaping case. This letter of August 21st was directed to the Division, copies with photographs attached being routed to all offices.

Theodore E. Bentz is described as follows:

Name	Theodore E. Bentz, alias Ted Bentz		
Age	31		
Height	5' 11 1/2"		
Weight	218		
Build	Heavy		
Eyes	Light blue		
Hair	Light chestnut		
Complexion	Fair		
Color	White		
Nationality	American		
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Christina Dawson, alias Chrissie, who is traveling with Edward and Theodore Bentz, is described as follows:

Age	28
Height	5' 6"
Weight	125
Build	Medium
Eyes	Blue-grey
Hair	Light brown, reddish tint
Complexion	Medium
Nationality	Scotch
Color	White
Occupation	Tailoress
Criminal Record	None known
	Recently a resident of Vancouver, B. C.

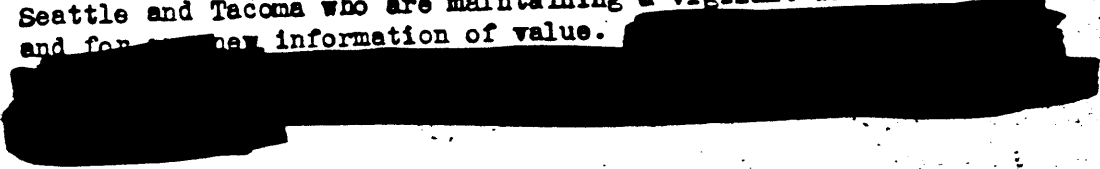
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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE: It is requested that the San Francisco office contact E. B. Viets, Special Agent, American Express Company, and conduct such investigation as is necessary to cover relatives of the Bentz brothers in San Francisco in connection with the reported intended visit of the Bentz brothers, Verna Bentz and Christina Dawson in San Francisco. Will also verify information that Anna Bentz, alias Anna Gallows, has moved from 1431 Steiner Street, San Francisco, to 1245 66th Street, Los Angeles. Will also contact E. A. Hansley, Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, for any recent information developed through his organization.

CHICAGO OFFICE: The Chicago office is currently conducting investigation to develop information pertaining to the Bentz brothers in Chicago and South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It is suggested that the matter of discreetly securing information through George Bentz, 7124 Belden Avenue, Chicago, be given thorough consideration in view of persistent information furnished that George Bentz is in contact with his brothers.

PORTLAND OFFICE: This office will continue its contacts at Tacoma, Washington for possible information through relatives of the Bentz brothers and the various law enforcement officials in Seattle and Tacoma who are maintaining a vigilant watch for them, and for any information of value.

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Addendum:

Since the above was written, the Chicago office advised telegraphically that the Bentz party is believed to be traveling in a blue or black Lincoln Sedan of new appearance and that the car may bear 1934 Indiana license #410864. This information was forwarded the San Francisco office by telegram on March 22d and was broadcast by Police bulletins throughout Oregon and Washington the same date.

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March 22, 1934.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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ST. PAUL, MINN.

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BREKID NINETEEN THIRTY THREE TWELVE CYLINDER AUBURN SEDAN BLUE BODY WITH HOOD GREY ON TOP AND GREY CANVAS TOP SIX WIRE WHEELS MOTOR BB FIFTEEN TWO SEVEN PURCHASED SAN FRANCISCO OCTOBER NINTH LAST YEAR BY WILLIAM B. LOHMAN. VOLNEY DAVIS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF PURCHASERS. ARTHUR BAKER BELIEVED TO BE ANOTHER.

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March 25, 1934

JOHN A. DOWD,
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
 803 A U. S. Court House and P. O. Building,
 Salt Lake City, Utah

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS ROY FRISCH VICTIM KIDNAPPING STOP MAN ANSWERING DESCRIPTION
 VICTIM CONTACTED GRAHAM YESTERDAY SEND PHOTO OF VICTIM GRAHAM HAS RESERVATIONS
 FOR REID TONIGHT WILL ADVISE IF AND WHEN HE LEAVES.

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 U. S. Department of Justice,
 318 Hewes Building,
 San Francisco, California

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San Francisco, California.
March 25, 1934.



J. A. Dowd
503A U. S. Court House & Postoffice Bldg.
Salt Lake City
Utah.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS ROY FRISCH VICTIM KIDNAPPING STOP GRAHAM AND WIFE LEFT SOUTHERN PACIFIC SIX OCLOCK TRAIN TONITE FOR RENO OCCUPYING LOWER THREE CAR EIGHTY FOUR STOP RECEIVED THOUSAND DOLLARS TELEGRAM MONEY ORDER YESTERDAY NO IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS.

Charge: GOVT RATE.
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
318 Hewes Bldg.
S.C. Division.

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THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

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March 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
503-a Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir: Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
 UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
 EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
 VIOLA IAC.
 St. Paul File No. 7-30

Please forward to me all exhibits and particularly handwriting specimens of persons involved in this case which are mentioned in the report of Special Agent A.H. Gere, dated 3-22-34, at Salt Lake City.

Very truly yours,

S.A. NORM, INSTRUCTOR.

WAR:TC
CC Division ✓
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P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

MAR 28 1934 AM
March 26, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 536,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30

In confirmation of the wire to your office, today, in the above entitled matter, it is requested that a check be made of the hotels at Tia Juana, Mexico, and the place covering the Agua Caliente race tracks. It is requested that you give continual attention to covering the races just over the Mexican border and also any horse racing which, in the immediate future, may begin in your district.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROBER, INSPECTOR.

WAR:TC

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CC San Francisco
CC Salt Lake City

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Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File 7-30

Dear Sir:

Please furnish this office the best available descriptions from the files in your office of MRS. KATE BARKER, with aliases; DOROTHY SLAYMAN, Tulsa Police Department #3012; JOHAN ALKOUR, Tulsa Police Department #3010; BILLIE FITCH, Tulsa Police Department #6896; MICKEY KIAN SMITH and MADELYN SNYDER, no police numbers being available on the latter two.

These descriptions are desired for use in a summary report now being prepared in this case and it is requested that you give this matter your early attention.

Very truly yours,

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CC Division ✓

W.A. ROE, Inspector.

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Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Ill.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File 7-50

Dear Sirs:

Kindly furnish this office with the best available descriptions of JEWELL JOHNSON; DOROTHY DODD and LEOA GRAHAM, these parties being mentioned in letter from the Chicago office to the Salt Lake City office under date of March 24, 1934.

These descriptions are desired for use in a summary report now being prepared in this case and it is requested that you give this matter your early attention.

Very truly yours,

W.A. RORER, Inspector.

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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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March 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING, St. Paul file 7-90.

Attached hereto is a memorandum submitted to the Jacksonville office by Special Agent R. L. Main. Please conduct investigation at Lawsonia, Wisconsin. I can not find this place listed in the Postal Guide but it is possible that inquiry in the vicinity of Oakkosh may locate a place with a similar name. In view of the fact that Oakkosh is misspelled, it is possible that Lawsonia is also misspelled.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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Cc Division ✓
Cc Jacksonville

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MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED BY SPECIAL AGENT W. F. TRAINOR:

IN RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL
 EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
 KIDNAPING

During a review of the data in the instant kidnaping case and in connection with the case of Vernon C. Miller (Deceased) Et Al - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, it has been noted that "J. Stanley Smith", which is thought to be an alias used by a man possibly identical with Arthur R. Barker, resided at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, during the first half of June 1933. While there he lived with a woman who has been identified by photograph as Paula Harmon, widow of Curtis P. Harmon (formerly reported Charles B. Harmon). Thomas Newman, attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, was offered as a reference by "J. Stanley Smith" when the premises at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, were rented late in May 1933. When interviewed on several occasions Newman has obviously evaded any truthful statement in connection with his dealings with "J. Stanley Smith". He did state, however, that he had written some letters for Smith to one John Bovard, Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri, in connection with the collection of a promissory note due from Bovard. Also Newman informed that "J. Stanley Smith" was reported to be employed by the Consolidated Metal Company, of St. Louis, Missouri.

Originally the St. Louis Office made investigation of this statement by Newman, which is reflected in the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, July 27, 1933, in the Kansas City massacre case. The St. Louis Office was unable to locate anyone in that district who might be identical with the John Bovard in question. The Kansas City Office was informed by the St. Louis Office, through a copy of letter written by the St. Louis Office to the St. Paul Office, July 10, 1933, in the massacre case, that it is probable that the John Bovard in question might reside in Kansas City, although there was no definite basis for investigation shown in this district.

In the report of Special Agent C. B. Winstead, dated at Dallas, Texas, in the instant kidnaping case, February 27, 1934, it is shown that the telephone of Paula Harmon at Beaumont, Texas, was used on October 11, 1932 to call "Stonewell J. Smith", Houston, Texas. "Stonewell J. Smith" is shown to reside at Farmersville, Texas and to operate what is known at the Federated Metal Company, handling type and stereotype metals.

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The Kansas City, Missouri city directories list two Bovard families - one is that of John C, who is shown to be deceased

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and formerly the head of the John C. Bovard Printing Company, 809 Baltimore Avenue. The other is the family of John H. Bovard, who formerly operated a coal business and maintained an office in the Rialto Building here. It appeared that there might be facts of possible significance in the above in view of the use of similar names "J. Stanley Smith" and "Stonewell J. Smith", and the "Federated Metal Company" and the "Consolidated Metal Company" and further, in view of the alleged business dealings with one John Bovard on the part of Smith, as it appears that the Bovard in question might be connected with the printing trade in which the Federated Metal Company is said to be interested.

There is no "Consolidated Metal Company" or "Federated Metal Company" located in Kansas City, Missouri.

Interview was had with Mrs. Estella Bovard, widow of John C. Bovard, who is now the proprietor of the John C. Bovard Printing Company, 809 Baltimore Avenue. With her is associated Mr. Joseph Bovard, her son, who was also interviewed. These individuals were questioned as to any business dealings which they might have had with anyone named "J. Stanley Smith", "Stonewell J. Smith" or "Thomas Newman", who are mentioned herein. They stated that they have no knowledge whatever of any such dealings, and that they do not owe and have not owed a note to anyone who might be identical with either of the Smiths or Newman, or any client of Thomas Newman. Mrs. Bovard informed Agent that her husband has been dead for the past two years and that, of course, he had business dealings of which she knew nothing as she did not undertake a business career until after his death. Joseph Bovard has not engaged actively in the business until the past year, and therefore would not have an insight into his father's affairs. Both of these individuals stated, however, that they would be aware of any communications which might have been received as late as June 1933 in connection with any claim such as is mentioned by Newman.

These individuals appeared cooperative and promised that in the event they ever discovered any facts which might bear a relationship to the matter in question they would inform this office. They advised that John H. Bovard, former coal dealer of Kansas City, is a very wealthy man and for the past two years has been non compos mentis and is now expected to die any day. He has a guardian named Miss Minnie Jones, who has been his secretary for years, and she would be in a position to furnish full information in regard to his business transactions or any claims which have been placed against him. Mrs. Bovard further informed that to her knowledge there are but about 20 families of that name in the United States and that most of the Bovards are related in some way. She stated that there are some Bovards in St. Louis, Chicago and Los Angeles. Mrs. Estella Bovard and Joseph Bovard both stated that they had never heard of the Federated Metal Company or Consolidated Metal Company, and they did not know of any business dealings ever had by their company with such concerns.

Miss Minnie Jones was interviewed at her office, 614 Grand Avenue Temple Building. She stated that if the estate of John H. Bovard had ever been charged with any claims such as the one mentioned she would certainly know of it and that she is unable to furnish any information whatever in connection with such communications as mentioned by Thomas Newman. After full discussion with her of the possibilities of business connections by John H. Bovard with anyone named "Stonewell J. Smith" or "J. Stanley Smith" it was determined that no information is available through her or the estate of John H. Bovard in this connection.

It is suggested that investigation be conducted by the Dallas Office to fully determine the connections of Paula Harmon with "Stonewell J. Smith", who is said to reside at Farmersville, Texas. It is noted that Paula Harmon several years ago used the alias Mrs. J. Stanley Smith, and it is probable that from her the man who resided at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, received that alias.

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Respectfully submitted:

cc - Division (2) ✓
St. Louis (2)
St. Paul (2)
Dallas (2)

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

March 24, 1934.

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT _____

To Mr. W. A. Rorer, St. Paul Office.

YOUR LETTER MARCH THREE FURNISH IF POSSIBLE FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATIONS
JAMES WILSON AND WILLIAM JONES SAINT PAUL POLICE ARRESTS

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Edmond J. Brennan

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March 26, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
311 Hurley-Wright Building,
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above entitled case, you are requested to obtain from the Department of the Interior topographical maps of the following counties:

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Lake

McHenry

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Hennepin

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In the event the Department of the Interior does not possess extra copies of topographical maps of the above counties, arrangements should be made to borrow the maps in their possession and have copies of same prepared by the Equipment Section of the Division. This matter should receive your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,
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cc-W. A. Rorer

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J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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St Paul Minnesota
March 26 1934

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RORER,
Inspector

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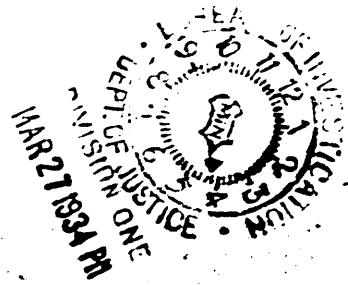
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625 Lafayette Bldg.
Detroit Michigan
March 23, 1934



Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated March 20, 1934, please be advised that a very careful search has been made of the records in this office, the Detroit Police Department and at the Sheriff's office in the City of Detroit and we fail to find the name of EMERY CHAMPLIN or CHAMPLAN who, it is alleged, is a member of the "Purple Gang."

For your further information, please be advised that this office has a very complete list of names of gangsters known in Detroit which includes members and alleged members of the Detroit "Purple Gang" and this list does not contain the above mentioned name.

Special Agent L. D. Socoy also contacted Lieutenant John Hoffman of the Special Investigation Squad, Detroit Police Department, who is acquainted with a great many gangsters in Detroit and he advised that he has never heard of a person named Champlin as being connected with the "Purple Gang" or any other outfit.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

March 21, 1934.

HHC:DSS

MR. NATHAN.....
MR. TOLSON.....
MR. CLEGG.....
MR. COWLEY.....
MR. EDWARDS.....
MR. EGAN.....
MR. QUINN.....
MR. LESTER.....
MR. LOCKE.....
MR. RORER.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

While talking to Mr. Rorer on another matter he advised ^{about the House where} that they had secured a lead which looked a little promising; ^{Promer was} that a woman from Waukesha, Wisconsin, had made a trip to St. Paul and had given them certain information which is being checked at the present time. Mr. Rorer will call the Division if anything of importance develops. ^{del}

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.



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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 19, 1934

MR. NATHAN	_____
MR. TOLSON	_____
MR. C. F. G.	_____
MR. COWLEY	_____
MR. ELLIOTT	_____
MR. BLAIR	_____
MR. QUINN	_____
MR. LEBLANC	_____
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice, Personal and Confidential
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al;
Edward George Bremer - Victim.
Kidnaping.

With reference to a conversation with Mr. S. P. Cowley of the Division on the night of March 15, 1934 concerning the statement appearing in newspaper articles to the effect that latent fingerprints of certain suspects in the Bremer Kidnap case had been found on oil cans on the route alleged to have been taken by the kidnapers when they delivered Bremer to his home, I have to advise you as follows:

I was absent from the office on March 14th and 15th, having left here the night of the 13th, and returned late on the night of the 15th. I had been in Arkansas on official matters. Special Agent Paul Hansen was in charge of the office in my absence. While in Little Rock I received a telephone communication from Mr. Hansen and while there I also talked to Mr. Cowley of the Division. On the occasion of both of these conversations I had been informed of the raid in Osage County, on the morning of the 15th, which resulted in the arrest of Glenn Roy Wright and others. I was cognizant that we were seeking Glenn Roy Wright and Agent Hollis had been making efforts for sometime to locate him in that area, together with Harry Campbell.

I had been most circumspect in informing the Agents of this office that they should be most discreet in discussing with anyone the suspects in this case and the reason for the inquiries. To many of the Agents I had not even divulged the full particulars in the matter. Mr. Hollis did know that latent fingerprints had been found on certain oil cans.

I discussed with Agent Hansen the matter of the statement appearing in the newspapers relative to the latent fingerprints. He has prepared a memorandum for me concerning this matter, copies of which are attached hereto.

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I communicated with Special Agent Hollis at Tulsa by telephone the night of the 15th. He informed me that he had not divulged that information to any newspaper men, or to anyone.

The inquiries mentioned above were communicated to the Division, together with the fact that Agent Hansen said he had received a telephone call from a man by the name of Shipley, representing the Minneapolis Tribune. Thereafter Mr. Cowley of the Division communicated with me by phone and said that Agents at Minneapolis had interviewed Shipley and he had said that he had obtained the information through telephonic communications on the 15th with a man by the name of Burkes of the Tulsa World, or with the jailer or deputy sheriff at Sapulpa, Oklahoma. I also talked to Inspector Rorer at St. Paul concerning this matter and he, as well as Mr. Cowley, informed me that the newspaper men at Minneapolis had said the information concerning the latent fingerprints found on the cans had come via "newspaper grapevine" from Oklahoma. Mr. Cowley told me that it was the Director's instructions that I proceed to Tulsa and Sapulpa in an effort to obtain all the particulars concerning this matter.

At Sapulpa I interviewed A. B. Holderby, County Jailer, who said that sometime probably around noon of March 15th, he received a telephone call from some person who said he was a newspaper man in Minneapolis and wanted to know about the arrests made that morning, and whether Barker and Karpis were arrested. He said he told the newspaper man that he didn't believe they were, but if he wanted any information concerning the arrests, he should obtain it from the Sheriff's office, which was down stairs and that he transferred the call, through the operator, to the Sheriff's office. Holderby stated that this man calling him didn't give any name and that he is certain that he made no mention whatever of latent fingerprints, or fingerprints of any kind. Holderby told me that he didn't know anything about any fingerprints being found on cans and that he didn't know any such item had appeared in the newspapers until I mentioned it to him. From Holderby's appearance I do not doubt for one moment that he is telling the truth.

I interviewed Gordon Morriss, Undersheriff at Sapulpa, who remains in the office practically all of the day. Morriss said that sometime about noon on the 15th, probably shortly before noon, a person called him and said he was with the Minneapolis Tribune, but did not give any name, and stated that he wanted to know who was arrested by the officers that morning; that he read the names of the persons arrested and that this individual then asked him whether Karpis and Barker were arrested and he told him "No." Morriss said that no mention was made by this individual about fingerprints of any kind. Morriss stated that he did not know until he read in the

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newspapers that any latent fingerprints had been found anywhere in the investigation of the Bremer Kidnap case. Mr. Morriss said that Agent Hollis had never discussed the matter with him. Morriss told me that if any man said that he had made the statement, or given out any information to the effect that latent fingerprints were found on any cans, that the person making such a statement "is a liar." Morriss told me that he is the only person in the office that day who talked with any newspaper men.

I talked to Sheriff Willis Strange, Sapulpa, who stated that he didn't talk with any newspaper men at Minneapolis on the 15th, or at any other time, and that he did not know until he read in the newspapers that any latent fingerprints had been found on oil cans in connection with the investigation of the Bremer case. He stated that Agent Hollis had never discussed this matter with him.

I interviewed Ed Burkes, City Editor of the Tulsa World (newspaper), who stated that on the 15th of March he talked two or three times to a man by the name of Shipley of the Minneapolis Tribune; that on one occasion on the 15th when he talked to Shipley by telephone, he told Shipley to call the Sheriff's office for information concerning the arrests made that morning. He stated that he did not tell Shipley that day anything about any latent fingerprints having been found on cans. He was asked whether he had heard prior to the newspaper story that latent fingerprints had been found on any cans and he stated that he had heard that ten days or more ago. He was asked the source of his information and stated, "I do not know where I got it." He was questioned further concerning it and said that he probably obtained it from some of the "boys" around the office. I asked him what he meant by boys and he said some of the reporters. He was asked to name some of the reporters specifically, but said he couldn't remember. He was asked if he had obtained it from Agent Hollis, or any representative of this Division, and he told me that he had not. Very little satisfaction could be obtained from Burkes. It was apparent that he was hedging and did not care particularly to discuss this matter at any great length.

Agent Hollis informed me that while he was at the Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, where he had gone to accompany the officers to take some of these prisoners, he received a long distance telephone call from a newspaper man by the name of William Voight, who is the Associated Press representative at Tulsa; that Voight asked him if the primary purpose of the raid that morning was to effect the arrest of Karpis and Barker, who were suspected in the Bremer case, and that he told him such was not the case. He stated that that was the extent of the inquiry made of him by Voight.

I interviewed William Voight at Tulsa, who seems to be a straightforward young man, although still a newspaper man, and he spoke in the highest terms of the Division; of how he had met several of the Division's representatives during the Urschel investigation and trial. He told me that Agent Hollis had never informed him that any latent fingerprints had been found on any cans during the investigation of the Bremer case, nor had any other representative of this Division given him this information, but that he had heard Burkes say ten days or so ago that he had information to this effect, however, Burkes did not tell him the source from which he had obtained it. Voight told me specifically that he had not written any article, or dispatched any news item during the day of the 15th to any point concerning any latent fingerprints. He said that sometime about 2:00 P.M. on the 15th he received a query from the Associated Press representative in Minneapolis or St. Paul for full particulars concerning the raid that morning and later in the day, just a short time thereafter, he received a request from the Associated Press in Kansas City to follow up the story of the raid that morning, particularly in connection with the Bremer case, and to play the lead strongly. He stated that in this dispatch from Kansas City some mention had been made of the fingerprint item, but that he replied that he felt that it was false and that after it appeared in the papers that evening (March 15th), he wrote a story under a Mannford date line for the morning papers circulated by the Associated Press and made mention of the latent fingerprint situation. Voight said that he was present at the raid on the morning of the 15th; that Hollis had not apprised him of it, nor had he invited him to go along. Voight attempted to impress me with his sincerity in an effort to assist as much as possible in this matter, if we would not divulge any information that he might furnish. He stated to me that it was his impression that the story relative to latent prints had emanated from Minneapolis or St. Paul. He informed me that he believed he could obtain the source of the information from Ed Burkes and that, if he did, he would furnish me therewith.

Several days ago when this office was making considerable investigation in and around Tulsa in an effort to obtain the names and addresses of the associates of Karper and Barkis, particularly information that might result in the apprehension of Harry Campbell and Glenn Roy Wright, I assigned Agents Sorola and Birch to assist Agent Hollis. These Agents were specifically instructed not to divulge to anyone why the Division was seeking any of these persons.

It was learned during the course of these inquiries that Glenn Roy Wright has a brother, Harold Wright, employed at the Tulsa World as a

deliveryman out of Tulsa. Agent Birch talked to E. G. Henthorne, the Editor of the World, relative to Harold Wright. I interviewed Mr. Henthorne, who stated that Agent Birch did talk to him about this matter and that he offered every cooperation and assistance possible in locating Glenn Roy Wright through his brother, but that Agent Birch made no mention whatever of fingerprints of any kind. Mr. Henthorne stated, however, that sometime ago he heard some mention in the editorial room about fingerprints in connection with the investigation of the Bremer case, the details of which he couldn't remember, possibly he said that he heard some prints had been found on some cans, but that he paid very little attention to it.

L. W. McPetridge, Circulation Manager of the Tulsa World, stated that Agent Birch talked to him about Harold Wright, but made no mention of fingerprints or why he wanted to get in touch with Glenn Roy Wright. McPetridge said he didn't know anything about the latent fingerprint story until he read it in the newspaper.

Richard Maher, City Editor of the Tulsa World, was interviewed and said that about ten days or two weeks ago he heard that some fingerprints of someone, he thought Doc Barker, had been found on some gasoline cans abandoned by the kidnapers of Bremer; that he does not know where he heard it, but he thought it was from some of the "boys" around the office, but could not name any specific individual who might have told him this. He stated that on Thursday, March 15th, someone from the Minneapolis Tribune called him by phone and wanted to know all about the parties arrested in the raid that morning, but that in this conversation no mention was made of any fingerprints and that the inquiry was solely for the purpose of the identity of the persons arrested.

Walter Biscup, reporter of the Tulsa World, stated that on February 11, 1934 the Sheriff's office at Tulsa received a wire from the Police Department at St. Paul wanting the fingerprints and photograph of Harry Campbell and that he wrote a short story about it; that there was no mention in this story about any latent fingerprints on any gasoline cans, and that he did not know of this fact until he read it in the papers on March 15th. Biscup is a very intelligent young man, with an engaging personality, but crafty, and still a newspaper man.

J. Nelson Taylor, a reporter of the Tulsa World, was interviewed and stated that several days ago he saw Agent Birch there and that he talked with Birch about Glenn Roy Wright and Harold Wright, as at one time he had lived in the home of Mrs. Wright in Tulsa, but that at no time during his conversation with Birch did he mention fingerprints or why Glenn Roy Wright was wanted. He did state that he had not discussed

this subject with any other representative of this Division. He told me that he did not know anything about any latent fingerprints having been found on any cans until he had read it in the newspapers. I doubt very much that Taylor is telling the truth, for he appeared to be hedging as much as possible and he, of course, is a newspaper man.

I talked to Agent Birch about this matter and he told me that he did not tell anyone about any fingerprints having been found on any gasoline cans for the reason that he did not know it until he had read it in the newspapers.

Agent Paulson, an accountant, has been in Tulsa for sometime under subpoena and I discussed this matter with him, but he told me that he was not aware of the fact that any latent fingerprints had been found until he read it in the newspapers.

Agent Sorola, now assigned to the New Orleans office, has not been interviewed in respect to this matter.

Agent Hollis is preparing a memorandum for me concerning the subject matter of inquiry.

I am obtaining newspapers in Oklahoma City and Tulsa in which this story appeared.

On the night of March 17th I talked to Mr. Cowley of the Division concerning this matter and he stated that Ed Burkes is a Vice President of the National Newspaper Guild and that there was a convention of this organization in Washington sometime ago and that Burkes might have obtained the information there. I talked to William Voight about this convention and he said that the convention referred to was held prior to the kidnaping of Bremer.

On the afternoon of March 18th, I received a telephone call from Mr. Clegg of the Division in which he stated he had before him an item under the McAlester, Oklahoma date line of March 16th of the International News Service to the effect that Agent Hollis, who accompanied some officers and some prisoners to the Penitentiary at McAlester, had disclosed for the first time that the purpose of the raid was to effect the apprehension of Barker and Alvin Karpis and that some persons arrested were close associates of the suspects and that this item indicated a direct quotation of Agent Hollis. Mr. Clegg instructed that all information concerning the same be obtained.

I learned that Fred Riseling, 1606 North Robinson, Oklahoma City, is the local representative of the International News Service. He did not

know the representative at McAlester, but said that W. J. Good of Kansas City is the district manager and that he would know the representative at McAlester. I asked Mr. Conroy at Kansas City to obtain from Good the representative's name at McAlester and he stated that he is E. N. Martel.

I dispatched Agents Paul Hansen and L. M. Chipman the night of March 18th to McAlester to interview Martel.

I interviewed Agent Hollis concerning this matter and he stated to me positively that he had not interviewed any newspaper man in McAlester and that the only contact he had with newspaper men was the telephone call he received from William Voight, Associated Press man at Tulsa, referred to above. Hollis furthermore told me that he did not make such a statement to any person at McAlester or elsewhere.

Agent Hansen called me last night from McAlester and informed me that he had interviewed Martel, International News Service representative there, who stated that he had never interviewed or seen Mr. Hollis and stated he didn't interview any officer who accompanied prisoners to McAlester on March 15th; that the material for any article prepared by him concerning this matter cleared through the district office of the International News Service at Kansas City, Missouri and that it did not directly quote any person. This morning Agent Hansen called me and stated that he has received copies of all dispatches in respect to this matter received by and sent out by Martel and that none of them quote Agent Hollis. This information was furnished telegraphically to the Division on March 19th.

The following are the dispatches received by and sent out by Martel in connection with this matter:

"Kansas City Missouri 3-15-34

"E N Martel
McAlester Oklahoma

Have received tip persons arrested at Manford wanted connection Bremer kidnaping stop Please check immediately with McAlester and state prison officials and wire me soon as possible

W J Good
International News Service
9:35 pm "

"McAlester, Oklahoma March 16, 1934

"International News Service
Kansas City Missouri

Ed Brophy alias Pal Collins alias Alonzo Brisco may be connected Bremer kidnaping Glen Roy Wright known to have been associated Freddie

Barker & Alvin Karpis suspects not caught raid

E N Martel
5:45 am "

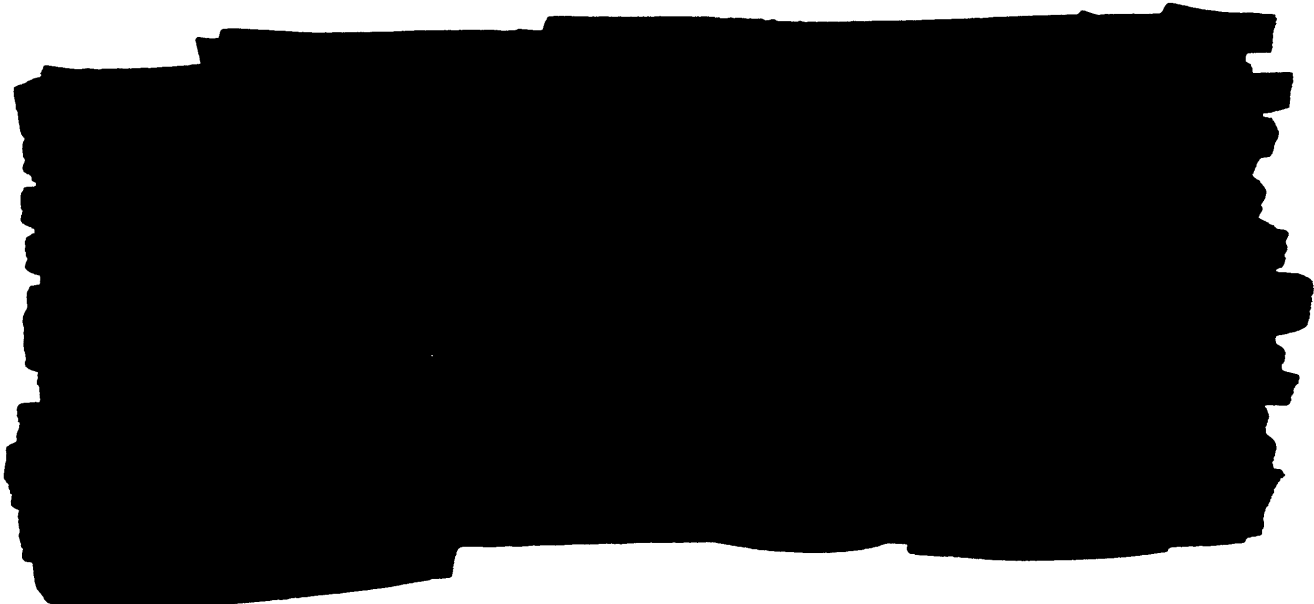
McAlester, Oklahoma March 16, 1934

"International News Service
Kansas City Missouri

Universal Service
Chicago Illinois

Five men brought State prison closely watched to prevent escape
Would have go through six steel doors past half a dozen machine guns
and then over walls to escape Officers believe most important capture
in many months Wright, Brisco alias Brodie believed be connected
Bremer kidnaping

E N Martel "



Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
Dwight Brantley, *by P.A.*
Special Agent in Charge.

M E M O R A N D U M

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 16, 1934

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PH:IJ

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al;
Edward George Bremer - Victim.
Kidnaping.

This memorandum is being prepared at the suggestion of
Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley.

During March 14 and 15, 1934, I was in charge of the Oklahoma City office during Mr. Brantley's absence. About 9:15 A.M., March 15, 1934, Special Agent H. E. Hollis called me on the telephone from Sapulpa, Oklahoma and advised me that he had assisted in a raid with twenty-seven officers from Tulsa, Stillwater, and Sapulpa, Oklahoma on a house owned by Ira Brackett which is located about six miles west of Mannford, Oklahoma. Agent Hollis advised that Glen Roy Wright, five other men and three women were arrested during this raid. Agent Hollis requested some help from the Oklahoma City office in interrogating Wright and the other persons arrested with him regarding his association with suspects in the Bremer kidnaping case. I advised Agent Hollis that due to other urgent matters in this district I was alone in the office and could not help him in this regard. Agent Hollis informed me that a considerable sum of money had been recovered from the possession of some of these people, and I advised him to check it against the serial numbers of the bills paid for the ransom of Mr. Bremer. Hollis called me back in a few minutes and stated that as several thousand people had gathered around the Sapulpa County Jail, the officers were apprehensive of some trouble and that arrangements had been made to take five of the men to the State Penitentiary at McAlester, and that he did not have time to check these serial numbers then. He stated that for some reason which he did not know some newspaper men from Tulsa, Oklahoma were present at this raid and he was, therefore, anxious for the information concerning the arrest of Wright to be forwarded to Washington at once.

As soon as I finished talking with Agent Hollis, I immediately called the Division at Washington and talked with Mr. Cowley, advising him of the result of this raid, and I gave him the names of the persons who were arrested except two women whose names I could not secure. I then called the St. Paul office and talked with Inspector Rorer and advised him of these arrests.

About 10:30 or 11:00 A.M., a Mr. Shipley called me on the telephone from Minneapolis, Minnesota and said that he was a representative of the Minneapolis Tribune and asked me about the arrests. I told Mr. Shipley that I understood there were some newspaper men present during this raid

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and that I suspected that he knew more about the details of it than I did. He asked me if this raid was made with the intention of catching some of the Bremer kidnapers, and I told him that it was not. He then asked me if we did not have hopes of catching some of the persons who were suspected of being involved in the Bremer kidnaping when we made this raid, and I told him that was not so. He then asked me if some of our Agents were not present on this raid and I told him that there was one Agent and twenty-seven officers. He asked me why the raid was made and what the real purpose of the raid was and I told him that I could not give him any information along this line as I had none to give, but that I suspected that it was made to catch several notorious bank robbers; that the results of this raid would indicate as much. Shipley then said, "In other words, Mr. Hansen, you are just not talking." I then told Mr. Shipley that that was not the attitude I had but that I really had no information to give him; that nine people were taken in this raid and that some of them are notorious bank robbers, and as far as I knew that was the entire story. Shipley then said, "How about the latent fingerprints?" I told him that I had not heard of anything like that concerning this raid. He said, "Is it not a fact that fingerprints of Doc Barker and Karpis were found in connection with the Bremer kidnaping?" I told him that I had no information to that effect. He then said, "How about the fingerprints on the oil can?" I then said to him, "Well, now, Mr. Shipley, you are telling me something for I never heard of anything like that." I then suggested to him that as he was on the ground and so near to the St. Paul office that he could obtain information concerning the Bremer case directly from that office which would be the proper place for information concerning it to be given out to that particular newspaper.

I might state here that I knew that some latent fingerprints had been found in connection with the investigation of the Bremer case, but was of the opinion that they had been found on an automobile, and the first time I heard of any fingerprints being found on an oil can in connection with this case is when Mr. Shipley mentioned it to me over the telephone.

Mr. Morris Moore, city editor of the Oklahoma City Times, called me on the telephone about 2:00 P.M. on the 15th, and asked for Mr. Brantley. When advised that he was out of town, Mr. Moore asked if I was in charge, and when advised affirmatively, he asked me what information I had to give out concerning the arrests at Sapulpa. I told him that I had no information to give out. He asked me if our office was not represented in this raid, and I told him that Agent Hollis who is located at Tulsa was on the raid. He asked me if the Division had not suspected finding some suspects of some kidnaping case when this raid was made, and I told him that we did not suspect anything like that. He asked me if we were not making an investigation concerning the persons who were arrested at Sapulpa and I told him that we were making a check. I told him that the Division had several unsolved cases of various descriptions and that we were naturally interested in a case where

so many people were arrested, but that we had no information whatever that any of the persons who were arrested at Sapulpa were wanted for any offense over which the Government has jurisdiction.

Mr. Tom Yarbarough, also of the Oklahoma City Times, called at the Oklahoma City Division office and asked me if there was any information to be given out concerning the arrest of these persons at Sapulpa. I told him that I knew of nothing. This was practically the entire result of my conversation with Mr. Yarbarough.

A short time later, which was about 6:00 P.M., Jack Stinnett, a reporter from the Daily Oklahoman, came into the Oklahoma City Division office and asked me if there was anything new on the results of the arrests at Sapulpa, and I told him that there was not. He then asked me if the Government had determined if any of the persons arrested were wanted for violations of any laws over which the Government has jurisdiction, and I told him that so far we had been unable to link any of them with any Government offense. Mr. Stinnett then asked me about the article appearing in the Oklahoma City Times under a Minneapolis date line to the effect that fingerprints of Barker and Karpis were among those found on gasoline cans and a flashlight used during the Bremer kidnaping. I told Mr. Stinnett that I knew nothing of this, and that the first I knew anything about it was when I read it in the above mentioned paper.

The Oklahoma City representative of the International News Service called me about 9:00 P.M. and asked me if there was any information that could be given out concerning the Government's interest in the arrests at Sapulpa, and I told him that there was nothing to be given out; that the raid was apparently successful in that several persons who were wanted for major offenses in the state of Oklahoma were arrested, but that none of them was wanted by the Government as far as I knew.

The only reporter in Oklahoma City who even asked me anything about fingerprints is Jack Stinnett, and at the time he asked me concerning this he was reading the article in the Oklahoma City Times under the Minneapolis date line of March 15.

I might say here that I was fully aware of the stand which has been taken by the Division that the Barkers and their associates were only suspects in the Bremer case and that it did not want this information to be made public, and I was especially careful of this fact when I was talking with any newspaper correspondent. In the first place, I was cognizant of the fact that I had no authority to give out any information and as will be seen from the facts set out above, I did not give out any information, though I did talk with the different newspaper men who called me as I thought that practice and common sense demanded it.

Paul Hansen
PAUL HANSEN,
Special Agent.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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March 20, 1934.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to [redacted] paid informant of
this office, this is to advise that he was interviewed on [redacted]

[redacted] Schaeffer and Young were
sentenced in St. Paul for a gang killing, reputed to have been done
at the instance of "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt.

In that connection, for the Division's information, during
the trial of Schaeffer and Young, a man giving the name of Louis Brooks
lived in St. Paul and was here apparently for the purpose of "fixing"
the witnesses in the murder case.

During the investigation of the Bremer case, information
was received that one "Big Louie" and a tall, blonde man, considerably
younger, resided about two blocks from the scene of the "snatch". This
information could not be verified, and it is with the thought in mind that
"Dutch Louie" and "Big Louie" might be the same person that this office
will conduct an inquiry to determine the identity of "Dutch Louie"

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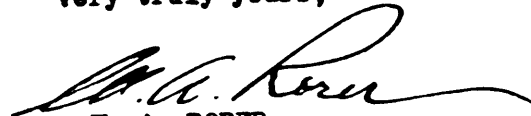
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A photograph of Tom Brown, ex-Chief of Police of St. Paul, was exhibited to the informant [REDACTED]

The informant was given \$9.00 by Special Agent O. G. Hall to defray his living expenses.

Very truly yours,


W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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March 22, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

With further reference to [redacted] paid informant of this office, he was interviewed [redacted] at which time he was given \$10 to help defray expenses.

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The informer will be interviewed again in a few days and the Division notified concerning the interview.

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Very truly yours,
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W. A. RORER, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/26/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/23/34	REPORT MADE BY: R. G. GILLESPIE - AB
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Western Auto Supply Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, did not sell any Filmolens from 1/1/34 to 2/8/34 inclusive; all employees of Western Auto Supply Co. questioned and shown photographs of suspects, with negative results.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, 3/3/34.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN</p> <p>Mr. V. E. Berg, Manager of the Milwaukee Store of the Western Auto Supply Company, 641 W. Wisconsin Avenue, stated that he kept an accurate perpetual inventory for the store. Agent examined this inventory, which showed six Filmolens in stock on January 1, 1934 and six still in stock as late as February 8, 1934. Mr. Berg stated that no Filmolens were received during that period, and that from these records he was positive no Filmolens were sold during the above mentioned period. Mr. Berg was shown the Filmolens identical with the ones used by the kidnapers, together with photographs of Karpis, the Barker brothers, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell, and he failed to identify any of the photographs. He further stated that he did not remember selling a Filmolens in recent months.</p> <p>Earl Ertenberg, salesman, Western Auto Supply Company, address above, stated he did not recall selling any Filmolens in recent months, and he failed to identify photographs of suspects in instant case.</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay E. Newman, acty.</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1435 UNITED STATES MAR 28 1934 A M BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: FILE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 28 1934 CHECKED OFF: JACKETED:
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H. B. Smith, salesman, Western Auto Supply Company, address above, stated that he did not recall selling any Filmolens, nor could he identify photographs of suspects, except that he stated the photograph of Volney Davis was familiar to him, although he could not recall when and where he had seen him.

Mr. O. C. Nelson, salesman, Western Auto Supply Company, address above, stated he could not recall ever selling any Filmolens, nor could he identify photographs of suspects. He stated, however, that the photograph of Volney Davis was vaguely familiar to him and it seemed he had seen the person somewhere. He could not recall when or where he had seen Davis.

Mr. E. Lutz, salesman, Western Auto Supply Company, address above, stated he sold one Filmolens about three months ago to an old man about 65 years old, height 5'8", heavy build, wearing a mustache, weight about 175, dark complexion, appeared to be an Italian; that at some time he also sold him complete tail light outfit for a Ford T model car; that he recalled cutting the Filmolens down to 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches, and fitting it in tail light. Mr. Lutz could not remember any other sales of Filmolens, nor could he identify photographs of suspects in instant case. He stated that the man to whom he sold the lens was unknown to him, but that he has bought auto accessories since the first of March, 1934.

There were no other employees of the Western Auto Supply Company. Each of the above persons were interviewed thoroughly as to any person making inquiries about red flashlight lenses, cutting down the Filmolens, or any inquiries about red flashlights or pocket lanterns, the results all being negative.

Agent examined the stock of Filmolens on hand at the above named store and found four on hand, which indicates two have been sold since February 8, 1934. None of the employees could recall who bought these two.

Mr. Berg, above mentioned, stated that the sales slips would not distinguish the sale of Filmolens from many other types of lens sold by the store, and in view of the fact that the inventory shows no sales during the period in question, no effort was made to have Mr. Berg secure the sales slips, which are located in the Kansas City office of the Western Auto Supply Company.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
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Mr. RORER

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.
RE: PUBLICITY GIVEN IDENTIFICATION
OF LATENT PRINTS OF BARKER AND KARPIS IN BREMER CASE.

Mr. Rorer called from St. Paul (11:35 A. M.) and advised that he had just talked to the Assistant City Editor of the Minneapolis Tribune, Mr. Shipley, who advised that he secured the story; that Mr. Shipley advised that he secured the information at Sapulpa, from either the Sheriff or the Jailer there;

and he does not remember which person gave him the information but he was positive it was either of the above; that Mr. Shipley stated that he first talked to Mr. Furks, a representative of the Sapulpa World, who advised him that a raid had been made in connection with the Bremer case and that he then called the Sheriff and the Jailer but he does not remember which one gave him the information.

I am putting in a call for Mr. Brantley to give him this information.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
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1900 WYNERS BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

March 27, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER
with aliases, I.O. #1219; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Reference is made to your teletype message re-
questing to know the name of dealers in Reno, Nevada,
handling Casco goggles manufactured by the Chicago Eye-
shield Company, Chicago, Illinois. Examination of their
records disclosed that in April, 1932, the Nevada Con-
solidated Copper Company at McGill, Nevada, purchased
one pair of said goggles, and that in May, 1932, the
same company purchased twelve pairs of said goggles.
An examination of the records of the Chicago Eyeshield
Company fails to disclose any other purchase of said
goggles by any party or firm located in Nevada.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-24-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-23-34	REPORT MADE BY: C. C. Spears
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al, UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

H. Wilson arrested Seattle, Washington, January 29, 1931 on suspicion. Was traveling in a Cadillac automobile bearing an unknown California license and was accompanied by a woman who posed as his wife. Information pertaining to Wilson furnished Chicago office telegraphically.



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REFERENCE: Telegram from the Chicago office, dated March 9, 1934.

DETAILS:

--- At Seattle, Washington ---

Information contained in the reference telegram was relayed to Special Agent W. K. Bowling at Seattle, Washington where he made inquiry relative to the arrest of Homer Wilson on January 29, 1931.

From information obtained at the Seattle Police Department the above named party was arrested under the name of H. Wilson and given book of arrest number 1366. No photographs or fingerprint record was made

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>C. C. Spears</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1437 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION MAR 28 1934 AM DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	RECORDED AND INDEXED MAR 28 1934 CHECKED OFF: APP 3 JACKETED:
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and he was picked up on suspicion only and released without any definite information being obtained that he was a wanted person. A report submitted by Captain Justice of the Seattle Police Department reflected the following information:

That Wilson stated he left Chicago January 2, 1931, proceeding to San Francisco where he stayed for three of four days at the Olympic Hotel and then went to Oakland for a few days. He then came to Seattle according to his story and claimed that he had a friend at 943 Abbey Street, Oakland, but did not furnish the name of this friend. He stated that he resided at 7150 Cyril Street, Chicago, Illinois and that he was business agent for the International Hod-carriers Union, Joliet, Illinois. He stated that while in Chicago he was engaged in bootlegging and that that was his only racket; that he never went in for any "rough stuff" and that he always played alone. He denied, as did his wife, knowing anything of a robbery gang in Seattle in connection with which he was arrested upon suspicion. He was traveling in a twin-eight Cadillac car, 1931 model, which bore a California license, the number of which was not ascertained. Among the personal effects of Wilson were found a safe deposit box receipt for box number 1326, Jackson Park Safe Deposit Company, Chicago, Illinois, and receipts were also found indicating the purchase of valuable fur coats and jewelry. Wilson was accompanied by a woman who posed as his wife who stated they had considerable jewelry in a safe deposit box in Chicago. Captain Justice related in his report that it was possible that Wilson was looking for a location to handle booze in Seattle and that he admitted as much; that he had about two thousand dollars in cash on his person. The report further reflects that telegrams were sent to Oakland and Chicago asking for quick replies but no information forthcoming indicating that Wilson was wanted and he was released.

The following description was obtained from Lieutenant McCarthy, one of the arresting officers.

Name	H. Wilson
Age	42 to 45 years
Height	6 ft 1 in
Weight	230 lbs
Hair	Light chestnut
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Peculiarities	Flashily dressed and a good talker.

Description of Mrs. H. Wilson as obtained from Lieutenant

McCarthy:

Age	32 to 35 years
Height	5 ft 6 in
Weight	150 lbs
Build	Medium stout
Hair	Dark chestnut
Complexion	Dark
Peculiarities	Very attractive and a good dresser, Was accompanied by a baby boy 1½ years of age.

The above information was transmitted telegraphically to the Chicago office on March 10, 1934 and a telegram was also dispatched to the San Francisco office requesting that a check be made to determine if possible information relative to the registration of the Cadillac car in the state of California. In response to the telegram to the San Francisco office that office submitted letter under date of March 13, 1934, copy of which was routed to the Chicago office. For the information of Inspector Rorer at St. Paul a copy of this letter is being attached to the copies of this report being routed to Inspector Rorer.

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE: Inasmuch as there is a possibility that the Cadillac car referred to above was registered in the state of California for 1930 it is requested that that office make a check at the Automobile Registration Bureau for such possible record. It is also requested that inquiry be made at 943 Abbey Street, Oakland, to determine if any persons at that address is acquainted with Homer Wilson in view of the fact that he claimed he had a friend at that address when arrested at Seattle.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
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Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,
with aliases, I.O.#1219; et al
Edward George Bremer, Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Please refer to the report of Special Agent
M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated March 9, 1934,
page twelve of which mentions the name of SA [redacted]
Harwood Street, Dallas, Texas, and [redacted]
North 7th Street, [redacted]
correspondence [redacted]
[redacted], who is to be released July 16, 1934, and
consider the advisability of having pertinent inquiries
made through these parties, looking toward the location
of the suspects in this case.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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MAR 29 1934
March 27, 1934.

Mr. David Goin,
Postmaster,
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:

THOMAS R. WILLIAMS, 418 Murray Street, Frankfort,
Ky., we understand, has recently moved to Indianapolis, Indiana.
If a forwarding address is on file for him, will you please furnish
us with his address at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Your courtesy and cooperation will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al.
Edward G. Bremer Victim
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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 26, 1934, 2:20 PM
DIVISION ONE

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

With reference to the various reports from the Chicago office which have been recently submitted covering investigation at various cities with a view toward locating the hideout, your attention is called to the fact that several agents appear to be confining their investigation to the sounds which Bremer claims to have heard. Such procedure is unsatisfactory. Your particular attention is invited to the investigation conducted by Special Agent J. E. Brennan, as set out in the report of K. E. McIntire dated 3-22-34, at Maywood, Melrose Park, Bellwood, Broadview, and Brookfield, Illinois. The report indicates that investigation was confined solely to the siren and factory sounds. It should be obvious that if we could rely upon these sounds, all investigation could be conducted by circular letters. It has been noticed in several instances that Special Agent Brennan referred to the fact that city officials informed him that they had been circularized by this office concerning sounds.

As previously requested, you should see that in each place visited, the agent, in addition to the sounds, interviews each electric meter reader with a view toward locating the hideout house. Mail carriers should also be interviewed, as well as wall paper dealers and hangers, and filling stations. Please give closer care to the preparation of reports covering the hideout.

In the report of Agent McIntire dated the 22nd instant, it is noticed that Agent Cross in covering Hobart, Indiana, set out pertinent information and stated that after exhibiting photographs of subjects to Traeger without any identifications, he observed several houses suspected of being the hideout by Traeger and that it was obvious to agent that they had no bearing on this case as the elements were missing. This is a conclusion of the agent and should not be indulged in, and he should set out the descriptive facts which of themselves may indicate that these houses can not be the hideout.

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In the report of Agent McIntire dated the 22nd instant, Agent Brown conducted investigation at Round Lake, Illinois, where he located basement living quarters in the proximity of which were a large and a small dog. It is noticed that he did not enter this basement but merely looked through the window. He concludes that in view of the fact that the basement is unfurnished and does not correspond in any manner with Bremer's description, it is not the hideout house. Again your attention is invited to the fact that Agent Brown expresses an opinion. He should state just what he saw which caused him to so conclude; that if Agent Brown can not do this, additional investigation should be made at Round Lake.

It is requested that all of the agents working on this case in the Chicago district give closer attention to investigation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 26, 1934.

J. E. P. Dunn,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
617 Federal Building,
Los Angeles, California.

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BREKID ELDRIDGE OF AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY ADVISES ED AND TED BENTZ
AND VERNA BENTZ AND CHRISTINA DAWSON VISITED MOTHER OF VERNA BENTZ SOUTH
MILWAUKEE WISCONSIN MARCH NINETEEN AND THEN VISITED SISTER OF VERNA BENTZ
IN CHICAGO SUPPOSED TO HAVE MADE STATEMENT THAT THEY WERE GOING TO VISIT
THEIR MOTHER IN SAN FRANCISCO REPORTED TO BE DRIVING DARK BLUE OR BLACK
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Mr. Nathan telephoned from St. Paul to advise that he had interviewed Mr. Youngquist, and that he, Mr. Youngquist, appeared to be satisfied. They went into all the details of the matter which Mr. Youngquist had discussed here, Mr. Youngquist stating that they originally wanted their group of men made Agents in this Department, but that their final plea was to have one of our Agents regularly assigned to their work. Mr. Nathan explained to him that what we are offering is a much better arrangement; that either he or Mr. Hanni could be called at any time for consultation and to render any assistance possible. Mr. Nathan is of the opinion, however, that the group is not ready to proceed with its work. Mr. Graham is still at Pittsburgh and they don't know when he will proceed to the Twin Cities. Mr. Nathan stated that Mr. Youngquist appeared to be very appreciative and asked that his thanks be conveyed to me.

Mr. Nathan will remain in St. Paul until some time Thursday afternoon or evening, and if nothing further develops, he will then proceed to Oklahoma. He will submit a memorandum covering the above.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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P. O. Box 1276
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March 26, 1934

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with alias, et al.
Edward G. Bremer, Victim
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to report of Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City, March 22, 1934, in this case, and to a letter from the St. Paul office, dated March 23, 1934, to the Salt Lake City Office, a copy of which was furnished Oklahoma City, in which reference is made to certain automobiles allegedly used in the past and possibly now being used by the suspects in this case.

Please be advised that Special Agent F. S. Smith of this office has contacted Mr. Hopper, in charge of the Auto Theft Division of the Oklahoma State Highway Department, and which has to do with the licensing and registering of automobiles in the State of Oklahoma. Mr. Hopper was furnished descriptive data, motor and serial numbers of all the automobiles enumerated in the communications referred to, together with the names and aliases of the suspects.

Mr. Hopper informed Agent Smith that, after an exhaustive search, there is no record of the registration, present or past, of any of the automobiles in question. Mr. Smith, however, observed Mr. Hopper place in his files ticklers concerning these automobiles with information contained there in to the effect that this Division office would be notified should anyone register or apply for registration for any of the said automobiles. Mr. Hopper informed Agent Smith that the records of the State Highway Department are so kept that it would be an impossibility to obtain information concerning registration of automobiles by names only.

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A contact is being made with the State Highway Department in Arkansas along the same line, and investigation is being conducted in the vicinity of Tulsa, Oklahoma in an effort to ascertain the identity of the alleged wife of George L. Martin, presumed to be an alias of Harry Campbell.

You perhaps have observed from previous correspondence the name of Winona Burdette, alleged to be a girl friend of Harry Campbell, and that she is described as being a very attractive woman, which conforms, in many respects, to the description of the female companion of Campbell as contained in Agent Gere's report. It has occurred to me that perhaps the woman accompanying Campbell is none other than Winona Burdette, and inquiries to determine if such be the case will be made.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division ✓
Salt Lake City
Kansas City
San Francisco
Chicago

P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
803-A U. S. Court House & P. O.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

Reference is being made to report of Special Agent A. R. Gere dated 3-22-34 at Salt Lake City wherein it is shown that certain members of the Barker-Karpis gang using various aliases have been identified as having resided at Reno, Nevada. It is reasonable to assume that members of this gang resided in apartments located at 1280 and 1290 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, for a short period during February and March, 1933, and departed very hurriedly after a tip off, leaving articles of clothing and other things behind. Examination of this clothing has been made and same bears the following laundry and cleaner marks:

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Included among the clothing were a number of freshly laundered shirts enclosed in wrappers of the Sunshine Laundry, 440 East Second Street, Reno, Nevada. It is thought the above laundry marks will assist in tracing possible residences and contacts of the gang while in Reno, Nevada, which may furnish leads for other offices as to their present location.

In addition to these shirts there were two expensive Japanese silk shirts, apparently tailor made, bearing the label of George King and Company, 627 Jackson Street, San Francisco, California; one wool, pullover sweater, yellow-grey-white mixture, bearing label of Baskin, Chicago, Illinois; and neckties bearing labels of Burke and Co., Reno, Nevada, Paterson's, Reno, Nevada, and Bullock's, Los Angeles, California.

Members of the Barker-Karpis gang may be known to employees of the stores mentioned, and their photographs should be exhibited to them by interested officers for possible information concerning them. It is further suggested that photographs of all the principal suspects be exhibited to employees of the various apartment houses and hotels where members of this gang have at times resided under various aliases mentioned in report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, previously mentioned.

Inasmuch as the San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, Oklahoma City, Kansas City, Dallas, Chicago, Cincinnati, and Detroit offices are now covering leads looking to disclosure of present whereabouts and connections of this gang, copies of this letter are being furnished these offices for whatever value the above listed laundry marks may have in assisting them in their investigation.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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St. Paul

P.O. Box 810, St. Paul, Minn.

March 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Please refer to the report of Special Agent T.E. Billings,
dated at Chicago, Illinois, March 13, 1934.

In view of the current developments in this case, it is
now felt that possibly the goggles supplied the victim may have
been secured at Reno, Nevada, or vicinity. Therefore, confirming
my teletype message of this date to you, it is requested that
further contact be had with the Chicago Eye Shell Company for the
purpose of obtaining from them a list of the dealers, whether
in the State of Nevada, or otherwise, who would distribute this
particular type of goggle throughout the State of Nevada and es-
pecially at Reno. If it is found that this goggle is sold in
Nevada, the proper list should be forwarded to the Salt Lake City
Division Office so that they may make a check to determine the
present location of all goggles of this type sold in that state.

The goggles used in the instant case will be forwarded
to the Salt Lake City Division Office to be exhibited to persons
interviewed there in the event it is found that this article has
been sold in Nevada.

A copy of the report mentioned in reference should also
be forwarded to the Salt Lake City Division Office.

Please give this matter preferred attention.

Very truly yours,

W. J. ROHRER, INSP.

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P. O. Box 815,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
503-A U.S. Court House and Post Office,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

In confirmation of my telegram of the 27th instant, it is requested that all laundries at Reno be immediately checked for the names and aliases set out in the report of Agent A. E. Gore dated the 22nd instant at Salt Lake City, in order to obtain all laundry marks used by suspects in this case.

This information should be furnished to the following offices: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Chicago, St. Paul, and Oklahoma City for immediate check.

It is further requested that a similar check be made of the clothes cleaners in Reno for the same purpose. When this information has been obtained, appropriate leads should be set out in order not only to check any existing records, but in order to place a wanted notice with the cleaners and laundrymen in the aforementioned districts.

Very truly yours,

W. A. BORER,
Inspector.

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March 27, 1934.

Postmaster,
South Milwaukee,
Wisconsin.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER
with aliases, I. O. 1219
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the investigation being
conducted by the Chicago office, the mail tracings to be
made in the Milwaukee area. All first class mail received
by the following persons:

FRANK FRENCH, 704 Monroe St.
South Milwaukee, Wis.

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[REDACTED]

It is requested that you advise the Chicago office if you are committing these
tracings to this office, please call Chicago number 7-82.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I

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Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN,

Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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J. A. DOWD
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C. C. SPEARS
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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PORTLAND OREGON

BREKID GEORGE BENTZ BROTHER OF ED AND TED BENTZ AND WIFE REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT CHICAGO ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO DRIVING OLD WILLYS KNIGHT SEDAN MAROON COLOR BEARING NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR ILLINOIS LICENSE FIVE NAUGHT TWO SIX SEVEN ONE MOTOR ONE FIVE EIGHT SIX THREE SIX FACTORY NUMBER TWO FIVE NAUGHT SIX WITH TRAILER ATTACHED BEARING NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR ILLINOIS LICENSE THREE NAUGHT TWO W ENROUTE TO TACOMA WASHINGTON GEORGE BENTZ EXPECTED TO GO TO WORK FOR SAN JUAN FISH COMPANY TACOMA FOR WHOM HE FORMERLY WORKED GEORGE BENTZ NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN CHICAGO FOR SEVERAL MONTHS INFORMANT STATES ED AND TED BENTZ FORMERLY INTERESTED IN GOLD MINE NEAR SHELTON WASHINGTON EXACT LOCATION UNKNOWN BUT BELIEVED GOOD HIDEOUT EXPECT ED AND TED TO CONTACT GEORGE BENTZ STOP ROSL KELSO SEATTLE WASHINGTON SISTER OF BENTZ BROTHERS ALSO POSSIBLE CONTACT

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Room 1403, 370 Lexington Avenue,
New York City

March 26, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim
Kidnaping

In compliance with instructions contained in Division letter dated March 20, 1934, I contacted Mr. Alcorn on Saturday, March 24, 1934. He stated at that time that he desired to have this woman friend of Leon Kramer communicate with this office Monday morning and make final arrangements for the visit to Dannemora. Mr. Alcorn insisted that this woman who, incidentally, he stated is a niece of Kramer's accompany the Division representative to Dannemora, as he related that without her, Kramer would not talk.

Mr. Alcorn telephoned me this morning and stated that a decision had been definitely reached that Kramer would talk to nobody but Assistant Director Harold Nathan. No amount of persuasion on my part could change his decision in view of which this office will await further instructions before proceeding further.

Very truly yours,

F.A. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Mr. W.A. Rorer,
St. Paul

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

FILE NO. **7-82 DR**

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Ill	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/26/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/23-24/34	REPORT MADE BY: R. G. Gillespie
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: DIVISION ONE KIDNAPING MAR 26 1934 AM
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Harrison E. Nash, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was owner of 1931 Ford Two-Door Sedan bearing license 1933 Wisconsin No. 176876 until 1/16/34 when he sold it to David J. Sutton, Inc.; car resold by David J. Sutton, Inc. 1/18/34 to Edward Makowski. Car now bears same license number as above, and is in possession of Edward Makowski who stated car or license plate has not been out of City of Milwaukee since he purchased it; that he has never loaned or rented car or license plates.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated 3/21/34 at St. Paul, Minnesota.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN</u></p> <p>The attention of St. Paul Office is directed to their serial #787 in connection with this matter.</p> <p>DETAILS: Harrison E. Nash, 3459 South Kinnickinnick Avenue, Street car motorman, stated that he had been the owner of a 1931 Ford Two-Door Sedan, Motor #A-4611276, 1933 Wisconsin license plate #176-876 until January 16th, 1934 on which date he traded the same to David J. Sutton, Inc., Ford Auto Dealer, 2459 South Kinnickinnick Avenue; that he presently owned a 1934 Model Ford Two-Door sedan with 1934 Wisconsin license number 55839. Mr. Nash stated that he did not know who presently owned the old car that he traded to David J.</p>			
<small>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</small>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay C. Newman, actg.</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-57-1439 UNITED STATES MAR 28 1934 AM BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: FILE <i>Jne</i>		RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 28 1934 CHECKED OFF: JACKETED:
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Sutton, Inc.

Mr. David J. Sutton, President of David J. Sutton, Inc., Ford dealer, 2459 South Kinnickinnick Avenue, stated that according to his records he received from Harrison E. Nash on 1/16/34, a 1931 Ford Two-door sedan, Motor Number A-4611276; further that the same car he received from Nash had been sold on 1/18/34 to Edward Makowski, 2661 South Howell Ave.; that he was not acquainted with Makowski, the sale of this car having been handled by his salesman, C. Borkenhagen.

Mr. C. Borkenhagen, salesman for David J. Sutton, Inc., 2459 South Kinnickinnick Avenue, stated that he handled the sale of the above-mentioned car to Edward Makowski; that he had been trying for a long time to sell Makowski a car, but that Makowski always appeared to be without sufficient funds; that the car was paid for by trading in an old car, several \$10.00 City Milwaukee bonds, and the balance cash; that it was his opinion that someone other than Makowski put up the money with which to purchase the car; further that he had known Makowski for 28 years and that he always knew him to be reliable and a reputable business man. Mr. Borkenhagen stated that when Makowski received the car it bore the same license number as when it was owned by Nash.

Mr. Edward Makowski was interviewed at his Meat Market, 2661 South Howell Avenue. Makowski's home is located upstairs at the above address. When Agent identified himself and stated a check was being made on certain auto license plates and automobiles, Makowski appeared agitated and nervous. Makowski stated that since he purchased his car from David J. Sutton, Inc., it had been kept in his garage located in the rear of his meat market; that he had used the car occasionally to go to the packing plant, and for pleasure, but was positive that the car had never been out of the city of Milwaukee; further, that he had never loaned the car to any person, and that he had never removed or loaned the license plates from his car. Makowski stated that he had never had the title transferred to his name, and did not have 1934 license plates and for that reason had used the car but little; that during the first week in February, to the best of his recollection, the car was not used at all, having been in the garage during that time. Mr. Makowski stated that while he kept the car in an unlocked garage, he would have known it if any unauthorized person had used the car, or if anyone had removed the license plates; that a relative of his, Henry Kosmatka, who lived at same address, also kept a 1930 Ford two-door sedan in the same garage with his car. Mr. Makowski stated that he had not been out of the city since February 1, 1934.

Agent went to the garage of Edward Makowski, located in the rear of the Meat Market at above address and examined the cars therein. Makowski's car was bearing 1933 Wisconsin license #176-876, and was a black car. A careful examination of the license plates indicated that they had never been removed as the screws holding the plates were old and rusty. The car designated by Makowski as that of Henry Kosmatka was a Ford two-door sedan, maroon body, black fenders and top, and appeared to be a 1930 model. This latter car bore 1933 Wisconsin License #109-806. There was no indication of the plates ever having been removed from this car.

Agent interviewed Henry Kosmatka, upstairs at 2661A South Howell Avenue, who stated that he worked for the A. & P. Warehouse; that he was positive that neither his car nor Edward Makowski's car had ever been driven except within Milwaukee and suburbs within the past four or five months; that neither of the cars, as far as he knew, had ever been loaned or rented to anyone, and that he was positive the license plates had not been removed from either car.

Through Mr. Marvais, Asst. Manager of Dun and Bradstreet, 6th Floor, 820 North Broadway Street, agent examined the file on Edward Makowski. This file showed that Makowski had for many years been a responsible Polish business man; that in addition to owning a retail meat market he was Secretary of the Badger Sausage Company, a thriving business with a net worth of about \$3000.00; that Makowski bore reputation as honest and reliable among business associates.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 17, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Forer called from St. Paul at 1:15 P.M. and stated that he had been in conference with Mr. Dillon, Managing Editor of the Minneapolis Tribune, who had advised that had the Minneapolis Tribune in Minneapolis had the information concerning the latent fingerprints in this case, all of the newspapers there would have had the same information but they did not have it until the day it was published. Mr. Forer stated further that Mr. Shipley of the Minneapolis Tribune stated positively that he obtained the information from Burke of the Tulsa World, the publisher of the Sheriff at Sapulpa, Oklahoma. He stated Mr. Patman advised that Mr. Voight, the Associated Press man in Tulsa, Oklahoma, seemed to be a very high type individual and suggested the possibility of obtaining from him the source of Burke's information.

He stated further that Dillon of the Minneapolis Tribune advised the first information they had indicating that Karpis and Barker were wanted in the Bremer case was obtained several weeks ago from Washington, D. C. but it did not include the latent fingerprint identifications. Mr. Forer advised that Mr. Burke of the Tulsa World is Vice-President of the Newspaper Men's Guild and Mr. Dillon advised there was recently a meeting of the Guild in Washington, D. C. and it was entirely possible that Burke attended this convention and might have obtained the information from Washington, at that time.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Reference is made to the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota and recent items of publicity which have arisen relative to the investigative steps which have been taken in reaching a solution of this matter.

In this connection, it has been definitely determined that Mr. Edward G. Bremer personally gave out information to the press as to the type of wall paper which appeared on the walls of the room in which he was held captive. The definite identification of this wall paper, however, has subsequently been established by the Division and there has been no publicity brought to my attention relative to the identification of this wall paper. Its identification was effected by having a drawing made, based on Mr. Bremer's recollection of the wall paper pattern, following which investigation was made at the various wall paper manufacturing establishments in the United States and from one of the samples selected as being similar to the pattern prepared, Mr. Bremer has made definite identification.

The flash lights, which were used by the kidnapers, were located by Special Agents of the Division. They were photographed and the photographs were enlarged as an aid to effect identification of these flash lights. It became necessary to canvass manufacturers and wholesale dealers in these flash lights and in the conduct of this investigation, the photographs were exhibited to these manufacturers and dealers. It would appear logical that this information could have reached newspaper men through any one of the many contacts made in this connection. It is to be pointed out, however, that there has been no publicity as to the identity of the store where the flash lights were purchased or the identity of the saleslady who sold these flash lights to Alvin Karpis, one of the kidnapers. This information is known only to the Special Agents.

Concerning the publicity relative to the gasoline cans in which the reserve supply of gas was stored and placed in the automobile in which Mr. Bremer was returned, photographs and complete descriptive data relating to these cans were obtained and numerous inquiries were made of can manufacturers as well as many gasoline filling stations along the road known to have been followed by the kidnapers, in an effort to effect a

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positive identification of the kidnapers by photographs. The publicity relative to the fact that these cans have been found could have been based upon information furnished newspaper men by any one of the numerous operators of filling stations or dealers in this type of equipment.

Although mention was made of the fact that fingerprints were found on the cans and the flash lights, this could be a logical assumption on the part of newspaper men due to the necessity for some link to exist to show that the cans and flash lights had been in the possession of the kidnapers. Fingerprints would be the logical method of establishing such a connection; however, it is to be noted that although fingerprints were found on the gasoline cans, no fingerprints have been found on the flash lights, which shows that this portion of the published information is not based on fact.

The investigation of this matter is continuing in an effort to determine the source of the information which appeared in the newspapers. However, it is gratifying and significant to note that there has been no mention of the fact that a cap worn by one of the kidnapers has been identified and this cap was found in the kidnapers' car, which further tends to definitely establish the identity of the kidnapers. It would appear, if the information is based on data furnished by any employee of this Division, that the identity of the cap would have been an important element. Likewise a further fact, known to the Special Agents of this Division, is the identity of the saleslady selling the flash lights and the store where they were sold, which has not appeared in the press.

Although incorrect information has appeared as to identifying fingerprints on the flash lights, at the same time there has been no publicity concerning the definite identification of the wall paper pattern. Upon receipt of any additional information bearing on this publicity, I shall be glad to immediately advise you.

Respectfully,

Director.

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March 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM STANLEY,
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

There is enclosed herewith, for your information,
a copy of a memorandum transmitted to the Attorney General
relative to the publicity recently given to the investigative
steps taken by the Division in ^{the} Edward G. Bremer kidnaping
case.

Very truly yours,
J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

Encl. 677127.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/26/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/21 to 25/34	REPORT MADE BY: S. K. McKee
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING OF INVESTIGATION
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Tap on office telephones of Gilbert Nelson, 748 North Damen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, during period March 21-25, 1934, fails to produce information of value. Tap on Nelson's residence telephone commenced March 24, 1934.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Chicago, Illinois, 3/22/34.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.</p> <p>A tap on the office telephones of Gilbert Nelson, attorney, 748 North Damen Avenue, was maintained during the period from March 21 to March 25, 1934, by Special Agent M. P. Glynn. A complete log of all incoming and outgoing calls was kept, but an examination of this log by the writer and Special Agent A. E. Lockerman, who is handling the Bentz angle of this investigation, failed to indicate that any of the information obtained through this telephone cover was of value. The log for the above period will be found in the confidential telephone tap file as maintained in the Chicago Division office. This tap is being continued.</p> <p>Attention should be directed to a telephone call made to one of Nelson's phones at 5:05 P.M., on March 22, 1934, in which [REDACTED] but it is entirely possible that she is connected in some way with one of the Bentz brothers or their associates.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay S. Newman, actg.</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		<p style="text-align: center;">7-576-1443</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAR 28 1934 A.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROUTED TO: FILE</p>	
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On March 24, 1934, as a result of arrangements made with

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[REDACTED] was secured for use in maintaining a tap on the residence telephone of Gilbert Nelson, same being located at 2434 West Thorndale Avenue, the phone being Ravenswood 4931. Arrangements were made with the bank by the writer and Special Agent L. D. Nichols, and Mr. Clow was merely informed that the use of the flat was desired for observation purposes. Installation of this tap was effected and a cover on the above telephone was commenced at about 5:00 P.M. March 24, 1934, and same is being maintained on a twenty-four hour basis by Special Agents J. L. Madala and H. L. Scott of this office. This office will continue to submit semi-weekly reports of negative information obtained as a result of these telephone covers.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

March 26, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with
aliases, et al; UNKNOWN
SUBJECTS-EDWARD GEORGE
BREMER-Victim, KIDNAPING.
Chicago File-7-82.

Reference is made to the telephone tap which is being
maintained on the telephone of FRANK HAYES, 2000 Indiana Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

You are advised that an examination of the log maintained
in this office on all calls made to and from the residence of FRANK
HAYES fails to disclose any information of value to date. It is ob-
served that practically all of the calls are made or received by
Mrs. Frank Hayes. Such calls have been of an inconsequential nature.
It has been ascertained that FRANK HAYES is at home suffering from
a cold.

You will be advised twice a week as to this matter, and if
anything of consequence develops you will be notified immediately.

Very truly yours,

J. C. Newman
J. C. NEWMAN
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG

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503-A U. S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah,
March 21, 1934

AIR MAIL

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Inspector,
P.O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al
Edward G. Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping
S.L. File 7-27

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my telegram addressed to the St. Paul Division Office dated March 20, 1934, and to our long-distance telephone conversation this morning relating thereto.

Special Agent A. R. Gere is at Reno at the present time and I have instructed him to remain there (his Reno address is care of the Golden Hotel, telephone 5111) and cover all local angles of this investigation and also to make a search of the records of the State Vehicle Registration Bureau at Carson City, Nevada, for the purpose of obtaining additional information relating to the automobiles in question.

Regarding your inquiry as to the desirability of having an Agent operate under cover at Reno, I believe that this would prove very profitable, not only in this case but in important cases involving fugitives. It is impossible for an Agent who has previously contacted local police officers at Reno, or who is known at Reno, to obtain any results at any of the gambling establishments due to the close association of the Law Enforcement Authorities with the underworld element. Persistent rumors and reports have been received that important fugitives are at Reno and I am confident that, based on my previous investigations there, certain officers in Reno would immediately "tip off" any fugitives there. This information has also come to me from other law enforcement officers who have gone to Reno and requested the assistance of the local officers there in the apprehension of fugitives.

7-576-1445

For your confidential information I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter dated February 6, 1934, written by me at Reno, Nevada, and addressed to the Special Agent in Charge of the Salt Lake City Division Office, which will give you a true picture of conditions in Reno. I am also sending a copy of this letter under personal and confidential cover to the Director for his information.

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In the event that the Division designates an Agent to proceed to Reno under cover, the information contained in this letter may be revealed to him to aid him in his investigation there. It is requested that the name of [REDACTED] be held in strict confidence. However, [REDACTED] may be contacted by an Agent operating under cover there without fear of having him disclose the identity of this agent. [REDACTED] has a very accurate picture of conditions in Reno, his assistance in the past has been most helpful and he has always been cooperative in furnishing confidential information to the writer.

Very truly yours,

LOUIS D. WINE, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

LDW:EM

cc: Division ✓

COPY

Reno, Nevada,
February 6, 1934

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Room 503-- Post Office and Court House,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

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On February 3, 1934 I called upon [redacted] I have had a confidential friendship with this man for a number of years and have found him a man of high type, a valuable source of information and one who could be implicitly trusted.

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He told me in confidence that Reno is wide open, that unlicensed liquor and narcotics are being distributed freely, that the [redacted] is directly in league with the local racketeers and their associates, that he derives an income of about \$10,000 a year from this source, that the local organization is paying protection and that the "highest local, State and Federal officials" are a party to this situation, close their eyes to illegal acts since the vote of the underworld controls the elections.

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He further stated that the [redacted] who covers the Bank Club and other notorious gambling establishments, is thoroughly unreliable and directly under the orders of the gambling establishment owners, that this town has a fast "tip off" system, the "interests" of which, according to [redacted] is the head, employ spys and informants, pay tribute to [redacted] and others, that it would be futile to get anyone apprehended in this town who had any money if the Police Department were called upon to assist, since the gambling element is affording protection to anyone with money why may be a potential source of revenue, no questions of course, being asked as to the source of this money whether it be derived from a bank robbery or kidnaping.

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[redacted] related that recently two very prominent local attorneys were arrested in Reno on bench warrants based on Federal indictments returned in New York City charging them with using the mails to defraud which charge grew out of a far-reaching and colossal organization to victimize persons in Reno and elsewhere on a horse-racing scheme, that when he heard these men had been arrested and released on \$15,000. bond each, he went to the Federal Judge, United States Attorney, Clerk of the Federal Court, Marshal and others, that he was not permitted to see the bench warrant, or indictment, and that these officials declined to give him any information as to the arrest or allow him to see the arrest records or any public records whatever which were withheld from him [redacted]

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[REDACTED] He explained that he cited this instance for the purpose of showing how far-reaching the element in Reno will go to protect their associates.

While my relations are very friendly with the local police and the Chief has always expressed his willingness to cooperate I have felt for sometime, based on definite information I have obtained from indirect sources which are thoroughly reliable that conditions here were far from satisfactory from a law-enforcement standpoint.

I am giving you this information, for your guidance, and for the guidance of the Division, should it be necessary to make an investigation here of some importance with a view to locating some fugitives of importance such as kidnapers; since little help may be expected from the local authorities in such cases, and it would only serve to put such fugitives on notice that they were being sought here.

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[REDACTED] relates to me further that the [REDACTED] is said to be honest, but not very alert mentally, that [REDACTED] are all old men and political appointees, that the [REDACTED] is willing, but is susceptible to flattery, accepts presents from resort owners and has a close friendship with them which may preclude his full cooperation.

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It is impossible for me to make any investigations at these resorts since I am too well known and I have seen instances where I have been pointed out to persons in Reno affiliated with the underworld. On one occasion recently at the Golden Hotel, several of [REDACTED] associates came into the Golden Hotel, [REDACTED] and in a secretive manner, pointed me out to [REDACTED] himself. Of course, I do not know the reason for this, other than to acquaint [REDACTED] with my identity.

However, the only way we can operate, is to keep the good will of the local law enforcement authorities, and do the best we can under the circumstances. I would strongly recommend, in important fugitive cases, that the Division authorize and direct Agents who are wholly unknown to operate here under cover, using the type of man who could mingle at the gambling tables and with the underworld without possibility of being detected. The Lake Tahoe area which is in both Nevada and California and is about 25 miles West of Reno is a favorite spot for Eastern gangsters during the summer months and a resort on the California side known as Brockaway is said to be a notorious place where these fugitives are free and are unmolested and that the owner of this resort has a submachine gun mounted under the counter in the rear of his bar.

I am giving you this information in order that you and the Division may be informed of the local situation here, and know you will treat my informant's report with the confidence it merits.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Louis D. Wine
Special Agent

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Salt Lake City, Utah
March 21, 1934

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AIR MAIL

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al
Edward G. Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping
S.L. File 7-27

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed Division copy of day letter dated March 20, copy of letter to W. A. Rorer, Inspector, St. Paul, Minn., and a copy of a personal and confidential letter written by the writer from Reno, Nevada, February 6, 1934, to the Special Agent in Charge of the Salt Lake City Division Office.

Special Agent A. R. Gere is at the present time at Reno and has obtained considerable valuable information relating to the activities of the subjects in this investigation, synopsis of Mr. Gere's report will be found incorporated in Division copy of telegram dated March 20.

It has been found in the past that the local authorities at Reno are in close league with the underworld and inclined not to make any effort to locate any fugitives of more or less importance who may be operating there and who are possessed of considerable funds which they may spend at the gambling establishments. The writer has positive information that the Reno police have not only failed to respect confidences but positive instances have been known where the Reno authorities have immediately "tipped off" persons under investigation.

This information relating to conditions at Reno is being submitted for your confidential information and guidance should it be necessary to detail any Special Agents to Reno to operate under cover there.

Reno Police are in partnership

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Very truly yours,

Louis D. Wine

LOUIS D. WINE, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Room 5034, U. S. Court House & Post Office Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the personal and confidential letter from the Salt Lake City office dated March 21, 1934, signed by Acting Special Agent in Charge Louis D. Wine.

It is noted that the writer states he has "positive information that the Reno police have not only failed to respect confidences but positive instances have been known where the Reno authorities have immediately "tipped off" persons under investigation."

It is requested that Agent Wine prepare a memorandum setting out in detail all the information he has in his possession concerning the failure of the Police Department at Reno, Nevada to respect confidences and cite instances known to him where the Reno authorities have "tipped off" persons under investigation.

It is also requested that you advise the Division of any information you have concerning these matters.

Very truly yours,

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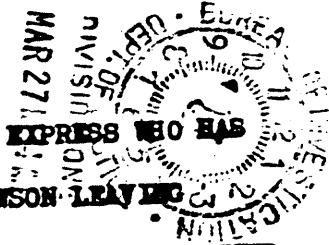
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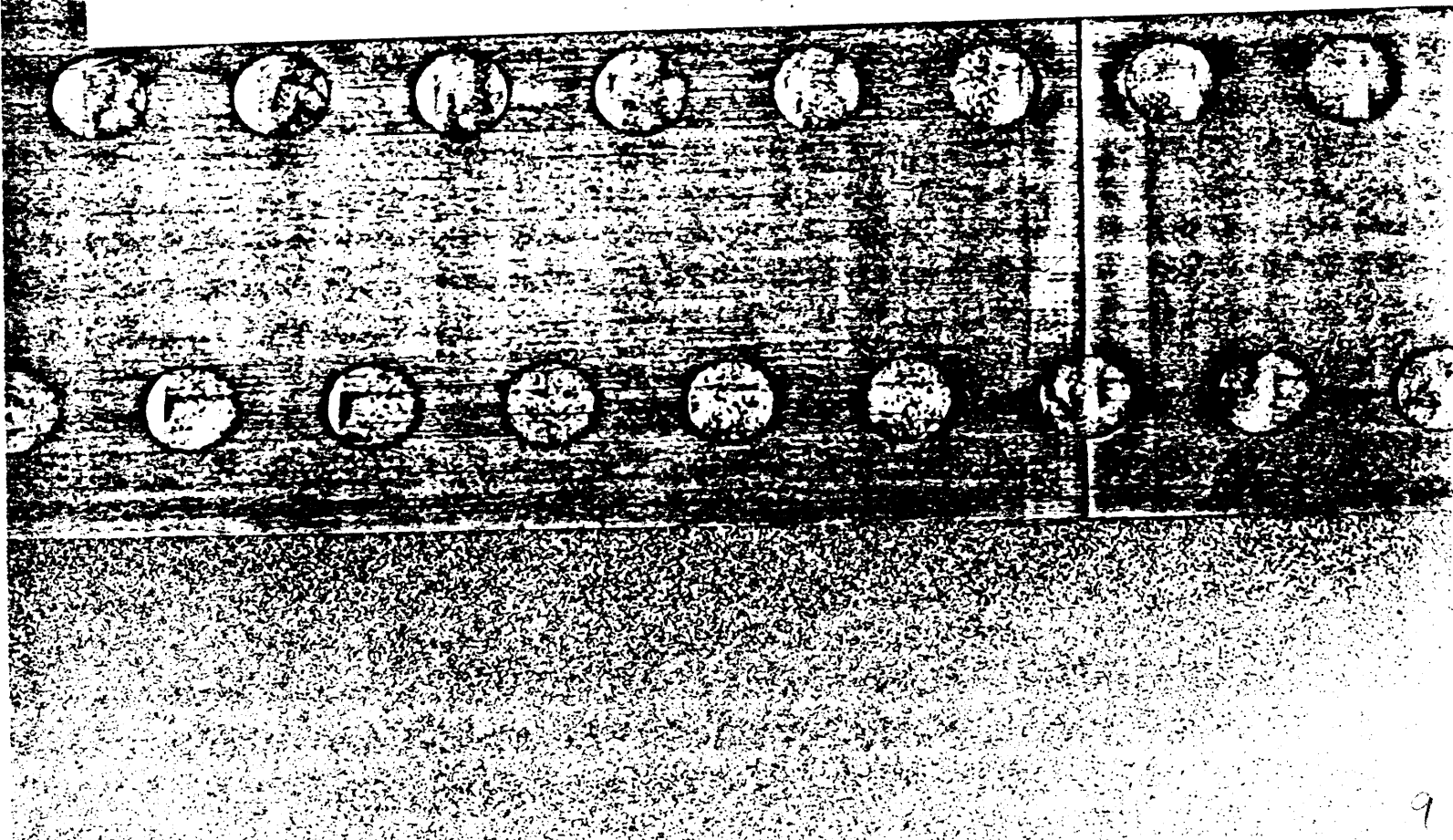
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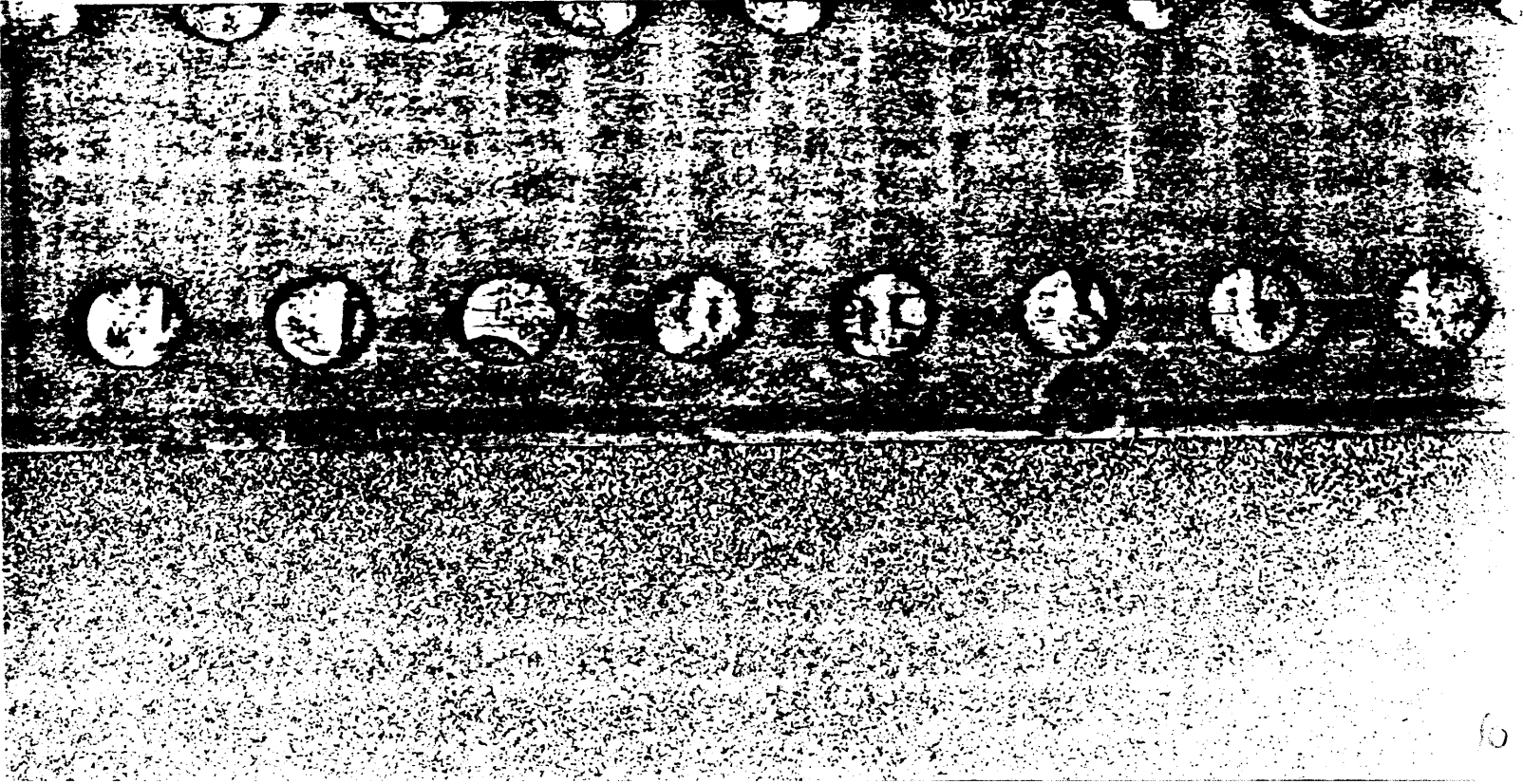
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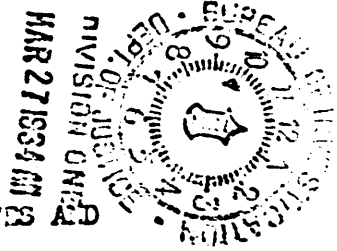
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin,

Sunday, March 4th, 1934.

Jim X

Homer S. Cummings, Esq.,
Attorney General of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Attorney General:

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover has the writer formal applica-
tion, duly attested, and, late today, Special Agent McKee
called personally upon me at my home here. Agent McKee said
he came to "find out what I knew of the Bremer case."

I told Agent McKee that, as personal undercover investi-
gator for the late Mayor Anton J. Cermak of Chicago, assigned
specifically to gangs, racketeers, kidnapers and criminals,
I had invaluable contacts with men on the wanted list, and
others I strongly suspected of having a hand in the Bremer
kidnapping.

I told Agent McKee that I could go directly to certain
ST. PAUL and KANSAS CITY spots and POINT OUT men who at least
KNEW who the Bremer snatchers were. But I would have to gain
this information myself in my own way and through my own con-
tacts.

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Agent McKee spent quite a time at my Division and INVESTIGATION
me that my formal application might take months (certainly not a
few months) and perhaps YEARS, before it would be acted upon.

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This indeed discouraging! Hence, I beg to ask:

WILL YOU CONSIDER ABRIDGING THE REGULAR ROUTINE REGULATION GOVERNING SUCH APPLICATIONS----AND SWEAR ME IN OR APPOINT ME AS A TRULY SPECIAL AGENT--FOR SAY SIXTY TO NINETY DAYS--AND ASSIGN ME TO THE BREMER KIDNAPING CASE SPECIFICALLY AND GANGS AND RACKETEERS GENERALLY?

Mr. Attorney General, I am a QUALIFIED, veteran newspaper and special investigator. I know my way around. I KNOW St. Paul and I KNOW Kansas City--and I will turn in, within 60 to 90 days, a written report on the Bremer case, so you can mark it FINISHED AND FILED.

I beg to advise that I aim to remain in Milwaukee only for the balance of the month of March. I aim to make a move to better myself on April 1. I am, as you know, employed by a local (Hearst) newspaper.

I BEG TO ASK THAT YOU GIVE ME A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE ON THE BREMER CASE. I ONLY ASK WHAT ANY MAN WOULD ASK-- A CHANCE TO QUALIFY FOR A PERMANENT, DEFINITE APPOINTMENT. IN INTERIM, GIVE ME THE TRIAL PERIOD TO WORK PRIVATELY AND INDEPENDENT UNDER COVER--IN MY OWN WAY--IN ST. PAUL, KANSAS CITY, DES MOINES AND CHICAGO.

In this investigation, I promise faithfully to turn in a lot of valuable information and evidence on OTHER Cases.

Please WIRE answer.

In all sincerity and respect,

836 North 14th Street, (Signed) Kenneth L. Eagon.
Apt. 57,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

PS Have car and if can get on job this week (without trip to Wash.) in K.C. and St. P. - have certain result getting sure-fire contacts.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

There is transmitted herewith a supply of photographs of the following named individuals whose names have been frequently mentioned in connection with the above entitled investigation:

Ed Bentz	Tommy Carroll
Mrs. Ed Bentz	Curly Clause
Ted Bentz	Paula Harmon
Mrs. Kate Barker	

Each photograph bears the names by which the individuals are best known to the Division. Each photograph also contains a brief description.

There is also being transmitted herewith an additional supply of photographs of Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, Karpis, Campbell and Davis.

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Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

Enclosure

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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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March 26, 1934.

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

Dear Sir: Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

It is requested that each office of the Division be immediately furnished with photographs of the following:

- Arthur R. Barker
- Fred Barker
- Alvin Karpis
- Harry Campbell
- Volney Davis
- Ed Bentz
- Ted Bentz
- Tommy Carroll
- Curly Clause
- Paul Harmon
- Mrs. Kate Barker

Each office should be furnished with five photographs of each of the above persons with the exception of Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, Oklahoma City, San Antonio, El Paso, Dallas, Kansas City, Detroit, New York, and Jacksonville, which offices should be furnished with ten photographs of each of the above persons.

Very truly yours,
W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 26, 1934

MR. NATHAN.....
MR. TOLSON.....
MR. CLEGG.....
MR. COWLEY.....
MR. EDWARDS.....
MR. EGAN.....
MR. QUINN.....
MR. LESTER.....
MR. LOCKE.....
MR. RORER.....

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

I have received a memorandum of
March 22 in reference to the Bremer
matter which I think is very interesting.

William Stanley

William Stanley,
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.



March 26, 1934

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Sir:

In connection with a matter under investigation by this office, it has become necessary to determine the disposition of several pairs of welders' goggles described as follows:

'Brown shell frames (shaped to be worn over glasses) with two lenses in each eye. The word "CELOG M-L" appears on the inside of the left eye rim and the words "PAT. PEND." appear on the inside of the right eye rim."

I am informed that you purchased a pair of such goggles from the Commercial Gas Company or the Smith Welding Equipment Corporation of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Will you advise me whether you have this pair of goggles in your possession at this time? If not, please inform me as to their present location or what disposition has been made of them and the date or approximate date if known. In the event the goggles were lost or stolen, please give the peculiar features by which you could identify them.

Your reply may be written on the reverse of this sheet, and for your convenience a self-addressed envelope is enclosed. It requires no postage.

I shall appreciate your prompt reply.

Very truly yours,

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W.A. RORER,
Inspector.

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DIVISION: COPY OF THIS CIRCULAR LETTER FORWARDED TO FIRMS TO WHOM GOGGLES WERE SOLD, IN TERRITORY COVERED BY ST. PAUL, CHICAGO, BUTTE, BIRMINGHAM, DETROIT, AND CINCINNATI OFFICES.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to Division letter dated
March 2, 1934 in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G.
BREMER, VICTIM, KIDNAPING, with which were transmitted copies of
a letter dated February 19, 1934 from Mr. I. L. Doherty of Killdeer,
North Dakota.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

March 25, 1934.

MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. CLEGG
MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. EGAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. RORER
R. S. W.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I telephoned Mr. Rorer and told him to make further investigation concerning the leak relative to the identification of Karpis and Barker by fingerprints on the oil cans and the flash-lights.

He stated the only logical step he can now think of taking was to interview the Minneapolis Tribune official and he would have Special Agent Hall, who has a contact there, conduct this interview. It had been withheld as an indication of its confidential character and I suggested that he have this man interviewed without disclosing to him that we had any definite lead wherein his name was mentioned.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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Edward J. Finnegan

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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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March 26, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
303-A U. S. Court House & P. O.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-50.

In confirmation of my telegram of the 26th instant, reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. E. Gere dated 3-22-34 at Salt Lake City wherein it is shown that the Barkers and Karpis at different times resided at the Hilland Apartments, the Belmont Apartments, and the Elvada Apartments. It is requested that all telephone calls from the first two mentioned apartments be thoroughly checked with a view toward determining any call which has been made to or from persons involved in this case. It is noted that the telephone angle of the Elvada Apartments has been covered. It is also requested that the telephone calls from the business and private telephones of William J. Graham be thoroughly checked for the past two years and efforts be made to ascertain his present address in San Francisco in order that the San Francisco office may immediately conduct a thorough investigation. It is highly probable that the Barkers and Karpis will contact or remain in communication with Graham.

All offices receiving copies of this letter should cover hotels, garages, and apartments in all cities in their respective districts which appear to them to be probable locations of any of the members of this gang. The Los Angeles office is particularly requested to conduct an immediate, thorough investigation at Phoenix, Arizona. The San Francisco office should make similar investigation at Sacramento and Oakland, California.

The Division, in a separate letter, is being requested to furnish the Portland office with the necessary photographs.

The attention of the Salt Lake City office is invited to the report of Agent J. V. Murphy, dated March 23, 1934, at San Antonio, wherein Sheriff Henry Hall, who was formerly an active member of the Karpis-Barker mob, emphasizes the close association of this mob with William J. Graham of Reno. It is noted on page 2 of this report that according to Hall, Graham has

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previously handled "hot" money which this mob got from bank robberies. With this in mind, the Salt Lake City office should exert every effort toward determining whether Graham is exchanging any of the ransom money in this case, particularly through his own business houses or through any other gambling house or bank in Reno.

In connection with the report of Special Agent Gere dated 5-22-34 at Salt Lake City, the Salt Lake City office is referred to a statement of

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A few weeks ago, this office requested investigation to determine whether a medical prescription had been issued by Dr. Kilb, who had issued same to Mr. Jones, and which medicine was found in an abandoned apartment in St. Paul, the occupants of which are believed to have been the Barkers and Karpis. The investigation at that time failed to produce satisfactory results and now, in view of the information concerning [REDACTED] it is suggested that Dr. Kilb be again interviewed and he be discreetly informed that this Division has information concerning the aforementioned [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

with a view toward securing his cooperation. The aforementioned prescription was issued for a venereal disease and it is believed that one or more of the members of this mob are afflicted with venereal diseases and when at Reno, will undoubtedly contact Dr. Kilb. He is a potential source of valuable information concerning this mob, and every effort should be made to secure Dr. Kilb's cooperation.

The information secured by Special Agent Gere at Reno appears to be the most valuable information the Division has yet obtained concerning the recent contacts and whereabouts of this mob, in view of which it is requested that each apartment house in Reno be presently covered, as well as gasoline service stations, garages, gambling and liquor "joints". Until further advised, at least two agents should remain in Reno, Nevada, and when the apparent cooperation of individuals is obtained, arrangements should be made for these two agents to be immediately notified in Reno. It appears highly probable that this mob will return to Reno, if it is not already there.

With reference to the last paragraph on page 7 of the report of Agent Gere, please refresh the memory of Mrs. Elva Pederson by going over all the Post Offices in Minnesota, if necessary, and particularly ascertaining whether the address could have been at White Bear Lake, Minnesota. This is of particular significance because of the fact that the address to which the articles were furnished was probably the address at the time of the kidnaping.

WAR:HW
Cc Division
3 each: San Francisco,
Los Angeles, Portland,
Chicago, Oklahoma City.

Very truly yours,

W. A.
Langer

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ENCLOSURE



ALVIN KARPIS
Age: 25
Height: 5' 9"
Weight: 130
Build: Slender
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue
Complexion: Fair



ARTHUR R. BARKER
Age: 34
Height: 5' 2"
Weight: 110
Build: Short
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Complexion: Medium

Photographs
Karpis + Barker

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
March 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
803-a United States Court House & Post Office,
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
et al. Unknown Subjects.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING - Chicago file 7-82

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. S. Gere, Salt Lake City, dated March 22, 1934, in which it is noted that several identifications have been made of subjects in this case. The report fails to reflect that photographs of any women were shown to the parties interviewed, which women may have been in association with the group identified as living in Reno.

The photographs believed to pertain to this case have been drawn from the file in this office and are being forwarded to you, with the request they be shown to the parties previously interested in order to ascertain if they can be recognized as the women in company with the men mentioned in the reference report.

Photographs of the following persons are being enclosed, and it is respectfully requested that when these pictures have served their purpose, they be returned to the Chicago Office:-

Dorothy Slayman,
Jewell Johnson,
Paula Harmon,
Dorothy Dodd,
Bertha Engler,

Jo Ann Armour
Billie Fitch
Leta Graham
Eina Snyder
Lillian Holman.

Very truly yours,

KRM:TMH
CC: Division
St. Paul, Dallas, St. Louis,
Cincinnati, Okla. City,
Kansas City, Los Angeles,
San Francisco.
(Enclosure)
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M. J. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge, INVESTIGATION
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March 22, 1934.

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DIVISION ONE
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RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

On the morning of January 17, 1934, Mr. Edward G. Bremer was kidnaped in St. Paul, Minnesota shortly after he had delivered his daughter at a school which she attended and where he had driven her in his automobile that morning. Mr. Bremer is President of the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul, Minnesota and his family is a prominent one in that State.

Following the payment of \$200,000 ransom, Mr. Bremer was released by the kidnapers on February 7, 1934 in the vicinity of Rochester, Minnesota and he returned to his home during the night of the same day. As a result of investigation conducted by the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker have been definitely connected with the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer.

Both Barker and Karpis are among the leaders of a notorious gang of criminals frequently referred to as the Barker-Karpis gang, who have operated extensively through-out the middle west. They both have lengthy criminal records and the identity of the members of their gang is likewise known. The Division of Investigation of this Department connected these individuals with the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer several weeks ago. However, it has been found unwise heretofore to issue any statement until certain investigations could be completed which were at that time under way.

An intensive investigation will be continued for the purpose of locating the individuals responsible for this offense. The descriptions and criminal records of Barker and Karpis are set forth as follows:

ARTHUR R. BARKER

Descriptions	
Age	34
Height	5' 3-3/4"
Weight	119
Build	Short
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium

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Criminal Records:

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ALVIN KARPIS

Descriptions

Age	25
Height	5' 9-3/4"
Weight	130
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair

Criminal Records:

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 22, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al
Edward George Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to your letter of March 18, 1934
containing a request that certain inquiries and arrangements be
made with the Pardon and Parole Attorney at Oklahoma City in
respect to Arthur "Doc" Barker.

Please be advised that contact has been made with
the Pardon and Parole Attorney's office and it is learned that
no one in authority is in that office at the present time and
will not be until the latter part of the present week, or the
first of the ensuing week. You will be promptly advised when
the arrangements mentioned in your letter can be effected.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division
Mr. Rorer - St. Paul

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Post Office Box 4807,
Jacksonville, Florida

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota



Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to letter dated February 21, 1934, from the New York office to the St. Paul office, copies of which were furnished to the Jacksonville office with a copy of a letter dated February 19, 1934, from the St. Paul office to the New York office, which letters relate to a wall paper design which is the best possible conception of the paper in the room of victim Bremer's confinement during his abduction.

With the aforementioned copy of letter dated February 21, 1934, to the Jacksonville office there was attached the original wall paper sketch and it was requested that Mr. Robert Griffin, Vice-President of the United Wall Paper Manufacturing Company, Inc., Jersey City, New Jersey, be contacted at his winter residence, 8001 Fleming Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, for the purpose of having him endeavor to identify this pattern.

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On March 19, 1934, Resident Agent Roger L. Main, Miami, Florida, presented this wall paper sketch to Mr. Griffin at above address in Miami Beach, Florida. Triplicate copies of Agent Main's memorandum are being enclosed. One copy of the memorandum is also being furnished the New York office and two copies to the Division. Your attention is particularly invited to the last paragraph on page 1 of the enclosed memorandum in regard to Mr. Griffin's statement to the effect that the rooms of the large building at a resort known as Lawsonia, Wisconsin, which is about twenty or thirty miles from Dehkost, were covered with wall paper of a design somewhat similar to that on the rough sketch prepared by victim Bremer. I am returning herewith the original wall paper sketch.

Very truly yours,

2 Enclosures
cc Division (Enclosure)
New York (Enclosure)
Jax #7-34

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

Miami, Florida
 March 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE R. A. ALT:

RE: - ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
 EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim
 Kidnaping - Jax File No. 7-24

Mr. Robert Griffin, Vice President of the United Wall Paper Manufacturing Company, Inc., Jersey City, N. J. was today interviewed at his winter home 3001 Flamingo Drive, Miami Beach, Fla. Mr. Griffin made a very careful examination of the rough drawing of the wall paper design, which is Victim Bremer's conception of the wall paper in the room in which he was detained at the time he was in the hands of his kidnapers. Mr. Griffin stated that he did not recognize the design and it was not a product of his company. He stated that it was his opinion that it was a domestic one and was produced in the United States. He believed that the paper could be identified by one of the wall paper manufacturing companies in the United States if photostatic copies of the drawing were made and same exhibited to each of them and that this could be quickly accomplished as there were only about thirty-five concerns in the United States that manufactured wall paper. He further stated that the names of the manufacturers could be obtained from the office of his company, United Wall Paper Manufacturing Company, Inc., Jersey City, N. J.

Mr. Griffin also stated that if Victim Bremer could furnish the width between the seams of the wall paper he observed in the room it might be an aid in determining the origin of the paper as all wall paper manufactured in England is twenty-two inches wide; that manufactured in Germany twenty-two and twenty-four inches wide and in the United States it is manufactured from eighteen to twenty-four inches wide.

Mr. Griffin further advised that last summer he and Mrs. Griffin spent sometime at a resort known as Lawsonia, Wisconsin, which is about twenty-five or thirty miles from Oshkosh, Wisconsin; that this resort was formerly a large estate with beautiful grounds and was situated in the center of a dense woods; that there was one very large main building and numerous well constructed and comfortable cottages on the premises and the rooms of the large building were covered with wall paper of designs somewhat similar to the rough sketch prepared by Victim Bremer and the rooms in the cottages were also reported to him as being papered, but he did not see in any of them. He stated that this resort would be an ideal hide-out during the winter months, as it is very unlikely anyone would visit the place or be around it, except the caretaker, and when his office in Jersey City informed him that inquiry had been made at his company for identification of a specimen of wall paper and the type of the design of the paper related to him by correspondence, he immediately thought of Lawsonia, Wisconsin, as the possible place of concealment of Bremer by his kidnapers. Mr. Griffin further stated that the present Manager of the Nautilus Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla., was interested in this resort and could likely supply the name of the caretaker there in the winter time.

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Mr. Griffin, of course, stated that there probably was nothing in the investigation of this matter that suggested Lawsonia, Wisconsin, as being the place where Bremer was confined and the very idea of this location may appear ridiculous, but nevertheless he could not help but think of it when the unusual design of wall paper covering the walls of the room in which Bremer was held prisoner was described and brought to his attention for identification.

Mr. Griffin offered his services to the Division in this or any other matter in which it was thought they would be helpful. He stated that he is leaving Miami Beach, Florida, on March 22, 1934, for Jersey City and can then be contacted at his office at the United Wall Paper Manufacturing Co., Inc.

I endeavored to contact Mr. Hayes of the Maritima Hotel today concerning Lawsonia, Wisconsin, and the name of the caretaker there. I was unable to do so. I will try again tomorrow and obtain the name of the caretaker and forward it to you so that information will be available in case the Division considers Mr. Griffin's hunch of sufficient importance to look into.

Roger L. Main,
Special Agent.

Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File 7-30.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent K. R. Melstire, dated March 22, 1934, Chicago, Illinois.

The investigation conducted by Special Agent George J. Gross, which is set out on page 7 thereof, is highly unsatisfactory in that he apparently confined his investigation to the determination of whether a siren was located in the cities covered. It should be apparent to Agent Gross that such investigation is inadequate. The St. Paul office has previously circularized all of these cities in connection with the noises with the proper results. Please instruct Agent Gross or any other Agent, who may be conducting likewise investigations, to go more thoroughly into this matter by interviewing water and electric meter readers, chiefs of police, postmasters and mail carriers, filling stations and various other possible sources.

Very truly yours,

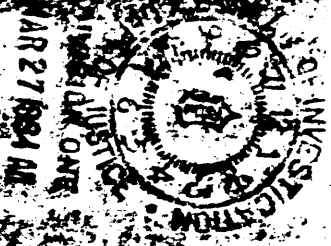
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St. Paul Division

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P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

March 24, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Ill.



Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Please refer to page 7 of the report of Special Agent J.L. Madala, dated 3-10-34, at Chicago, Illinois, wherein is set out a list of the telephone calls made from LOUIS'S CRYSTAL BILLBOYS, operated by LOUIS CERNOCKY. It is noted that on January 18, 1934, two telephone calls were made to telephone, "McHenry 3E7", and another call was made to the same telephone at 9:24 A.M., on January 19, 1934.

Please conduct an immediate investigation to establish the identity of the McHenry telephone number and conduct the necessary investigation.

It is further noted that a call was made to McHenry on January 29, 1934. This is the date on which KARPIS purchased flashlights at St. Paul and it is probable that this was the date on which the kidnapers expected to effect the transfer of the ransom.

Very truly yours,

WAR:TC
CC Division

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
March 23, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

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ST. PAUL, MINN.

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
et al. Unknown Subjects.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82

Reference is made to your letter of March 1, 1934, in which you enclosed two photographs of the gasoline cans which were found in the vicinity of Portage, Wisconsin.

In this letter you requested that these photographs be returned to the Saint Paul Office when they had served their purpose in this district.

In accordance therewith, the photographs in question are being returned to you herewith.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

March 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 709,
Portland, Oregon.

MAR 27 1934 AM
DIVISION ONE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-50

For your information, I am attaching a copy of report of Special Agent A.R. Care, dated 3-22-34, at Salt Lake City.

Please conduct any investigation in your territory which seems appropriate, in view of the contents of the above report.

Very truly yours,

E.A. ROBER, INSPECTOR.

WAR:TC
Enc.

CC Division ✓
CC Salt Lake City

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370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

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Inspector W. A. Rorer
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Agent Benn dated March 9th, in the matter of Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al. Edward G. Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping, and particularly to pages 19 and 20, wherein is set forth information with respect to Harry Schneiweiss or Shneiweis. His name is also mentioned in Division letter dated February 12, 1934.

It is noted that Attorney at Law Bernard Shonberg of Chicago, on November 20, 1933, sent a telegram to Schneiweiss, 240 W. 48th Street, New York City. There is no number 240 on this street. The President Hotel is #234 and the next number is 244. On January 8, 1934, Shonberg called Schneiweiss at New York City at telephone Riverside 9-2013. This telephone is a non-public one and is listed in the name of Irene Drucker, 240 W. 98th Street, New York City, apartment 2A. It is believed that the telegram of November 20th was sent to this address.

With reference to the location of M. J. Murphy at Phoenix, Arizona, attention is directed to page 13 of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 28, 1933, in the case of Richard Tallman Galatas with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. 1201, et al. From this report it is noted that in February, 1933, the leading New York City racketeers were in Hot Springs, Arkansas. They had just come from Hollywood. On February 21, 1933, [redacted] sent the following telegram from the Arlington Hotel to Ben Feingold, San Carlos Hotel, Phoenix.

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Inspector Rorer

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"Kutlow" is Benjamin Kutlowitz, called "Eddy" and goes under the name of Kutlow. With him in Hot Springs were Louis Buchalter called "Lepke", the leading New York City racketeer, and Abe Zwickman called "Longie", leading New Jersey racketeer, together with other Eastern gangsters and racketeers.

It is believed desirable that the Los Angeles office look into the identity of Feingold.

Very truly yours,

F. L. FAY
Special Agent in Charge

CC: Division ✓
Kansas City
Chicago
Los Angeles

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

March 26, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1487
St. Louis, Missouri

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
et al.; BREKIDY SUBJECTS;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Please refer to my letter of March 24, 1934,
directed to Mr. F. W. Ward, Sheriff, Danville, Illinois,
copy of which was furnished your office.

It is not known what information the Sheriff's
office at Danville has in regard to this case, but in a
telephonic conversation with Mr. William Ryan, he sug-
gested that he would like to have photographs of Alvin
Karpis and Arthur Barker, and any other known suspects
in this case. You will observe that we have made no
mention of other suspects since the disclosure by Atto-
ney General Cummings mentions only Alvin Karpis and
Arthur Barker. It is believed advisable that you inter-
view Mr. William Ryan, securing from him all available
information without disclosing the identity of other
suspects in this case.

Very truly yours,

M. E. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

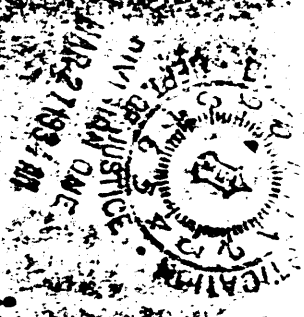
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P.O.Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

March 25, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.



Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-50

Please refer to my letter to you dated 3-14-34, requesting certain investigation regarding sale of socks by National Bellas Hess, Inc., at Kansas City, Missouri. I have read the memorandum of Special Agent R.B. Donaldson, dated 3-22-34, at Kansas City, which is to be incorporated in a report from your office, and desire that additional check be made at the above company.

It is, therefore, requested that names of firms shown to be retailers of shirts and underwear involved in this matter be checked against the names appearing on the sales record of National Bellas Hess, Inc.. If it is found that any such dealers made purchases from this company, leads should be set out to have them interviewed to ascertain if they purchased this style sock and to have photographs of suspects herein displayed.

A letter from the Chicago Division Office to the Division, dated 2-17-34, gives a list of underwear dealers and the list of shirt dealers is reflected in report of Special Agent W.C. Jamison, dated at Chicago, Illinois, 2-22-34.

Very truly yours,

RED:TC
CC Division ✓
St. Louis
Chicago

W.A. RORER,

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Des Moines, Ia.
March 23, 1934



Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Alvin Karpis, et al
with aliases. Edward G.
Bremer - Victim, Kidnapping.
K.C. File 27-57

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 23, 1934, enclosing a photostatic copy of an anonymous letter post-marked at Des Moines, Ia. February 28, 1934.

The writer of this letter has written numerous letters to Mr. Park Findley, Chief, Iowa Bureau of Investigation. It was on the basis of one of these letters that Mr. Findley, shortly after Edward Bremer was released, announced that the hide out used was at Creston, Iowa, on highway #60 West of town. I pointed out to Mr. Findley that highway #69 did not enter Iowa from Missouri, and that its continuation #65 was some 35 miles east of Creston. The next day he received a letter saying that the Federal Agents were trying to take all the credit; that he made a mistake in his first letter that he meant to say it was near Mt. Ayr, Ia. on Highway #169. Effort was made to have me make an investigation with State Agents at Mt. Ayr, but I declined as there was no definite information, and it appeared rather peculiar that the writer of an anonymous letter should detect his own mistakes, after I had discussed this matter with Mr. Findley. I wanted to make sure of my belief as to the writer of this letter, so I told Mr. Findley that I had definite information that the hide out was in Des Moines. The result was another anonymous letter saying that the house used was that of Kenneth Scudlifer's in Des Moines, Ia. It was suggested that I conduct such investigation as was necessary and to raid these places. I then became too busy. The result seems to be this letter to Mr. Hoover.

Scudlifer and Dickerson are liquor dealers and gamblers in Des Moines, but not of any particular importance. So far as I can ascertain they had nothing to do with the kidnapping of Jim Sheridan in 1930.

I call your particular attention to the last five lines of this letter, "of course you can depend on Mr. Findley, Division of State Investigation, Des Moines". As a precautionary measure I will check this information, but I do not believe it is worthy of much time.

Very truly yours,

cc-Kansas City
Division

O.C. Dewey, Special

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
 MARCH 22, 1934



BERKID AUBURN CALIFORNIA COMPANY HERE ADVISES THAT ON FEBRUARY NINTH LAST
 WILLIAM B LOHMAN ELEVEN FIFTY FIVE VANNESS AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO PURCHASED FROM
 AUBURN COMPANY THERE NEW TWELVE CYLINDER AUBURN MOTOR BB FIFTEEN TWO
 SEVEN WITH SIX WIRE WHEELS PRICE INCLUDING LICENSE AND STATE TAX TWELVE HUNDRED
 FIFTY THREE DOLLARS FIFTY CENTS PAYING SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY
 CENTS CURRENCY TRADING IN DODGE SEDAN MOTOR DP SIX FIVE EIGHT FOUR SIX STOP
 FRED THOMPSON NOW MANAGER GOLDEN WEST OR GOLDEN STATE HOTEL SANFRANCISCO WAS
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 ACCOMPANIED BY MAN AND TWO WOMEN ALL ABOUT THIRTY YEARS WELL DRESSED AND THAT
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Edward J. Brennan

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MAR 27 1934

P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 23, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
505-A U.S. Court House & P. O.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

Listed below you will find information pertaining to nine cars which it is believed had been used in various localities by members of the Barker-Karpis gang and a tracing of which in all probability will prove of value in leading to the apprehension of the desired subjects. It is reasonable to assume that several of the cars may still be in the possession of members of this gang and registered in one of the several States under one of the numerous aliases known to be used by this mob. Every Division office is being furnished with copies of this letter for investigative attention and same should be handled promptly.

* Auburn Sedan, motor No. 82-1227. This car is a 1933, 12-cylinder Auburn Sedan, blue body with gray hood and canvas top, six wire wheels, was purchased at San Francisco, California, October 9, 1933, by one William B. Lohman. The car was registered for 1933 in California under No. 7-B-5762 in the name of William B. Lohman, William Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, California. Volney Davis has been positively identified as one of the purchasers of this car and Arthur Barker is believed to be another purchaser. This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of Alvin Karpis at Reno, Nevada, about three weeks ago.

* Buick Sedan, motor No. 2,797,868. This car was purchased at Reno, Nevada, on January 11, 1933, by R. E. Davis, who has been identified as Fred Barker with aliases of F. G. Blackburn, J. E. Blackburn and T. C. Blackburn. This car was paid for with new \$500 bills and was licensed in Nevada for 1933 under number 1422.

* Buick Sedan, motor No. 2,858,690, bearing California license 85783, was taken into California, November 17, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, by Fred Barker who was then using the alias of T. G. Blackburn and gave as his address General Delivery, Los Angeles, California. The car returned to Reno, Nevada, November 27, 1933.

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Ford V8, motor No. 1,849,808, bearing Ohio 1933 license No. C-25771, entered California on October 25, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, and the car was registered under the name of T. G. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. California permit No. 124005 was obtained at this time. George L. Martin, who has been partially identified as being Harry Campbell, was residing in Reno, Nevada, from October 6 to December 29, 1933, and was seen driving this particular car.

Ford Sedan, motor No. 225160, was purchased at Reno, Nevada, with new \$500 bills by one E. J. Harvey who has been partially identified as Arthur Barker. Nevada license number 1233 was issued covering this car on January 9, 1933.

Ford V8 Deluxe Coupe, motor No. 228420, was registered on October 3, 1933, in the State of Minnesota under No. B-473589 to E. V. Davis, Box 82, Lakeville, Minnesota. Prior to this registration, under date of July 31, 1933, the car was registered in the State of Illinois under No. 1-246602 to E. V. Davis, Box 322, Grayslake, Illinois. This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of suspects in this case at Reno, Nevada, in September and November, 1933. E. V. Davis has been identified at Lakeville, Minnesota, as being Volney Davis.

Chevrolet Sedan, motor No. 2554674, serial No. 1-CA023077, was registered January 11, 1934, in the State of Minnesota under No. B-45372 to E. V. Davis, Box 254, White Bear Lake, Minnesota. This car was registered for 1933 in the State of Illinois under No. 774207 to E. V. Davis, 2408 Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Plymouth Sedan, motor No. 81821, changed to 8181, serial No. 175709, was registered for 1933 in the State of Nevada by Alvin Karpis who gave the name of E. L. Barnes, 591 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. This is a fictitious address. This car was registered in the State of Minnesota for the year 1932 under No. B-158081 to E. L. Barnes, 591 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Ford V8 Deluxe Coupe, motor No. 12-304794, was registered in the State of Minnesota for the year 1934 under No. B-75053 to E. L. Murrey, Box 345, White Bear, Minnesota. It is believed that E. L. Murrey is an alias for Alvin Karpis.

Graham-Paige Sedan, motor No. 1024021, chassis No. 10181986, purchased from the Graham-Paige Agency, San Francisco, by E. L. Barnes,

who paid cash and traded in seven-passenger Plymouth Sedan, motor No. FB-31821, bearing 1933 Nevada license No. 7983. 1933 California license S-H-8661, was issued for this Graham-Paige Sedan to E. L. Burns, 279 California Street, San Francisco, California. An out-of-State permit was obtained on the Plymouth Sedan during February, 1933, by E. L. Burns, who gave as his address Ridgeway Apartments, Reno, Nevada.

For the convenience of all offices concerned, there are being set forth the correct names and known aliases of the suspects who may be in possession of the cars above mentioned or who may attempt to register other cars:

Fred Barker with aliases: V. Darrows, W. S. Ward, Ted Murphy, E. E. Davis, J. E. Blackburn, T. C. Blackburn, and A. S. Hunter.

Arthur Barker with aliases: "Doc" Barker, Claude Dale, Bob Barker, E. L. Murray, H. J. Murray, and A. S. Hunter.

Alvin Karpis with aliases: Raymond Hadley, George Mallon, Alvin Karpis, George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Karpis, A. Carter, E. L. Burns, E. L. Burns, J. J. Burns, William Lehman, William S. Lehman, and E. L. Burns.

Harry Campbell with aliases: T. C. Blackburn and George L. Martin.

Volney Davis, with aliases: E. V. Davis, J. E. Lockwood, S. E. Lockwood, and S. E. Moore.

A thorough and complete check should be made by each field office at the State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus located in their respective districts in order to ascertain whether any of the automobiles above listed are presently registered. The motor numbers, as well as the correct names of mentioned suspects with all aliases, should be checked against the State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau records since the same check may disclose other cars which are being used by these gangsters. Arrangements should be made to have a flash card prepared for each automobile and each suspect, with aliases, to be left with the State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus so that the Division can be promptly advised should an attempt be made to register any of the automobiles above listed, or should any of the suspects try to register any other cars.

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Very truly yours,

S. A. BORN,
Inspector.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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April 2, 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

Mr. Nathan

There was forwarded to you a day or so ago a memorandum prepared in the Washington Field Office, calling upon automobile license registration bureaus in Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Maryland and Richmond, Virginia, for a check of certain automobiles listed, as well as a request that the files at these registration bureaus be flagged for the names of the five suspects in the Bremer case. This information of course, prepared in this form is calculated to make known generally the names of all five suspects, although the Department has released information relative to only two of them. There is attached hereto a copy of a letter addressed to the Salt Lake City Office by Mr. Rorer, indicating that copies of the same letter were sent to all field offices and included in the letter was a request that similar action be taken by each field office. This, of course, will make it possible for a large number of individuals to know the names of all five of the suspects. There would probably be some publicity resulting from this, and I thought you would be interested in knowing that such a request has been made, particularly if it does result in undesirable publicity.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINN.

St. Louis FILE NO. 7-45

REPORT MADE AT: St. Louis, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-27-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-20-34	REPORT MADE BY: J. M. BAKER
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. Edward G. Bremer - Victim.		CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: S. N. Tiffan of Federated Metals Corp., St. Louis, Mo., interviewed and furnished agent with full information regarding whereabouts of Stonewall J. Smith during the months of May and June, 1933, as shown by the route sheets of this company.			
REFERENCE: Letter from Dallas Division Office, dated 3-17-34.			
DETAILS: At St. Louis, Mo. Agent interviewed S. N. Tiffan, Asst. Manager of the Federated Metals Corp., 4041 Park Ave., St. Louis, who produced the route sheets showing the whereabouts of Stonewall J. Smith during May and June, 1933 as follows:			
DETAILS:	May 1, 1933	Beaumont, Texas	Edson Hotel
	" 2 "	" " "	" " "
	" 3 "	Houston, Texas	San Jacinto Hotel
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(Probably worked Galveston while in Houston)			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1455	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 29 1934
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12	"	"
13	"	"
14	"	"
15	"	"
16	Fort Worth, Tex.	Westbrook Hotel
17	"	"
18	Dallas, Tex.	Hilton Hotel
19	"	"
20	"	"
21	Farmersville, Tex.	Box 405
22	Muskogee, Okla.	Bever's Hotel
23	Tulsa, Okla.	Bliss Hotel
24	"	"
25	"	"
26	"	"
27	"	"
28	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Huckins Hotel
29	"	"

(Made notation in route sheet here that he would probably go to oil fields at Newoka and Seminole and get to Oklahoma City about Tuesday night, 4-30-35)

30	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Huckins Hotel
31	"	"
June 1, 1935	"	"
2	Ponca City, Okla.	Jens-Marie Hotel
3	Wichita, Kansas	Allis Hotel
4	"	"
5	"	"
6	"	"
7	"	"
8	Salina, Kansas	Lamar Hotel
9	Emporia, Kansas	Broadview Hotel
10	Ottawa, Kansas	North Amer. Hotel
11	Ft. Scott, Kansas	Goodlander Hotel
	(Stated here he was really at Emporia, Kansas)	
12	Chanute, Kansas	Icega Inn Hotel
13	Joplin, Mo.	Connor Hotel
14	"	"
15	Coffeyville, Kansas	Dale Hotel
16	Bartelsville, Okla.	Maire Hotel

June 17, 1933	Fulsa, Okla.	Eliss Hotel
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22	Muskogee, Okla.	Sovers Hotel
23	Texarkana, Ark.	Eria Hotel
24	Farmersville, Tex.	Box 405
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26	Dallas, Tex.	Hilton Hotel
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29	Beaumont, Tex.	Edison Hotel
30	Dallas, Tex.	Hilton Hotel

Mr. Tiffan stated that Stonewall J. Smith has been working for the Federated Metals Corp. for about eight years and that his record is good with this company. He states that Smith has never been in any kind of trouble, to his knowledge, and states farther that Smith does not drink or run after women, but has a weakness for playing poker. Mr. Tiffan stated that Smith associates mostly with the traveling men of the territory in which he works. He further stated that there were several Stonewall J. Smiths in the territory covered by this Stonewall J. Smith, and that the mail and telegrams sent to him had been received by other parties with the same name in that section of the country.

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P.O. Box 7725
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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March 26, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Mich.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREKER-VICTIM.
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith copy of report of Special Agent
Cere, Salt Lake City, dated March 26, 1934, received at this office
4:15 p.m. afternoon, via air mail, which calls for certain investigation
at Toledo, Ohio.

We have ascertained from the Auto Registry Division,
Columbus, Ohio, that T. C. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood Avenue,
Toledo, Ohio, secured 1933 license plates C-25771, September 28, 1933,
for Ford 1933 Model 8 cylinder sedan, motor 18-493080 and also secur-
ed 1933 license plates C-25783, September 28, 1933, for Buick 1933
Sedan, motor 2858090, serial 2703083.

Please refer to lead indicated by the Cincinnati Office
and conduct the necessary inquiry.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP FACSIMILE

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BREKID MRS. WILLIAM LOEMAN CHICAGO ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. T. C. BLACKBURN FOUR TWO FOURTEEN NORTH LOCKWOOD BOULEVARD TOLEDO OHIO LIVED AT WILLIAM TAYLOR HOTEL OCTOBER TWENTY FIVE TO OCTOBER TWENTY SEVEN LAST YEAR NINETEEN THIRTY THREE BUICK SEDAN MOTOR DP SIX FIVE EIGHT FOUR SIX BEARING NINETEEN THIRTY THREE ILLINOIS LICENSE TWELVE THREE SEVEN NAUGHT FIVE ONE ISSUED TO WILLIAM LOEMAN THREE FOUR FIVE THREE WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO WAS TURNED IN ON AUSTIN SEDAN LOEMAN BELIEVED TO BE ARTHUR BERGER INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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REPORT MADE AT: PHILADELPHIA	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-28-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-27-34	REPORT MADE BY: A. SCHROEDER	MAR 29 1934 AM
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Flash Notices placed with and information requested of Departments of Motor Vehicles, Pennsylvania and Delaware.				
REFERENCE: Letter from St. Paul Office, 3-23-34 Telegram " " " " 3-28-34				
DETAILS: <u>AT PHILADELPHIA</u> The Departments of Motor Vehicles of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of Delaware have been requested by letter to furnish this office all information pertaining to the cars listed in reference letter and telegram, and also to place Flash Notices for these cars and the individuals mentioned.				
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DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES				
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>A. Schroeder acting</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1458		RECORDED AND SERIALIZED: MAR 29 1934	
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Los Angeles, Calif. March 23, 1934

R. E. Vetterli
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
318 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California

BREKID DESCRIPTION ABOVE AS FOLLOWS FOUR DOOR SEDAN PAINTED YANKEE BLUE WHICH IS LIGHT BLUE AND PRODUCT MADE BY MURPHY VARNICH COMPANY YOUR CITY WHO CAN FURNISH COLOR SPECIMEN STOP TOP IS KHAKI COLORED CANVAS WHICH EXTENDS DOWN TO BODY LINE ON SIDES AND BACK STOP WHEELS ARE CREAM COLORED WITH TWO EXTRA MOUNTED IN FRONT FLEET WHEELS STOP SEVEN WINDOWS THREE EACH SIDE THAT IS TWO DOORS AND QUARTER WINDOWS EACH SIDE AND ONE QUARTER WINDOW IN REAR STOP ACCESSORIES WERE STANDARD NO SPECIFIC DETAIL NOTED IN RECORDS HERE STOP IT IS STATED NUMEROUS SIMILAR JOBS MARKETED COAST AREA

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1900 Bankers Bldg.
Chicago, Illinois
March 25, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
et al. Unknown Subjects,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING - Chicago file 7-82

Reference is made to the memorandum of Special Agent H. E. Anderson, dated March 8, 1934, in connection with the Eddie Doll case, for the attention of Assistant Director Nathan.

The second paragraph on the second page of the memorandum referred to states that Doll suggested that photographs of all the escapes from the State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois for the last five years be secured and exhibited to him for the purpose of identifying one "white" Anderson, a suspect named by Doll in the Bremer case.

Accordingly, photographs and fingerprint cards on the following escapes from the Joliet Penitentiary, who have not been returned, were secured and same cover the period from 1929 to date:

7759-D James E. White	4492-E Ross Castle
2363-E Wm. L. Johnston	5437-E George Nelson
1350-E William Irwin	2422-E Edw. Schreiber
6940-D Tony Sansone	6659-E Phil McGee
7671-D Jos. Jablonski	2855-E Harris Bailey

These photographs and fingerprint cards, with the exception of a fingerprint card on Harris Bailey, which was not furnished this office, are being transmitted herewith for Agent Anderson's assistance in again interviewing DOLL.

Very truly yours,

KRM:TMH
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CC: Division, St. Paul,
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M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. DRAWER 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri.

March 23, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minn.

MAR 27 1934 AM
DIVISION ONE



Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
Edward George Bremer - Victim.

Reference is made to your letter of March 13, 1934 and the report of Special Agent G. E. Weeks, New York City, dated March 13, 1934, with reference to the identification of the cap identified as having been worn by subject Karpis at the time he purchased the flashlights in St. Paul.

Please be advised that upon receipt of the mentioned cap the same was exhibited by Special Agent E. L. Dauron of this office to Mr. H. J. Rubenstein of the Mound City Cap Mfg. Co., 518 North 6th St., St. Louis.

Mr. Rubenstein, after closely examining this cap, stated that the same was not a product of his company, this decision being based upon the fact that the cap in question carried a union label on the inside of the band, the lining was of material not used in the lining of his caps, and the two lapels on the front of the cap were held together by a round string, whereas his products, and especially the two lapels, are held together with a flat shoestring. Mr. Rubenstein exhibited to the agent several products of his company which appear to be similar to the cap in question, except as to the union label, the lining, and the string holding the two front lapels together. The lining in the caps manufactured by the Mound City Cap Mfg. Co. are of smooth wool in various mixtures of colors and usually are checked.

The mentioned cap is being returned under separate cover to the St. Paul Division Office.

Very truly yours,

F. F. YEARSLEY, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
MARCH 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to the letter of March 19, 1934, from
Inspector W. A. Rorer addressed from St. Paul, Minnesota, to the
San Antonio Division Office.

Special Agent Andersen secured from the Kansas State
Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, two photographs of Jess Doyle,
Register number 9845, bearing description and fingerprint classi-
fication. Same are enclosed herewith.

With reference to Bill Scott mentioned in the letter of
reference, Agent Andersen was unable to determine which Bill Scott
might be desired since there is a record of numerous parties of
that name at the Kansas State Penitentiary.

Jess Doyle was known to be related in some manner,
probably through marriage, to Wick Karns and Tommie Hill, of South
Coffeyville, Oklahoma, and through that source appropriate in-
vestigation might be made looking toward his location in the event
same is desired.

If more definite information can be secured relative to
the Scott whose photograph is desired this office will endeavor to
secure same.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE 1934 P.M.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINN.**

FILE NO. **7-27**

REPORT MADE AT: Salt Lake City, Utah	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-22-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-18-21-34	REPORT MADE BY: A. R. GERR
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Photograph of subject Alvin Karpis positively identified as residing at Reno, Nevada, Nov. 18, 1932, to February 7, 1933, and from Nov. 2, 1933, to Dec. 2, 1933, and driving Auburn Sedan, Motor No. BB-1527, bearing California (1933) License No. 7 H 57-62, which was registered to Wm. B. Lohman, Wm. Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, Calif., and purchased May Oct. 9, 1933. Subject Alvin Karpis used names E.L. Burns and R.L. Burns at Reno, Nevada. Photograph of subject Fred Barker positively identified as having purchased Buick Sedan, model 32-87, Motor No. 2797868, Serial No. 2647365, at Reno, Nevada, on January 11, 1933, bearing Nevada 1933 License No. 1-188, under name R. E. Davis. Subject Fred Barker also identified as F. C. Blackburn, alias J. E. Blackburn, alias T. C. Blackburn, residing at Reno, Nevada, from October 6, 1933, to December 2, 1933, and having his possession at that time Buick Sedan, motor No. 2858090, bearing Ohio License No. C 25-783, which entered California No. 17, 1933, under name T. C. Blackburn. Photograph of subject Harry Campbell partially identified as George L. Martin, who resided Reno, Nevada, from October 6, 1933, to December 20, 1933, and having his possession Ford V-8 Sedan, Motor 18-493080, bearing Ohio 1933 license No. C 25-771, which entered California, Oct. 25, 1933, under name T. C. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio, and issued California Permit No. 124983. Photograph Arthur R. Barker partially identified as H.J. Harvey, who on January 9, 1933, purchased Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 885160, at Reno, Nevada, and obtained Nevada 1933 License No. 1283. Above subjects or associates also had their possession at Reno, Nevada, Ford V-8 Sedan, on Nov. 18, 1933, bearing Minnesota 1933 License No. B/33-473-569, and on Sept. 30, 1933, had a Dodge Sedan, bearing Illinois 1933 license No. 1-237-051. Subject Alvin Karpis seen at Reno, Nev., with Auburn Sedan about March 1st, 1934.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Louis D. Wine</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 9-576-1459	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 28 1934
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3 Division 2 St. Paul 2 Insp. W.A. Rorer, St. Paul 1 Dallas 2 Chicago 1 Kansas City	COPIES DESTROYED 848 MAR 18 1965	UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION MAR 28 1934 P.M. ROUTED TO: FILE

REFERENCE: Letters from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minn.,
March 6 and March 12, 1934, and letter from SAC San
Francisco, Calif., March 12, 1934.

DETAILS:

AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Upon receipt of first letter of reference, the Secretary
of State, Carson City, Nevada, was requested to furnish information
concerning persons who obtained Nevada 1932 License No. 1-488, and
Nevada 1933 License No. 1-283, and reply was received stating that 1932
License No. 1-488 was issued to J. C. Games, 201 Keystone Street, Reno,
Nevada, for a Chevrolet Coupe, Motor No. 4590587, and that Nevada 1934
License No. 2-281 was issued for the same automobile. (Note: Erroneous
information as to 1934 plates); also that Nevada 1933 License No. 1-283
was issued to E. J. Harvey, Hotel Anderson, Reno, Nevada, for Pontiac
Sedan, Motor No. 885160.

AT RENO, NEVADA

Considerable time was spent in locating J. C. Games and
ascertaining the data relative to his Chevrolet Coupe bearing Nevada
1932 License No. 1-488, only to later find that the data in Inspector
Rorer's letter of March 6, 1934, was erroneous as to the year 1932,
and should have read "1933", and this report will therefore not reflect
the steps taken in investigating Nevada 1932 License No. 1-488.

From Deputy U. S. Marshal George E. Turpin, residence,
345 Elm Street, and J. E. Kirkley, Chief of Police, it was ascertained
that Wm. J. (Bill) Graham, residence, 548 California Street, a resident
of Reno, Nevada, for 14 years, and J. C. McKay, residence, South
Virginia Road, about one mile south of the Reno City limits, were
formerly principal owners of the Rex Saloon and gambling club, now
closed, also principal owners, with Jack Sullivan and Ray Kendall, of
the Bank Club gambling hall, and also own the controlling interest in
the Riverside Security Co., owners of the red-light district "corral",
Reno, Nevada, and that during the summer months they operate the
"Calneva" gambling, dining and dancing joint and saloon, Lake Tahoe,
California, near Reno; that Bill Graham and J. C. McKay are under
\$10,000. bond in Federal Court for their appearance at New York City
on a charge of using the mails to defraud; that they both went to
New York about the last of February, 1934, and J. C. McKay remained
in New York, and Bill Graham returned about March 10th, and is now in
San Francisco, Calif. visiting his mother, Mrs. Graham; that Rose Barnett
has never been connected with the ownership of any gambling license or
gambling club in Reno; that the Crystal Inn and Log Cabin at Lake Tahoe,
Calif., is a rendezvous for racketeers, bank bandits, and "big-shot" bunco

men, and that during the summer months is a popular place for such persons; that Carl Beckdolf, Constable, Tahoe City, Calif., would be a good party to furnish information as to the habits of Lake Tahoe. Wm. J. (Bill) Graham is undoubtedly the "Graham" referred to in letter of reference, who is acquainted with Governor Fred B. Balzar of Nevada, and who is understood to have been closely associated with Governor Balzar, who died on even date, March 21, 1934.

From Deputy Assessor Chas. J. Galt it was ascertained that Nevada 1933 license No. 1-285 was issued to H.J. Harvey, Hotel Anderson, Reno, Nevada, for a new 1933 model Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 885160, Serial No. 770178, name of party from whom purchased not shown; license issued January 9, 1933.

Inquiry of Mrs. Rose Morgan, proprietress of the Hotel Anderson, 218 Sierra Street, Mrs. Jessie Green, maid, and Edith Brewster, Clerk, developed that no one named H. J. Harvey was known at that hotel, and no record found in the hotel register.

From H. R. Wilson, Sales Manager, Scott Motor Co., South Virginia and Ryland Streets, residence, 1029 Riverside, it was ascertained that on January 7, 1933, H. J. Harvey, giving fictitious address as Hotel Anderson, Reno, Nevada, and not found at that address when attempting to notify him that automobile was ready for delivery, purchased Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 885160, Serial No. 770178, brown mohair upholstery, dark blue body, six wire wheels, two spares in fender-wells, for \$890., which he paid with two brand-new \$500. bills, which were pronounced genuine at the bank before delivery of the automobile; that H.J. Harvey was accompanied at different times by three other men, all of whom seemed to be suspicious characters; that one of the other men under the name of R. E. Davis, on January 11, 1933, purchased a Buick Sedan, model 52-87 (1932) model, Motor No. 2797868, Serial No. 2547365, Body No. 5257, for \$1390., having been allowed a discount of \$700. on account of the car being a 1932 model, and having been used as a demonstrator, but that the car looked practically new; grey whip-cord upholstery, dark green body; six wire wheels, two spares in fender-wells; that payment for the Buick Sedan was also made with brand-new \$500. bills, and that R. E. Davis also gave a \$100. bill in payment for 10 gallons of gas; that R. E. Davis and H.J. Harvey, seemed to have an unlimited amount of money, and were suspicioned of being underworld characters; that another associate of these men (later identified as Alvin Karpis) had also attempted to purchase an automobile, but it had been impossible to make delivery; that one of the men was believed to have rented automobiles from Paul A. Walters, 320 South Virginia Street; that they had done most of their drinking at the Town House, and that Charley Rennie at that place was probably acquainted with them.

Upon obtaining the foregoing information, it was

ascertained from Deputy Assessor Chas. J. Galt that on January 11, 1933, R. E. Davis, Hotel Anderson, Reno, Nevada, had obtained Nevada 1933 (not 1932) License No. 1-488, for Buick Sedan, 1932 model, 32-37, Motor No. 2797868, 5-passenger, Serial No. 2647365.

No information as to R. E. Davis could be obtained at the Hotel Anderson.

Paul A. Walters, rent car service, 300 South Virginia St., residence, Apt. #6, Sunnyside Apartments, 239 Flint Street, stated that a man giving the name of R.L. Burnes, and address as the Hotel Anderson, Reno, Nevada, had rented automobiles on five different occasions from Nov. 20, 1932, to Nov. 25, 1932, and on each occasion had made a deposit of a \$50. bill; that R.L. Burnes had also signed some of the contract forms as E.L. Burnes, but that it was not noticed at the time that he had given the different initials; that R.L. (or E.L.) Burnes did not talk much; that he was accompanied at different times by three or four men, who had an Imperial Chrysler, a Pontiac Sedan, an Auburn Sedan, and a Ford Sedan; that about October, 1933, R. L. Burnes (later identified as subject Alvin Karpis) had a new Dodge Sedan, bearing Illinois license plates, which he desired to sell to him (Walters) but decided to make a trip to San Francisco, Calif., and upon his return a few days later had a new Auburn Sedan; that R.L. Burnes was supposed to have had his tonsils removed at Los Angeles, Calif., in January, 1933; that R.L. Burnes was at the Elvada Apartments, Reno, in February 1933; that R.L. Burnes was about 26 or 27 years of age, height, about 5 ft. 10 in. or 11 in.; weight, about 155 lbs.; tall, slim, frail, delicate looking, light hair, blue eyes, complexion, light; uneducated; that R.L. Burnes and his companions did their drinking at the Town House and the Rex Saloon (owned by Bill Graham and partners).

G. W. Smith, owner of the Elvada Apartments, 328 Flint St., stated that E.L. Burns first rented an apartment while he was alone on Dec. 23, 1932, and remained until Feb. 7, 1933; that he had numerous men visitors at his apartment during that time; that when he first came he had an automobile (make unknown) with an Illinois license plate, and that when he returned from California in January, 1933, he had a Graham Paige, blue color, with California license plates; that he had Apartment No. 5 the first time, and that on November 2, 1933, E.L. Burns and alleged wife, rented Apartment No. 9 and remained one month; that E.L. Burns paid his rent with \$100. bills; that E.L. Burns and his wife had friends, two married couples, living at the

Hiland Apartments, who had two automobiles with Ohio license, and that one of the couples moved from the Hiland Apartments to the Belmont Apartments, and that the maid at the Belmont Apartments asked him if E.L. Burns was a doctor, as the other couple had called E.L. Burns "Doc"; that E.L. Burns was about 27 or 28 years of age, height, about 5 ft. 3 in.; weight, 140 to 145 lbs; dark brown hair, blue eyes; light, pale complexion; looked anemic, and looked like he took dope; face drawn down on one side and talked out of corner of mouth, never opened mouth wide; that E.L. Burns left behind him two felt hats size 6 7/8, inside of one of which was the name "L.F. Dolly"; that E.L. Burns when renting the apartment, No. 9, on November 2, 1933, wanted to know how soon he could get a telephone connected in his apartment as he was looking for several long-distance telephone calls; that it was not known for sure whether he had a telephone installed at that time, but it was presumed that he did.

Mrs. L. L. Rowan, proprietress of the Hiland Apartments, 234 West Liberty St., stated that on October 6, 1933, F. C. Blackburn and wife, rented Apartment No. 240, paying \$50. for one month's rent with a \$100. bill; that F. C. Blackburn had a Buick Sedan with Ohio 1933 License No. C 25-783, and claimed to be from Ohio; that they left a few days before their month's rent was up, and took with them about \$20. worth of linen belonging to the apartment; that she found they had moved to the Belmont Apartments and went to the Belmont Apartments and found them living in Apartment No. 8, and recovered the linen; that on the same day that F. C. Blackburn and his wife arrived at the apartments, Oct. 8, 1933, their friends, George L. Martin and wife, rented Apartment No. 240-A, paying the rent with \$100. bills; that Geo. L. Martin and wife remained until Dec. 20, 1933; that one day Mrs. Martin told her that she was from Oklahoma, and later she told Mrs. Rowan that her husband told her to tell Mrs. Rowan to never mention that they were from Oklahoma; that George L. Martin had an automobile, make forgotten, bearing Ohio License No. C 25-771, which was a smaller car than F. C. Blackburn owned, and that Mrs. Martin remarked about their not having as nice a car as the Blackburns and their friends, the Burns, at the Elvada Apartments; that Mrs. Martin was about 5 ft. 5 in. height, age, about 25 years, weight, about 100 lbs, or less, jet black straight hair, parted in the middle, and combed straight; dark brown eyes; claimed to have trace of Indian blood, feet highly arched, and beautiful hands and feet; that Mrs. Martin said her father was a Methodist preacher in Oklahoma before he died, and had a small country church, near Tulsa, Okla., and between Tulsa and Oklahoma City; that she met her husband, George L. Martin, in Ohio and married him in Ohio; that she had 1/16 Indian blood thru her mother; that Mrs. F. C. Blackburn was short and fat, age about 35, height, about 5 ft. 2 in.; weight about 130; Polish or Slav

race; reddish hair, probably changed from dark brown; hazel eyes; large mouth, face pimpled, not good looking; that Mrs. Martin called Mrs. Blackburn "Pauline";

At the Belmont Apartments, 400 Belmont Road, the staff, Miss Emma Wray, residence No. 3 Granite Apts., 315 1/2 Granite St., stated that J. E. Blackburn and wife registered on Nov. 2, 1933, and remained just one month in Apartment No. 8, leaving no forwarding address. A tracing of the signature of J. E. Blackburn was obtained from the apartment register.

From Frank B. Cochran, Pres. Air Service Co., 241 South Virginia Street, Residence, 701 Marsh Ave., it was ascertained from his records that on Sept. 30, 1933, he repaired Dodge Sedan, 6 cylinders, mileage, 4051 miles, bearing Illinois 1933 License No. 1-237-051; that on October 28, 1933, and again on November 27, 1933, he repaired a Buick Sedan, having six wire wheels, and bearing Ohio License plates (1933) No. C 25-783; that on Nov. 18, 1933, he repaired Ford V-8 Sedan, bearing Minnesota (1933) License Plates No. B 33-473-569; that on November 25, 1933, he had repaired Auburn Sedan, 12 cylinders, V-type, 1933 model, six wire wheels, bearing California (1933) License No. 7 H 57-62; that the Buick Sedan in question, bearing Ohio (1933) License plates No. C 25-783 was a model 91, 1933 model, with a built-in trunk on the rear, six wire wheels; that these automobiles were repaired for several men who associated together and apparently had plenty of money; that they always paid in cash, and no record was made of their names or addresses, and it was not remembered if any of them had given any names.

From D. E. Haddock, District Sales Supervisor, Bell Telephone Co. of Nevada, it was ascertained that no record could be found of a telephone having been installed in Apartment No. 8 at the Elvada Apartments, 328 Flint St., on November 2, 1933, or thereafter, but that a telephone was installed in Apartment No. 8, Elvada Apartments, 328 Flint St., on January 5, 1933, and disconnected on Feb. 23, 1933, because party left without notice, which was installed under the name of E. I. Burns, previous address, 3010 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill., local reference, Louis Marymont, Town House, Reno, Nevada; and that no long-distance telephone charges were charged to that telephone during the period from January 5 to February 23, 1933.

Frank B. Cochran, residence, 701 Marsh Ave., identified the photograph of Subject Alvin Karpis as the owner of the Auburn Sedan, bearing California 1933 License No. 7 H 57-62, and also

identified the photograph of subject Fred Barker as the owner of the Buick Sedan bearing Ohio (1933) license plates No. C 25-783, and partially identified the photograph of subject Harry Campbell as the owner of a Ford V-8 Sedan (probably George L. Martin).

H. E. Wilson, Sales Manager, Scott Motor Co., South Virginia Street and Ryland Street, residence, 1029 Riverside, and Ray J. Root, salesman, Scott Motor Co., residence, 321 East Taylor Street, readily identified the photograph of subject Fred Barker, as R. E. Davis, who purchased the Buick Sedan in question on January 11, 1933, and also identified the photograph of subject Alvin Karpis as E.L. Burns, who attempted to purchase an Oldsmobile Sedan about January 10, 1933; and partially identified the photograph of subject Arthur R. Barker as H.J. Harvey who purchased the Pontiac Sedan in question on January 7, 1933.

E.W. Smith, Elvada Apartments, 528 Flint St., and his wife both identified the photograph of subject Alvin Karpis as E.L. Burns, who resided at those apartments alone from Dec. 23, 1932, to Feb. 7, 1933, and with his alleged wife from Nov. 2, 1933, to Dec. 2, 1933.

Mrs. L. L. Rowan, owner Miland Apartments, 254 East Liberty Street, identified the photograph of subject Fred Barker as F. C. Blackburn, who with his alleged wife resided in Apartment No. 240 from Oct. 6, 1933, to about Nov. 2, 1933, and also partially identified the photograph of subject Harry Campbell, as George L. Martin, who with his alleged wife occupied Apt. #240 from Oct. 6, 1933, to Dec. 20, 1933.

Miss Emma Wray, maid, Belmont Apartments, 400 Belmont Road, readily identified the photograph of subject Fred Barker as J. E. Blackburn, who with his alleged wife resided in Apt. #8 from Nov. 2, 1933, to Dec. 2, 1933.

Mrs. Elva (Andras Chris) Pedersen, owner of the Belmont Apartments, residence Apt. #17, Belmont Apartments, 400 Belmont Road, readily identified the photograph of subject Fred Barker as J. E. Blackburn, who with his wife occupied Apt. No. 8 from Nov. 2, 1933, to December 2, 1933, and stated that when J. E. Blackburn and his wife left they left behind them a radio and a man's leather coat, and that in a day or two she received a letter from Mrs. Blackburn requesting that the radio and leather coat be forwarded to some place in Minnesota, care General Delivery, to which address the articles were forwarded; that

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she cannot locate the letter and believes it to have been destroyed, and cannot remember the place in Minnesota to which the articles were forwarded. Mrs. Pederson gave the following description of Mrs. J. E. Blackburn; age, about 25; height about 5 feet, weight, 100 lbs. or less, dark brown hair, "frizzy"; dark eyes, brunette, slender build, homely. It will be noted this description differs from that furnished by Mrs. Rowan at the Hiland Apartments.

Ray J. Root, salesman, Scott Motor Co. stated that he saw subject Alvin Karpis (known to him as E. L. Burns or E.L. Burns) in Reno about three weeks ago in an Auburn Sedan, believed to have California license plates, and that subject Alvin Karpis waved his hand upon seeing him, but that he did not stop to talk with him.

Sales slips bearing the signature of H.J. Harvey and R. Davis were obtained from the Scott Motor Co., H.R. Wilson, Sales Manager. Original auto rental contracts bearing the signatures of R.L. Burnes and E. L. Burnes were obtained from Paul A. Walters, 300 South Virginia Street. Original registration of "E.L. Burnes & Wife", Nov. 2, 1933, at the Elvada Apartments and inventory at the Elvada Apartments signed "E.L. Burnes" was obtained from C. W. Smith.

From the State Highway Motor Vehicle Department, Sacramento, Calif., it was ascertained that Buick Sedan, Motor No. 2858090, bearing 1933 Ohio license No. C 25-783, entered California on Nov. 17, 1933, and was registered to T.C. Blackburn, General Delivery, Los Angeles, Calif., and that there was no record of a registration of this car in 1934 in California to date; also that Ford Sedan, Motor No. 18-493080, bearing Ohio License No. C 25-771 (1933), registered to T. C. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio, was issued a non-resident Permit, No. 124983, on Oct. 25, 1933, giving California address as San Francisco, Calif., no street address, and that no California registration of this car for 1934 had as yet been filed; also that California 1933 license No. 7 H 57-62 was issued to Wm. B. Lohman, Wm. Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, Calif., sole owner, Auburn Sedan, Motor No. BB-1527, first sold Oct. 9, 1933, and no record of 1934 registration in California to date.

AT CARSON CITY, NEVADA

From the Secretary of State's Office, thru Miss Jean Bonafous, Clerk, it was ascertained that there was not any license

numbered 7985 issued in the State of Nevada for the year 1933, but that Nevada License No. 7985 was issued on December 2, 1932, at Reno, Nevada, to E.L. Burnes, Ridgeway Apts., No. 29, Reno, Nevada, for a new five-passenger (not seven passenger, as stated in letter of reference from SAC Vetterli, San Francisco, Calif., March 12, 1934) Plymouth Sedan, 1932 model P.B., Engine No. P.B. 81821, Serial No. 1757009, which was based upon a Minnesota Registration Card for 1933, without date, Minnesota (1932) license No. B-158081, covering Plymouth Sedan, 4 door, model 1932 P.B. Motor No. 8181 (changed with pen to 81821), Serial No. 1757009, previous No. N. 10, issued to E.L. Burnes, 591 West 7th St., St. Paul, Minn., resident of Ramsey Co., and signed by Mike Helm, Secretary of State, which was endorsed on the back "Entered California, Station No. 3, Nov. 27, 1932, Permit No. 152574, Clerk No. 12".

Search of the records of the Motor Vehicle Dept. Secretary of State's Office, did not reveal any registration of the following automobiles; for the years 1932, 1933 and 1934; other than as heretofore reported:

Auburn Sedan, Motor No. BB 1527

Buick Sedan, Motor No. 2797868

Buick Sedan, Motor No. 2858090

Ford V-8 Sedan, Motor No. 18-183080

Graham Paige Sedan, Motor No. 1024081

Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 885160

Or any automobiles registered under the following names, other than as heretofore reported herein:

E.L. Burnes, E.L. Burns, R.L. Burnes, R.L. Burns, Wm. B. Lohman, F. C. Blackburn, T.C. Blackburn, J. E. Blackburn, Geo. L. Martin, H.J. Harvey, R. E. Davis (except another party by that name at Reno, Nev., who is apparently not identical with the R.E. Davis in question), Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur E. Barker, and Harry Campbell.

A list of the foregoing automobiles and names was furnished to the Secretary of State with the request that the Salt Lake City Office be immediately notified in the event a registration should occur of any of the automobiles in question or under any of the foregoing names.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE AT SACRAMENTO AND SAN FRANCISCO:
Will ascertain whether any of the automobiles listed above have

been registered during the year 1934, and whether licenses have been issued to any of the names listed above, or other known aliases of the subjects of this case, also obtain data relative to permits issued upon entering California.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE AT SACRAMENTO, CALIF.: Will also obtain all available information relative to Auburn Sedan, Motor No. EB 152V, California (1933) License No. 7N 37-21, obtaining a complete description of this Auburn Sedan, believed to be now in the possession of subject Alvin Karpis.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF.: Will obtain similar information from the records of Los Angeles County.

THE CINCINNATI OFFICE AT COLUMBUS, OHIO: Will obtain complete information relative to the issuance of Ohio 1935 License Nos. C 25-771 and C 25-783, and obtain all available information relative to F. C. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

THE CHICAGO OFFICE AT CHICAGO, ILL.: Will obtain any available information relative to E.L. Burns, 3010 West Madison Street, prior or subsequent to January 5, 1933, and also obtain all information available relative to Dodge Sedan, bearing Illinois (1933) License No. 1-257-051.

THE ST. PAUL OFFICE AT ST. PAUL, MINN.: Will obtain all available information relative to Minnesota (1933) License No. B/33-473-569, on Ford V 8 Sedan; also Minnesota (1932) License No. B-158081, covering Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. B1821, and previous License No. N 10, and all available information concerning E.L. Burnes, 591 West 7th St., St. Paul, Minn., prior or subsequent to December 2, 1932.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE AT TULSA, OKLA.: Will endeavor to ascertain the identity of the alleged wife of Geo. L. Martin (presumably Subject Harry Campbell), whose father was a Methodist preacher prior to his recent death near Tulsa, or between Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

The foregoing offices should be particular to obtain complete descriptions of all automobiles enumerated in this report which may at present be in the possession of any of subjects.

THE SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE AT RENO, NEVADA: Will make further efforts to locate any of subjects in that vicinity.

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**BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

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

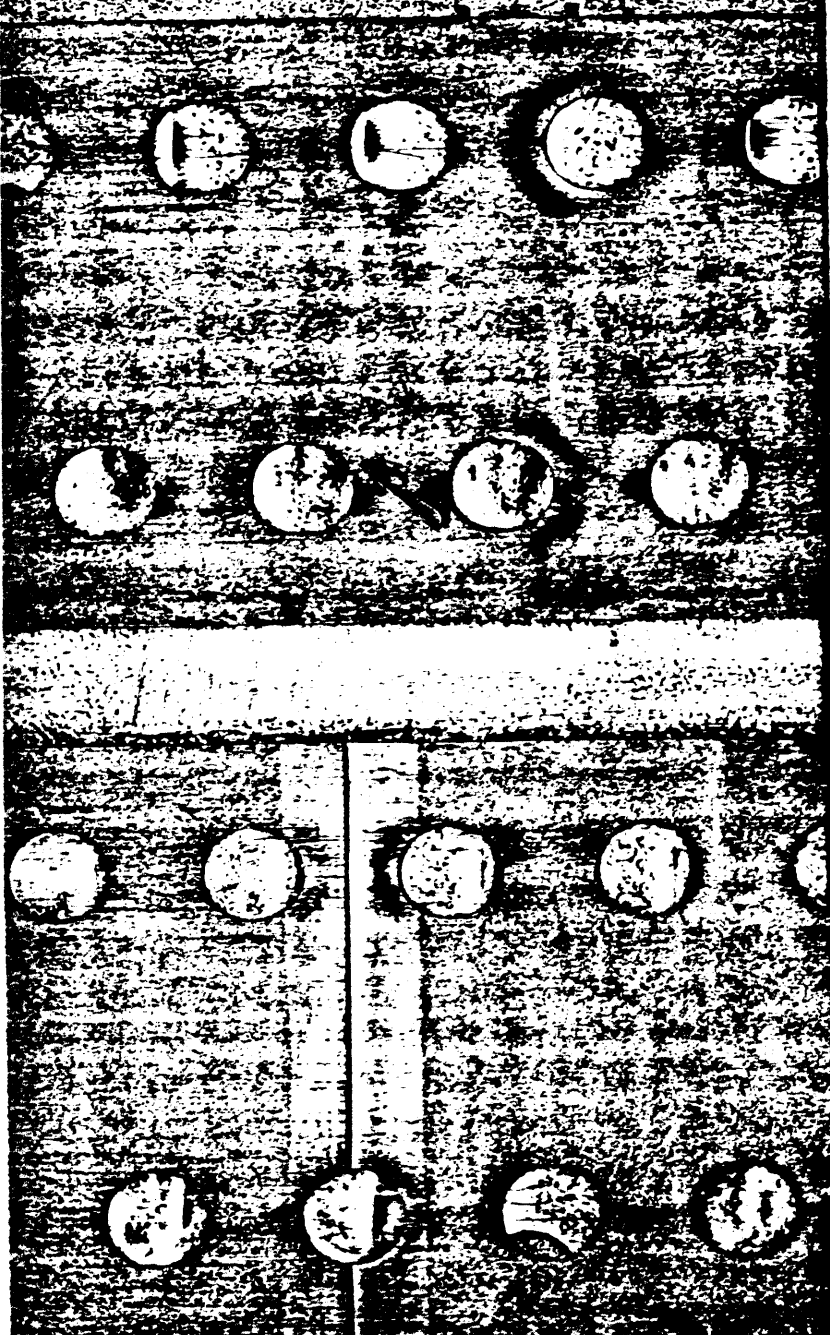


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March 23, 1934

Inspector W. A. Rorer,
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U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 518,
St. Paul, Minn.

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Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al,
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim,
Kidnaping.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
MAR 30 1934 A.M.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Reference letter Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minn.,
dated March 6, 1934:

Mrs. Martin, Chief Clerk, National Automobile Theft Bureau,
228 Pine St., San Francisco, ascertained by telephone from the California
State Motor Vehicle Division, Sacramento, California, that California
1934 license plates G-N-478, were issued on January 28, 1934, to one
James Rogers, address 154 Eastwood Drive, San Francisco, California, for
Hudson Sedan, Motor No. 30,800 (not No. 800), serial No. 950174, and that
James Rogers is sole owner. Mrs. Martin further stated that there is no
record that said automobile has been stolen.

Inspector Richard Smith, Auto Theft Detail, San Francisco
Police Department, stated that there is no record that said Hudson Sedan
has been reported stolen, and further stated that telegrams had been
received from the Sheriff of Minneapolis, asking information concerning
said automobile, and as to the identity of James Rogers and companions;
that he has ascertained that on January 16, 1934, a person giving the
name of James Rogers, appeared at Vallejo, California, and purchased for
cash, from Ray Hitchcock, Plymouth Auto dealer, 928 Marin St., a 1934
Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. PE-2111, and registered said Plymouth in the
name of James ROGERS, with address of the Plymouth auto dealer, 928
Marin St., Vallejo, California, and that California 1934 license No. B-8-
7662, was issued for said Plymouth Sedan; that on January 22, 1934, the
same person, giving the name of James Rogers, purchased from E. V. McNyle,
sales manager of Earl C. Anthony, Inc., Hudson dealers, 901 Van Ness Ave.,
San Francisco, a Hudson Sedan, Motor No. 8500, serial No. 950174, and as
part payment turned in the said Plymouth Sedan, purchased at Vallejo, and

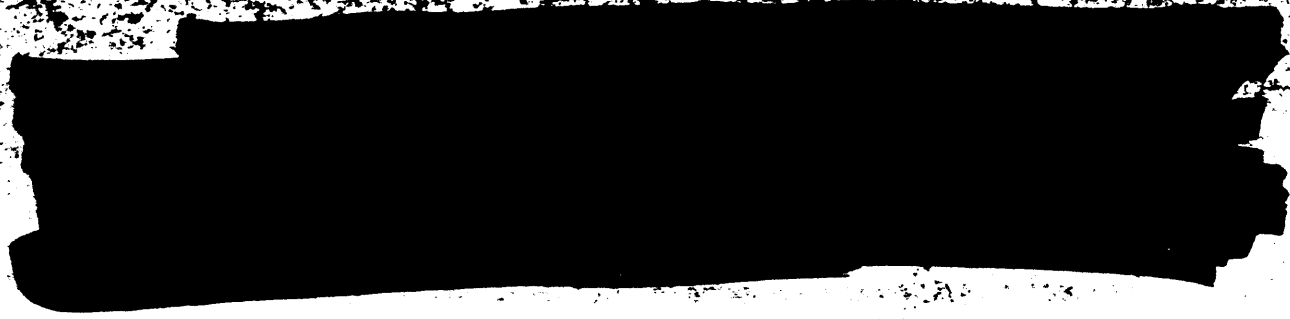
paid the balance of the purchase price in cash; that Rogers, at the time of purchase of the Hudson Sedan, was accompanied by a young man, about 20 years of age; that there was delay in the issuance of the pink certificate of title for the Hudson car, and the young man, who accompanied Rogers at the time of purchase, appeared on February 5, 1934, at the Earl C. Anthony place of business, and requested that the pink certificate, when received, be forwarded to one George Himm, 2900 Clay St., San Francisco.

E. V. Romyle, Sales Manager, Earl C. Anthony, Inc., 501 Van Ness Avenue, stated that on January 22, 1934, a young man, giving the name of James Rogers, called and agreed to purchase a new 1934 Hudson "8" Sedan, Motor No. 20,300, serial No. 950174, color blue-black; paid \$10.00 down, and turned in as part payment, a practically new Plymouth Sedan, purchased on January 14, 1934, from Ray Hitchcock, Plymouth Dealer at Vallejo, Calif., on which an allowance of \$772.00 was made, and paid the balance of \$336.20 by cashier's check, in amount \$300.00, drawn on the Bank of America at Vallejo, and \$36.20 in cash; that the Plymouth Sedan was retained by the Earl C. Anthony Co., Inc.; that delivery of the Hudson "8" Sedan could not be made immediately, and Rogers requested that Romyle call telephone Sansalito 404, and inform his partner John Chase when the car was ready for delivery; that on January 26, 1934, Hudson "8" Sedan was ready for delivery, and he called telephone Sansalito 404, and informed the person answering the telephone, whom he presumed to be John Chase, that the Hudson "8" Sedan was ready for delivery; that Rogers called on January 26, 1934, and drove the Hudson "8" away, and said that he would be back in ten or twelve days and get the pink slip, and have a radio and heater installed, which radio and heater were to be removed from the Plymouth Sedan turned in by Rogers, and placed in the Hudson "8" Sedan; that on January 27, 1934, when Rogers purchased the Hudson Sedan, he was accompanied by a young man, whose name was not mentioned, about 30 years of age; dark complexion; about 5' 10" in height, and who said he had a Plymouth 1933 Coupe, and who talked of turning in the said coupe on the purchase of a new Hudson automobile, but the deal went no further than the conversation; that on January 26, 1934, when Rogers called for delivery of the Hudson "8" Sedan, he was accompanied by a young woman, who, he said, was his wife, and who looked sickly, and who Rogers said had lately undergone an operation, and Rogers was also accompanied by the same young man who was with him on January 22, at the time of the purchase of the automobile, and who parked a 1933 Plymouth Coupe, black color, in front of the office of Earl C. Anthony, Inc.; that at time of purchasing the Hudson on January 22, 1934, Rogers stated that he was only temporarily in the city, and had no permanent address, and asked him, Romyle, if he could furnish an address that could be used; that he, Romyle, gave Rogers permission to use his home address, 154 Eastwood Drive, San Francisco; that Rogers made application for a 1934 California license, and placed thereon his address as 154 Eastwood Drive, San Francisco, this for the purpose of having a place of delivery for the pink slip.

E. V. Romyle further stated that on February 22, 1934, the young man, who on two previous occasions had accompanied Rogers, again called at the Earl C. Anthony place of business, driving the Hudson "S" Sedan, and was accompanied by an old lady, about 60 years of age, and child, four or five years of age, - descriptions not noted, and had the radio and heater installed, which formerly were in the Plymouth Sedan owned by Rogers, and also had the car serviced and purchased skid chains, the total amount of the bill being \$12.40, which was paid in cash by the said young man; that the car registered at time of servicing, on Feb. 22, 1934, mileage of 726 miles; that the pink certificate of title had not arrived, and the said young man gave him, Romyle, directions, when same came, to forward to 2900 Clay St., care of George Hines, which was done, and the said pink certificate was later returned undelivered, and has been turned over to the California State Motor Vehicle Division, San Francisco; that the said young man at the time of servicing, gave an address of Essex Hotel, but said he had checked out that morning; that he does not know the man giving the name of Rogers, or the man who accompanied him, and has no information concerning their identity.

Information was received from W. F. Stanford, Chief of Police, Vallejo, California, that a person giving the name of James Rogers, purchased a Plymouth Sedan from Ray Hitchcock at Vallejo on Jan. 16, 1934, paying therefor \$900.00, of which the sum of \$800.00 was in cashier's check, drawn on an Oriental Branch of the Bank of America; that on January 22, 1934, a young man giving the name of John Turney, address 20 Mary St., San Rafael, California, purchased cashier's check No. 1031036, from the Bank of America, in favor of James Rogers, in amount \$300.00, and paid for same in \$25.00 and \$10.00 bills, and the cashier of the Bank of America at Vallejo, could identify said person, if he ever saw him again, and described him as follows:

Age:	30
Height:	About 5' 9"
Build:	Medium
Weight:	About 140 lbs.
Hair:	Dark
Complexion:	Smooth shaven; fresh rose complexion.
	Hair crested in a gray suit.



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Ralph Kins, 233 Kearny St., San Francisco, in the bail bond business, stated that in the early part of January, a sailor whom he had seen on prior occasions some years previous, whom he, Kins, was a bartender, called at his place of business, accompanied by a young man about 20 years of age; light complexion, about 5' 8" or 9" in height, and the said sailor, whom he only knew by the name of "Joe", asked if he, Kins, would do him a favor, and take the young man to his bank where the young man wanted to purchase a cashier's check; that he took the said young man to the Oriental Branch of the Bank of America, where he, Kins, keeps an account, and asked the young man what name he wanted payable on the cashier's check, and the said young man gave the name of Joe Lucas, and he made a written application for the cashier's check in his own name (Kins's), and handed it to the young man, who handed over \$800.00 in cash, which paid for the cashier's check; that he did not particularly note the denomination of the money, but thinks that some of it was in \$50.00 and \$20.00 bills; that he does not know said young man, and has never seen him before or since; that he does not know where the sailor named "Joe" can be located, and has not seen him since.

George Kins, 2329 Pacific Avenue, employed as a truck driver by the Southern Pacific Company, at the foot of Hyde St., San Francisco, stated that one Ambrose Chase, whom he has known for the past three years, and on occasions plays tennis with, met him about the middle of February, 1934, and said that a letter addressed to James Rogers would be sent to his address at 2990 Clay St., where he, Kins, then lived, in care of him, Kins, and when the letter came, to hand same to him, Ambrose Chase; that he moved from 2990 Clay St. on Feb. 23, 1934, and the said letter, which Ambrose Chase referred to, was not received; that he does not know anyone by the name of James Rogers, and does not know anyone by the name of John Chase.

Ambrose Chase, 525 Market St., residence 3508 Geary St., San Francisco, stated that he has been employed for the past seven years by the Levenson Hardware Company, 525 Market St., as bookkeeper; that from June to the last of November, 1933, he resided at the Bristol Hotel, 23 Eddy St., San Francisco, and during the summer of 1933, while sitting in the lobby of the hotel, a young man came in and sat near him, and engaged in conversation, and the young man said that his name was "Johnny" Rogers; that he later met the said Rogers three or four times, when he would call at his hotel, but knows nothing concerning Rogers, and he never discussed his personal affairs; that Rogers said he had no permanent address, and asked if any mail came, if he could have it delivered at Ambrose Chase's residence, to which he consented; that he did not thereafter see Rogers, and knows nothing concerning him; that he has no brother named John Chase. It was noted that Ambrose Chase was not divulging full information that he may have in this matter.

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Ambrose Chase was again interviewed, and admitted that he did have a brother named John Paul Chase, whom he says he has not seen for several months, nor heard from, nor knows anything about, and further stated that about the middle of February, 1934, he received a telephone call from Rogers asking him to hold any mail that might come in his name; that he did not know how long he would remain at his present address, 4808 Geary St., so he told Rogers to have it sent in care of his friend, George Mims, 2990 Clay St., who would deliver the letter to him, Ambrose Chase; that no arrangements were made with Rogers as to when the letter was to be delivered to Rogers, and that he has not seen nor heard from Rogers since, and knows nothing concerning him.

Charles Chase, residence Corte Madera, California, employed by the Southern Pacific Commissary Department, 807 of Hyde St., San Francisco, stated that he has a brother named John Paul Chase, to whom he has not spoken in over two years, and has no information as to his brother's coming or going, but understands that his brother, John Paul Chase, was in Sausalito in January, 1934; that John Paul Chase had a Plymouth Coupe; that he never saw him with a Hudson Auto, or heard that he had one; that he does not know anyone by the name of Rogers, or anyone answering his description.

George E. Herton, 922 Water Street, Sausalito, California, doing business as "The Oasis", Sausalito, telephone 404, stated that he has known John Chase for the past couple of years; that he, Herton, had been operating a "bootleg joint" at 850 Water St., Sausalito, and on June 25, 1933, purchased the lease on the premises at 922 Water St., with a view to operating a "bootleg joint" at that place; that the lease was taken in the name of one Frank Smith; that he placed Frank Smith and John Chase in charge at 922 Water St.; that Frank Smith was drunk most of the time, and John Chase gave little attention to the business, and would lock up and go for a ride in his Plymouth Coupe; that during September and October, 1933, John Chase lived with him at 807 San Carlos St., Sausalito; that he, Herton, personally took over the business at 922 Water St. in November, 1933, since which time he has seen little of John Chase, but did see him at Sausalito the latter part of January, 1934; that Frank Smith is still employed by him as bartender and cook, and is on shift from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. every day; that he also employs one John Sichel as janitor, who is on shift from 7 A.M. to 3 or 4 P.M. every day; that he has no information of a telephone message from E. V. Murray to Earl C. Anthony, Inc., to John Chase, or other person, on January 26, 1934, as he personally does not appear until 2 P.M., or later, every day; that he does not know anyone by the name of Rogers, or answering the description of Rogers; that he has information that John Chase has a life insurance policy in the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, in which he obtained a loan in the year 1933.

John Sichel, 922 Water St., stated that he is employed by George Herton, and comes on shift at 7:30 A.M.; that he did not answer any telephone on January 26, 1934, or other time, as he does not hear well, and did not take a message for John Chase on that date, or other time; that John Chase was in Herton's place of business the latter part of January, 1934, he cannot

fix the date, and has not seen him since; that John Chase had a 1933 Plymouth Coupe, which he has not seen around for some time; that he knows no one by the name of Rogers, and never noted anyone accompanying Chase, answering the description of Rogers.

Frank Smith, 922 Water St., Sausalito, California, stated that he has no recollection of any telephone call for John Chase on January 26, 1934; that Chase was in the habit of receiving telephone calls at "The Oasis", and he, Smith, would make note of same on a piece of paper, and hand to Chase when he came in; that it is possible that he received a message from E. V. Henzys on January 26, 1934, but he has no recollection of same; that John Chase was in Sausalito the latter part of January, 1934, and he has not seen him since; that he never saw Chase with a Hudson automobile; that John Chase owned a Plymouth Coupe; that he knows no one by the name of Rogers, and never saw anyone answering the description of Rogers in the company of Chase.

M. E. Kanotte, Chief of Police, Town Hall, Sausalito, California, stated that he knows John Chase quite well; that Chase had been a "bootlegger" in San Rafael and Sausalito for some years; that in the Fall of 1933, John Chase was bootlegging at "The Oasis", 922 Water St., Sausalito; that John Chase owned a 1933 Plymouth Coupe, and he never saw him with a Hudson car; that John Chase has three brothers as follows:

Charles Chase, employed by the Southern Pacific Railway Co.,
Frank Chase, employed by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.,
residing at 145 West St., Sausalito, telephone No. 219.
Ambrose Chase, employed by Levenson Hardware Co., San Francisco;

that John Chase had a steady girl named "Sally", reported to reside at 413 Turney St., Sausalito, and employed on the newsstand of the Golden Gate Ferry; that John Chase has no criminal record, as far as known, and was never arrested at Sausalito; that he knows no one by the name of Rogers, or anyone answering the description of Rogers.

W. E. Selmer, Sheriff, Marin County, San Rafael, California, stated that he knows John Chase by sight, who had the reputation of being a "bootlegger", but was never apprehended as far as he knows, and has no criminal record.

Investigation was made at No. 20 Mary St., San Rafael, California, and it was found to be an unoccupied lot; that the numbers jumped from No. 8 to No. 40 Mary St., Sausalito; that No. 40 Mary St. is occupied by a Mrs. Roberts, who operates a dairy, and who has in her employ a young man by the name of Sales Turney, and who has been employed by her for the past 15 years, and bears a good reputation.

Ross Turney, doing business as "Jack's Pool Hall, 413 Fourth St., and the Village Green Tea Room, 1437 Fourth St., San Rafael, California, stated that he and John Chase were partners in the "bootlegging" business in San Rafael and vicinity in 1931, but he has had no business relations with

him since that time, and has seen very little of him; that on occasions, in 1933, John Chase drove up to San Rafael from Sausalito in his 1933 Plymouth Coupe, with a girl named "Sally", last name unknown; that John Chase left this part of the country in the early part of December, 1933, and was gone for some weeks, and returned in the middle of January, 1934; that during his absence John Chase did not communicate with his girl named "Sally", and she called on him to obtain Chase's address, but he could not furnish same; that in the latter part of January, 1934, Chase and "Sally" had been at his place of business at 1457 Fourth St., and stayed for about one-half hour; that he has not seen Chase since, and does not know where he may be found; that he knows no one by the name of Rogers, and knows no one answering the description of Rogers associating with Chase.

Don Wood, Chief of Police, San Anselmo, California, stated that Ross Turney and John Chase were bootlegging in San Anselmo in 1931, but he was unable to get evidence on John Chase; that John Chase was arrested on Feb. 16, 1931 for a "drunk" violation, but was not fingerprinted or photographed; that he knows no one by the name of Rogers, or anyone associating with Chase answering the description of Rogers.

The following is a description of John Chase, furnished by Chief of Police Don Wood:

Age:	32
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	180 lbs.
Eyes:	Dark
Hair:	Black; combed straight back.
Complexion:	Dark.
Build:	Medium
Nose:	Straight.
Parents:	Dead.

Investigation was made at the Essex Hotel, 684 Ellis St., San Francisco, and the register examined from June, 1933 to March 15, 1934, but no registration of suspect Rogers was found therein, or of John Chase.

Investigation was made at the Bristol Hotel, 83 Rddy St., San Francisco, and it was ascertained that Ambrose Chase registered in on May 11, 1933, and checked out on Oct. 11, 1933, and left no forwarding address; that he was very quiet in his manner, and not known to have any friends, and no one was noted calling on him answering the description of Rogers; that no one by the name of James Rogers was registered at the said hotel within the past year.

C. G. Edwards, employee of Earl G. Anthony, Inc., 901 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, stated that when purchaser of Hudson "S" Sedan, giving the name of Rogers, took delivery of the car on January 24, 1934, he was accompanied by a young woman, about 25 years of age, who walked slowly, and was assisted by Rogers; that Rogers was also accompanied by a young man, about 30 years of age, 5' 9" or 10" in height; weight about 160 to 170 lbs.; athletic build; medium complexion; that said young man returned the car on Feb. 23, 1934, to have a radio and heater installed, and was accompanied by an old lady about 60 years of age, and a little boy about four or five years of age, whose further description was not noted; that said young man at time of taking out the car on Feb. 23, 1934, said he was going to Canada, and before returning would travel over ten thousand miles; that the said young man did not give any name, but said that he had just checked out of the Essex Hotel, San Francisco, when asked for an address.

Miss Ruth Ascalena, California State Division of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, stated that 1933 license S-G-8236, for Plymouth Coupe, motor No. PG-27835, serial No. V84719, was issued to John P. Chase, address P.O. Box 412, Sausalito, California, on Dec. 19, 1932, and that William M. Klinger Company, Inc., 916 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, Calif., was the legal owner of said car, which was first bought on Dec. 15, 1932; that 1934 license No. S-G-7691 for said car, was issued on Feb. 1, 1934, to John P. Chase, P.O. Box 412, Sausalito, California, and that William Klinger Company, Inc., was the legal owner of said car.

For information, there is attached hereto, three photostatic copies of Contract of Purchase of a Hudson "S" Sedan by James Rogers on Jan. 22, 1934, showing signature of James Rogers; also three photostatic copies of Bill of Sale for Plymouth Sedan, furnished to Earl G. Anthony, Inc., dated Jan. 24, 1934, showing signature of James Rogers.

It is requested that the San Francisco Division Office be informed whether or not said John P. Chase should be apprehended in case he appears in the San Francisco district.

Further investigation will be made with a view of identifying James Rogers.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Montgomery, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

Incls.

AIR MAIL

✓ c.c. Division.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul**

S. A. FILE NO. **7-41**

REPORT MADE AT: San Antonio, Texas.	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-24-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5-25-34	REPORT MADE BY: C. H. Davis
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases ARTHUR BARKER with aliases UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Coley White absent from Austin, Texas, Jack Schneider (Snyder) indicted Austin, Texas charge swindling 5-14-29. Furnished bond sum of \$1500. Bond forfeited June 3, 1929. Indictment dismissed 1-27-32, Austin Police No. 925.			
REFERENCE: Report of Agent J. T. Murphy, dated San Antonio, Texas, 5-10-34.			
DETAILS: The records of the Austin Police Department reflect that Jack Snyder P.M. No. 925 was arrested by Sheriff's Department, Austin, Texas 4-21-29, charged with Forgery by passing a forged check on the Driskill Hotel at Austin, Texas for sum of \$10 turned to county; forfeited bond. Agent communicated with residence of ex-Sheriff Coley White and was informed by Mrs. White that Mr. White was absent from Austin, Texas. Mrs. White, however, stated that when Jack Snyder's bond was forfeited at Austin, Texas that Mr. White mailed wanted notices to various places for subject and that as she remembered Jack Snyder with his wife was arrested in Chicago in the latter part of 1931 and Mr. White left Austin for Chicago to return Snyder and upon arrival at Chicago Snyder had been released and that Mr. White spent 10 days there endeavoring to locate him. The records of the State District Clerk's office at Austin disclose that Jack Schneider (Snyder) was indicted in the State Court, Indictment #19728 on May 14, 1929, forfeited bond of \$1500 on June 3, 1929 and indictment dismissed upon motion of the States District Attorney's office on January 27, 1932. The records of the Austin Police Department disclose that Jack Snyder was			
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arrested at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Police Department #24065, charge investigation on 12-23-32. As Jack Snyder arrested Chicago 3-11-33 P. D. #C-47547 charge robbery by gun and wearing concealed weapons. Furnished bond \$5000. No further disposition shown.

E. B. Mitschke, Superintendent of the Identification Bureau, Austin, Texas, states that after Snyder forfeited his bond at Austin that he saw Snyder and his wife in a cafe here and when he approached to place Snyder under arrest they made their escape.

For the information and use of the St. Paul and Chicago offices photographs of Jack Snyder and his wife are attached.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The Chicago Office: Will check Snyder's arrest there on 3-11-33, No. C-47547, and at Milwaukee, Wisconsin on 12-23-32, Milwaukee P. D. #24065.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

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

March 26, 1934.

MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	✓
MR. GLAVIN	✓
MR. LADD	✓
MR. NICHOLS	✓
MR. ROSEN	✓
MR. TRACY	✓
MR. WATSON	✓
MR. WHELAN	✓
MR. WOOD	✓
MR. YERGEN	✓
MR. ZIEGLER	✓
MR. CLARK	✓
MR. GURNEA	✓
MR. HARBO	✓
MR. MOHR	✓
MR. QUINN	✓
MR. TERRY	✓
MR. WHELAN	✓
MR. WOOD	✓
MR. YERGEN	✓
MR. ZIEGLER	✓

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Edward L. Bremer

Concerning the publicity relative to the identifications in the Bremer case Mr. Rorer telephoned. He interviewed Mr. Richard S. Gilfillan, who is a copy writer for the Minneapolis Tribune. It appears that when the telegraphic flash of the arrests in Oklahoma City was received by the Tribune, Mr. Shipley, apparently Gilfillan's superior, called him into the office where Gilfillan saw the notice of the arrests. Shipley inquired if Gilfillan knew anyone in Tulsa whom they might telephone to get the details and Gilfillan stated that he had a few days before been in Washington at a newspaper guild meeting and had met Mr. Burke, of Tulsa. He was instructed to communicate with Burke. Gilfillan first called his wife to get Burke's first name and Shipley telephoned Burke and received the information that appeared in the Minneapolis paper from Burke. Gilfillan stated that if he were making the investigation relative to the leak he would question the newspaper men in Tulsa. This information was telephoned to Mr. Brantley and he was told to make thorough inquiries and bring this matter to a logical conclusion promptly.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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March 15, 1934.

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Mr. NATHAN	_____
Mr. TOLSON	_____
Mr. CLEGG	_____
Mr. COWLEY	_____
Mr. EDWARDS	_____
Mr. SOAN	_____
Mr. QUINN	_____
Mr. LESTER	_____
Miss CLARK	_____
Mr. RORER	_____

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

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In that connection, please be advised that this office has been informed that the Twin Cities have recently been using the Elgin Hotel as a headquarters.

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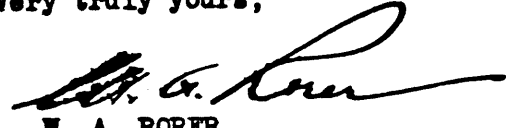
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Because of the unsettled political conditions in the Twin Cities, the informant has been handicapped in securing information. It is believed that he should be given at least another week before dismissing him. He was given \$10.00 by Special Agent [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,



W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

OCH:HVS

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. NATHAN	_____
Mr. TOLSON	_____
Mr. CLEGG	✓
Mr. COWLEY	✓
Mr. EDWARDS	_____
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
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MAR 29 1934

Dear Sir:

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
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Thomas Dahill, Chief of Police, St. Paul, at the Division office on March 16, 1934, advised that he had been in Washington and had been furnished the information that [REDACTED]

Thomas Dahill stated that from the description given him, he was convinced that it was Tom Brown, former Chief of Police and present member of the kidnap squad. Thomas Dahill furnished a photograph of Tom Brown and requested that the photograph be displayed in order to determine whether it can be identified as a likeness of the officer [REDACTED]

Unless otherwise instructed by the Division, after the photograph has been shown to the informant and he can not identify same, Mr. Dahill will be informed that this office has been unable to make a contact with the informant; and he will be likewise told in the event the photograph is identified. It occurs to me that the usefulness of our informant might be jeopardized in the event Mr. Dahill is given any further information regarding this matter. It also appears that in the event Mr. Dahill desires to use this information as a basis for dismissing Mr. Brown, he would not be successful inasmuch as the informant's information [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] in any event, Mr. Dahill has been on the St. Paul Police Department long enough to reach a decision, without the assistance of this Division, as to whether or not Mr. Brown is a trustworthy officer.

Very truly yours,


W. A. RORER,
Inspector.


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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 21, 1934

HHC:CSH

MR. NATHAN	_____
MR. TOLSON	_____
MR. CLEGG	_____
MR. COWLEY	_____
MR. EDWARDS	_____
MR. FOAM	_____
MR. QUINN	_____
MR. LES	_____
MR. LOCKE	_____
MR. RORER	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Mr. Rorer about the attached letter dated March 19, 1934, concerning the Bremer case, and informed him of the inconsistencies appearing in the abstract slip and in the body of the letter about exhibiting the photograph of Tom Brown to informant [redacted]

Mr. Rorer stated that Special Agent Hall, who dictated the letter, dictated at the same time another letter showing that [redacted] had been interviewed. Agent Hall thought it preferable to prepare two letters rather than one, and evidently the abstract slips of the second letter had been attached to the first letter. [redacted]

Mr. Rorer advised that the second letter should have been in the same mail with the first and the abstract slips should be exchanged.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
MARCH 27, 1934.



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box No. 4807,
Jacksonville, Florida.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I. O. 1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
I. O. 1219
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

In connection with efforts to locate Paula Harmon, alias Paula Brannon, alias Mrs. C. P. Harmon, and other aliases, who was a known associate of the Karpis-Barker gang, investigation was made by this office of the arrest by the Sheriff at Council Bluffs, Iowa, during February, 1928, of Mrs. C. P. Harmon together with Leota Graham, Charles P. Harmon (Paula's husband, now deceased) and James Ira Harmon.

Leota Graham, above named, was known to be an associate and friend of Paula Harmon. In an endeavor to locate Leota Graham investigation was made by this office at Ralston, Nebraska, where it was found that, about two years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graham, the parents of Leota Graham, moved to 209 South 24th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, there operating a rooming house, and later moving to Crestview, Florida.

The Postmaster at Ralston advised that on February 23, 1934 a registered package, register No. 6796, had been sent by William Graham of Hammond, Indiana to his father, Charles Graham, at Ralston, Nebraska, this package being forwarded to Mr. Graham at Crestview, Florida. The Postmaster stated that from conversations he had heard, he understood Leota Graham was also living at Crestview, Florida.

Mrs. Charles Rothermund, Ralston, Nebraska, sister of Leota Graham, advised that Leota Graham was operating a tourist camp about three quarters of a mile east of Crestview, Florida, having been at that point for the past two years.

A photostatic copy of a photograph of Leota Graham together with her fingerprints are being transmitted herewith, as well as a photostatic copy of photograph and fingerprints of Paula Harmon. The attached photograph of Paula Harmon, which was taken by the Sheriff's Office at Council Bluffs, Iowa in 1928, is not a very good present likeness of her, as her nose has since been broken in an accident. In the event your investigation tends to indicate Paula Harmon's presence in your District, it is suggested

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that you request the St. Paul Office to furnish a more recent photograph of Paula Harmon.

It is requested that your office endeavor to locate Leta Graham, alias Mrs. Claude Vogel, near Crestview, Florida, in an endeavor to ascertain through her the present whereabouts of Paula Harmon.

When the attached photostatic copies of photographs and fingerprints of Paula Harmon and Leta Graham have served their purpose to the Jacksonville Office they should be returned to the Kansas City Office.

With the copies of this letter designated for the St. Paul Office there is attached a newspaper clipping from the World-Herald, Omaha, Nebraska, for February 27, 1928 relative to the return of Paula Harmon and her associates to Council Bluffs, Iowa from Rock Island, Illinois at that time in connection with the arrests, which are mentioned in letter written over the signature of Special Agent J. L. Flood to the Chicago Office in this connection under date of March 1, 1934.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

J.E.P. DUM
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 617 FEDERAL BUILDING
 LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

BREKID PIERCE ARROW SEDAN INDIANA LICENSE SIX NINE ONE EIGHT REGISTERED MAX NOVELLE
 HAMMOND INDIANA MOTOR A FIVE NAUGHT SEVENTEEN LEFT RENO WEDNESDAY FOR CALIFORNIA
 GAVE ADDRESS CARE FANCHON MARCO HOLLYWOOD DISCREETLY ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OWNER
 AND OCCUPANTS THIS MACHINE

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CC: DIVISION
 W.A. ROBER

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San Francisco, California
March 22, 1934.

A. R. GENE
GOLDEN HOTEL
RENO, NEVADA.

BREKID NINETEEN THIRTY THREE TWELVE CYLINDER AUBURN SEDAN BLUE BODY WITH HOOD GREY ON TOP AND GREY CANVAS TOP SIX WIRE WHEELS. MOTOR BB FIFTEEN TWO SEVEN. PURCHASED SAN FRANCISCO OCTOBER NINTH LAST YEAR BY WILLIAM B. LOHMAN. VOLNEY DAVIS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF PURCHASERS ARTHUR BARKER BELIEVED TO BE ANOTHER.

MONTGOMERY ACTING.

Charge: GOVT RATE.
318 Howes Bldg.
Division of Investigation
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MARCH 23, 1934

F. X. FAY
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
370 LEXINGTON AVENUE, ROOM 1403
NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS REY FRISCH KIDNAPPING ASCERTAIN SUBSTANCE TESTIMONY EXPECTED FROM FRISCH REGARDING GRAMM AND MCKAY CASE ALSO HOW IMPORTANT TESTIMONY CONSIDERED AND WHETHER ANY OTHER PERSON CAN TESTIFY TO SAME FACTS STOP ALSO ADVISE WHETHER FRISCH UNDER FEDERAL SUBPENA FOR APPEARANCE NEW YORK CITY AND DATE.

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In Utah WESTERN UNION
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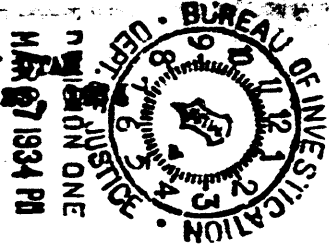
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M.E. FURVIS
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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CHICAGO, ILL.

BRKID PIERCE ARROW SEDAN INDIANA LICENSE SIX NINE ONE EIGHT REGISTERED MAX
NOVELLE HAMMOND INDIANA MOTOR A FIVE NAUGHT SEVENTEEN LEFT RENO NEVADA WEDNESDAY
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San Francisco, California. March 21, 1934.

J.E.P. MURN
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
617 FEDERAL BUILDING
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.



BRITISH OBTAIN FROM AUBURN CALIFORNIA COMPANY THREE FOUR FOUR THREE WILSHIRE
BOULEVARD ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING SALE OF AUBURN SEDAN MOTOR BB FIFTEEN
Oct. 19, 1933
TWO SEVEN TO WILLIAM B. LOHMAN THIS CITY/FOR WHICH DODGE SEDAN MOTOR DP
SIX FIVE EIGHT FOUR SIX WAS TURNED IN AND AMOUNT OF BALANCE IF PAID BY CHECK
AND WHAT BANK DEPOSITED IN.

MONTGOMERY ASTING.

✓ C.C. Division

Charge Govt. rate.
316 Howes Building.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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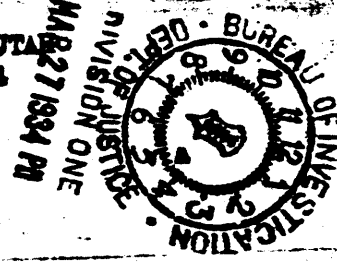
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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
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W.A. RORER
INSPECTOR
803 POST OFFICE BUILDING
ST. PAUL, MINN.

REKID AGENTS RENO ADVISED INVESTIGATION COMPLETED THERE NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED STOP SUBJECTS BELIEVED NOT NOW AT RENO

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CC: DIVISION ✓

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al
Edward G. Bremer, Victim
Kidnaping

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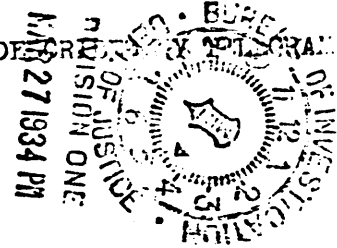
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San Francisco, California.
March 23, 1934.

J.E.P. Dunn,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
617 Federal Building,
Los Angeles, California.

REKID SACRAMENTO REPORTS NO CURRENT PLATES FOR AUBURN DEPT
STOP OUT OF STATE PERMITS BEING CHECKED

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CHARGE-Gov. Rate,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Dept. of Justice,
318 Howe's Bldg.,
San Francisco, Calif.
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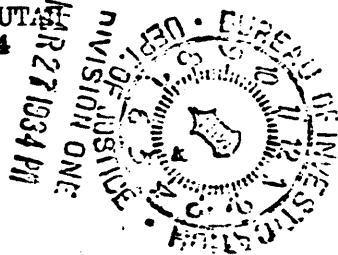
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W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

ERKID GENE RENO REQUESTS YOU SEND HIM AIRMAIL DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF SUBJECTS AND THEIR KNOWN FEMININE ACQUAINTANCES.

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
MARCH 22, 1934.

R. E. VITTEL
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
318 HUNTER BUILDING
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

BRIND HAVE YOU CHECKED SACRAMENTO FOR POSSIBLE ISSUANCE CURRENTLY
AUGUST SEDAN DESCRIBED YOUR WIFE TWENTY FIRST INSTANT BEING CAR
YEAR 21 SAN FRANCISCO BY LORETT STOP ADVISE

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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Hurley-Wright Building,
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephone conversation today be-
tween Special Agent R. B. Burruss and myself concerning tele-
phone calls emanating from Emerson 2292, Philadelphia, Pa., to
Washington, D. C.

J. F. Devine, Special Agent, Bell Telephone Company of
Pennsylvania, advised me that Baring 2292 is a private telephone
listed in the name of Mrs. Ida M. Fleming, 441 Baltimore Ave-
nue, which residence is located in a fairly good residential
section of Philadelphia.

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Special Agents J. F. McDevitt and A. Schroeder inter-
viewed Benjamin Lee, 216 Hobart Street, mail carrier serving the
Fleming address, who advised that he has been serving mail at
that residence for the last nine years, and that Mrs. Fleming
and her husband reside there. Mr. Fleming, whose first name is
unknown, is approximately sixty years of age and is very feeble,
being afflicted with diabetes. Mrs. Fleming is approximately
fifty-five years of age, and is a quiet, respectable woman. In
addition to Mr. and Mrs. Fleming, there occasionally visit
one of their two daughters (name unknown) who apparently resides
somewhere in Philadelphia. The eldest daughter of the Flemings
recently married William A. Gray, prominent Philadelphia criminal
attorney with offices located in the Girard Trust Building, Phila-
delphia. Gray is quite a prominent figure at the criminal bar at
Philadelphia, and has practiced there for the last thirty-five or
forty years.

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The Fleming's at one time actively operated a saloon at 40th and Market Streets in Philadelphia, and in the event they probably still own those premises but are not actively engaged in the operation of the saloon which is located there. As far as is known, the saloon bore a fairly good reputation, and one George Hohn (deceased), brother of Mrs. Fleming, formerly tended bar at that place.

Lee advised that to his recollection the mail received by the Fleming's is of nondescript matter, and that no out-of-town mail, to his recollection, has been delivered to that address during the past year. Lee was particularly sure that no mail had come there from Washington, D. C., and that the Fleming's live an ordinary home life, and that there is no indication of unusual activity in the Fleming household.

In addition to this, Lee advised that there is a white lady, who seemingly does housework for the Fleming's, apparently not being employed there steadily but only spasmodically, whose name and address he does not know.

[REDACTED]

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No further information could be obtained relative to the Fleming's. However, it is suggested that Special Agent Ship, of the Bell Telephone Company, Washington, D. C., be contacted for the purpose of ascertaining whether the call from Emerson 6087 to Baring 2292 was a person-to-person call. In the event that the records of the telephone company reflect that such was a person-to-person call, the name of the party

Washington Field Office

March 27, 1954

should appear on the telephone company's records, and, if requested, further investigation will be conducted by this office relative to this telephone call.

The foregoing information was communicated telephonically to Special Agent R. S. Burruss today by Special Agent A. Schroeder.

Very truly yours,

R. G. HAWLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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March 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-50.

Reference is made to your recent teletype message requesting that the fingerprint classifications of James Wilson and William Jones be furnished the Division. Please be advised that it has been ascertained from Mr. John Tierney, Identification Division, St. Paul Police Department, that James Wilson bears St. Paul Police No. 24156, fingerprint classification $\frac{9}{20} \frac{U}{W} \frac{10}{0} \frac{14}{14}$, and that William Jones bears St. Paul Police Department No. 23003, fingerprint classification amp. $\frac{1}{1} \frac{Aaaa}{Aa} \frac{3}{A}$.

With reference to the letter from the St. Paul Division office dated March 3, 1934, which contained a list of individuals whose fingerprints it was deemed advisable to have checked against the latent prints in this case, will you please advise whether the fingerprints of these individuals have been permanently entered in the fingerprint file or whether they are merely being compared with the latent fingerprints obtained in this case.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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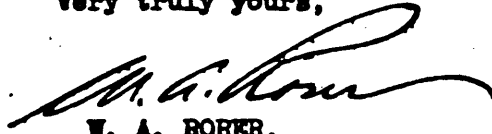
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Mr. Bremer further stated that upon arriving at the hideout on the day of his abduction, it is his recollection that a turn was made to the right, off the highway, when approaching the hideout; that on the day he departed from the hideout, after walking up the basement stairs, he made two turns to the right before entering the car, but stated that he has no recollection of the car itself making any turns prior to entering the highway and that it appeared to him that after entering the car, the car started and proceeded straight ahead, making no noticeable turn.

Very truly yours,


W. A. ROHRER,
Inspector.

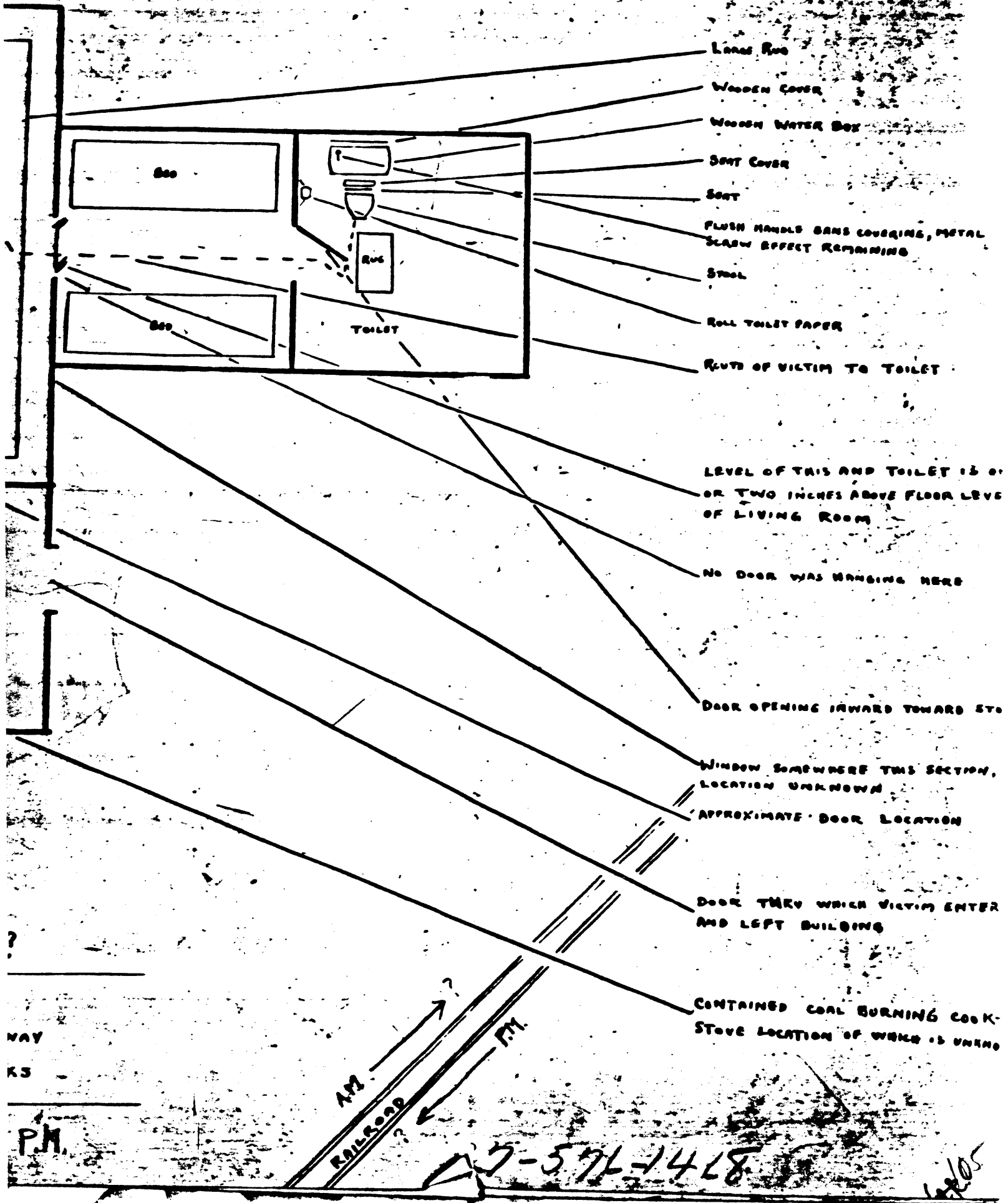
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Hide-out chart

G. DREMER



- LARGE RUG
- WOODEN COVER
- WOODEN WATER BOX
- TOILET COVER
- TOILET
- FLUSH HANDLE BARS COVERING, METAL SLASH EFFECT REMAINING
- STOOL
- ROLL TOILET PAPER
- ROUTE OF VICTIM TO TOILET
- LEVEL OF THIS AND TOILET IS ONE OR TWO INCHES ABOVE FLOOR LEVEL OF LIVING ROOM
- NO DOOR WAS HANGING HERE
- DOOR OPENING INWARD TOWARD STB
- WINDOW SOMEWHERE THIS SECTION, LOCATION UNKNOWN
- APPROXIMATE DOOR LOCATION
- DOOR THRU WHICH VICTIM ENTER AND LEFT BUILDING
- CONTAINED COAL BURNING COOK STOVE LOCATION OF WORK IS UNKNOWN

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April 4, 1934

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

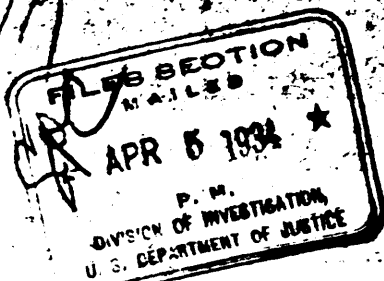
Reference is made to Division letter dated March 19, 1934,
and your reply thereto dated March 27, 1934, relative to a re-interview
with victim Edward George Bremer, for the purpose of ascertaining the
flow of train and automobile traffic in relation to the hideout where
Bremer was held.

It is noted from your reply that the re-interview was con-
ducted by Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, and that the results of this
interview materially changed the diagram originally prepared by you
based upon the information furnished by Mr. Bremer. The Division is
of the opinion that all interviews with Mr. Bremer relative to matters
of importance should be conducted by you, personally, so that all the
information in the possession of Mr. Bremer can be thoroughly developed
to the advantage of the Division.

It is suggested that this procedure be followed hereafter,
and that you conduct all interviews with Mr. Bremer.

Very truly yours,

Director.



U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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March 27, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
I.O.1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases
I.O.1219, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith three negatives of photographs taken on May 29, 1933, of Mrs. EDWARD W. BENTZ. These photographs of Mrs. Bentz were taken while she was living in the Shelldrake Hotel with Edward Bentz, during the summer of 1933, and it is believed that they are the most recent photographs of this person.

It is suggested that a sufficient number of same be developed from the negatives to furnish ten copies each to the Chicago, St. Paul, Kansas City, Portland and San Francisco offices, and that five copies of each be furnished to the St. Louis and Oklahoma City offices. It is requested that when these negatives have served their purpose they be returned to this office, in order that we may return them to the photographer from whom they were obtained. It is suggested that this matter be given the earliest possible attention.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman
JAY C. NEWMAN,

Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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April 6, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I. O. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
I. O. 1219; ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in
your letter dated March 27, 1934, there are returned
herewith the three negatives furnished the Division for
the purpose of having copies of the photograph of Mrs.
Edward W. Bents made and distributed to the field offices
of the Division.

Please be advised that copies of this
photograph have been distributed to all field offices,
with other photographs, by Division letter dated April 3,
1934.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. #682544

cc - St. Paul (Mr. Bence)

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Cowley	_____
Mr. Edwards	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Chief Clerk	_____
Mr. Mumford	_____

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

March 26, 1934.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File 7-50

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the leak of confidential information which resulted in newspaper publicity concerning the fingerprint identification of Arthur Barker.

Special Agent O. G. Hall interviewed Richard S. Gilfillan, copy reader, for the Minneapolis Tribune, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on the night of the 24th instant. Mr. Gilfillan stated that on the morning of the raid in Oklahoma, which resulted in the arrest of Glenn Roy Wright, et al, he was called to the office of Mr. Shipley of the Tribune, where he was shown a dispatch from Sapulpa, Oklahoma, reflecting the arrest of Glenn Roy Wright, et al. Mr. Gilfillan stated that this dispatch made no mention of the fingerprint identification. He stated that on that occasion, Mr. Shipley asked him if he knew anyone at Tulsa, Oklahoma, whereupon he answered that he knew Mr. Burke of the Tulsa News, whose first name he did not know. He stated that he informed Shipley that he had met Burke in December, 1933 in Washington, D. C., while attending the National Newspapermen's Guild, and that he informed Shipley that he could probably obtain Burke's first name from his wife, which he did, and furnished it to Shipley. He stated that he believes that Shipley then telephoned Burke and received the information from Burke concerning the identification, although he stated that he is not even positive that Shipley telephoned Burke.

Mr. Gilfillan stated emphatically that he did not know of the identification until he read the story in his capacity as copy reader for the Tribune. He further states that it is inconceivable to him that any newspaperman in the Twin Cities would hold a story for ten days or any length of time of this nature if he intended to print it at all. He stated that had anyone in the Twin

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Cities been in possession of this information ten days prior to its publication, that several occasions had been presented which would have afforded an opportunity for publication. He stated that when the story broke concerning investigation in the vicinity of Davenport, Iowa, in connection with an extortion letter which had been written to Adolph Bremer, that if anyone in the Twin Cities had had the data concerning the identification, that there would have been an excellent opportunity for publication, particularly since local peace officers in the vicinity of Davenport had furnished full details to the press concerning the particular extortion note which was then being investigated.

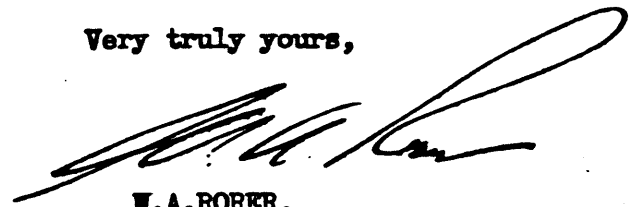
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Mr. Gilfillan stated that in view of the fact that the information reached the press simultaneously with the raid in Oklahoma that it is inconceivable to him that the information should have arisen anywhere other than Oklahoma and in connection with the raid.

He stated, however, that should he have had this information before that he would so state that he had it but would refuse to disclose his source upon confidential grounds and since he had not heard of the story before he would so truthfully state.

Mr. Gilfillan stated that were he investigating to determine the source of this story, he would make an investigation regarding the raid in Oklahoma and also among the newspaper men at Tulsa, who first reported the raid as it would seem to him that the raid and story were co-incident.

Very truly yours,



W.A. RORER,
Inspector.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I. O. 1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
I. O. 1219
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to Division letter dated March 13, 1934 addressed to the Detroit Office in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM, KIDNAPING, with which was enclosed copy of the criminal record of one W. D. Pettyjohn, Division No. 222725. *2-27-31*

In reply to a communication from this office, Mr. J. M. Sanders, Warden of the State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, has advised that the above named individual as W. D. Pettyjohn, their No. 43800, is still incarcerated at that institution, serving a term of five years for a crime of obtaining money by fraudulent checks in Jefferson County, Missouri; it being further stated that this individual will be due for discharge from the Missouri State Penitentiary on June 13, 1936.

Very truly yours,

M. C. Spear

M. C. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - St. Paul
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Chicago

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Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
803 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Supplementing my teletypewriter message of March 27, 1934,
I am enclosing copies of the criminal records with duplicate copies
of the photographs appearing in the files of the Identification Unit
in the cases of the following persons:

- ALONZO BRISCOE alias Frank Downey
- JOHN McATTEE
- J. R. BRACKETT
- ED BRODIE
- HENRY CHAPMAN
- ALVIN KARPIS
- FRED BARKER

There is attached a copy of the criminal record appearing as
to CHARLES KOTNER. In this instance no photograph is available.

Based upon the information submitted by Mr. Carr, Assistant
Inspector of the St. Paul Police Department the Division has not been
able to identify records of the following persons, requested in his
recent communication:

- WENDE MORRIS
- GRACE GUCKLER

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It should be understood that the Division is not certain that
all of the records are "positive" identifications, since only the names
were furnished for the Division's use in searching its files in these
cases.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINN.**

FILE NO. **7-39**

REPORT MADE AT: Pittsburgh, Pa.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-28-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-24-34	REPORT MADE BY: H. A. Bangart
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Camp removed to Northern District of West Virginia from Jacksonville, Florida. 3-12-34, furnished information to the effect that if given an opportunity to visit the Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., and confers with Elmer Boucher, an inmate of this institution, that he will be able to secure from Boucher the name of a participant in the Bremer kidnaping case.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Division letter dated March 21, 1934.</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p>The Division letter of reference advised that William Phillip Camp, subject of National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case under that title, who is presently being held in the County Jail at Wheeling, West Virginia, awaiting trial upon the charge of violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, had on March 11, 1934, corresponded with Assistant Attorney General Keenan, at Washington, D.C., advising:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">• Within thirty-six hours after you have seen me, I will give you information which will cause the arrest of one of the Bremer Kidnappers. I am asking nothing whatever of you until I do produce this man. I merely ask that my trial be postponed until such time</p>			
<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>[Signature]</i></p>	<p>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p>	<p>7-576-1473</p>	<p>RECORDED AND INDEXED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAR 29 1934</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APR 2 - 1934</p>
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as that matter would be cleared up. Will you please advise at once as I do not care to deal with the local department but with your office. I have been advised by the Deputy Marshal to deal with you if possible in this matter.

AT WHEELING, W. VA.

Records at the office of the United States Marshal at Wheeling, W. Va., disclose that Subject Gemp was removed to the Northern District of West Virginia from Jacksonville, Florida, March 12, 1934.

Gemp was interviewed in the Ohio County Jail at Wheeling relative to the information set forth in the letter of reference, concerning information in his, Gemp's, possession pertaining to the Bremer kidnaping matter, and where he is awaiting disposition of his trial upon the charge of violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act at the June, 1934, Term of Federal Court at Elkins, W. Va., there being a possibility the case may be disposed of at the coming May, 1934, Term of Court at Wheeling, W. Va.

Gemp stated that he entered the Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa., on April 8, 1933, after being sentenced at Pittsburgh, Pa., to serve a term of one year and one day for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act and was, subsequently, assigned to kitchen work in this institution. At a later date he was placed in charge of all the iceboxes in the penitentiary, having full control of the milk, eggs and butter. He stated that a number of the prisoners depended upon him to give them extra milk and in this manner he met a person, then confined in the institution, by the name of Elmer Boucher, Penitentiary Number 936, said Boucher having been sentenced to the institution for some mail offense from Chicago. Boucher was a clerk in the penitentiary in charge of the store-room. Boucher later told Gemp to look out for and take care of a friend of his by the name of Jack Kusick or Jack Kusick, Gemp not knowing the correct spelling of this name. He, Gemp, stated that Kusick was formerly connected with the Al Capone gang in Chicago and was sentenced from Chicago for a term of five years for Income Evasion. Gemp stated that he favored Kusick from time to time in giving him milk and eggs; that when he, Gemp, was to be discharged from the institution, Elmer Boucher told him that his time was about up and that he, Boucher, was going to put Gemp in with the right "guys" when he got out. Gemp asked Boucher what he meant by the "right guys", and Boucher said he would put him in with "guys" who controlled the dope ring in the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia. Gemp informed him that he did not desire to get mixed up with dope and Boucher stated that he was foolish; that the leader of the dope ring was one of the Bremer kidnapers whom he, Boucher, was going to send Gemp to after his release from the institution. Gemp stated that he never secured the name of the alleged leader of the dope ring who was also said to be in on the Bremer kidnaping, as he did not press Boucher for this name.

Gemp also stated that he overheard a conversation in the yard of the penitentiary shortly after the Bremer kidnaping, wherein the name of "Doc Barker" was mentioned as one of the kidnapers; he further stated that Elmer Boucher had told him approximately ten days before the Bremer kidnaping that there was going to be another kidnaping in the Mid-West and a quarter of a million dollars would be demanded by the kidnapers.

Gemp comes forth with the proposition that if he is taken from the Wheeling Jail by Department of Justice Agents on a visit to the Northeastern Penitentiary at Wheeling, Pa., and given an opportunity to confer with Elmer Boucher for a few minutes that he, Gemp, will be able to secure the name and identity of the person who participated in the Bremer kidnaping. Gemp stated that he did not desire to be taken to this institution by a Deputy United States Marshal, as he would not trust a Marshal in this matter; further, that he did not desire to be sent to the institution as a prisoner, he did not state the reason why he did not desire to be sent as a prisoner but appeared to indicate that apparently he is in trouble some way with some of the inmates now confined in the institution. He further stated that Deputy Warden Hunter, at the Northeastern Penitentiary, is not to be trusted and that he, Hunter, extends many favors to Benny Fields, Jack Kusick and Sam Beard whom he, Gemp, states "run" the institution.

The setting out of Undeveloped Leads to the Philadelphia Division Office is being left to the discretion of the Division.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

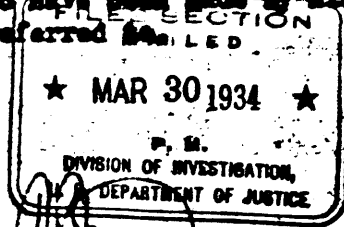
Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. A. Bengert, dated at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 28, 1934, reflecting the results of an interview with one William Phillip Gemp, with reference to the above entitled case, wherein it is noted that if he, Gemp, were permitted to return to Northeastern Penitentiary and confer with Elmer Boucher, Penitentiary #936, he would possibly obtain the name of one of the kidnapers of Bremer.

There are transmitted herewith copies of the abstract of criminal record, as reflected by the files of the Identification Unit of the Division, of Elmer Boucher, #936, United States Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

You are instructed to have an Agent interview Boucher at the earliest practicable date concerning the statements alleged to have been made by him to Gemp, as reflected in the report above referred to.



Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 66157L.

CC Pittsburgh
Mr. Rorer, St. Paul.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 22, 1934.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Conley
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Lester
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In the absence of instructions as to whether you consider it advisable to prepare a suggested release for the Attorney General to include the names of only Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis, who have been definitely connected with the Edward G. Bremer Kidnaping case or whether you desire to include the names of all five suspects, there have been prepared and are attached hereto ^{the} memoranda ^{one of which is an} to be used as inclosures with the memorandum addressed to the Attorney General.

Instructions are being issued that the Identification Orders in connection with this matter should indicate that the subjects are wanted for questioning in regard to the Bremer Kidnaping.

Respectfully,

H. E. Clegg.

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

March 24, 1934

Mr. W. A. Rorer
Inspector
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al;
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE
BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPERS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. R. Cere, Salt Lake City, 3/22/34, on page 2 of which it is noted that the signatures of several parties belonging to the Karpis-Barker gang were secured.

Reference is now made to the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota, 3/22/34, on page 2 of which it is noted that the signatures of C. E. Moore, E. L. Burns and J. H. Lockwood have been secured and are now on file in the St. Paul office.

It is suggested that the signatures now in the possession of the Salt Lake City office be secured and compared with those in the possession of the St. Paul office and also be compared with any other handwriting specimens of the members of the Karpis-Barker gang. If this proves significant, it is advised that photostatic copies of the signatures of members of the Karpis-Barker gang be supplied to each interested office.

Very truly yours,

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DC-Division
Salt Lake City
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M. H. FURVIE
Special Agent in Charge
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Post Office Box 815,
St. Paul, Minn.

March 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
803-a U. S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File 7-38

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your wire of the 22nd inst., re-
flecting investigation indicating that the BARKER brothers and
KARPIS and DAVIS have been in and out of Reno, Nevada during the
past four months. During our telephone conversation, Agent Fine
advised me that Special Agent Cere had completed the investiga-
tion at Reno and probably had left there. In accordance with
telephonic instructions, you should immediately return Agent Cere
to Reno for further exhausted investigation. It is believed that
due to investigative disclosures of so great importance, as
indicated in your wire, an Agent should remain at Reno indefi-
nitely. In view of the fact that no previous investigation had
been made by this Division in Reno, it is very probable that the
BARKERS and KARPIS may return there. All possible efforts should
be made to ascertain whether any of the ransom money has been, or
is being, disposed of at Reno and the Division and this office
should be promptly advised of all developments.

Very truly yours,

W.A. ROHR, Inspector.

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Suite L -
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri.
March 24, 1934.

Attention:
Mr. Eckholdt.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al
Edward George Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping

Mr. Fred G. Zerbst, Warden,
United States Penitentiary,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

MAR 27 1934
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of letter written over the signature of your Secretary, Mr. E. H. Eckholdt, under date of March 23, 1934, with which was transmitted photostatic copies of a letter and the envelope in which it was received at the penitentiary, addressed to convict Lloyd Barker. I have immediately sent these photostatic copies to our Division at Washington, D.C., in order that they may be promptly examined in our laboratory to ascertain if they are of any value to us in any cases which we have under investigation. I have asked Special Agent H. E. Andersen, who is calling at the penitentiary on March 24th, to request that this letter be not delivered to Barker until noon or thereafter Monday March 26th. This request is made as in the event the letter is found of any value from examination at our laboratory in Washington, D.C., it may become necessary to have the original letter sent to Washington for further examination, and it is realized that after the letter is delivered to Barker, he may destroy the same.

Assuring you that your cooperation in closely watching the incoming and outgoing mail of Lloyd Barker is very greatly appreciated, I am

Very truly yours,

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M. C. SPEER, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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INVESTIGATION
DIVISION ONE
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St. Paul, Minnesota
March 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREKID.
St. Paul file 7-30.

As requested by Special Agent O. G. Hall, I interviewed MR. H. McKAY at his home at 1748 St. Anthony Avenue, St. Paul.

MR. McKAY advised that he has previously interviewed Special Agent R. C. Coulter of this office concerning JOHN DILLINGER, whom he believes he has seen at various times in the vicinity of his home.

He further stated that he wished to advise at this time that he "feels in his blood" that he saw Subject "DOC" BARKER at the corner of Snelling and University Avenue approximately ten days ago. It may be noted, however, that MR. McKAY'S description of the man he saw on this occasion would not at all correspond to the description of Subject "DOC" BARKER.

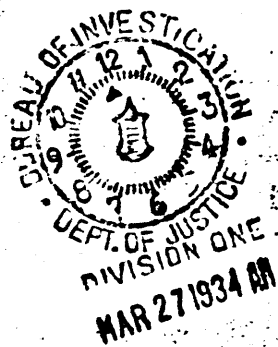
MR. McKAY advised that he feels that he has a natural ability in the apprehension of known fugitives, and he will undoubtedly in the future contact this office concerning various experiences concerning himself and known criminals.

T. J. DODD,
Special Agent.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

From information gathered by this office to date, it is reasonable to assume that the Barker-Karpis gang was residing in apartments located at 1280 and 1290 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, for a short period during February and March, 1933. The gang was tipped off in some manner and made their departure very hurriedly, leaving behind various articles of clothing and other things, which were removed from apartment No. 102, 1280 Grand Avenue, by the St. Paul Police on the morning of March 4, 1933, the gang having made their get-away during the night of March 3, 1933, or early morning of March 4th.

The clothing and other articles have been turned over to this office by Inspector Tierney of the St. Paul Police Department. Careful examination has been made of the articles, among which has been located a gray shirt, size 14 1/2, having laundry marks "D.G." and "781". The label in the shirt reads as follows: "Broadway Toggery for Dad and Lad, Melrose Park, Illinois."

It is respectfully requested that you have an agent contact the Broadway Toggery, exhibiting photographs of suspects in this case to the employees for possible identification with a view to obtaining any and all information which might point to Melrose Park, Illinois, or vicinity as a possible hideout for the Barker-Karpis gang.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROEHL,
Inspector.

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March 28, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of March 13, 1934, requesting that you indicate which, if any, of the eighty names submitted by the St. Paul, Minnesota, Police Department as possible suspects in the case entitled Alvin^o Karpis, with aliases, et al, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, are such outstanding criminals as to warrant permanent entry of their fingerprints in the single fingerprint file of kidnapers, extortionists, and outstanding gangsters which is maintained in the Division. No response to the Division inquiry has been received.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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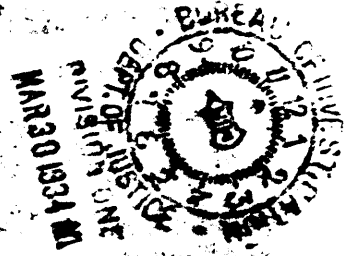
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New Orleans, La.
March 27, 1934.



MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENTS:

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Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al,
Edward George Bremer, Victim
Kidnaping.

Listed below you will find information pertaining to automobiles which it is believed have been used in various localities by members of the Barker-Karpis gang and the location of which will in all probability prove of value in leading to the apprehension of the members of this gang since it is reasonable to assume that several of the cars may still be in their possession and registered in some state under one of the numerous aliases known to have been used by them.

Car #1: AUBURN SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 1527.

This car is a 1933, 12 cylinder Auburn Sedan, blue body with gray hood and canvas top, six wire wheels, was purchased at San Francisco, California, October 9, 1933, by one William B. Lehman. The car was registered for 1933 in California under No. 7-E-5762 in the name of William B. Lehman, William Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, California. Volney Davis has been positively identified as one of the purchasers of this car and Arthur Barker is believed to be another purchaser. This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of Alvin Karpis at Reno, Nevada, about three weeks ago.

Car #2: BUICK SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 2,797,868.

This car was purchased at Reno, Nevada, on January 11, 1933, by R. E. Davis, who has been identified as Fred Barker, with aliases of F. C. Blackburn, J. L. Blackburn, and T. C. Blackburn. This car was paid for with new \$500 bills and was licensed in Nevada for 1933 under number 1488.

Car #3: BUICK SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 2,838,090.

Bearing Ohio license 25783, was taken into California, November 17, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, by Fred Barker, who was then using the alias of T. C. Blackburn and gave as his address General Delivery, Los Angeles, California. The car returned to Reno, Nevada, November 27, 1933.

Car #4: FORD V8, MOTOR NO. 1,289,308.

Bearing Ohio 1933 license No. C-25771, entered California on October 25, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, and the car was registered under the name of T. C. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. California permit No. 124833 was obtained at this time. George L. Martin, who has been partially identified as being Harry Campbell, was residing in Reno, Nevada, from October 8 to December 20, 1933, and was seen driving this particular car.

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Car #5: PONTIAC SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 885180,

Was purchased at Reno, Nevada, with new \$500 bills by one E. J. Murray, who has been partially identified as Arthur Barker. Nevada license number 1288 was issued covering this car on January 9, 1935.

Car #6: FORD VE DE LUXE COUPE, MOTOR NO. 328480,

Was registered on October 9, 1933, in the State of Minnesota under No. B-473562 to E. V. Davis, Box 52, Lakeville, Minnesota. Prior to this registration, under date of July 31, 1933, the car was registered in the State of Illinois under No. 1-248602 to E. V. Davis, Box 322, Graylake, Illinois. This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of suspects in this case at Reno, Nevada, in September and November, 1934. E. V. Davis has been identified at Lakeville, Minn., as being Volney Davis.

Car #7: CHEVROLET SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 8554674, SERIAL NO. 1-04225077,

Was registered January 11, 1934, in the State of Minnesota under No. B-45372 to E. V. Davis, Box 534, White Bear Lake, Minnesota. This car was registered for 1933 in the State of Illinois under No. 774267 to E. V. Davis, 2408 Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Car #8: PLYMOUTH SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 81821, CHANGED TO 8181, SERIAL NO. 175709,

Was registered for 1933 in the State of Nevada by Alvin Karpis, who gave the name of E. L. Burnes, 591 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. This is a fictitious address. This car was registered in the State of Minnesota for the year 1932 under No. B-168031 to E. L. Burnes, 591 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Car #9: FORD V8 DE LUXE COUPE, MOTOR NO. 1E-304794,

Was registered in the State of Minnesota for the year 1934 under No. B-75053 to E. L. Murray, Box 545, White Bear, Minnesota. It is believed that E. L. Murray is an alias for Alvin Karpis.

Car #10: GRAHAM-PAIGE SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 1024021, CHASSIS NO. 10181056,

Purchased from the Graham-Paige Agency, San Francisco, by E. L. Burnes, who paid cash and traded in seven passenger Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. PB-81821, bearing 1933 Nevada license No. 7985. 1933 California license A-H-8661 was issued for this Graham-Paige Sedan to E. L. Burnes, 3879 California Street, San Francisco, California. An out-of-State permit was obtained on the Plymouth Sedan during February 1935, by E. L. Burnes, who gave as his address Ridgeway Apartments, Reno, Nev.

There is being set forth below the correct names and known aliases of the suspects in this case, who may be in possession of the cars above mentioned or who may attempt to register other cars:

FRED BARKER, with aliases: J. Barrows, E. G. King, Red King,
E. L. Davis, J. E. Blackburn, E. G. Blackburn, and
A. E. Hunter.

ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases: "Doc" Barker, Claude Dale, Doc
Barker, E. L. Murray, E. J. Harvey, and A. E. Hunter.

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases: Raymond Hadley, George Haller, Alvin
Karpis, George Dunn, E. E. Hamilton, Ray Karpis,
A. Carter, E. L. Burns, E. L. Burns, J. J. Burns,
William Lehman, William E. Lehman, and E. L. Burns.

HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases: E. G. Blackburn and George L. Martin.

VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases: E. E. Davis, J. E. Lockwood, E. E.
Lockwood, and E. E. Moore.

Appropriate arrangements are being made with the Motor Vehicle Regis-
tration Bureaus at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Jackson, Mississippi, for a cover
on the above described automobiles and Subjects.

Each agent should familiarize himself with the information set forth
above and be constantly on the alert for information concerning automobiles
which might be identical with those described above, or regarding Subjects.

W
E. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

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

March 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG.

The report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, February 27, 1934, rendered in the Bremer case, listed a number of long distance telephone calls made from well known underworld characters at St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota. Among these calls were two calls made to Miss Audrey Billings at Emerson 6087, Washington, D. C. One of the calls was made from the Hollyhocks Inn operated by Jack Phiefer at St. Paul, Minnesota, and the other call was made from the telephone listed in the name of Tom Banks, the alleged leader of the underworld in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The first call was made January 4, 1934, and the second call January 19, 1934. In view of the extortion letter in the Ford case, which bore the postmark of Washington, D. C. December 23, 1933, and in view of the distance involved in the above two long distance telephone calls, the Washington Field Office was requested to make a discreet and confidential investigation with a view to ascertaining the identity of Miss Billings and her associates.

Special Agent Burruss, to whom the case is assigned, telephoned me to advise that preliminary investigation discloses that Emerson 6087 is listed in the name of Arthur S. Whitcomb, second leader of the United States Marine Band, who resides at Foxhall Village. A check of the long distance telephone calls made from Emerson 6087 discloses a long distance call to Thomas Lawley at Atlantic City on December 1, 1933, and on December 30, 1933, to the same individual at Pleasantville, New Jersey. These calls are now being checked by the New York office and Philadelphia office. Mr. Burruss stated that he has not yet established the identity of Audrey Billings but believes she is either related to Mr. Whitcomb or is a roomer in his home. Agent Burruss was instructed to complete his investigation and to report the results to the Division at the earliest practicable date.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
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DIRECTOR

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Washington, D. C.

March 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I am forwarding herewith a confidential memorandum, for your information, which forms the basis of the statement that Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis are known to have been participants in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 17, 1934.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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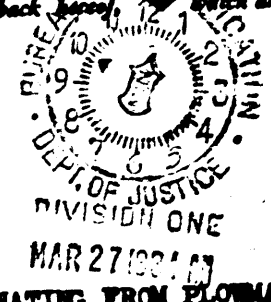
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M H Purvis
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 1900 Bankers Building
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RE BUREAU INFORMATION HERE EMANATING FROM FLOWMAN AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY
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Department of Justice
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March 27, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
I.O. 1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases
I.O. 1219, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee of this office dated March 22, 1934, which sets out information which had been furnished to Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, by Michigan State Police Officers, and particular reference is made to page two, paragraph one, wherein it is stated that according to the information obtained by the above officers, one of the present wives or sweethearts of Edward Bentz is one MARIAN FREIDMARK, daughter of an old German woman, who is said to live at 704 Monroe Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

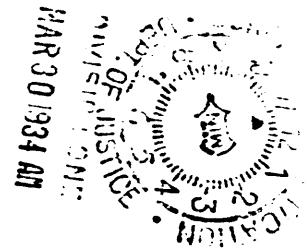
It is desired to correct this statement, by stating that Edward Bentz married VERNA FREIDMARK, and that her mother, Mrs. Emma Freidmark, lives at 704 Monroe Avenue, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to the St. Paul office, in order that this statement may be corrected.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman
JAY C. NEWMAN,

Acting Special Agent in Charge.



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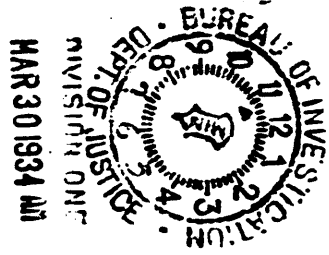
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with alias, et al.
Edward G. Bremer, Victim;
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to a letter to recent date from the Kansas City Division Office to the Division, in which it was requested that this office obtain from Tulsa, Oklahoma information as to whether Homer Good and Harold Hugh Wright, alias "Fat" Wright, have criminal records, and if so, that such information be obtained as will enable the Division to identify their records in the Identification Unit.

Please be advised that on September 6, 1933, Good, as Homer Good was arrested by the Sheriff's Office, Tulsa, Oklahoma, No. 10858, for violation of the National Prohibition Act. His description is given as age 40; height five feet, six inches; weight, 168 pounds; build, stocky; eyes, grey; hair, dark; complexion, ruddy; teeth, good.

Wright, under the name of Harold Hugh Wright, with alias of "Fat" Wright, on September 16, 1930 was arrested by the Sheriff's Office at Tulsa, Oklahoma, No. 6168; charge, Harrison Narcotic Act. He was described at that time as age 23; height, five feet, five inches; weight 149 pounds; build, medium; eyes, brown; hair, dark brown; complexion, dark; teeth, good.

Handwritten notes:
H. S. J.
S. P.
P. P.
L. P.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
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Special Agent in Charge.

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511 Hurley-Wright Building
Washington, D. C.

March 28, 1934

Re: ALVIN KARPIS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER
KIDNAPING. Victim



Copy of this letter sent to:

- Mr. E. A. Baughman, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Guilford Avenue and 21st Street, Baltimore, Maryland.
- Mr. T. McCall Frazier, Director, Division of Motor Vehicles, Richmond, Virginia.
- Mr. W. A. Van Duser, Director of Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Wash., D. C.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation, this office requests your close cooperation with the view of locating persons who have in their possession the following described automobiles. With respect to each car, there are indicated the names of the persons and other data previously used in the registration of these cars in the several states mentioned, and it is reasonable to assume that the cars may still be in the possession of the persons so listed:

AUBURN SEDAN, MOTOR NO. EB-1527. This car is a 1933, 12-cylinder Auburn Sedan, blue body with gray hood and canvas top, six wire wheels, was purchased at San Francisco, California, October 9, 1933, by one William B. Lohman. The car was registered for 1933 in California under No. 7-B-5762 in the name of William B. Lohman, William Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, California. Volney Davis has been positively identified as one of the purchasers of this car and Arthur Barker is believed to be another purchaser. This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of Alvin Karpis at Reno, Nevada, about three weeks ago.

BUICK SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 2,797,868. This car was purchased at Reno, Nevada, on January 11, 1933, by E. E. Davis, who has been identified as Fred Barker with aliases of F. G. Blackburn, F. E. Blackburn, and T. G. Blackburn. This car was paid for with new \$500 bills and was licensed in Nevada for 1933 under number 1488.



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BUICK SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 2,808,090, bearing Ohio license 25728, was taken into California, November 17, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, by Fred Barker who was then using the alias of T. C. Blackburn and gave as his address General Delivery, Los Angeles, California. The car returned to Reno, Nevada, November 27, 1933.

FORD V8, MOTOR NO. 18-493,090, bearing Ohio 1933 license No. C-25771, entered California on October 25, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, and the car was registered under the name of T. C. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. California permit No. 124983 was obtained at this time. George L. Martin, who has been partially identified as being Harry Campbell, was residing in Reno, Nevada, from October 8 to December 20, 1933, and was seen driving this particular car.

PONTIAC SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 285160, was purchased at Reno, Nevada, with new \$500 bills by one H. J. Harvey who has been partially identified as Arthur Barker. Nevada license number 1283 was issued covering this car on January 9, 1933.

FORD V8 DELUXE COUPE, MOTOR NO. 228420, was registered on October 9, 1933, in the State of Minnesota under No. B-473600 to E. V. Davis, Box 52, Lakeville, Minnesota. Prior to this registration, under date of July 31, 1933, the car was registered in the State of Illinois under No. 1-246602 to E. V. Davis, Box 222, Grayslake, Illinois. This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of suspects in this case at Reno, Nevada, in September and November, 1933. E. V. Davis has been identified at Lakeville, Minnesota, as being Volney Davis.

CHEVROLET SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 2654674, serial No. 1-CA023077, was registered January 11, 1934, in the State of Minnesota under No. B-45372 to E. V. Davis, Box 254, White Bear Lake, Minnesota. This car was registered for 1933 in the State of Illinois under No. 774267 to E. V. Davis, 2408 Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

PLYMOUTH SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 81821, changed to 8181, serial No. 175709, was registered for 1933 in the State of Nevada by Alvin Karpis who gave the name of E. L. Burnes, 591 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. This is a fictitious address. This car was registered in the State of Minnesota for the year 1932 under No. B-158081 to E. L. Burnes, 591 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

FORD V8, DELUXE COUPE, MOTOR NO. 18-304794, was registered in the State of Minnesota for the year 1934 under No. B-75088 to E. L. Murrey, Box 345, White Bear, Minnesota. It is believed that E. L. Murrey is an alias for Alvin Karpis.

GRAHAM-PAIGE SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 1024021, chassis No. 10181956, purchased from the Graham-Paige Agency, San Francisco, by E. L. Burnes, who paid cash and traded in seven-passenger Plymouth Sedan, motor No. PB-81821, bearing 1933 Nevada license No. 7985. 1933 California license 2-N-8661, was issued for this Graham-Paige Sedan to E. L. Burnes, 3870 California Street, San Francisco, California. An out-of-State permit was obtained on the Plymouth Sedan during February, 1933, by E. L. Burnes, who gave as his address Ridgeway Apartments, Reno, Nevada.

There are set forth below the correct names and known aliases of the suspects who may be in possession of the above listed cars or who may attempt to register other cars:

FRED BARKER with aliases: J. Darrows, F. G. Ward, Ted Murphy, R. E. Davis, J. E. Blackburn, T. C. Blackburn, and A. S. Hunter.

ARTHUR BARKER with aliases: "Doc" Barker, Claude Dale, Bob Barker, E. L. Murrey, H. J. Harvey, and A. S. Hunter.

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases: Raymond Hadley, George Haller, Alvin Karpis, George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Karpis, A. Carter, E. L. Burnes, E. L. Burnes, J. J. Burns, William Lohman, William B. Lohman, and E. L. Burnes.

HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases: T. C. Blackburn and
George L. Martin.

VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases: E. W. Davis, J. E. Lockwood,
S. E. Lockwood, and G. E. Moore.

It is requested that a complete check be made at the earliest possible moment to ascertain whether any of the automobiles above listed are presently registered. In conducting this examination of registrations, it is desired that you use the motor numbers and the correct names and aliases, as indicated above, as there exists the possibility that other cars may be registered in your district under some of the names above referred to.

It is respectfully suggested that you arrange to have a "flash" card prepared for each automobile and each suspect, with aliases, with the notation thereon that this office be immediately advised should any attempt be made to register any of the automobiles above listed, or should any of the persons above referred to try to register any other cars.

This office may be reached during the day by telephone NATIONAL 0185, EXTENSION 257 or 251, and by telephone NATIONAL 4238, and after midnight by telephone NATIONAL 7119.

Very truly yours,

L. B. JENNINGTON, Assistant
Special Agent in Charge

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cc-Division
cc-St. Paul
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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 27, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite 1,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with alias, et al.
Edward G. Bremer, Victim
Kidnaping.

Confirming my telephonic conversation with you of Sunday night, March 25th, I beg to inform you that Special Agent N. E. Hollis of this office has informed me that on March 25, 1934, Officer Floyd Sellers of the Sapulpa, Oklahoma Police Department informed him that one [redacted] of Sapulpa had some information regarding Fred Barker.

With Officer Sellers, Agent Hollis interviewed [redacted] at Sapulpa, at which time [redacted]

[redacted] who is a nephew of Fred Barker and resides on a farm approximately four or five miles from Erie, Kansas; that Leon Barker has been on this farm for approximately the last year, and that while [redacted] has never been to the farm, she is well acquainted with Leon Barker as at one time he lived at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and that Fred Barker visited Leon in Sapulpa and also is alleged to have visited him since he has been residing on the farm near Erie, Kansas.

[redacted] that [redacted] had been to the Leon Barker farm on two or three occasions, and that [redacted] in talking with [redacted] learned that Fred Barker had been at the farm of Leon. The last time [redacted] was at the farm of Leon was on January 10, 1934, she said. [redacted] does not have information that Fred Barker was at the farm at that time. According to [redacted] it was on one of the previous trips made by [redacted] to the farm that Fred Barker was there.

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[REDACTED] advised strongly against interviewing [REDACTED] to the
[REDACTED] said she would not furnish any information. [REDACTED] expressed the
opinion that Fred Barker frequently visits the farm of [REDACTED]. She is
not sure, but she believes this farm is on Rural Route 2, Erie, Kansas.
Agent Hallis has arranged with [REDACTED] to have her furnish any
additional information received by her.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division
St. Paul
Chicago

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March 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Edward J. Bremer

During telephonic conversation today Mr. Nathan at St. Paul made the suggestion, to which I agreed, that he leave St. Paul some time Thursday afternoon, proceeding to Tulsa, Oklahoma, in regard to the recent publicity situation in that vicinity. He asked what I thought of his suggesting to the A. P. man in Tulsa that if he would give him, Mr. Nathan, the facts in the matter, it would be kept confidential between Mr. Nathan and me. I agreed with this suggestion.

Mr. Nathan stated that the grand jury is in technical session now, and will continue so for about a month and a half; that they meet for about two hours two days a week, and there seemed to be no reason for his remaining in St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Suite L, Federal Building
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March 28, 1934



Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218
FRED BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219,
Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING

There is being transmitted herewith a clipping from the "Wichita Democrat" a newspaper of Wichita, Kansas, relative to the above captioned case, which clipping is self-explanatory. This clipping was handed to Special Agent H. C. Suran by Deputy United States Marshal Daniel Boone, Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Boone advised he was unable to state the date the clipping had appeared in the above named newspaper. He stated, however, that he had learned that the name of the man referred to in the clipping was Herman Johnson of Brookings, South Dakota.

Mr. Boone stated that in the event it became necessary to the investigation he would then reveal the name of his informant, but he desired that if Johnson should be interviewed, the source of the information be not revealed to Johnson.

A typewritten copy of the newspaper clipping is being attached to each copy of this letter and the same is being transmitted to your office believing that you will desire to have Johnson interviewed at Brookings, South Dakota.

Very truly yours,

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OF BREMER KIDNAPERS

Seldom does a national event of interest occur without repercussion in Wichita. Sighs of relief arose when the announcement was made of the release of Edward Bremer of Minneapolis upon payment of a ransom of two hundred thousand dollars.

Evidently his kidnapers were not the type of killers, else there would be grief today in a certain Wichita home. A prominent young business woman told us of a letter just received from Iowa, which told the story of the adventure of a near relative with the Bremer kidnapers.

The man in question had gone to Minneapolis and was eating breakfast in a restaurant. Near him sat two men, whom he overheard discussing details of the Bremer affair. Evidently, too late they discovered that their conversation had been overheard. Shortly after the man left the restaurant he was seized and dragged into a waiting automobile. He had been shadowed in the meantime. He woke up dazed from the effect of a drug and found himself in Iowa City, robbed and with every mark of identification removed. Shortly after, Bremer was released. It was fortunate for the man in question that he was merely "taken for a ride" and not killed. (Wichita Democrat)

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 14, 1934, indicating that Special Agents Gross, Brennan, Melvin, Peterson, Brown and Ryan were proceeding into the territory covered by the Special Agents of the Chicago Office of this Division for the purpose of making investigations in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, Kidnaping.

Although the Division does not desire in any manner to handicap the investigation of this matter, it is believed that for the purpose of avoiding duplication of investigative effort, it might be well for there to be a definite understanding between yourself and the Special Agent in Charge of any territory to which Special Agents assigned to your detail are sent on this case. This understanding should be sufficiently broad as to acquaint the Special Agent in Charge with the purpose of the inquiries being made, as well as the places where they are being made. There should develop a proper coordination between yourself and the office concerned in the handling of such matters as may in the future warrant Special Agents assigned to you entering another field Office territory. In order, however, that the Division may be thoroughly informed as to all developments, and in order that the Division might properly coordinate the information received with the activities of the Special Agents, it is desired that prior to sending any other Agents beyond the scope of the territory now assigned to the St. Paul Office, authorization for such action be obtained. It is further desired that arrangements be made immediately with the Chicago Office, so that that office may be informed as to the investigations being made by the

Special Agents now in that district who are in fact assigned to this matter as a special investigation.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

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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. ROBER

HHC/AEK

February 10, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan telephoned. He inquired as to the number of the lists of bills being sent out for banks and peace officers. I told him several thousand lists went out last night and others were going out as rapidly as possible. He stated a newspaper in Minneapolis had telephoned they understood the lists were being broadcast from Washington today. Mr. Nathan said they informed the paper they knew nothing of such lists being broadcast.

Mr. Nathan thinks it would be a good idea to give broad publicity to this matter as soon as the lists are sent out because people receiving quantities of money might go to bank tellers and have the money checked and would be able to get the information as to whether the money was the ransom money while they still had recollection as to its source.

He stated that he would interview young Bremer at 2:00 P.M. today unless he heard to the contrary. I asked Mr. Nathan if he thought Edward Bremer's bitterness toward him was personal. He said that frankly he did not; that any personal dislike advanced was merely a reason which he was offering as to why he did not want to talk. He stated that this background would probably be helpful.

On the occasion of young Bremer's return one of the first inquiries he made of his father, according to the Agent who was present in the house, was as to whether or not the Federal Agents were furnished with the numbers of the bills. Mr. Bremer told him yes and young Bremer appeared to be very resentful of this fact. He stated that they would all be killed and his father's life and other lives would be jeopardized because of that fact and he indicated very definitely that they did not want to help the Federal Agents. Evidently young Bremer has been frightened severely and has made certain definite commitments and statements.

There is a woman who is a teller or secretary in one of the banks [redacted] one of the ten ransom notes written by Bremer was delivered to her and Bremer has talked with her and she has stated that she could not tell because of the dark whether the man was tall or dark, short or thin, as tall as she was or shorter, and that this was because of the darkness. A Special Agent of the

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St. Paul Office has visited the place and found the porch well lighted and the premises were well lighted at night, and her information has been shown to be incorrect.

Young Bremer has also made statements to members of the family and other close friends, which statements have been reported to Mr. Nathan, to the effect that he was not going to talk and not going to help the police and Federal Agents on the case. Mr. Nathan doesn't think it quite proper yet for the Attorney General to make a broadcast about this situation and doesn't think it will do any good and there may be a possibility that young Bremer will relent later. In fact, he had indicated on one occasion that there was a certain bit of information that he would give about gangsters in the Twin Cities and their connections, but he wouldn't talk about that at the present time, and this statement was not made to Division Agents.

Mr. Nathan thinks that this picture will clarify the situation in the minds of Division officials and will clearly show that any excuses, such as the one that has been discussed in the Bremer household, are just excuses advanced to justify to himself the position that he has taken. Mr. Nathan does not think he would talk to any one at the present time and that his hostility is not personal and his excuse that he is bitter because Mr. Nathan doesn't believe him is just further attempted self-justification of his position.

Respectfully,


H. H. CLEGG.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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February 13, 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.

There is attached hereto a suggested draft of a release concerning the distribution of circulars showing the numbers of the currency paid as the ransom in the Bremer kidnaping case.

Ransom money

Respectfully,

[Signature]
E. E. Clegg.

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There has been distributed to all banks in the United States a list of the numbers on the currency paid to the kidnapers as the ransom for the return of Mr. Edward G. Bremer of Minneapolis, Minnesota. All the bills paid were either \$5.00 or \$10.00 Federal Reserve notes, United States notes, or National Bank notes. About ninety percent of these notes are Federal Reserve notes and the majority of them were issued by the Federal Reserve Bank, 9th District, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Copies of these numbers have also been placed in the hands of all law enforcement agencies, including police departments and sheriffs' offices, in the United States. A list of these numbers is, therefore, available at your local bank or at your local police department or sheriff's office. It is suggested that anyone receiving a quantity of \$5.00 or \$10.00 bank notes, or should such notes be received under unusual circumstances, should make an immediate check, to determine if they are a part of the notes paid as the ransom, at either the bank or the local police department or sheriff's office. If any of this currency is identified as part of the ransom money, the nearest field office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, should be informed by telephone or telegraph at once. The addresses and telephone numbers of the field offices of this Division are attached to the lists which have been distributed to the banks and law enforcement agencies.

It is believed that the cooperation of the public will be of value in this connection and this cooperation may lead to the identification of the guilty parties. It is obvious, of course, that such action should be taken promptly after receipt of the currency, so that its source might be identified.

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MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. EGAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. RORER

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to the attached suggested draft of a release concernin_g the distribution of circulars, you are advised that it was Mr. Rorer's opinion that some benefit might be obtained from the release of this information. He recommended that it be done.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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Mr. Quinn advises all lists sent out. Publicity believed of doubtful value, also but little harm could arise therefrom.

Ask Rorer what he thinks. If he wants it released I will send it to A. G. J. Z. X. 3/19/34

W. J. Quinn 3/21/34

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370 Lexington Avenue
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March 28, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Hurley-Wright Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al
Edward G. Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping

Reference is made to telephone call from Special Agent Burruss of your office on March 27, 1934, requesting that inquiry be made at Atlantic City, N. J., for information concerning one Thomas H. Lawley, to whom telegrams have been addressed from individuals residing at 1713 Surrey Lane, Washington, D. C.

An investigation has been made at Atlantic City and Pleasantville, N. J., by Special Agent Peter J. Nolan, where it was ascertained that Lawley is not known to local or State police. Through inquiry at the Credit Bureau in Atlantic City, it was determined that Lawley is connected with the Lawley Auto Service, Inc., 436 N. North Carolina Avenue. This concern is a New Jersey corporation, organized June 27, 1932, of which Elizabeth Lawley, wife of Thomas H. Lawley, is President and Treasurer, and Thomas H. Lawley is Secretary. In addition to selling parts and equipment, this company has the agency for International Trucks. Prior to the company's organization, Thomas H. Lawley was engaged for about ten years in the operation of a garage at Atlantic City.

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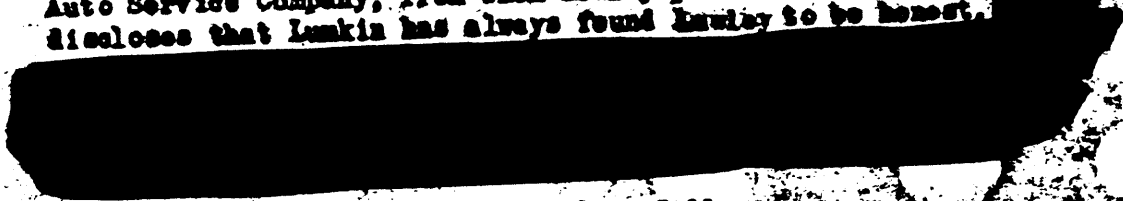
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Lawley resides at 13 Stanton (or Stenton) Place, Pleasantville, New Jersey. The section in which he lives is reported to be a good locality, the homes averaging in value about \$10,000. Lawley is unknown to Postal employees at Pleasantville.

Discreet inquiry through Sam Luskin of the Bryson Auto Service Company, from whom Lawley purchases his materials, discloses that Luskin has always found Lawley to be honest.

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Lawley is described as follows:

Age	28
Height	5' 8"
Weight	175
Hair	black
Eyes	brown
Build	heavy
Complexion	light
Mustache	small mustache
	Wears glasses
	Neat appearance

The substance of the above information was given to Assistant Special Agent in Charge L. R. Pennington, by telephone on March 28, 1934.

Very truly yours,

F. A. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc/St. Paul
cc/Division

THOMAS E. DAHILL,
Chief of Police
B. F. SIMON, M. D.,
Health Officer

OWEN C. DU...
Fire Chief
JOSEPH A. MAC...
Supt. Police and F...

CITY OF SAINT PAUL
Capital of Minnesota
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Tenth and Minnesota Streets
JOHN H. McDONALD, COMMISSIONER
THOMAS G. O'CONNELL, Deputy Commissioner

March 24, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly furnish me with photographs and descriptions
of the following subject's for my file:

- Alonzo Briscoe alias Frank Downey
- Charles Kotner
- John Mattee
- J. R. Brackett
- Ed Brodie
- Winnie Morrass
- Grace Guckler
- Alvin Karpis
- Fred Barker
- Harry Chapman

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Thanking you, I am

Yours truly

Burton A. Carr

Burton A. Carr
Assistant Inspector

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March 27, 1934.

Mr. J. A. Rorer
TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE ST. PAUL

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ST PAUL FOR PHOTOGRAPHS AND DESCRIPTIONS OF FOLLOWING

- ALONZO BRISCOE ALIAS FRANK DOWNEY
- CHARLES KOTNER
- JOHN McATTEE
- J R BRACKETT
- ED BRODIE
- WINTIE MORRASS
- GRACE GUCKLER
- ALVIN KARPIS
- FRED BARKER
- HARRY CHAPMAN

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Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida

March 25, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Suite L - Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri



Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Attached to Division letter dated February 25, 1934, to this office was a photostatic copy of the original getaway chart found after the robbery of the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan. On February 25, 1934, this photostatic getaway chart was charged to Special Agent H. E. Andersen to be used in questioning Eddie Doll, Identification Order Number 1214, who was then confined in the County Jail at Tampa, Florida, with a view of having Doll identify it. While the Jacksonville Office has no further use for this chart, I am simply writing this to complete our records. Please advise whether you desire to keep the chart or it will be returned to the Jacksonville Office.

Agent Andersen submitted a memorandum dated March 5, 1934, to Assistant Director Nathan covering his interview with Eddie Doll in regard to this chart and it may be that he turned it in to the Division while in Washington.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

MAR 31 1934

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 23, 1934, in the above entitled case, addressed to the Kansas City office of the Division, wherein you make reference to the photostatic copy of a getaway chart, charged to Special Agent H. E. Andersen on February 25, 1934, to be used by him in questioning Eddie Ball, Identification Order No. 1214. This is to advise that the photostatic copy of the getaway chart was turned in to the Division by Special Agent Andersen with his memorandum dated March 5, 1934, addressed to Assistant Director Harold Nathan.

Incidentally, it is noted that a copy of your letter dated March 23, 1934, addressed to the Kansas City office, was not furnished to the St. Paul office, the office of origin in the above entitled case. In order that the office of origin may be kept advised as to all matters concerning a case under its supervision, copies of each and every report and inter-office communications should be furnished that office.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 815,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. E. Jamison, dated March 12, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al; Unknown Subjects, Edward George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

From the information contained in this report, fingerprint records have been found for Frank Guigley, our file #415914, Joe Saitis, our file #72690, Murray Humphries, our file #551932, and Helen Brown, our file #596690. The fingerprints of these individuals have been compared with the latent prints in this case but no identification has been made.

It has not been possible to find fingerprint records referring to Thomas Muckel/Shields alias Muckel Shields, Emmett Ryan, or Charles "Buster" Brown.

Very truly yours

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Ave., Room 1408,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING, St. Paul file 9-22.

In confirmation of my teletype message of today, this is to advise you that Acting Special Agent in Charge Jay G. Newman has informed me that upon information which he received from the Salt Lake City office, he learned that William J. Graham arrived at Chicago on the 25th instant enroute to New York by rail and that the New York office was being requested to place Graham under surveillance upon his arrival at New York and keep him under close surveillance during the time he is within the district of the New York office. Mr. Newman advised that you were being requested to place a secret phone in the room of Graham, if possible.

This office has previously received information from convict Henry Hall, who was formerly an associate of the Barker-Karpis gang, that William J. Graham is very close to this gang and in previous years has disposed of stolen securities and money for them. Graham operates several gambling houses, saloons, and houses of prostitution in Reno, Nevada.

Recent investigation by the Salt Lake City office at Reno disclosed that the Barkers and Karpis and also Volney Davis and Harry Campbell have frequented Reno at various times within the past eighteen months. Recently, Ray Fritch of Reno, Nevada, who is a witness in the case pending in the Federal Court at New York against Graham and McKay, mysteriously disappeared from Reno and it is my understanding that the impression exists that the Barkers and Karpis may have been implicated in his disappearance, through their friendship with Graham.

Please give this matter very thorough attention.

Very truly yours,

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Cc Division
Salt Lake City
San Francisco

E. A. HERR,
Inspector.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota.**

St. Paul FILE NO. **7-50**

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-28-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/22 to 28/34	REPORT MADE BY: G. G. Hall
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

License for Ford Deluxe Coupe, motor No. 328,420, issued to E. V. DAVIS, Box 52, Lakeville, Minnesota, 10-9-33. VOLNEY DAVIS identified as obtaining the registration certificate. KARPIS bought Plymouth Sedan, motor No. 81821, as E. L. BURNS on 10-18-33 at St. Paul, Minnesota. WILLIAM HARR, JR., unable to identify any of the suspects in this case as his abductors. Investigation to locate hideout, place where goggles were purchased, and place where shell signs were manufactured, proceeding. Various data concerning subjects' former residences in this district contained herein.

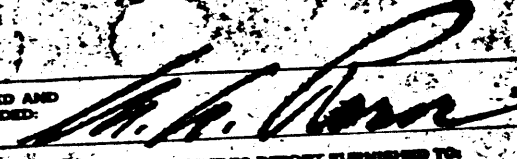
REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent G. G. Hall dated 5-22-34 at St. Paul, Minnesota.

DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by the several Special Agents especially assigned to this case:

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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In compliance with request contained in wire from Salt Lake City dated 3-20-34, Special Agent E. L. Nalls contacted the State Auto Bureau, St. Paul, Minnesota, for purpose of checking 1933 Minnesota license B-475-569. Mr. WILLIAM SLEDZ of the Auto Bureau advised that this license was issued for a 1933 Deluxe Ford Coupe, motor No. 328420, to E. V. DAVIS, Box 82, Lakeville, Minnesota, under date of October 9, 1933; that this car, prior to registration in Minnesota, was registered for 1933 in the State of Illinois, under No. 1246602, in the name of E. V. DAVIS, Box 822, Grayslake, Illinois, same having been registered under date of July 31, 1933.

MR. SLEDZ further advised that 1934 Minnesota license B-45372 was issued under date of January 11, 1934, to E. V. DAVIS, Box 254, White Bear Lake, Minnesota, on a 1933 Chevrolet Sedan, motor No. 3554574, serial 1CA05-23077; that this car was registered for 1933 in the State of Illinois, April 17, 1933, to E. V. DAVIS, 2408 South Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, license No. 774267.

St. Paul, Minnesota

March 21, 1934

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREKID.

St. Paul file 7-58

With reference to a telegram received from the Salt Lake City office by the St. Paul Division office on March 21, 1934, in which it was stated that certain persons believed to have been members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang, had been observed at Reno, Nevada, with a Ford carrying Minnesota license No. D-473-569, it may be noted that the above license number is registered in the Secretary of State's office at St. Paul to E. V. DAVIS, Box 52, Lakeville, Minnesota.

At Lakeville, Minnesota, MR. H. ZIMMER, the only Post Office clerk present in the Post Office, was interviewed and the Post Office box register examined. It was noted that no application had been filed for this box and no signature obtained but that Box 52 was rented on 10-1-33 to E. V. DAVIS and that the box was paid for in advance for two quarters.

MR. ZIMMER advised that he had not personally rented the box and had no recollection of E. V. DAVIS but that he did recall that during the late fall of 1933, a pair of license plates had been received at the Post Office for E. V. DAVIS and also one letter.

MR. A. L. MALLOHY, the Postmaster, was later interviewed and he stated that he had no recollection concerning this matter inasmuch as he had never been present either when DAVIS had called for mail or at the time the box was rented.

ANNA HARKINS, Post Office clerk, was interviewed and she advised that she had personally rented the box No. 52 on October 1, 1933, to a man giving his name as E. V. DAVIS; that this man was driving a 1933 Ford Coupe, black in color, and that he had on one or two occasions, subsequent to the time the box was rented, called for mail at the Lakeville Post Office. ANNA HARKINS further stated that she had inquired of DAVIS as to where he lived and he had stated, "Down the road a piece"; that she had further inquired why he did not take service from a rural carrier, and he had replied that the box service was more handy for him. ANNA HARKINS further indicated that she had also inquired of DAVIS as to what his occupation was and had received no answer.

ANNA HARKINS also stated that she had been quite curious about MR. DAVIS but had been unable to gain any information from him, which had made her more curious.

The five photographs, including the two BARKERS, ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, and VOLNEY DAVIS, were placed upon a desk in the Post Office, MRS. HARKINS being advised by agent that these photographs might include a likeness of E. V. DAVIS. She examined the photographs carefully, comparing particularly the photograph of "DOC" BARKER and VOLNEY DAVIS and stated positively that

VOLNEY DAVIS was the party who had rented Box 58 at the Lakeville, Minnesota, Post Office on October 1, 1933. Further enlarging upon this statement, ANNA HARKINS advised that DAVIS had a peculiar upper lip, which was noticeable to her, and that this was the point which made her certain in her own mind that the photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS, carrying No. 12808, was in fact the E. V. DAVIS who had used Box 58.

Neither ANNA HARKINS nor the other employees of the Post Office were advised of the nature of this investigation; and when inquiry was made of agent, it was stated that DAVIS was wanted for murder.

Agent was further advised by ANNA HARKINS and MR. ZIMMER that Lakeville does not have a hotel and that the only accommodations available to transients in the town were the rooming houses operated by MRS. G. E. DUNHAM, MRS. JOHN YOUNG, and MRS. J. E. BERNAN.

MRS. DUNHAM, MRS. YOUNG, and MRS. BERNAN were all interviewed at their respective residences, and the photographs of the five suspects exhibited to them, and all stated positively that they had never had a roomer similar in appearance to the photographs of the suspects.

MR. VIC LAURENTSON, Manager of the Lyndale Garage; MR. ALFRED MOES, Manager of the Mosey-Inn Garage, were interviewed relative to Shell signs and Filmolenses and both advised that they had not carried Filmolenses in stock for the past several years and that they had done no painting or work on copper in their concerns. MR. ALFRED MOES stated that there was no painter, sign writer, or finner in the town of Lakeville and that the city had no fire siren and no whistle; that the two railroads serving the town were a Milwaukee branch line with one train each way per day and the Northfield and Southern Railroad, with two trains each way a day.

MR. JOSEPH JOCHUM, blacksmith, was interviewed at his shop and he stated positively that the Shell signs had not been made up by him and that no other place in Lakeville other than the two garages before mentioned could have done the work.

Photographs of the suspects were exhibited at the five eating places in the town, without identification of any kind.

ANNA HARKINS was again interviewed and she advised that after consideration of the matter, she recalled that E. V. DAVIS called for one letter at the Post Office and a set of license plates; that these visits to the Post Office were at two separate times and that he drove on the highway from Minneapolis and

apparently spent no time in the town but immediately returned on that road because she had noted him going by in his car, out the main highway.

The box is still vacant and is still registered in the name of E. V. DAVIS and contains no mail of any kind on this date (March 21st) and none has been received since sometime the latter part of December or first part of January.

E. R. NOTESTEN,
Special Agent.

MUN:HVS 3 - Division
9 - St. Paul

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. H. Nalls, under dates of March 21 and 27, 1934:

Reference is made to the telegram from the Salt Lake City Office, dated March 21, 1934, which contains information that ALVIN KARPIS, under the name of E.L. BURNES, 591 West Seventh Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, registered, in Nevada, Plymouth Sedan, fictitious motor #8181, correct, motor number 81821, serial #175709, for 1933, having Minnesota 1932 license #B158081. The records of the Minnesota State Motor Vehicle Bureau disclose that 1932 Minnesota license B158081 was issued to E.L. BURNES, under date of October 13, 1932, for 1932 Plymouth Sedan, motor number PB8181, serial #1757009. The car was purchased new from AL MORGINS SERVICE COMPANY, St. Paul, Minnesota. The car was not registered in Minnesota for either 1933 or 1934. Contact was had with AL MORGINS, who formerly had a De Soto-Plymouth Agency in St. Paul, at 1000 West Seventh Street, and now operates an auto repair shop at the same address. Upon referring to his records, MR. MORGINS advised that the above described car was sold to E.L. BURNES in a cash transaction on October 12, 1932. MR. MORGINS was unable to furnish any address for E.L. BURNES, advising that he had never seen the person who purchased the car; that, to the best of his recollection, he obtained the car for EVANS AND KIMMEL, who formerly operated at 591 West Seventh Street, St. Paul, Minnesota; that CLARENCE P. KIMMEL had received an order for a seven passenger Plymouth Sedan but had none in stock and requested him to obtain the car; that he did so and turned the car over to MR. KIMMEL who paid him the purchase price; that MR. KIMMEL had requested him to obtain license plates for the car but he refused to do so until he had received payment; that, at the time, he thought this request on the part of MR. KIMMEL was rather unusual but he placed no particular significance to the request. Photographs of members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang, including photograph of ALVIN KARPIS, were exhibited to AL MORGINS but he advised that he was unable to identify them as being those of any persons known to him.

W.L. WHITCOMB, 591 West Seventh Street, was interviewed and advised that EVANS AND KIMMEL formerly rented a show room from him at the address indicated and that MR. KIMMEL could probably be located at the SLAWIK MOTOR COMPANY, near Seven Corners. MR. WHITCOMB also stated that, while EVANS AND KIMMEL were located in his premises, he occupied the adjoining premises operating an auto repair shop. Photographs of the BARKER-KARPIS gang were exhibited to MR. WHITCOMB and he, likewise, was unable to identify same as being those of persons known to him. Inquiry was made at the SLAWIK MOTOR COMPANY and information received that CLARENCE P. KIMMEL had not reported for duty due to illness and could probably be reached at his home, 372 South Osceola Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

MR. CLARENCE P. KIMMEL was interviewed at his home and stated that he could definitely recall the transaction involving the sale of a 1932 Plymouth Seven Passenger Sedan; that a man, who represented himself to be a travelling salesman came to his show room and requested immediate delivery on such a car; that, at the time, this particular model car was no longer being manufactured and it was not possible for him to obtain one from the factory; that he, accordingly, called upon AL MORGINS for assistance in securing such a car; that MORGINS was able to obtain the car from some Minneapolis dealer and did so, turning the car over to him; that the purchaser desired a car equipped with fender wells, but such a car could not be obtained so he took the car obtained from AL MORGINS to the shop of a well fender company in St. Paul and had fender wells put in but never advised the purchaser that he had done so. MR. KIMMEL further stated that he saw the purchaser on only two occasions, the time when he placed the order and also when the deal was finally consummated and delivery made; that it was a cash transaction; that the purchaser furnished his name as E.L. BURNES, stating that he was a travelling salesman and had no St. Paul address. When requested to furnish a description of the purchaser of this car, MR. KIMMEL stated that it would be impossible for him to do so since he had only seen the man on two occasions and had never seen him prior to the time that he ordered the car and has never seen him since delivery of the car was made. Inquiry was made of MR. KIMMEL as to why the license plates were delivered to 591 West Seventh Street and he replied that when the car was sold he was located at this address and that, at the request of E.L. BURNES, he went to the State Capitol at St. Paul, and secured the license plates for him and, since MR. BURNES had no St. Paul address, he used his, KIMMEL'S, business address on the application.

St. Paul, Minnesota
March 24, 1934

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREKID
St. Paul File # 30.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall dated March 15, 1934, page 17, of which contains a memorandum setting out an interview with MR. ROY McCORD pertaining to the shooting of McCORD by unknown individuals on the night of January 12, 1934, or early morning of January 13, 1934.

Agent interviewed MR. H. W. COWIN, who is presently residing at 694 Rondo Avenue. COWIN advised that on the evening of January 12th, 1934, his wife was visiting friends and he went to the Municipal Airport to visit ROY McCORD, who at that time was on duty at the airport as a radio operator. COWIN advised that at approximately 11:00 p.m., he received a telephone call from his wife advising that she had returned home and requested that he return home immediately; that he left the airport and immediately proceeded to his home, at which time he was residing in an apartment house at 562 Holly Avenue, St. Paul; that upon arriving at his apartment, MRS. COWIN informed him that on her way home, as she approached the apartment house building, she noticed an unknown individual standing on the sidewalk, looking into their apartment; that she did not see this individual's face and saw him only from the back; that he appeared to be about average height and rather stout, weighing approximately 175 or 180 pounds and was wearing a light overcoat and light felt hat; that she then saw this individual enter the front door of the apartment building and as she entered the apartment building, she noticed this same individual standing at the door to their apartment, but upon her approach, he immediately went to the back of the hall and left the building through a rear exit.

COWIN stated that upon arriving at the apartment house, he had stopped his car in the alley, leaving the lights on, and had parked his car in such a way that it had blocked the driveway through the alley; that after being in his apartment a few minutes, he heard a horn blow in the alley and realized that someone was attempting to pass his car and desired that his car be moved; that he went into the alley, pulled his car to one side to permit the other car to pass, but that he paid no particular attention to this car; that as the other car passed, he noticed an individual walk toward the back of his car and continue down the alley although he did not know what this individual looked like and was unable to furnish a description of him.

He stated that he then began to look around the vicinity for the person who apparently had been prowling in the vicinity of the apartment house

and returned to his apartment approximately thirty minutes later to find that McCORD and ROBERT LUENING had arrived at the apartment; that these individuals went with him and they again cruised the vicinity but were unable to see any suspicious characters; that they then parked in his car, backed in from the alley, behind the apartment house; and after being so parked for approximately ten minutes, a Ford Coupe drove past, which COWIN believes did not start in the alley although he was unable to advise where the car came from other than that he was of the opinion that it had driven the full length of the alley; that this car was moving very slowly and they followed it through the alley for a block and a half, when it came out on St. Albans and suddenly stopped. COWIN stated that this car was a 1933 Ford Coupe bearing 1934 Minnesota license No. B-75308 and that it contained three individuals although he did not know whether they were men or women; that as soon as this coupe stopped on St. Albans, he stopped alongside of it and approximately one-half car length to the front and that as soon as his car had stopped, the individuals in the Ford Coupe began shooting. He immediately crouched over, put his car in gear and drove down the street, stopping in a snow bank a half block away. COWIN further stated that after his car stopped in the snow bank, he looked back and saw the Ford Coupe disappear into Portland Avenue but did not see any of the individuals who were in the car and is unable to attribute any reason for the shooting. He stated that he previously had been a fire insurance adjuster and had made several enemies in this business but did not feel that they were in any way connected with the shooting.

D. L. NICHOLSON,
Special Agent.

DLN:HVS

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREKID.
St. Paul file 7-50.

On March 24, 1934, the photographs of the following individuals were exhibited to WILLIAM HAMM, JR.:

- CHARLIE CLAUSE
- THEODORE BENTZ
- THOMAS CARROLL
- EDWARD BENTZ
- EDWARD McFADDEN
- ALVIN KARPIS
- HARRY CAMPBELL
- VOLNEY DAVIS
- ARTHUR R. BARKER
- FRED BARKER

Group photo of Robert Fischer, James Miller, and Fred Reardon.

MR. HAMM failed to identify any of the individuals as being his abductors. However, he stated that the photograph of FRED REARDON resembled the individual who approached him on the day of his abduction but that he was unable to make a positive identification. MR. HAMM further stated that he is of the opinion that another photograph containing only two individuals had been exhibited to him at the time of the trial but he was unable to more definitely describe this photograph.

D. L. NICHOLSON,
Special Agent.

DLN:HVS
15 copies made (1- St. Paul file 7-5,
Hamm kidnaping.)

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO INSPECTOR BORER:

Re: BREKID
St. P. 7-30

While at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in connection with the SANKEY kidnaping case, I had occasion to interview Sheriff Sells and Chief of Police Parsons at Sioux Falls, at which time the robbery of the Security National Bank of Sioux Falls was discussed. These officers informed me that there was some indication that members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang, particularly KARPIS and DOC BARKER as well as TOMMY CARROLL are believed to have been identified by employees at this bank from small photographs they had available.

For your information, I had with me enlarged photographs of the two BARKERS, KARPIS, DAVIS, and CAMPBELL, as well as photographs of TOMMY CARROLL and GURLEY CLOUSE. I took these photographs to the Security National Bank and there, first, exhibited same to MR. CLARK, president of said bank, and he failed to identify any of these subjects. MR. CLARK then called in all employees who had a glimpse at any one of the bandits, and all of them, after careful study of the above named photographs stated that none of them resembles, in their opinion, any of the bandits who took part in the holdup of said bank.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

WH:TC

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR BORER:

Re BREKID
St. P. 7-30

The following information was obtained by Special Agent D.L. Nicholas and Special Agent V.W. Peterson as a result of examination of highway maps of Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa:

U.S. Highway #51 is the most direct route straight south of Portage, Wisconsin. From Portage, Wisconsin, to Bloomington, Illinois, by way of Route U.S. #51 is 213 miles. From Portage, Wisconsin, to Mendota, Illinois, by way of U.S. Highway #51 is 157 miles. From Portage, Wisconsin, by way of U.S. Highway #51 to Minonk, Illinois is 185 miles. The following towns are situated on U.S. Highway #51 from Minonk, Illinois, to Bloomington, Illinois:

- Woodford, Illinois;
- Panola, Illinois;
- El Paso, Illinois;
- Kappa, Illinois;
- Hudson, Illinois;
- Normal, Illinois;

Proceeding south from Minonk, Illinois, a distance of thirteen miles on Route #51, thence west on State Route #8 (which is U.S. Highway #24), from El Paso, Illinois, for 34 miles would have brought the subjects of this case to Peoria, Illinois (a total of 232 miles from Portage, Wisconsin, to Peoria, Illinois, by the route indicated).

The following towns are located on U.S. Highway #24 (State highway #8) between El Paso, Illinois, and Peoria, Illinois:

- Eureka, Illinois;
- Gruger, Illinois;
- Washington, Illinois;
- East Peoria, Illinois;

Upon arriving at the junction of U.S. Highway #51 and U.S. Highway #24, at El Paso, Illinois, it would have been possible to have proceeded east on Highway #24 instead of west. If this procedure had been adopted the following towns in the order named would have been passed through between El Paso, which is 198 miles from Portage, Wisconsin, to Chatsworth, Illinois, (238 miles from Portage, Wisconsin):

- Cridley, Illinois;
- Meadows, Illinois;
- Chene, Illinois;
- Weston, Illinois;
- Forrest, Illinois;
- Fairbury, Illinois;
- Chataworth, Illinois;

It would be possible to proceed east on State Route #116 at a point two miles south of Minonk, Illinois, which is 167 miles from Portage, Wisconsin, for twenty-four miles and thus arrive in Pontiac, Illinois. The following towns would have been passed through in the order named between Minonk and Pontiac, Illinois:

- Flanagan, Illinois;
- Graymont, Illinois;

From Portage, Wisconsin, to Lostant, Illinois, by the shortest route, i.e., U.S. Highway #51 is 171 miles. By proceeding nine miles east from Lostant, Illinois, on State Route #17, they would have arrived in Streator, Illinois. Kankakee, Illinois, is 64 miles east of Lostant, Illinois, on State Route #17. By this route, Kankakee, Illinois, is 235 miles from Portage, Wisconsin. The following towns are located on State Route #17, between Lostant, Illinois, and Kankakee, Illinois:

- Streator, Illinois;
- Dwight, Illinois;
- Wilson, Illinois;
- Reddick, Illinois;
- Union Hill, Illinois;
- Kankakee, Illinois;

From Portage, Wisconsin, to La Salle, Illinois, by the shortest route on U.S. Highway #51 is 154 miles. By proceeding east on State Route #7 from La Salle a distance of fifteen miles they would have arrived in Ottawa, Illinois (169 miles from Portage, Wisconsin, 55 miles east on State Route #7 from La Salle, Illinois, the city of Morris, Illinois, is located) (189 miles from Portage, Wisconsin). By proceeding twenty-four miles further east on State Route #7, they would have arrived in Joliet, Illinois (213 miles from Portage, Wisconsin).

Mendota, Illinois, is located 137 miles from Portage, Wisconsin, by the shortest route on U.S. Highway, #51. Proceeding west of Mendota, Illinois, on U.S. Highway #32 for thirty miles would have brought them to Sheffield, Illinois (167 miles from Portage, by the route indicated). At Sheffield,

Illinois, it is possible to proceed northwest on U.S. Highway #34, for a distance of 52 miles arriving in Galesburg, Illinois, passing through Kewanee, Illinois. Galesburg, Illinois, is 219 miles from Portage, Wisconsin; and Kewanee, Illinois, is 180 miles from Portage by this route.

By proceeding sixteen miles on U.S. Highway #34 from Galesburg, Illinois, they would have arrived in Monmouth, Illinois (235 miles from Portage, Wis.).

Another possibility presents itself after arriving at Sheffield, Illinois. They could have proceeded in a northwesterly direction on U.S. Highway #6 for a distance of 51 miles after which they would have arrived in Davenport, Iowa, (218 miles from Portage, Wisconsin, by the route indicated). This would have taken them through the following towns:

- East Moline, Illinois;
- Moline, Illinois;
- Rock Island, Illinois.

From Portage, Wisconsin, to Rochelle, Illinois, is 108 miles if the travel is made on U.S. Highway #31. By proceeding west from Rochelle, Illinois, on U.S. Highway #30, for a distance of 22 miles they would have arrived in Dixon, Illinois, (130 miles from Portage, Wis.). By continuing 44 miles on U.S. Highway #30 they would have arrived in Clinton, Iowa, (174 miles from Portage, Wisconsin, by the route indicated). DeWitt, Iowa, is situated 20 miles straight west of Clinton, Iowa, on U.S. Highway #30. Davenport, Iowa, could be reached from DeWitt, Iowa, by going south on U.S. Highway #61 for a distance of 22 miles.

If they had proceeded east instead of west from Rochelle, Illinois, on U.S. Highway #30 the following possibilities are presented:

Eighteen miles east of Rochelle the town of DeKalb, Illinois, is located. (126 miles from Portage); proceeding east from DeKalb, Illinois, on U.S. Highway #30, they would have passed through the following towns:

- Maple Park, Illinois (154 miles from Portage, Wis.);
- West Chicago, Illinois;
- Wheaton, Illinois;
- Maywood, Illinois;
- Forest Park, Illinois;
- Chicago, Illinois (By route indicated Chicago is 191 miles from Portage.)

From Geneva, Illinois, it would be possible to go south on U.S. Highway #30 for a distance of only nine miles and arrive in Aurora, Illinois, (164 miles from Portage, Wis., to Aurora, Ill.)

Continuing on U.S. Highway #30, they would have arrived in Joliet, Illinois, a distance of 189 miles from Portage, Wis.,

From Joliet, Ill., they could have proceeded on U.S. Highway #30 into Chicago Heights, Illinois, and Valparaiso, Indiana, which is 242 miles from Portage, Wisconsin, by the route indicated. Crown Point, Hammond, and Hobart, Indiana, would be readily accessible if the route described above were followed.

By proceeding on Route #51 from Portage, Wisconsin, a distance of approximately 108 miles they would have arrived in Rockford, Illinois. Proceeding west from Rockford, Illinois, a distance of 28 miles on U.S. Highway #20, they would have arrived in Freeport, Illinois. Continuing 21 miles further west on U.S. Highway #20, they would have arrived in Stockton, Illinois, (approximately 150 miles from Portage, Wisconsin). Continuing 32 miles west on U.S. Highway #20, they would have arrived in Galena, Illinois, and continuing eleven miles further, a total distance of 193 miles they would have arrived in Dubuque, Iowa. Twenty-eight miles directly south of Dubuque, Iowa, on U.S. Highway #51, the town of Maquoketa, Iowa, is located. Seventy-one miles west of Dubuque on U.S. Highway #30 the city of Waterloo, Iowa, is situated. Sixty-eight miles southwest of Dubuque, Iowa, on U.S. Route #161, the city of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is located.

From Rockford, Illinois, it would have been possible to have proceeded east on U.S. Highway #30 and thus pass through the following towns after having traveled the distance indicated:

- 14 miles from Rockford, - Belvidere, Ill.;
- 27 miles from Rockford, - Marengo, Ill.;
- 32 miles from Rockford, - Elgin, Ill.; (a total of 152 miles from Portage, Wis.)

It would have been possible to have gone to Aurora, Illinois, from Elgin, Illinois, by going south on U.S. #30 for a distance of twenty-two miles.

Ninety miles east of Rockford, on U.S. Highway #30 is Chicago, Illinois. By going to Chicago, by this route, they would have passed through Addison, Illinois, and Melrose Park, Illinois.

Madison, Wisconsin, is located 32 miles south of Portage, Wisconsin, on route, U.S. Highway #51. By going east on U.S. Highway #12 from Madison, Wisconsin for 35 miles, they would have arrived in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.

Proceeding on U.S.#12, for a distance of 10 miles further, they would have arrived in Whitewater, Wisconsin, and continuing on the same route for twenty miles further they would have arrived in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, is situated seven miles from Elkhorn, on U.S.#12. (Lake Geneva is 104 miles from Portage, Wisconsin, by this route).

Proceeding on U.S.#12 south from Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, it would have been possible to have passed through the following towns:

Genoa City, Wisconsin
Richmond, Illinois;
McHenry, Illinois;
Crystal Lake, Illinois (133 miles from Portage, Wis., by route indicated).

Proceeding southeast on U.S.#12 from Crystal Lake, Illinois, they would have arrived in the following towns:

Barrington, Illinois;
Arlington Heights, Illinois;
Mount Prospect, Illinois;
Des Plaines, Illinois;
Chicago, Illinois, (179 miles from Portage, Wis., by the route indicated).

It would have been possible however to have proceeded straight south on U.S. Highway #430 from Crystal Lake, Illinois, arriving in Elgin, Illinois, which is 13 miles from Crystal Lake. There is also the possibility that they could have proceeded east from Madison, Wisconsin, on U.S. Highway #18, passing through Waukesha, Wisconsin, to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and thence south on U.S.#41, passing through the northern suburbs of Chicago. By the route indicated above, Waukesha, Wisconsin, is located 81 miles from Portage, Wisconsin. The mileage to Chicago from Portage, Wisconsin, by this route is 208 miles.

If they had proceeded west on U.S.#18 from Madison, Wisconsin, a distance of 97 miles, they would have arrived in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, which is located 129 miles from Portage, Wisconsin.

They could also have proceeded by the following route:

West from Madison on U.S.#18 for a distance of 42 miles to Dodgeville, Wisconsin, thence south on U.S.#118 for a distance of 51 miles to Dubuque, Iowa, which would be 125 miles from Portage, Wisconsin, by this route.

They also could have gone west from Dodgeville continuing on U.S.#18 to

Fennimore, Wisconsin, a distance of 34 miles, thence south on U.S. 51, a distance of 38 miles to Dubuque, Iowa. Dubuque, Iowa, would have been reached after traveling 136 miles from Portage by this route.

It would also have been possible to have left Portage, Wisconsin, by way of U.S. Highway #16, through Columbus, Wisconsin; Watertown, Wisconsin; Oconomowoc, Wisconsin; Hartland, Wisconsin; Pewaukee, Wisconsin. At Pewaukee, Wisconsin, it would have been possible to have taken a small road straight south for two miles arriving at Waukesha, Wisconsin, which is situated 65 miles south of Portage, Wisconsin, by the route indicated.

The above information was obtained by Special Agents D.L. Nicholson and V.W. Peterson.

Respectfully submitted,

V.W. Peterson,

Special Agent.

VWP:TC

St. Paul, Minnesota
March 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO INSPECTOR ROHR:

Re: BREKID
St. P. 7-80

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent T.E. Billings, dated 3-13-34, at Chicago, Illinois, setting forth a list of firms which purchased "Cesco" Welders goggles from the Chicago Eye Shield Company, at Chicago, Illinois.

Special Agents D.L. Nicholson and R.B. Donaldson called at the office of the Commercial Gas Company and the Smith Welding and Equipment Corporation, both of which are located at 2619-4th Street S.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. M.E. Krofve, auditor for the Commercial Gas Company and Mr. L.L. McBurney, sales manager, for the latter company, were interviewed. These gentlemen verified the information that their respective companies had sold the "Cesco" goggles in the past but discontinued handling it last fall. The Commercial Gas Company sold to the retail trade and the other company sold to jobbers. From an inspection of 12,000 invoices agents compiled a list of purchasers of this type goggles.

Customers of Commercial Gas Co.

<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Date</u>
**Crane Co.	St. Paul, Minnesota.	9-10-32
* Swift & Co.	So. St. Paul, Minnesota.	2-11-32
* George Brooker	St. Paul, Minnesota.	10-31-32
* William Kuttner	"	"
* John Crosby	"	"
* Michael Duffy	"	"
* Charles Wheaton	"	"
* Charles Frederickson	"	"
* John DeVine	"	"
P. Magnuson	"	12-5-32
Sam Wick	"	1-25-33
Northwest Airways	" (2 pairs)	10-20-32
Capitol Welding Co.	"	10-21-32
* N.W. Bell Telephone Co.	Minneapolis, Minn.	1-21-33
* University of Minnesota	"	2-1-33
* Acme Tag Co.	"	6-1-32
**Burt Baston Chev. Co.	"	"

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Purchaser	Address	Date
J.B. McClusky	Minneapolis, Minn.	11-2-32
* W.H. Barber Oil Co.	Minneapolis, Minn.	11-2-32
Williams Hdw. Co.	Robbinsdale, Minn.	11-10-32
* Hennepin Oil Co.	Onida, South Dakota	10-32
Gustafson Implement Co.	2155 Charles St., La Crosse, Wis.	10-11-32
John Bolberg	Oakes, North Dakota	11-3-32
North American Creameries	Preston, Minn.	11-8-32
Soren Sorenson	Monango, North Dakota	11-10-32
J.C. Alexanderson	Box 472, Thief River Falls, Minn.	11-9-32
Melvin Westby	Bowman, North Dakota	11-15-32
E.N. Rinde	Winona, Minn.	11-19-32
* Wobig & Block	Dent, Minn.	11-26-32
O.H. Voight	Winona, Minn.	11-6-32
Nolan Bros., Inc.	Grand Forks, N.D.	11-7-32
Univ. of N.D. Power Plant Dept.	Valley City, N.D.	11-11-32
Barnes Co., Highway Dept.	Greenwood, Minn.	11-17-32
Athmann Motor Co.	Fergus Falls, Minn.	11-5-32
Bjorkland Mfg. Co.		

Customers of Smith Welding Equipment Corp.

Purchaser	Address	Date
H.L. Barnes	Pringle, S.D.	6-17-31
General Mtr. Equipment Co.	Mitchell, S.D.	6-23-31
Southern Chevrolet Co.	Hot Springs, S.D.	6-30-31
Melvin Sutton	Briston, Ind.	8-4-31
E.L. Stinson	Brady, Mont.	8-19-31
James Supply Co.	Chattanooga, Tenn.	9-12-31
Fargo Motor Supply Co.	Fargo, N.D.	10-22-31
A.J. Christopher	Pembina, N.D.	10-26-31
Tennessee Power Co.	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	11-32
H.C. Pointer	Van Wert, Ohio	11-32
D. Krueger Spnst. Co.	Algona, Wis.	11-32
Ranes Motor Co.	Lisbon, N.D.	11-32
Motor Service Inc.	Minot, N.D.	11-32
Ohio Stone Co.	Montgomery, Ohio	11-32

Agents have personally called upon purchasers in the Twin Cities in an attempt to definitely locate or account for each pair of goggles. Those firms or persons who still possess the goggles have been indicated by an asterisk (*). A double asterisk has been used to indicate that the purchaser returned the goggles.

In a further attempt to trace goggles sold to the Williams Hardware Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Agent Donaldson found this concern to be one of the biggest jobbers of hardware and kindred articles in the Northwest, the sales manager, Mr. Whisby, advised that in the past a few pairs of this type goggles had been purchased and resold. He has no method of way of learning to whom they were sold without making a detailed inspection of each invoice issued in the past two years. About 300 invoices are made daily, most in pencil writing.

Several cash sales were made by the Commercial Gas Company and they have no way of knowing to whom made.

SAM WICK is with the mechanical department of the Great Northern Railway and is in the process of moving from a job at Seattle, Washington, to a new job at Glasgow, Montana. Mrs. WICK agreed to take up the matter of goggles with him in her next letter. She was given proper description and in due time she will be contacted by telephone at Emerson 9347.

Mr. P. MAGNUSON, when interviewed by Agent Donaldson, stated that he recalled purchasing such a pair of goggles but did not have them now and could not recall just what was done with them. They were obtained while he was attending the Steam Fitters' School, a night course given at Mechanics Arts High School several winters past. Claims he did not pursue welding work and then lost track of the goggles. He is employed by the City of St. Paul, as a steamfitter.

M. S. COOPER, is in charge of the stock room and purchases for the Northwest Airways at Holman Airport, St. Paul, Minnesota. He found a purchase record for two pair of Ceseo goggles but could not find the goggles or determine what became of them. Up until recently a crew of about 40 mechanics were employed in the shop. Mr. Cooper states that the goggles were probably placed in the shop and have been broken or destroyed. Agents accompanied him in a search of the entire shops and also interrogated the mechanics still employed but without results. There is a possibility that the goggles were sent to branch shops maintained at Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Fargo, Bismarck, and Pembina, North Dakota. In such instances charges are made on the records of property and equipment transferred. No entry or other notation pertaining to goggles was found.

The premises of the Capitl Welding Company at University Avenue, were robbed about January 5, 1934, and among other things a pair of Ceseo goggles were stolen. TOM CROFTER and STEPHEN DOODY, who operate this place, inspected the goggles used in instant case and advised that they were not those stolen here.

WILLIAM KUTNER is employed by the Hamm Brewing Company. He states his

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Cesco goggles were stolen some two months ago from a job on which he was working. He examined the exhibit in this case and said he was sure this pair was not his.

A mimeograph letter has been sent to the out-of-town purchasers of these goggles.

Very truly yours,

R.B. DONALDSON, SPECIAL AGENT.

RBD:TC

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR HORER:

Re: BREKID
St. P. 7-30

With further reference to investigation to locate the source of SHELL SIGNS, the following listed places, including tin shops, garages, and sign painters, were personally interviewed in the city of South St. Paul, Minnesota, which is a separate incorporated city in Dakota County:

ROBERG SHEET METAL WORKS
1005 North Concord Street;

Mr. ROBERG was interviewed, personally, and stated that he had never done any sign work of any kind although on occasion he does carry considerable sheet copper in stock. This copper was examined by Agent and it was noted that it was 14 ounces, soft rolled sheet copper, whereas the copper used in the signs involved is of 24 to 25 ounce, hard rolled sheet copper. MR. ROBERG stated that the only tin shops in South St. Paul were M. CHARLEBOIS, South St. Paul Sheet Metal Works, and BARTLE BROTHERS.

At the Lamire and Marrier Garage, 332 Concord Street, Agent was advised that no sign works of any kind had ever been done and an inspection of the shop bore out this statement in that there were no sheet metal tools and no painter's equipment.

At the BIRCH WILSON Ford Garage, 330 Concord Street, Agent was advised that this shop had never carried any copper of any kind in stock and had never done any sign work.

BARRIER'S GARAGE, 103 South Concord Street, was contacted and Agent was advised that the signs in question were not made up in this establishment. This garage does repair work only; has no sheet metal of any kind in stock and no painter's equipment.

At JIM'S BLACKSMITH SHOP, North Concord Street, Agent was advised that no sign work of any kind had ever been done at this shop.

At the South St. Paul Sheet Metal Shop, Agent noted that some 14 ounce soft rolled copper was in stock but employees stated that no sign work had ever been done.

At the Grand Avenue Battery and Tire Service Garage, Agent was advised that no sign work had ever been done by this establishment. No copper of any kind, or sheet metal, or other necessary equipment was observed on the premises.

At the Grand View Motors Company, South View Avenue, Agent was informed that the only sign painters in this city were employed by this establishment. These sign painters and other employees of the garage were interviewed and stated positively that the SHELL SIGNS in question had been made up by them and further suggested that the metal work had probably been done by BARTEL BROTHERS SHEET METAL SHOP.

At BARTEL BROTHERS TIN SHOP, South 7th Avenue, MR. BARTEL and other employees of the establishment were interviewed and advised that they had never done any painting of any kind; that they had never worked on tin plated copper and that the signs in question had not been made up in their establishment.

At CHARLEBOIS SHEET METAL AND TIN SHOP, South Concord Street, Agent was advised that the signs in question had not been made up by this concern, that they had never done any work on tin plated copper and carried only a line of 14 ounce soft rolled copper for use in roofing equipment. M. CHARLEBOIS stated positively that the signs had not been made up by his company.

Very truly yours,

W. NOTESTRUM, Special Agent.

ENN:TC

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Re: BREKID.
St. Paul file 7-50.

The following garages, tin shops, and paint shops were visited by this agent in Minneapolis and White Bear, Minnesota, in an effort to locate the source of the Shell signs:

Nelson Sheet Metal Works, 2327 West Broadway. Agent was advised at this establishment that no sign work had ever been done and that the Shell signs in question had not been made up at this establishment.

West Broadway Motor Company, 2318 West Broadway. This garage handles storage and repair work only, and agent was advised that the Shell signs could not have been made up by this concern.

Motor-Aid, 2507 West Broadway. Agent was advised that battery and repair work only is done by this concern.

Norman Auto Body Works & Paint Shop, Minneapolis. It was noted that automobile painting and sign work was done by this establishment but all employees stated that the signs in question had not been made up at this shop.

W. J. Arseneau Garage, 1821 Washington Avenue North. Agent was advised that only repair work was done and that signs were never painted and that the Shell signs could not have been constructed by this establishment.

Henning & Son, sheet metal works, 1415 North Washington Avenue. Agent was advised that work on sheet metal was done exclusively by this shop and that the signs were not made by this establishment.

Stremel Bros., paints, sheet metal, hardware and manufacturing company, 260 Plymouth Avenue. Agent was advised that this was the largest tin shop in North Minneapolis; that no sign work had ever been done although considerable tin plated copper is used in the construction of tanks for lactic acid. MR. STREMEL stated positively that the shop had never carried copper in stock as heavy in weight as that used in the signs and that the signs had not been made up in his shop.

Agent, together with Special Agent O. G. Hall, visited the Wildwood Garage near White Bear Lake, Minnesota, and was advised that no sign work of any kind had ever been done by this garage.

At the Wildwood Motor Inn, near White Bear Lake, agents were advised that this garage had never done any sign work or any work on copper.

At the J. A. Reed Firestone Garage in the town of White Bear, being remembered that this garage was formerly contacted by HARVEY SAILEY, local underworld character, agents were advised positively that the Shell signs were not made up by this concern and that their business is exclusively storage and repairs and they carried no copper of any kind in stock and did no painting.

The above investigation is supplemental to that already made and reported from time to time in connection with the Shell signs involved in this case.

E. H. NOTESTEEN,
Special Agent.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. L. Nalls on March 24, 1934. Reference is made to report of Sp. Agt. O.G. Hall dated 3-7-34 at St. Paul:

Agent Nalls obtained from Inspector Charles Tierney, St. Paul, Minnesota, Police Department, all of the articles removed by the St. Paul Police on the morning of March 4, 1933, from apartment 102, 1280 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. This clothing is being kept temporarily at the St. Paul Division office. The clothing was very carefully examined and below is a descriptive list:

White shirt:

Size 15

Label - Arrow

Laundry marks - DG and Grimm

Sunshine Laundry wrapper, 440 E. Second Street, Reno, Nevada.

White shirt:

Size 15

Label - Lookesheen Finear Made

Laundry marks - P, HK, DG, and Grimm

Sunshine Laundry wrapper, 440 E. Second St., Reno, Nev.

Blue figured shirt:

Size 14 1/2

Label - Ide

Laundry mark - 75

Sunshine Laundry wrapper, 440 E. Second St., Reno, Nev.

Blue figured shirt:

Size 14 1/2

Label - Aetna, Berwick Cloth

Laundry marks - 751 and E4

Sunshine Laundry wrapper, 440 E. Second St., Reno, Nev.

Grey silk shirt:

Size not shown

Label - George Wing & Co., 627 Jackson St., San Francisco, Calif.

No laundry mark

Tan silk shirt:

Same description as above

White shirt:

Size 15

Label - Washington Shirt Co.

Laundry marks - DG and Grimm

White shirt:
Size 15 1/2
Label - Manhattan
Laundry mark - DG

Blue shirt:
Size 14 1/2
Label - Manhattan
Laundry marks - DG and 751

Grey Oxford cloth shirt:
Size 14 1/2
Label - Broadway Fogger, Melrose Park, Illinois.
Laundry marks - DG and 751

Tan shirt:
Size 15
Label - Manhattan
Laundry mark - DG
Sunshine Laundry wrapper, 440 E. Second St., Reno, Nev.

Tan shirt:
Size 15
Label - Silverlink-Phillip-Jones
Laundry marks - 17 and JD
Sunshine Laundry wrapper, 440 E. Second St., Reno, Nev.

Grey figured shirt:
Size 14 1/2
Label - Astma
Laundry mark - 751
Laundry wrapper, Schwartz Bros., St. Paul, Minn.

White shirt:
Size 15
Label - Arrow
Laundry mark - DG, JD, ABO, Grimm, and 7 E

Pair of black Oxfords, Size 8
Unable to ascertain make

Square shaped silk scarf:
Wide red and brown stripes
No label

Knit pull-over sweater
Yellow, grey, and white mixture.
Label - Baskin, Chicago

12 Neckties of assorted colors and makes, some of which
contain labels as follows:
Burke & Short, Inc., Reno, Nevada.
Bullock's, Los Angeles
Paterson's, Reno
Maurice Rothschild & Co.
Dayton Men's Store, Minneapolis
One tie shows laundry mark WED, 5811. This tie
has label Burke & Short, Inc., Reno.

9 pairs of assorted socks, some of which bear laundry mark V61.

1 Brown leather belt:
Pioneer make
Size 34

1 Brown leather belt:
Unknown make
Buckle with initial "W".

Unionsuit:
Healthnit
No laundry mark

Unionsuit:
Size 40, trunk 66
Make, Hanes
No laundry mark

Unionsuit:
Size 40 - 64
Make, Allen Spring Needle
Laundry mark 88

Unionsuit:
Size 40 - 65
Make, Luxury, The Fort Schuyler Knitting Co., Utica, N. Y.
Laundry mark 75

Unionsuit:
Summer weight
Size 44
Make unknown
Laundry mark DG

Undershirt:
Size 36
Make, Ide
Laundry mark 4

Undershirt:
Size 38
Make, Arrow
Laundry mark DG

Undershirt:
Size 38
Make, Arrow
Laundry mark, 75

Undershirt:
Size unknown
Make, Coopers
Laundry mark, 87

Undershirt:
Size 38
Make, BVD
Laundry mark, KED, DG, and 75

Undershirt:
Size 38
Make, BVD
Laundry mark, KED and DG

6 pairs of shorts:
Laundry marks, 75, DG, Grimm, 87, KED

1 pair pajamas:
Label, Capper & Gapper, Royal Zephyr
Laundry marks, T, DG, 751, and JEM

1 Dark grey Herringbone weave suit:
Label, Richmond Brothers
Laundry marks, 2214, 329, 2, 565

1 Grey suit with small stripe:
Label, none
Laundry marks, 014, 3906, 2214, 3422

- 1 pair blue pants
Laundry marks, 275, 4918
- 1 sheet of writing paper
Burke Hotel, Carroll, Iowa
- 1 sheet of writing paper
Hotel Tomahawk, Green River, Wyoming.
- 1 Empty container box for Colt .45 automatic pistol,
Government model. Number written on reverse side
of this box in pencil, 159419. This number may be
that of pistol which came in box.
- 1 Partially filled box of cartridges, Western Cartridge
Company, East Alton, Illinois, for .45 automatic,
Lubaloy 230 grain metal case bullet.

Appropriate investigation is now being conducted with respect to the laundry marks appearing on the clothing at both St. Paul and at White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

For the convenience of offices which may be called upon to conduct investigations with reference to the laundry marks, the following list is being submitted containing all laundry marks appearing on the clothing:

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This office is engaged in preparing a summary report in the
made to date. When the same is completed a copy or copies will be sub-
mitted to every field office.

Only one copy of this report is submitted to offices to which
leads have previously been dispatched by letter, telegram, or otherwise,
because of the stenographic situation in this office, which does not permit
the rewriting of the report in the time permitted.

PENDING.

MR. NAT
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MR. LES
MR. LUC
MR. ROU



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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 21, 1934.

MR. NATHAN	✓
MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	✓
MR. COWLEY	✓
MR. EDWARDS	
MR. EGAN	
MR. QUINN	
MR. LESTER	
CHIEF CLERK	
MR. ROSEN	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Concerning the prospective publicity relative to the identity of the Bremer kidnapers, I conferred with Mr. Nathan, Mr. Rorer and Mr. Hammi by telephone and with Mr. Cowley relative thereto.

1. As to the advisability of the Attorney General making an announcement that the identity of the gang responsible for the kidnaping is known to this Division and to identify those responsible as the members of the Barker-Karpis gang, Mr. Nathan agreed that it would be O. K. to mention Alvin Karpis and Doc Barker by name but mention the others, against whom we have nothing direct, only in general terms as members of the gang, without naming them. He stated that he thought there should be no mention of the facts as to the method by which these individuals were identified, such as by fingerprints, flashlights or the cap. Mr. Rorer believes that it would be agreeable to give out the information relative to the identity of the parties involved. Mr. Hammi thinks that there would be no harm in disclosing the identity of this gang; in fact, he feels that this information should be broadcast, as the sooner we locate them the better it will be, and, at any rate, the gang is wanted for murder in Kirksville, Missouri. Mr. Cowley believes it will be advisable to disclose the identity of Barker and Karpis but not the others by name. Mr. Clegg believes that it will be advisable to disclose the identity of Barker and Karpis by name and refer to the others generally as members of the gang.

2. Concerning the advisability of the issuance of Identification Orders, Mr. Nathan, Mr. Cowley and Mr. Clegg are in agreement that Identification Orders should be issued for Doc Barker and Alvin Karpis, but not the others, who are merely suspects. Mr. Rorer and Mr. Hammi think it will be satisfactory to issue Identification Orders on the five whose photographs have been furnished to the Special Agents.

3. As to the advisability of announcing that circulars have been distributed to banks and law enforcement officials on which appear the numbers of the ransom notes, Mr. Nathan favors the issuance of such a statement because it would permit citizens to go to the bank or police department in the event they came in possession of money under unusual circumstances. Mr. Rorer is in favor of

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such an announcement. He sees no possible harm in doing this as the newspapers announced it once, but he doubts any value to be obtained from it. Mr. Hanni opposes this because he sees no need for the issuance of such a statement about the money and also because we have pledged ourselves to the family to keep quiet about this matter. Mr. Nathan does not agree with the objection of Mr. Hanni. Mr. Cowley sees no value to making the announcement about the serial numbers of the currency unless the numbers themselves were published in newspapers, which would hardly be expected. Mr. Clegg does not believe that a statement should be issued as to the serial numbers of the money, first, because of its extremely doubtful value and secondly because of the apparent pledge to the Bremer family that we would not disclose that they had obtained the serial numbers, and, thirdly, because the publication of this as an official announcement from the Department, in spite of the fact that the newspapers have speculated that this was done heretofore, might interfere in future kidnaping cases, with plans of a similar nature, while at present we can inform the families of victims in the future that no announcement was given out concerning their service in preserving the serial numbers.

There is attached hereto a memorandum for the Attorney General transmitting a confidential memorandum indicating the identification of Arthur R. (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis as the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer. Mr. Newby is preparing drafts for Identification Orders on all five members of the gang whose photographs have been furnished to Special Agents. There are attached to the memorandum for the Attorney General a number of copies of the photographs of the five individuals believed to be members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Respectfully,


H. H. Clegg

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E. A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim,
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to your letter of March 21, 1934, addressed to the Chicago Office, and to your letter of March 25, 1934, addressed to the Salt Lake City Office, a carbon copy of which was sent to every field office, and also to the report of Special Agent A. R. Cere, Salt Lake City, dated March 22, 1934.

In the last paragraph on page one of your letter dated March 21, 1934, you recite George L. Martin lived with a woman at Reno, and was driving a Ford V-8, motor #18-49308, and in your letter of March 25, 1934, you request that a search and stop be made against Ford V-8, motor #18-49308, whereas it appears from the report of Special Agent A. R. Cere, Salt Lake City, dated March 22, 1934, that according to the information he uncovered, the correct motor number is #18,493,080.

In view of the discrepancy in this motor number, I am calling this matter to your attention.

The correct motor number apparently is #18,493,080. If such is the case, I suggest you advise every field office, in order that the stop might be placed against the proper motor number. If, per chance, the correct motor number is that as set forth in your communications, you, of course, may ignore this letter entirely.

I forwarded a wire to you today concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

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c.c. Each Field Office.

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REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 3/8/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/21/34	REPORT MADE BY K. R. McINTIRE
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219, et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Continued investigation in vicinity of Chicago, Illinois, fails to disclose location of hideout house.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, 3/19/34.

DETAILS: This report contains the details of further investigation in towns in the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois, in the hope of locating the hideout house in which Bremer was held. The information secured is being submitted in the form of memoranda submitted by each investigating agent.

HIDEOUT

Investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. G. Melvin on March 21, 1934, relative to the hideout at the following towns:

- Addison, Illinois,
- Kilburn, Illinois,
- LaFox, Illinois,
- Maple Park, Illinois

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AT ADDISON, ILLINOIS

Agent interviewed Louis H. Papenbrok, acting Postmaster, who stated that there is no stationary siren located in Addison, but that on some days when the wind is blowing from the right direction a siren from Itasca, Illinois can be heard at 12 Noon; that sirens at Lombard, Illinois, and Villa Park, Illinois can also be heard at 8 P.M. daily; that there are no whistles in Addison but that they can hear the round house whistle of the C. & N. St. P. and P. Railway at Bensenville at 7 A. M., 3 P. M. and 7 P. M. daily; that only one church has a bell in Addison and this rings on Sunday morning and Saturday afternoon; that no other church bells are heard in Addison.

AT ELBURN, ILLINOIS

Interview was had by agent with Miss Vida Pouley, a clerk in the Post office, who stated that the only stationary siren heard in Elburn is the town fire siren which blows on Saturday at 6 P. M. and for fires; that there is no whistle located in Elburn but that when the wind is blowing from the right direction a whistle can be heard from DeKalb, Ill. which is 14 miles away; that no church bells are rung regularly, the only church bell in town being on an abandoned Catholic church.

AT LA FOX, ILLINOIS

Agent interviewed E. A. Potter, Postmaster, who stated that no sirens are heard in LaFox; that the only whistle heard is at the State School for Boys at St. Charles which blows at 8 A. M., 7 A. M. Noon, and at night; that no church bells are heard in LaFox.

AT MAPLE PARK, ILLINOIS

Interview was had by agent with L. C. Fosson, a Clerk in the Post Office, who stated that the town fire siren blows each day at 12 Noon except Sunday; that the siren did not blow on January 28, 1934; that one whistle is blown at 7 A. M., 12 Noon and 1 P. M. only; that one church bell only rings on Sunday and none on Saturday.

Investigation conducted by Special Agents T. G. Malvin and John E. Brennan on March 21, 1934 at

PALOS PARK, ILLINOIS

Edward T. Cowan, rural mail carrier, residing on 131st Street, fourth house north of U. S. 45, Palos Park, Illinois, telephone Palos Park 130J2, called at the Chicago Division office on Mar. 30, 1934, and related to Special Agent E. R. McIntire that he knew of a house in Palos Park that would fit the description of the place sought. The information furnished by Mr. Cowan at the time of this interview is similar to that given to the above agents, and may be summarized as follows:

That there is a house located on Harlem Avenue north of 135th Street, owned by Frank Ahern, proprietor of the Beverly Gardens, which was formerly operated as a road house; that this house is estimated to be about 600 feet back from the concrete road; that he does not know whether the house is occupied at this time, but that some time ago two CWA workers went into the woods to cut timber and two men in a 1933 Buick parked near the house drove them away with guns; that there is a siren on the town hall at Orland Park, which is near Palos Park, but that this siren is sounded at noon; that one or two trucks go by each week selling fish, perch and fresh herring, caught in Lake Michigan; that the house is situated near the Orland Park Lake; that there are three churches in Palos Park, though he does not know if they are equipped with bells, or if any bells are rung at 6 P. M. on Saturday; that no children live near the house.

Special Agents Melvin and Brennan accompanied Cowan to 135th and Harlem Avenue where he pointed out the house in question. Examination revealed it to be a remodeled farmhouse, and is entered from the front by climbing a stairway leading to a large enclosed pavilion. Joseph McCue, who is now living on the premises stated that he is employed by Frank Ahern as caretaker, and has been living there for the past month; that prior to that time the house was vacant and had no furniture therein; that during the month of January persons believed to be CWA employees working in the vicinity used the house as a shelter, which was unauthorized; that these persons removed the windows from the porch, all the doorknobs, built fires in the garage under the pavilion, and stole the Delco lighting plant which was in the garage, and otherwise damaged the premises. McCue took Special Agents Melvin and Brennan through the house to show them the damage done, at which time it was observed that the house has never been papered, that there is no basement, that the garage has no flooring, and that it would not in any manner answer the description given by the victim of the place where he was held.

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Investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. C. Ryan on March 21, 1934, at the following places, relative to the hideout:

- Andrew, Illinois,
- Beecher, Illinois,
- Goodnow, Illinois,
- Grant Park, Illinois,
- Manteo, Illinois,
- Momence, Illinois,
- Peotone, Illinois,
- Wilton Center, Illinois

At Andrew, Illinois it was determined that this is a town consisting only of a general store and a few frame dwellings, situated on a freight line of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad. H. J. Gorman, acting postmaster at Peotone, Illinois, advised that this town is on a rural route out of Peotone. He stated that no siren or factory whistles are heard here, and that no churches are located anywhere in the vicinity. Mr. Gorman stated that he is familiar with every house in the vicinity of Andrew, through his duties as town assessor, which position he has filled for five years. He advised that no houses there in any way resemble the description of the hideout house.

At Beecher, Illinois, it was ascertained through Miss Louise Rump, postmistress, that the siren here blows only at noon on each Saturday and for fires; that no factories are nearby and no whistles are heard; that there are two churches here which ring their bell at 6 P. M. on Saturdays, namely the Lutheran and Evangelical; that these churches, together with the Congregational church ring their bells several times on Sunday mornings. This town is served by the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad, which has trains that stop here at 6:40 A. M., 7:30 A. M. 11:39 A. M. and 6:40 P. M. There are numerous through trains on this line at all hours of the day. Beecher is a town of 700 population and is eight miles from Goodnow, the closest town to it. Miss Rump advised that she has lived here for 20 years and has been postmistress for 12 years. She stated that there are no houses in the vicinity of Beecher, which would in any way answer the description of the hideout house. It was ascertained from Henry Esch, fire chief, that there was no fire here in the proximity of January 28th.

At Goodenow, Illinois, it was ascertained from Fred Kregel, postmaster, that no siren is located or heard here; that there are no factories and no whistles are heard; that the only church in the vicinity is the German Lutheran, which rings its bell at 4 P. M. on Saturdays and twice on Sunday morning. Goodenow has the same train service as Beecher outlined above, except that stops are made only when there are passengers to be picked up or discharged. This is a town of 100 population and Mr. Kregel advised that there is no house in the vicinity answering the description of the hideout.

At Grant Park, Illinois, it was learned through J. R. Hanlon, postmaster, that the siren here blows only at noon on Saturdays and for fires; that no factories are located here, nor are any whistles heard; that the German Evangelical church here rings its bell at 6 P. M. on Saturday and on Sunday morning, and the Methodist church rings both in the morning and evening on Sunday. He also stated that two German Lutheran churches are located at distances of three and six miles from town, which rings their bell at 6 P. M. on Saturdays, but these churches are removed from 12 to 15 miles from any other town and no sirens or whistles are anywhere near them. Mr. Hanlon further stated that the air mail to St. Louis, Missouri, flies directly overhead each day. This town is also served by the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad, and the train service is the same as that at Beecher. Mr. Hanlon said that he has been a resident of Grant Park for 37 years and is familiar with all of the houses thereabouts but advised that he knows of no house which would answer the description of the hideout.

At Momence, Illinois, it was learned through Lester Cromwell, postmaster, that the siren here blows at noon, daily, and for fires; that there are no factories here and none are heard; that there are five churches here which ring their bells only on Sunday Mornings, but that the bell at St. Patrick's Academy on the outskirts of town rings at 6 A. M. and 6 P. M., daily. This town is served by the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad and has the same service as Beecher, Illinois, noted above. The New York Central also runs a one-coach train, through here, which stops once each way a day. The Kankakee Lines run through this town and it was ascertained that no perch are caught in this river, pike being the only kind caught. Mr. Cromwell claimed to be familiar with practically all houses in town, and advised that he knows of no house which would fit the description of the hideout. It was ascertained from Mitch Centway, fire chief, that there was not a fire in this town on January 23.

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At Peotone, Illinois, it was learned through H. J. Gorman, Acting Postmaster, that the siren here blows only at Saturday, noon, and for fires; that although the Continental Bridge Company is located here, its whistle has not blown for six months; that no other whistles are heard here; that there are four churches here, none of which ring their bell on Saturday night, and all ring bells on Sunday mornings; that this town is served by the Illinois Central Railroad, and only one morning, and one afternoon train stops here, although numerous trains go through. Mr. Gorman advised that he has lived in Peotone for 35 years and has been town assessor for five years; that through his duties as assessor, he is familiar with every house in the vicinity, but he could suggest no house which would answer in any way the description of the hideout house.

At Wilton Center, Illinois, it was ascertained that this town consists of a general store and a few small houses and is situated six miles from the nearest railroad. H. J. Gorman, Acting Postmaster at Peotone, Illinois, advised that this town is on a rural route out of Peotone, that no siren, whistles or churches are located there. Mr. Gorman advised that through his duties as town assessor he is familiar with all houses in or near Wilton Center, but stated that he knows of no house in that vicinity which would answer the description of the hideout.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Further investigation conducted in various towns in Illinois for the purpose of locating the place where victim was held captive, without success.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent E. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, dated March 23, 1934.

DETAILS:

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"HIDEOUT"

Investigation for the purpose of locating the place where victim Bremer was held captive has been made in the towns herein listed, but without success to date.

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HIDEOUT

Investigation was conducted by Special Agent W.C. Ryan, from March 15, to 20, 1934, at the following places relative to the hideout:

ILLINOIS

Alsip	Matteson
Blue Island	Middlebush
Calumet Park	Mokena
Chicago Heights	Monroe
Crestwood	Oak Forest
Crete	Olympia Fields
Dixmoor	Phoenix
Dolton	Posen
East Hazel Crest	Richton Park
Flossmoor	Riverdale
Frankfort	Robbins
Glenwood	South Chicago Heights
Harvey	South Holland
Hazel Crest	Steger
Homewood	Thornton
Markham	Tinley Park

The above listed towns with the exception of Frankfort, Mokena and Monroe, were investigated as a group, inasmuch as these towns are located within close proximity to one another, and sounds from one of these towns might easily be heard in some of the others. During the investigation to determine the factory whistles, bells and sirens located in these towns, it was ascertained that in most instances the water meter readers confined their readings to the houses located within the town limits, since in this particular section, the parties located outside of the town limits and on rural routes paid a yearly amount for water, and no reading of meters was made. It was also ascertained during the investigation for sounds, that all of the gas and electric meter readers for the section in which the above listed towns are located, work out of the Public Service Company of

Northern Illinois Office, in Harvey, Illinois. It was thought therefore that it would be best to obtain the sounds of sirens, whistles, etc., located in each of the above places in order that the meter readers of spots at which likely sounds might be heard, could be interviewed at one time, and questioned as to definite locations.

AT ALSIP, ILLINOIS

It was determined that this is a town consisting of 10 or 12 frame shacks, none of which were observed by Agent to contain basements. It is located along the tracks of the B. & O.C.T. Ry., which is used only as a freight line. No churches or sirens are located here, and the Gilbert & Bennett Wire Mill located nearby blows its whistles at 7 and 8 A.M., 12 noon, 12:30 and 4:30 P.M.

AT BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS

It was learned through Postmaster F.J. Smith, that no siren is located here, and that no siren is sounded for fire alarms. He ascertained that the following factory whistles are heard from factories in Blue Island:

Libby McNeil & Libby, located south of town, blows a whistle daily at 8:30 A.M., 12 noon and 4:00 P.M.

Chicago Copper & Chemical Company, located north of town, blew its whistles at 4:00 P.M. daily up to 2-9-54, when the shop closed.

The Rock Island Shops, located north of town, near the Chicago Copper & Chemical Company, blows its whistle daily at 9:30 A.M., 8 A.M., noon, 12:30 P.M., 4 and 4:30 P.M.

There is a Lutheran church here which rings at 5 P.M. on Saturdays and several times on Sunday morning, and there is located within two blocks of this church a Methodist church, which rings its bell twice on Sunday morning and once on Sunday evening. There are also three Catholic churches here, which ring several times each Sunday morning.

This town is served by the Rock Island Railroad, which runs numerous suburban trains in the morning and evening. Mr. Smith could recall no houses which might answer the description of the Bremer hideout, and a later interview with Anthony Price, gas and electric meter reader, of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, developed that he also could recall no house to answer the description of the hideout.

AT CALUMET PARK, ILLINOIS

It was determined through David O. Pointer, mail carrier #2835, that this town is served through the Chicago, Illinois post office. Mr. Pointer advised that he delivers mail throughout the entire town of Calumet Park. He could recall no house which in any way answered the description of the hideout. He advised that no daily siren or fire siren is blown here. There are six factories located in a group directly north of town, all of which blow whistles at 8 A.M., several times around noon, and at 3:30 and 4 P.M.

There is no suburban train service, the only transportation being by the Illinois Electric cars. He said that no churches are located within a mile of town.

AT CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

It was learned through B.E. Comilson, postmaster, that the siren here blows only for fires and that it has not blown for at least six months. There are four factories located close to each other in the eastern part of town, all of which blow whistles in the morning, several times at noon, and in the evening.

There is a Lutheran church which rings its bell at 8 P.M. on Saturdays and several times on Sunday mornings, but located nearby is a Catholic church, which bell rings at 8 A.M., noon and 8 P.M. daily, as well as on Sunday mornings. The Evangelical church, also in the same vicinity, rings its bell at 8 A.M. on Saturday and several times on Sunday morning, and in the same neighborhood there is a Hospital Chapel, which rings its bell at 8 A.M., noon, 5 and 8 P.M. daily.

The Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad runs through town, there being two morning trains and two afternoon trains.

Mr. Comilsen, who was formerly Chief of Police of Chicago Heights, advised that he knew of no house in the vicinity of the town which would in any way answer the description of the hideout. He advised that the only party in town upon whom he would cast any suspicion who might be involved in any sort of criminal activity was one [redacted]

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[redacted] He advised that this party had formerly had some connection with the Capone interests, and if a hideout of any kind was being sought, his residence might possibly be used as such a place. Agent accompanied Mr. Comilsen, and viewed the premises of [redacted] and it was ascertained that this house is situated on a corner in a very respectable residential section of the town, and is built upon a hill. It was noted that the basement of this house contained nothing but very small basement windows, but it could not be ascertained from the street as to whether there was any outside entrance to the basement. Subsequently Agent discussed this house with Ora Farrar, gas and electric meter reader of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, who advised that the entrance to the basement of [redacted] house is located in the rear of the house, and that between the steps to the basement and the garage, a distance of approximately 25 ft. is entirely cemented; that in order to get to this basement, it would be necessary to walk across at least 20 to 25 ft. of cemented ground. He also advised that he had only been in one room of this basement, but from his observation the floor of this basement was completely concrete. He also said that there were to his knowledge no dogs in this house, or any of the houses nearby, although there were children in the house.

AT CRESTWOOD, ILLINOIS

It was determined that this is a sparsely settled town, consisting of approximately 10 to 15 frame houses. There is no post office located there, and no church or factory was observed in the proximity of this town. None of the houses located there appeared to in any way answer the description of the hideout house, inasmuch as practically all of the houses contained no basement. Inquiry of the post master at

Robbiss and Midlothian, Illinois, which are the adjoining towns, developed that neither of these parties, who are familiar with most of the houses in Crestwood, could recall any house thereabout which would answer the description of the hideout. Both also stated that the town has no facilities whatsoever, and that no siren is located there.

AT CRETE, ILLINOIS

It was determined through John Gleason, post master, that there is a siren located here, which blows each night at 8 P.M., and blows also for fires. It was further determined that no factories are located in or near Crete, and Mr. Gleason stated that the nearest factory would be at Chicago Heights, which is a distance of 4 miles from the town, and that whistles from these factories cannot be heard at Crete. It was also determined that there are 4 churches at Crete, one of which is the Trinity Lutheran Church, which rings its bell at 8 P.M. on Saturday and also several times Sunday morning, but that the other 3 churches, which are in the close proximity of this church also ring their bell several times on Sunday morning. This town is served by the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad, which according to Mr. Gleason has only about 4 trains a day which stop at Crete, and that there is no regular suburban service, and no fluctuations of trains in the morning or evening hours. Mr. Gleason, and Miss Edna Heckt, post office clerk, both advised they were thoroughly familiar with the houses in and about Crete, but could think of no house which would answer in any way the description of the hideout house.

AT DIXMOOR, ILLINOIS

It was ascertained through Miss Helen Rodman, assistant to the postmaster at Midlothian, Illinois, which town adjoins Dixmoor, that this town has no siren which blows daily, nor does it have a fire siren; that there are no churches located in Dixmoor, and the closest church is located in Midlothian, the bell of which rings only on special occasions, such as Easter Sunday, and does not ring regularly every week; that the only factory which could be heard there, would be the factory of Libby McNeill and Libby, which is located at the south end of Blue Island, Illinois, and the whistle of this factory blows at 8:30 A.M., noon and 4 P.M. There is no suburban train service to

Dixmoor, the closest being at Midlothian, which has regular suburban service, with quite a number of trains in the morning and a number in the evening. Miss Rodman stated that the mail for Dixmoor is handled out of her office, and that she was familiar with most of the houses in Dixmoor, but knew of none which would answer the description of the hideout house. Agent drove through the various streets in Dixmoor, but could observe no house which would bear inspection as the hideout house.

AT DOLTON, ILLINOIS

It was determined through Miss H. Robins, assistant to the post master, that the siren here blows only for fires; that the only factory whistle heard here is the whistle from the found house of the C. & E.I. Railroad, which blows at 7 A.M., noon, 3:30 P.M. and 11 P.M. There are two churches in this town, only one of which has a bell, which is the German Evangelical Church, which bell rings at 6 P.M. on Saturday, and 9, 10 and 11 A.M. on Sunday morning. The only passenger railway service is over the C. & E.I. Railroad, which trains have only two morning trains which stop, and 2 evening trains, and that there are but a few trains during the day. There are four freight lines running through this town, and movement of freight trains could be constantly heard. Miss Robins could recall no house in Dolton or vicinity which in any way answers the description of the hideout. Inquiry at the fire department here determined that there was no fire on January 28, 1934, or near that date.

AT EAST HAZEL CREST, ILLINOIS

It was ascertained through Mr. E. Cory, post master at Hazel Crest, Illinois, that the town of East Hazel Crest is covered by the Hazel Crest Post Office. Mr. Cory advised that no siren of any kind is located in East Hazel Crest; that there are no factories there, and that there are no churches; that this is merely a poor residential section. This town is situated on the Illinois Central Line, and is served by the electric trains of the Illinois Central Railroad. No steam passenger trains stop there, or nearby. Mr. Cory, who is also in the real estate business, advised that he has at one time or another been in practically every house in East Hazel Crest, and could recall no house which would in any way answer the description of the hideout.

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AT FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS

It was determined through Mrs. E. Echols, post mistress, that the siren here blows only for fires; that there are no factories located in or near the town, nor any factory whistles ever heard there. There are two churches located at Flossmoor, neither of which ever ring their bells, and that no church bells are heard from any neighboring town. The only trains which stop in or near Flossmoor are the Illinois Central electric trains, which trains cannot be heard over approximately a distance of 2 or 3 blocks as they are exceedingly quiet. Mrs. Echols advised that she was familiar with practically every house in Flossmoor, and could suggest no house which would in any way answer the description of the hideout house. It had been previously determined through the circular letter inquiry at Flossmoor that there had been a fire here on the morning of January 28, 1934, but no inquiry was made relative to this inasmuch as no other necessary sounds whatsoever can be heard at Flossmoor.

AT FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS

It was ascertained through Mrs. Amelia K. Finck, post mistress, that the siren in this town blows each day at noon, and for fires; that there are no factories in or near this town, the closest being at Joliet, Illinois, a distance of approximately 15 miles. There are two churches, the Evangelical church, which rings its bell at 2 P.M. on Saturday and 3 times on Sunday morning, and the Methodist Episcopal, which rings its bell but once. There are no passenger trains which serve this town, the closest being the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Railroad, which is approximately 5 miles distant from Frankfort. This is a very small town, and Mrs. Finck advised that she is familiar with practically every house in the vicinity from the fact that she had taken the census of the town in the year 1930, but she knew of no house thereabout which would answer in any way the description of the hideout house. It was also ascertained by inquiry at the fire department that there was no fire in this town on January 28, 1934, or any date close to that.

AT GLENWOOD, ILLINOIS

It was determined through Miss Mary F. Robins, post mistress, that no siren is located in or near this town, the closest siren being at Thornton, Illinois, a distance of approximately 5 miles, which according to Miss Robins can be heard only on rare occasions.

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She advised that no factories are located in or near Glenwood, and that the Glenwood Manual Training School located on the northwest outskirts of the town, has a whistle which blows at the following times:

8 A.M., 8:25, 8:55, 11:25, 11:55,
5:25 P.M. and 5:55 P.M.

that this is the only whistle which can be heard at Glenwood. She stated that there are 3 churches there, none of which ring their bell on Saturday night, but that two of these churches ring their bell several times Sunday morning.

AT HARVEY, ILLINOIS

It was determined through George F. Sutton, post master, that there is no stationary siren located in the town, and that no siren outside of that contained on the fire truck, is blown at the time of a fire; that the closest siren to town is at Phoenix, Illinois, which siren blows only for fires. Mr. Sutton ascertained through telephonic communication with the various factories at Harvey, that the following factories have whistles which blow at the times indicated:

George M. Clark & Company, located south east of town at 7:55 A.M., 8, 12 noon, 12:40 P.M. and 3:40 P.M.

Austin Company, located east of town, at 8 A.M., 12 noon, 1 P.M. and 4 P.M.

Engle Shepard Company, located northwest of town, at 7 A.M., 7:50, 8, 11, 12 noon and 3 P.M. and 4 P.M.

Allied Steel, located east of town, at 7 A.M., 12 noon, 12:50 P.M., 3 and 4 P.M.

Buda Company, located east of town, at 7 A.M., 12 noon, 1 P.M., and 4 P.M.

He also ascertained that only 3 churches in Harvey contain bells, all of which are Catholic churches. He ascertained that each of these churches ring their bell each morning several times, and that one of these churches rings its bell at 6 A.M., 12 noon and 6 P.M. daily, and that all of them ring numerous times on Sunday morning. He advised that the only suburban train service here is over the I.C. Electric trains, and that there is but one steam train in the morning, and one in the evening over the Grand Trunk Railroad, which stop at Harvey; that all other trains passing through Harvey are freight trains, and that these are numerous and can be heard constantly in all sections of the town. He also stated that regular mail route goes directly over Harvey, and that these planes can be heard at regular intervals daily. He advised that he knew of no section of the city in which a house answering in any way the description of the hideout house, might be located, or that he knew of no house answering that description. Subsequent interviews with Theodore Friedholm, Melvin Wolf and Arnold Carroll, meter readers of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, developed that none of these parties knew of any houses located in or near Harvey, which would in any way fit the description of the hideout house.

AT HAZEL CREST, ILLINOIS

Interview with post master E. Cory, disclosed that the siren located in this town blows each Thursday night at 8 P.M. for Firemen's meeting, and for fires, but does not blow regularly each day. He advised that no factories are located in or near Hazel Crest, and that ordinarily no whistles could be heard from neighboring towns. He also stated that there is only one church bell which rings in town; that this bell rings on Sunday at 9 A.M. and 7 P.M. only. The only railroad transportation in this town is over the Illinois Central electric trains, and no steam passenger trains can be heard stopping and starting anywhere in the vicinity. Mr. Cory, who is also in the real estate business, advised that he is familiar with practically every house in Hazel Crest, and knew of no house which would answer in any way the description of the hideout house.

AT HOMEWOOD, ILLINOIS

It was determined through T.G. Turney, post master, that the siren located here blows each Saturday at noon, and on one Thursday evening during the month for Firemen's meeting; that the only whistle heard in Homewood is that of the Illinois Central Car shops located northeast of town, which whistle blows twice in the morning, twice at noon and once each evening; that there are two church bells which ring,

the Community Church ringing its bell at 8 P.M. on Saturday, and several times Sunday morning, and the Lutheran Church, which rings its bell on several occasions Sunday morning; that the only suburban trains which run through Homewood are the Illinois Central electric trains, and that the passenger steam trains do not stop anywhere in the vicinity of Homewood. He advised that he knew of no house which would answer in any way the description of the hideout house. Subsequent interview with Anthony E. Price, gas and electric meter reader of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, disclosed that Mr. Price, who reads the meters at Homewood knew of no house located there, which would in any way answer the description of the hideout house.

AT MARKHAM, ILLINOIS,

It was observed by Agent that this town consists of approximately 10 or 15 frame dwellings, only a few of which contain basements of any kind; that none of these in any way appeared to be worthy of inspection as the hideout house. There is no church located at this town, nor is there any siren or factory whistle. Previous interview with post master E. Cory at Hazel Crest, Illinois disclosed that his office handles the mail for Markham, and that in his real estate operations, Mr. Cory has had occasion to visit at one time or another each house in Markham, and he advised that he knew of no house which would in any way answer the description of the hideout house.

AT MATTESON, ILLINOIS

Mr. E.F. Brook, post master, advised that there is a siren here which blows only in case of fire, and that it is also blown each Tuesday night at 7 P.M. for a tryout. He stated that no factories are located in or near this town, and that no whistles are heard there. He ascertained that there are two churches at Matteson which ring their bells, both of which are Lutheran churches, and that both of these churches ring their bell at 6 P.M. on Saturday and at 10:30 and 11 A.M. on Sunday. He advised that the only rail transportation is the I.C. Electric trains, and that no steam passenger trains stop anywhere in the vicinity. Mr. Brook stated that he has been post master for approximately 20 years, and that he is familiar with practically every house in the vicinity of Matteson, and that he knows

of no house which would answer the description of the hideout house.

AT MIDLOTHIAN, ILLINOIS

Miss Helen Rodman, assistant to the post master, was interviewed and she advised that there is a siren located here, but that it does not blow daily; that it blows only for fires, and that there have been no fires at Midlothian for approximately 5 or 6 months. She advised that there are no factories at Midlothian, and no factory whistles which are heard there ordinarily, except that occasionally one factory whistle possibly from Blue Island, is heard in the morning. She stated that there is only one church bell at Midlothian, and that this rings only on special feasts, such as Easter. She further stated that an airplane beacon light is located on the outskirts of town, and that regular passenger and mail planes are heard daily flying directly overhead. It was ascertained that this town is served by the Rock Island Railroad, which runs numerous commuting trains in the morning and evening hours. Miss Rodman advised that she is familiar with the appearance of practically every house in Midlothian, and that she knew of no house which would fit the description of the hideout house.

AT MOKENA, ILLINOIS

It was ascertained through Simon Hohenstein, post master, that a siren located in this town blows each day at noon, and for fires; he advised that there are no factories located in or near Mokena, and that the town is so far removed from any neighboring towns that no factory whistles of any kind are heard there. He advised that the Lutheran Church there rings its bell at 6 P.M. on Saturday and on Sunday morning, and that the Evangelical and Catholic Churches, which are close by, also ring their bells on Sunday morning. This town is served by Rock Island Railroad, and has numerous commuting trains in the morning and afternoon hours. Mr. Hohenstein stated that he was thoroughly familiar with all the houses located at or near Mokena, but he could suggest no house which would in any way answer the description of the hideout house.

AT MONEE, ILLINOIS

It was determined through Lucinda Gorman, post mistress, that no siren is located at this town, and that none is heard from any adjoining town; that there is a bell which is rung in case of fire. She stated that no factories are located at or near Monee, and that no factory whistles are heard there from any neighboring towns; that the

bell of the Evangelical Church there rings at 2 P.M. on Saturday and several times Sunday morning, but that no other church bell is heard there. She stated that there are no regular suburban trains which stop at Monee; that only two trains a day stop there, and there is no large number of trains in the morning and afternoon hours. She advised that she knew of no house in the vicinity of Monee which would answer the description of the hideout house.

AT OAK FOREST, ILLINOIS

It was learned of F.S. Lyman, post master, that no siren is located in this town, but that the noon day siren from Tinley Park, Illinois, is ordinarily heard there. He stated that no factories are located at Oak Forest, but that there is a whistle which blows daily at the Cook County Institution, which is located here. He stated that this whistle blows daily at 8:35 A.M., 8:20, 11, 11:20 A.M., and 3:50 P.M. and 4:20 P.M., but that no other whistles are located closer than at least 7 miles from town. He advised that the Lutheran Church rings its bell only on Sunday morning, at which time the Catholic Church bell also rings, and that the Catholic Church rings its bell regularly at 6:45 A.M. each morning. This town is served by the Rock Island Railroad, which has numerous commuting trains in the morning and late afternoon hours. When questioned concerning a house which might answer the description of the hideout, Mr. Lyman accompanied Agent, and pointed out several houses located on the outskirts of Oak Forest, but explained that all of these houses have been occupied by the parties now residing in them for the past several years, and that to his knowledge, no strangers have been to these houses. The houses did not appear to answer sufficiently the description of the hideout house to warrant inspection of the houses, inasmuch as several of them had no basements and none of them were observed to have a basement entrance or even a trap door entrance to the basement.

AT OLYMPIA FIELDS

This town was observed to consist of approximately 5 brick dwellings and a golf clubhouse. The dwellings in this town are all situated within 200 yards of the Illinois Central electric railroad

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tracks, and none of them appeared to answer the description of the hideout house. Subsequent inquiry of post master E.F. Brook at Matteson, Illinois, determined that Mr. Brook is familiar with each of the houses located at Olympia Fields, and he advised that all of these houses are occupied by reputable people, and that none of them would answer the description of the hideout house. He also said that no churches or factories are located at Olympia Fields.

AT PHOENIX, ILLINOIS

This place was ascertained to be a suburban settlement of Harvey, Illinois, and a general view of the houses located there disclosed none that would fit the description of the hideout house. George F. Sutton, post master at Harvey, Illinois, whose office covers Phoenix, advised that he knew of no houses there, which would answer the description of the hideout house, and stated that there is a siren located there which blows only for fires, that numerous of the factory whistles located in Harvey would be heard at Phoenix, and that there would be whistles blowing in that vicinity almost constantly. He stated that he knew of no churches located in Phoenix; that the churches at Harvey served the people there.

AT POSEN, ILLINOIS

Agent was advised by Miss Anna Jankowski, post mistress, that the siren located here blows only for fires. She advised that to her knowledge this siren has not blown in 6 months; that she was sure it has not blown this year. She stated that the only factory whistle heard here is that of the Libby McNeill and Libby plant located in Blue Island, just north of Posen, and as had been previously ascertained this whistle blows at 8:30 A.M., noon and 4 P.M. She stated that the Catholic Church bell is the only bell which rings there, and that this rings at 6 A.M., noon and 6 P.M. every day and twice on Sunday morning. This town is served by the Rock Island Railroad, which has numerous commuting trains running morning and evening; that Miss Jankowski advised that she knew of no house in Posen that would answer the description of the hideout house. Subsequent interview with Anthony E. Price, meter reader of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, who reads all the gas and electric meters in Posen, developed that Mr. Price knew of no house in Posen which would in any way answer the description of the hideout house.

AT RICHTON PARK, ILLINOIS

It was determined through Mrs. Veronica Scheidt, post mistress, that no siren is located here, and that the fire siren which blows from Matteson is occasionally heard. She stated that no factories are located closer than 5 miles, and that no factory whistles are ordinarily heard there. She stated that the Lutheran Church in town rings its bell at 6 P.M. on Saturday and at 7 and 9:30 A.M. on Sunday, and that the Catholic Church there rings once on Sunday morning. This town is served by the Illinois Central Railroad, and that only about 2 steam trains stop there a day. The town of Richton Park is a very small settlement and is located along the I.C. Railroad track. Mrs. Scheidt stated that she is familiar with every house in the vicinity, and advised that she knew of none which would answer the description of the hideout house, stating further that there had been no strangers in the vicinity during recent months.

AT RIVERDALE, ILLINOIS

It was ascertained through Harry Van Witzenburg, acting superintendent of the Riverdale substation post office department, that the siren in this town blows only in case of fire, and on Saturday noon as a test. He stated that factories located here are the Acme Steel Company and the Riverdale Lumber Company. It was ascertained that whistles on these factories blow twice each morning, twice at noon and twice in the evening. It was also determined that there are two Lutheran Churches and one Catholic Church located here; that the Lutheran Churches each ring their bell at 5 P.M. on Saturday, and 8:30 and 10 A.M. on Sunday; that the Catholic Church bell rings daily at 8 A.M., and on Sunday at 8 and 10 A.M. This town is served by the Illinois Central Electric trains, numerous of which run in morning and evening hours, and constantly throughout the day. Mr. Witzenburg also advised that the regular passenger and mail planes fly directly over Riverdale daily. He also stated he knew of no house in the vicinity of Riverdale which would answer the description of the hideout house. Inquiry was made of the rural and local carriers at the station, but none of them could recall any house in Riverdale answering the description of the hideout. Inquiry was made at the fire department of Riverdale, and it was ascertained that there was no fire there on January 28, 1934.

AT ROBBINS, ILLINOIS

Inquiry here through post master L.P. Thomas disclosed that the siren located here blows only for fires, but that the siren from Midlothian, which also blows only for fires, can be heard here. The only fire whistle heard is that of Libby McNeill & Libby at Blue Island, which blows in the morning, noon and evening hours. Two Baptist Churches are located here which ring their bells on Wednesday night and on Sunday mornings and evenings. The town is on the Rock Island Railroad, and has numerous suburban trains in the morning and evening hours, but this is entirely a Negro settlement, and Mr. Thomas advised that none of the houses here, to his knowledge, contain any basement or lower floors which are even level with the ground level. He knew of no houses in the vicinity which might in any way answer the description of the hideout house.

SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

It was determined that this is a suburban settlement of Chicago Heights, and no fire siren of any kind was located here. The numerous factory whistles from Chicago Heights are heard here constantly and can be heard at all hours throughout the day. Agent drove throughout this settlement and could locate no house answering the description of the hideout house, and inquiry of postmaster B.E. Comilsen at Chicago Heights, which office serves this town, disclosed that he knew of no houses which would in any way fit the description of the hideout. This town is served by the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad, and has no suburban passenger service.

AT SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS

It was determined through R.L. Gibson, post master, that the siren located in this town blows only for fires, and at 5 P.M. each Saturday for a test; that the only whistle here is located on a laundry just north of town, and it was determined that this blows only at noon, and 12:45 P.M. daily, and is a very weak whistle which can be heard only very close to the laundry. There are two churches here which ring their bell at 5 P.M. on Saturday, being the First Reformed Church, and the First Christ Reformed Church. These churches it was ascertained also ring their bells on Sunday at 8 and 9 A.M. and at 1:15 and 1:30 P.M. The town is served by the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad and has practically no suburban service.

only two trains a day stopping here. Mr. Gibson claimed that he is familiar with practically all the houses in South Holland, and he knew of none which would answer in any way the description of the hideout. The houses in the vicinity of the laundry were viewed by Agent, and none of these appeared in any way to fit the hideout description.

AT STEGER, ILLINOIS

It was determined through Anton Wolff, assistant post master that there is no siren located here, but that there is a horn which resembles the fog horn on a boat, which blows in the event of fire. There are no factories located here which blow whistles, and the only whistles heard are the morning, noon and evening whistles from the various factories at Chicago Heights. It was determined that the Catholic Church bell rings each evening here at 6 P.M., and that the Lutheran Church rings its bell at 5 P.M. each Saturday evening; that the Catholic, Lutheran and Congregational Church, all ring their bells at numerous times on Sunday. This town is served by the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad, and there are two trains which stop here in the morning, and one in the evening, and there are 3 or 4 through trains which go through each day. Mr. Wolff stated that he knew of no houses in the vicinity of Steger, which would in any way answer the description of the hideout house. A subsequent interview with Melvin Wolf, gas and electric meter reader of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, who reads the meters at Steger, disclosed that he knew of no house in the vicinity of Steger which would in any way answer the description of the hideout.

AT THORNTON, ILLINOIS

It was determined through Theodore Wadett, post master, that a siren here blows at 9 P.M. each night and for fires; that there are no factories here, but a whistle is heard from Harvey, which is approximately 5 miles from Thornton; that the church bells here are the Lutheran Church, and one other, the bell on the Lutheran Church ringing at 5 P.M. each Saturday, and the bells on both churches ring several times on Sunday morning. This town is served by the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad, and has only two morning and one afternoon train stopping here. Mr. Wadett advised that he is familiar with all the houses at Thornton, and could suggest no house which would answer in any way the description of the hideout. Agent drove about in town, and around the vicinity of the town, but could discover no houses which appeared to bear inspection.

AT TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS

Through C. Andres, post master, it was determined that the siren blows here each day at noon. He advised that he is a member of the fire department, and that he knows for a fact that there were no fires at Tinley Park since the first of January, 1934. He stated that no factories are located in or near Tinley Park, but that on very clear days sometimes a whistle is heard from either Harvey or Blue Island, at noon. He stated that the whistles on the Cook County Institution located in Oak Forest, can be heard at Tinley Park. It had been previously ascertained that this whistle blows 4 times each morning and twice each afternoon. He stated that there are two churches located here, the Methodist Church, which rings its bell at 9:30 A.M. Sunday, and the Lutheran Church, which rings its bell at 7 P.M. on Saturday and 7:30 A.M. and 10 A.M. on Sunday. He advised that the town is served by the Rock Island Railroad, which runs numerous commuting trains in the morning and afternoon hours. He also stated that the regular mail and passenger airplane routes go directly over town, and that planes are heard at regular intervals every day. He advised that he is familiar with practically all the houses in the vicinity of Tinley Park, but knew of none which would answer the description of the hideout house. Subsequent interview had with George Dunsing, gas and electric meter reader, Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, disclosed that Mr. Dunsing knew of no houses in the vicinity of Tinley Park, which might in any way answer the description of the hideout house.

In connection with the above group of towns, an interview was had with Ray Manson, gas and electric meter reader of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, who reads the meters in all houses located on rural routes out of the above list of towns. He was questioned particularly with reference to a Chicken Dinner and Sandwich Road House, located at 183rd Street and Crawford Avenue, which is situated between Tinley Park and Homewood, Illinois. It had been ascertained by Agent that a Lutheran Church is located at the intersection of Crawford and 163rd Street, and that the bell of this church rings at 5 P.M. on Saturday evening, and also several times on Sunday morning; that approximately 200 yards from this church there is located a school, and at this point could be heard the whistle

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from the Cook County Institution located at Oak Forest. Mr. Manson advised that this place is operated by one W.H. LeRoy, and that the electric meter had been taken out of this place in June, 1935. He stated that as he recalled, this place did not contain a sufficient basement in which a meter could be placed, for which reason the meter was placed in the summer kitchen in the rear. He stated that he had noticed no suspicious circumstances about this place while traveling his route. A further observation of this place by Agent disclosed that it contains very narrow basement windows, and no outside basement entrance could be seen, and Mr. Manson could recall no outside entrance to the basement. Mr. Manson was also questioned relative to any houses answering the description of the hideout house located on any of the rural routes out of the above mentioned towns. He advised that he could recall no houses which would fit the description, and stated that he knew of no strange parties in basements or lower floors of houses on his route. He also viewed the pictures of the suspects in this case, and stated that they did not resemble anyone whom he had seen on his route at any time.

One of the other meter readers, Anthony Price, advised that he has within the past year read meters in all of the above listed towns, and that he could not recall any house which would fit the description of the hideout house. He also viewed the pictures of the suspects in this case, but stated that none of the pictures appeared to be of persons he had seen at any time. The meter reader interviewed also claimed to be familiar with the houses in the vicinity of Chicago Ridge, Evergreen Park, Oak Lawn, Orland Park, Palos Park and Worth, which places had been previously reported by Agent, and they advised that they knew of no houses in the vicinity of these places which would fit the description of the hideout house.

HIDEOUT

On March 19, 20, 21, 1934, Special Agent H. H. Reinecke made investigation regarding the following places with reference to the hideout:

Crystal Lake, Illinois
Terra Cotta, Illinois
McHenry, Illinois
Ringwood, Illinois
Glenwood, Illinois
Johnsberg, Illinois
Pistakee Bay, Illinois
Belleville, Illinois
Volo, Illinois
Woodstock, Illinois
Harvard, Illinois
Hebron, Illinois
Elgin, Illinois
Hampshire, Illinois
Burlington, Illinois
Plato Center, Illinois
Arlington Heights, Illinois
Dehsenville, Illinois

At Crystal Lake, Illinois.

Additional inquiry to that previously made was conducted by contacting the following electric light meter readers who work out of the Crystal Lake branch office of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois:

Lenard Strommenger
Paul Otto
Lenard George
Albert Camm
Earnest Wienke

These meter readers cover all of the territory in, adjacent to, and between the following towns and villages:

- Arlington Heights, Illinois
- Palatine, Illinois
- Burlington, Illinois
- Fox River Grove, Illinois
- Gary, Indiana
- Crystal Lake, Illinois
- McHenry, Illinois
- Johansberg, Illinois
- East Dundee, Illinois
- West Dundee, Illinois
- Carpentersville, Illinois
- Pingree Grove, Illinois
- Plato Center, Illinois
- Ridgefield, Illinois
- Wauconda, Illinois
- Pistakee Bay, Illinois
- Algonquin, Illinois
- Huntley, Illinois
- Lake Zurich, Illinois

The above meter readers were contacted through Mr. Harold R. Lisenby, Special District Representative of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, at Crystal Lake. Each of these meter readers was given a careful oral description of the hideout as described by the victim, and a careful discussion was had with them with reference to any building or dwelling in which they might have read electric meters which might fit the description. Only one, Albert Casm, could think of a place which might fit the description. He described it as being on Wing Street in Arlington Heights, Illinois. He could not recall the street number but said it was the sixth house from the City Hall and on the same side of the street as the City Hall; that it was a gray frame or stucco house. He stated, however, that this place had had no electric current since before the first of this year in view of the fact that the occupant could not pay his electricity bill and therefore the current had been cut off. Mr. Lisenby and the meter readers stated, however, that quite frequently occupants of dwellings have a method of cutting around the meter and securing current unbeknown to the company. (Investigation made at Arlington Heights with reference to this house is set out hereinafter.)

The address of the Chicago office was left with Mr. Lisenby, and all of the meter readers were instructed that should they, at a later date, recall any premises which might fit the hideout description, they should report the matter to Mr. Lisenby, who in turn volunteered to transmit the information to the Chicago office. It will be noted from the above that these meter readers cover a large portion of McHenry County.

W. H. Bahberg, water meter reader and Police Officer, was also interviewed and given a careful oral description of the hideout but he stated that he could recall no premises in Crystal Lake which would come anywhere near fitting that description.

At Terra Cotta, Illinois.

This is a small community built around the plant of the American Terra Cotta Company, 4 miles north of Crystal Lake. There are only 15 to 20 dwellings, in addition to the plant. The plant has a steam whistle which is blown every week day at 7:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M., 12:30 P.M. and 4:30 P.M. There are no churches or sirens in this community and the only railroad is one mile away and this line runs only two trains daily. There is no water supply or water meter reader, although the electric meters are read by the meter readers out of Crystal Lake above referred to.

At McHenry, Illinois.

This has been previously covered as to noises and other matters, but this Agent contacted Matt Niesen, the water meter reader, who was given a careful and detailed description of the hideout, after which he advised that he could think of no such place in McHenry.

Agent also interviewed the village Marshal who said that he knew all of the dwellings and buildings in McHenry and could recall none which would come anywhere near fitting the description given by Agents.

At Ringwood, Illinois.

This is unincorporated village of a few inhabitants, with only four trains a day, no water supply and a complete absence of all of the noises described by the victim. This information was secured at McHenry and in view of this fact no investigation was made at Ringwood itself. The electric meters here and in the vicinity are read by the meter readers out of Crystal Lake above referred to.

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Glenwood, Johnsberg, Pistakes Bay, Belleville and Yale, all of Illinois, are all small cross roads communities and anywhere from 5 to 10 miles from the nearest railroad. They have no city water supply, no whistles, no sirens and no water meter readers. The electric meters are read by the readers out of Crystal Lake, previously referred to.

At Woodstock, Illinois.

This town has previously been covered as to noises, railroad trains, etc. The Agent contacted the water and light meter reader (the city has its own electrical plant), Ed Comiskey, and he was given a careful description of the hideout and immediately stated that there is nothing in Woodstock which would fit it.

At Harvard, Illinois.

This place has previously been covered as to noises and railroad trains, but this Agent contacted George Nelson, the water meter reader, and he was given a careful description of the hideout after which he stated that, although he had been in every basement of the village many times over a period of two years, that he could recall none that would come anywhere near fitting the description.

At Hebron, Illinois.

The Postmaster advised that this village has a fire department siren which is sounded each week day noon and for fires; however, investigation disclosed that there are no whistles anywhere in the town or vicinity. There are two churches, the Methodist and Presbyterian but there are no bells rung on Saturday. There are only two trains each day passing through the village.

Charles Sams, water meter reader, after being given a description of the hideout, stated positively that there was nothing of that nature in the village of Hebron.

At Elgin, Illinois.

This has previously been covered and reported on as to noises. Agent contacted Mr. C. S. Collins, who is in charge of the electric light and gas meter readers of the Western United Gas and Electric Company, with headquarters in that city. He stated that the meter readers out of his office covered Elgin, South Elgin and Charlotte, Illinois, and all of the rural vicinity.

Mr. Collins kindly arranged for Agent to interview all 13 of the meter readers working out of Elgin. These meter readers were given a careful description of the hideout and the matter carefully gone over with them; however, none of them could recall any dwelling or building which might fit the description. They were instructed by Mr. Collins to keep the description in mind and should any of them, at any time, come across a building which might be of interest in connection with the hideout, to notify Mr. Collins, who would communicate with the Chicago Division office.

At Hampshire, Illinois.

The postmaster and Clarence Klick, water meter reader, both advised that they have a fire department siren which is sounded each week day noon and for fires; that there is no whistle in the village or vicinity except in the summer months when the canning factory is operating. There are four church bells, one being Lutheran, which is sound each Saturday afternoon at 6:00 P.M.; a Catholic bell which rings each day at 7:00 A.M., 12:00 noon and 6:00 P.M..

Mr. Klick was given a careful description of the hideout and he stated that there was nothing in Hampshire which would fit the description.

The Station Agent at the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad was contacted and he stated that there are about twenty trains a day through Hampshire, only 3 of which make stops. There is but one freight each day which does any switching and this for only a few minutes once each day. There are no commuting trains running as far as Hampshire, Illinois, and the trains referred to are main line through trains primarily, passing irregularly during the day and night.

At Burlington, Illinois.

Inquiry developed that there is no siren of any kind, no whistles, no city water supply and no meter reader in Burlington. There are two church bells but neither rings on Saturday afternoon. The Illinois Central Railroad passes through Burlington but it has only a very few trains each day and the only switching is done by an occasional freight which sometimes misses days without doing any switching.

At Plato Center, Illinois.

Agent was advised at Burlington that Plato Center is merely a cross roads community with no siren, whistle, city water supply and no water meter reader, and that the same railroad which passes through Burlington passes through Plato Center.

At Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Agent located the house on Wing Street referred to by electric light meter reader Albert Gamm, previously reported on under Crystal Lake.

This house does not carry a street number, but is located immediately between 210 and 212 Wing Street. It is a small gray stucco house and the basement is only about a foot and a half underground. It is entered by going down three cement steps on the side, near the front, and also can be entered by going down three steps in the rear.

Agent knocked at the basement door with a view of making an interview under pretext with the occupants, but nobody answered. The door opened and Agent entered and made a careful inspection unobserved. The steps from the side, near the front, enter what presumably is a living room, which runs across the entire front. The next two rooms immediately in back of this room are a bed room and a store room, and on the back of the basement there is a store room and a small coal bin. There is no toilet in the basement. The living room and bed room were covered with wall paper but not of the pattern described by the victim. Agent carefully examined under the edges of some of the wall paper where it was peeling off to determine positively that other wall paper had not recently been covered up. As stated previously this place is unoccupied and is apparently merely used for storage purposes. Is very soiled and unkempt. There is no kitchen range, and although there is wire for electricity, the current is apparently cut off because one of two of the lights which were still hanging would not light. There were no dogs which made their appearance while Agent was there.

Agent interviewed the Chief of Police at Arlington Heights who advised that a family by the name of Anderson lived over the basement in the house on Wing street; that the Anderson's had resided there for about a year and that Mr. Anderson was a poor man and was at present on the relief and CWA rolls.

At Bensenville, Illinois.

Chicago file number 62-1649, entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, Deceased, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner, in the report of Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe dated at Chicago, Illinois on July 31, 1935, page 54 and 55. is contained the information that [redacted] had advised that one, Farmer, operates a "joint" in Bensenville, and that possibly Harvey Bailey and others had been, at one time or another, seen at this place. In view of this, it was deemed advisable to observe these premises and conduct other investigation with a view of finding the hideout.

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Agent located this place, which is at 126 East Green Street. It is a corner brick store building and now contains a saloon with a book making place in the back. Agent entered under the pretense of making a purchase of a drink and noted from the liquor license that it is operated in the name of Elmer Farmer. There is no visible basement in these premises. It is directly across the street from the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific round house and repair yards. On Green Street, towards the main business district of Bensenville, the next building is a large frame hotel and the next building, going in the same direction, is a low brown frame structure with a neon ice cream sign in front, as described by the informant. This building rests directly on the ground and has no basement whatsoever.

Agent contacted Chief of Police, Herman L. Wagner and made inquiry relative to Elmer Farmer. He stated that Elmer and his brother, Jim, operated this saloon and book making shop; that they had resided in Bensenville and vicinity for 15 to 20 years and that their mother previously owned and operated a small hotel in Bensenville. He said that Elmer Farmer had, a number of years ago, been in some trouble over petty thievery and drunkenness, but that in recent years knew of nothing in which the Farmer's had been implicated criminally. He said that he knew where Elmer Farmer resided and that this was a small one floor bungalow with only an unfurnished basement, containing the usual furnace room, coal bin and storage space. Agent carefully went over the hideout description with Chief Wagner, who stated that, although he had been born and reared in Bensenville, he could recall nothing in his village which would fit the description.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO DIVISION OFFICE:

At Crystal Lake, Illinois, within thirty days, will again interview Mr. Harold E. Lisenby, Special District Representative of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois to ascertain if any of the meter readers under his supervision have noted any house fitting the description of the hideout house.

In this matter, reference is made to the memorandum of Agent Reinecke, contained in this report.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Photograph of Subject Karpis identified as party who stayed at Louis' place, Fox River Grove, Ill., from latter part of October to first part of Dec., 1933, being joined there later by two men, one of whom answers the description of "Big Homer", the other resembling the photograph and answering the description of Fred Barker. Latter two men were accompanied by two women. Parties had in their possession a 1931 or 1932 model Buick Sedan bearing Nevada, 1933, license, also Graham-Paige Sedan and Plymouth Coupe. Parties in question left Louis' place approximately December 9, 1933. Were seen to make frequent trips in Northwest direction while at Fox River Grove.

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DETAILS: AT FOX RIVER GROVE, ILLINOIS.

While conducting investigation at Fox River Grove relative to the hideout, agent interviewed Elmer Kucera, who is employed by his father in operating the Fox River Grove Motor Sales, and is also the town's Fire Chief. The Fox River Grove Motor Sales is located on State Route #19 and is in the same block with Louis Cernocky's place, being separated from the yard of Louis's place by only a small, vacant building. Louis's place, operated by Louis Cernocky, has been previously mentioned in this case as

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having been frequented by "Mother" Barker and associates of Karpis, et al.

Elmer Kucera, upon viewing the photographs of the suspects in this case, stated that he was sure that he had seen Alvin Karpis somewhere but he could not place him at first. When questioned as to whether he had noticed any suspicious persons staying at Louie's place, within recent months, he advised that several months ago, three men and two women, had stayed at Louie's place, who aroused his suspicion; that these parties had in their possession three cars, namely, a Buick Sedan, a Graham-Paige Sedan, and a Plymouth Coupe; that these parties appeared to have a lot of money but that they left taking with them a new battery which he had rented to them while he was re-charging theirs. While discussing these parties, Kucera suddenly stated that he recalled where he had seen the party resembling the photograph of Karpis; that he is sure that the one of the three male parties, above mentioned, who did most of the driving in the three cars, is the same party as the photograph. He advised that he had seen this party on numerous occasions driving the cars and that he was the party who called for the Buick Sedan at the time he put the new battery in it. Agent then questioned Kucera closely as to the visit of these parties, their descriptions, and the cars in their possession, and the following information was secured.

Kucera advised that the party he identifies as Karpis came to Louie's place about the last week in October, 1933; that after he had been there several weeks he was joined by the other two men and the two women. He fixes the date that Karpis arrived as being several weeks before his brother lost his job, which was November 15, 1933, and the arrival of the others as about a week after November 15. He stated that all of these parties then stayed at Louie's place until about December 9, 1933, or shortly thereafter, which date he fixes from the fact that the Town Firemen's dance was held on December 9. He said that he first began to notice the cars in the possession of these parties shortly after the arrival of the two men and the women; that he noticed that the men would drive North on Route #19 almost every day and sometimes several times a day; that they would be gone for several hours on each of these trips, and that although they did not take the same car on every trip, the party he identifies as Karpis nearly always drove. He further advised that during the latter part of November, upon a call from Louie's place, he went to Louie's garage and got the Buick Sedan and brought it to his place and cleaned the generator brushes; that while he was working on this car he noticed that it bore 1933 Nevada license plates and that there was a State of Nevada registration card attached to the steering wheel. He described this car as a 1931 or 1932 model sedan, being one of the largest model Buicks made.

possibly a 90 series, with six wheels, side mounts, having a leatherette trunk on the rear and being equipped with a short wave radio set. He advised that when the Buick was being repaired on this occasion, the largest of the three men, whose description is being set out later, called for the car; that the charge for repairing the generator was only \$1.00, and that in paying this the large man exhibited a very large roll of currency, and appeared to be in a hurry to get the car.

Kucera further stated that during the week preceding December 9, 1933, he again received a call from Louie's place with regard to the Buick Sedan; that on this occasion the battery of the car had run down as a result of the cold weather and that he brought the car to his garage to change the battery. He was out of rental batteries at the time and was compelled to replace the Willard battery which was in the car, with a new U.S.L. battery, in order to recharge their battery. Kucera advised that while he was changing the battery he received two calls from Louie's telling him to hurry with the car and that before he had changed the battery in order to hurry him further, the party, whom he identifies as Karpis, came down to the garage and waited for him to finish and immediately drove the car out of the garage. Kucera said that on this occasion he again noticed the Nevada license and the registration card, but that although he read the name on the registration card both times the car was in the garage, he could not recall the name on it. He further advised that shortly after he had placed the battery in the Buick, possibly during the same week, he received another call from the same parties and brought the Graham-Paige Sedan to the garage; that he found that this car had a broken left front spring but that before he had started to fix it, the party he identifies as Karpis came to the garage and took it out and that shortly thereafter these parties all left Louie's place. Kucera could furnish no better description of the Graham-Paige other than it was dark brown in color and was possibly a 1931 or 1932 model, as it was not the latest model. As to the Plymouth Coupe, Kucera stated that he saw this car the least of the three and that he only recalled that it was dark blue in color but he could furnish no information as to the model. He stated that the cars were always kept in Louie's private garages while these parties were there and that he could furnish no information as to the license plates contained on the Plymouth or Graham Paige. He said that these parties went off without paying him for the battery he placed in the Buick, but that he did not make any inquiry of Louis Carnocky concerning them as he did not think that Louis would tell him if he knew. Kucera stated that he did not have any bill or receipt which would show the exact date the cars were in the garage as they had not made a practice of keeping them. In the event any identifying marks were contained on the battery taken from the Buick, Kucera was questioned as to the disposition he had made of it, and he advised that this battery was sold several weeks ago to a junk dealer along with thirteen other batteries, four of which were Willard batteries.

In discussing the above referred to three men during the interview, Kucera referred to the largest of the three as being "a very big man", to the party he identifies as Karpis, as "a very thin fellow", and to the smallest, as "a real short man". He said that it is his practice almost every evening to drop into Louie's place for a glass of beer before going home; that while the parties, in question, were there, he saw them in Louie's quite frequently; that he was not sure that he could identify a photograph of the "big man" as he saw this man mostly from the rear but that if he could see this man from the rear again he would know him. With reference to the "short man" he said that this man looked a little like the photograph of Fred Barker but he could not identify him as the same individual. He advised that he had seen the two women in Louie's place a number of times with the men and that he is sure he could identify one of them.

Although the names and descriptions of the suspects in this case had not been furnished him at the time, Kucera described the three men as follows:

"The Big man"

Age: 40-45 yrs.
 Height: 6'2" (maybe taller)
 Weight: 220-230 lbs.
 Build: Heavy (well built-not fat)
 Hair: Dark
 Complexion: Dark

"The Thin Fellow"

Age: 25 yrs.
 Height: 5'9 1/2"
 Weight: 135 lbs.
 Build: Slim
 Complexion: Light
 Had smooth, clear face.
 Young appearing.

"The Short Man"

Age: 38 yrs.
 Height: 5'6"
 Weight: 155 lbs.
 Build: Medium (not stocky)
 Hair: Light
 Complexion: Light

He described the two women as follows:

#1 Age: 25-30 yrs.
 Height: 5'4"
 Weight: 90-100 lbs.
 Build: Slim
 Hair: Medium blond
 Complexion: Light
 (He can identify this woman)

#2 Age: 25-30 yrs.
 Height: 5'4"
 Weight: 90-100 lbs.
 Build: Slim
 Hair: Dark
 Complexion: Light

While agent was interviewing Elmer Kucera, his brother, Irving Kucera, came into the garage. When asked by Elmer Kucera if he remembered the parties being at Louie's place with the Buick Sedan bearing Nevada license plates, he stated that he did. He also recalled that he had seen the other cars mentioned by his brother. He was allowed to view the photographs of the suspects in this case without any mention being made to him of the identification made by Elmer Kucera and upon doing so stated that the photograph of Alvin Karpis looked very much like the fellow who used to drive the cars most of the time. He stated that he recalled having looked at the Nevada registration card on the steering wheel of the car, while it was in the garage, but advised that he could not recall the name appearing on it. He also verified his brother's statement as to the time at which these parties were at Louie's place and the description of the cars as given by him. Irving Kucera stated that he had never had an opportunity to view any of the men very closely, having only seen them going in and out of Louie's place and driving by in the cars; that he had never seen either of the women. His description of the men corresponded with that given by Elmer Kucera. Irving Kucera furnished the further information that he had seen the party resembling the photograph of Karpis at Louie's place several times during the Summer of 1933, although Elmer Kucera could not remember having seen him before October. He, Irving, advised that this same party brought a Buick Sedan, of the same model, though not the same car, to the garage during the Summer to have it washed but he could furnish no information as to the license tags contained thereon at that time. He also said that he is sure he saw this same party at the Silver Slipper, taxi dance hall, located on the East side of Harlem Avenue, two blocks South of Ogden Avenue, in Chicago, during the Summer of 1933, but stated that this dance hall has now been closed for several months. He could furnish no information as to the dates during the Summer that he saw the party resembling Karpis.

The above interviews were had on the afternoon of March 26, 1934, and Elmer Kucera stated that in an effort to ascertain the date that the parties left Louie's place, and possibly the names of the parties, he would go to Louie's that night and inquire of Louis Cernocky where he could get in touch with these people to send them a bill for the battery. On the morning of March 27, 1934, Elmer Kucera advised that he had talked to Cernocky, as planned, but that he denied knowing the parties and stated that he could not remember them being at his place. Kucera said that Cernocky appeared unduly friendly and suspicious, when asked about these parties.

During the interview with Elmer Kucera he was exhibited the photograph of Kate "Mother" Barker and advised that he could not

recall ever having seen her at Louie's place. He did state, however, that a woman resembling this photograph, but who appeared to be a much younger woman, had come to his place during the past six weeks on two occasions; that this woman was driving a 1931 or 1932 model Pontiac sedan, blue in color, and was accompanied by a small boy about four years of age; that the second time she came she asked to be directed to Spring Lake, Illinois, and that he directed her to McHenry, Illinois, and advised her to inquire there for the rest of the route. He fixed the date of this woman's first visit as 2/15/34 and her second as 3/5/34. This information will be followed at McHenry and Spring Lake to ascertain if there is any possible connection.

It is of particular interest to note that the description of the largest of the three parties visiting at Louie's place during November and December, 1932, answers substantially the description of Homer Wilson, alias "Big Homer", who is mentioned as a suspect in this case and that in conjunction with the partial identification of Fred Barker, as the smallest of the three parties, the description of this party might possibly fit him.

An effort was made through inquiry at the Post Office, all gasoline stations, grocery stores, barber shops, and the drug store, to ascertain if anyone else could be located, who could identify any of the suspects as parties frequenting Fox River Grove, but no other identifications were made. At the Post Office it was ascertained that none other than the immediate family of Louis Cernocky receive mail through his box. Elmer Kucera advised that he will, by casual inquiry, endeavor to ascertain if any other parties at Fox River Grove recall the parties, in question, being there.

AT CARY, ILLINOIS.

This town is located three-quarters of a mile Northwest of Fox River Grove, and as a result of inquiry at the Post Office, and a canvass of all gasoline filling stations, grocery stores, a barber shop, and a drug store, one party, namely, Louis Zimmerman, proprietor of the Cary Garage, identified the picture of Alvin Karpis as a party he is sure he has seen but he could not recall when or where he has seen him. It is significant to note that for a time Louis Cernocky sent customers from his place to the Cary Garage when their cars were in need of repair. Mr. Zimmerman was positive that the picture of Karpis did not represent anyone sent to the garage by Cernocky.

Through O. E. Glascoe, Western Union operator, whose office

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also handles telegrams sent to and from Fox River Grove, all telegrams sent to and from Fox River Grove and Cary, from November 1, 1933, through the month of February, 1934, were checked for wires sent from Louis's place or to St. Paul or Minneapolis, Minnesota, or any other points which might appear suspicious but none were found from or to Louis's place, or which would in any way appear suspicious. All telegrams sent to St. Paul or Minneapolis during the period were ascertained to have been sent by reliable persons at Cary.

The investigation relative to efforts to locate the hideout in the vicinity of Cary and Fox River Grove will be submitted in a later report.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE at Fox River Grove, Illinois, will exhibit photographs of Paula Harmon and other woman associates of suspects, to Elmer Kucera and also ascertain if he has found anyone else who can identify the parties mentioned in this report.

At McHenry, Illinois, will exhibit photograph of Kate Barker to filling station attendants in effort to establish if she is party who inquired for route to Spring Lake, Illinois, on March 5, 1934, as indicated in interview with Elmer Kucera.

At Spring Lake, Illinois, will conduct similar investigation as is requested at McHenry and will further endeavor to ascertain if anyone resembling Kate Barker is or has been located there.

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March 30, 1934

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al,
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING

Reference is made to Division letter dated March 19,
1934, setting forth certain observations made at the Division from
a review of reports submitted in the above entitled case.

There has been forwarded to you, under separate cover,
a set of topographic maps obtained from the United States Geological
Survey, Department of the Interior, at Washington, D. C., covering
the route believed to have been followed by the kidnapers on their
return from the "hide-out", as outlined in the Division letter above
referred to, and which route has been tentatively plotted on the maps
with blue crayon. The maps are numbered serially in the lower right-
hand corner, from one to twenty-three. The Geological Survey does
not possess maps covering the route between LaCrosse, Wisconsin and
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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It is believed that a study of these maps and an
examination of same by both Mr. Bremer and Mr. Hamm will be of
possible assistance in locating the approximate vicinity of the
"hide-out" where they were held victims. You will note on the
reverse side of the map detailed explanations relative to the
"conventional signs" used on the map to indicate railroads, bridges,
and the like. A second set of these maps has been forwarded to the
Chicago Office, and a third set is being retained by the Division.
All three sets are similarly numbered and marked.

It is further believed that a careful study of these
maps will indicate cities where concentrated efforts should be
made to locate the "hide-out", which is considered by the Division
of primary importance at the present time. Agents assigned to the

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search should not overlook the possibility that the "hide-out" may have been purposely destroyed by fire subsequent to the release of victim, and therefore inquiry should be made concerning such houses which have been destroyed since February 7, 1934.

An extra supply of maps for Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois, has been furnished the Chicago Office for the use of Agents assigned to the investigation within those Counties.

You will note that there has been indicated on the Briggsville quadrangle map, #14, the spot where the four gas cans were located, as determined from the directions set forth in the memorandum of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, February 13, 1934. Kindly advise the Division whether the spot indicated is correct.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC Chicago.

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REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/29/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/29/34	REPORT MADE BY: R. G. GILLESPIE
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases I.O. 1219; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Post Office Inspectors at Milwaukee, Wis. have no information as to status of Post Office holdup case involving Dave Berman; file located in Chief Post Office Inspector's office in Washington, D.C. Photographs and descriptions of Dave Berman's accomplices secured, two of whom are reported still at large.			
REFERENCE: Letter from New York Office to Inspector W. A. Rorer at St. Paul, Minnesota dated March 1, 1934.			
DETAILS: <u>At Milwaukee, Wisconsin.</u> Mr. R. M. Bates, Post Office Inspector, 232 Federal Building, 517 East Wisconsin Avenue, telephone Broadway 8600, advised Agent that the Milwaukee, Wisconsin Post Office Inspector's Office does not handle investigations in the Western District of Wisconsin; that his office has no file on the Post Office holdup at Superior, Wisconsin on November 2, 1925 involving Dave Berman; that the file in that case could be obtained at the Office of the Chief Post Office Inspector at Washington, D.C.; that he has no information as to prosecutive status of the case. Mr. Bates stated that he recalled the case and remembers that one of the defendants, "Dutch" Kanner, received a sentence of 25 years in Leavenworth for his part in the crime; that two others under indictment for the crime, and whom he understood had			
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never been apprehended, Charles P. Clouse and Blackie Carter, were tough criminals and had been much sought by the Post Office Inspectors. Mr. Bates located Post Office Department circulars on the Superior, Wisconsin Post Office holdup, showing pictures and descriptions of the participants in that crime, except Robert Henderson. These photographs are on file in this office.

For the information of the St. Paul Office, the descriptions of the participants, other than Berman, in the above mentioned crime, are being set out below, the source of same being the above mentioned circulars:

Name: Charles P. Clouse, alias Curly Clouse,
alias Paul E. Hanford, alias St. Paul Curly.
Age: 36 (1926)
Height: 5 feet 9 1/2 inches
Weight: 173 pounds
Complexion: Fair
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Blonde, curly
Born: Fort Dodge, Iowa
Finger Print Classification: $\frac{29}{27} \frac{10}{0} \frac{15}{14}$

Name: Ruben B. Lilly, alias Lillie, alias Blackie
Carter, alias Bob Conway, alias C. P. Conway.
Age: 40 (1927)
Height: 5 feet 7 7/8 inches
Weight: 185 pounds
Hair: Black - bald in front
Eyes: Dark Brown
Complexion: Dark
Teeth: Said to have gold fillings in upper front.
Occupation: Railroad switchman
Scars: Gun shot wound back of left shoulder.
Peculiarities: Southern accent
Good Dresser.
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Name: William Kanner, alias "Dutch" Kanner, alias
Jack Q. Hooper, alias "Dutch" Hooper.
Age: 37 (1926)
Height: 5 feet 9 1/2 inches
Weight: 170 pounds
Complexion: Sallow
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Born: St. Paul, Minnesota
Now reported to be serving 25 year term at
Leavenworth Penitentiary.
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Letters are herewith being directed to the Division re-
questing the criminal records of Charles P. Clouse, with aliases,
and Ruben D. Lilly, with aliases, be forwarded to the St. Paul
Office.

Since Clouse and Lilly are reported at large, it is
suggested that if these two men were connected with the Bremer
kidnaping it would connect up with the investigation of Dave Berman,
since they were former partners in crime with Berman. It is possible
they have indirectly contacted Berman.

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KANSAS CITY OFFICE.

At Leavenworth Penitentiary.

Will make investigation to determine who has corresponded
and visited with William Kanner, and ascertain if Kanner and Dave
Berman have contacted same people. Copy of reference letter is being
enclosed for information of Kansas City Office.

ST. PAUL OFFICE.

Will determine through appropriate sources if Clouse and
Lilly, as described in this report, are known to St. Paul underworld.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
 1900 Bankers Building
 Chicago Illinois

March 29, 1934

Director,
 Bureau of Investigation,
 Department of Justice,
 Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases I.O.1218;
 ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases I.O.1219;
 et al.
 EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
 7-82.

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate Date Fingerprints for- warded Bureau of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classifica- tion.
Charles P. Clouse, alias Curly Clouse, alias Paul G. Hanford, alias St. Paul Curly.			29 10 13 27 0 14
Ruben D. Lilly, alias Lillie, alias Blackie Carter, alias Bob Conway, alias C.P. Conway.			9 A 9 1 A 9

Please send copies of these records to the St. Paul
 Office.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
 Special Agent in Charge

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April 5, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

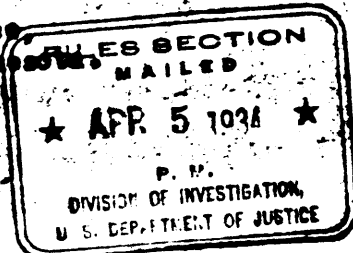
Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.
1219, et al.;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.

In reply to your communication dated March 29, 1934,
I am attaching the record revealed through a search of the
identification files of this Division in the case of the
following individuals who are possibly identical with the persons
concerning whom you inquire:

Ruben D. Lilly, our File #122276.
Paul G. Hanford, our File #125726.

In compliance with your request, copies of the above
criminal records are being transmitted to Division Office, St.
Paul, Minnesota.

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Division Office,
St. Paul, Minnesota.



Very truly yours,

Director.

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REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILL.	DATE WHEN MADE March 29, 1934	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/27 & 28/1934	REPORT MADE BY K. S. BENTLEY
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1212 ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. 1210 et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS:

William J. Graham and companion, and a woman believed to be wife of companion, left San Francisco, Cal. night of 3/25/34 via Overland Limited, Southern Pacific RR. Woman left train at Reno, Nev. Graham and companion arrived Chicago 5:20 A.M. 3/28/34 and left here 10:45 A.M. same day via New York Central Railroad, en route New York City. Parties contacted by no one in Chicago but Graham made two calls from a pay station and sent a western union telegram. Unable to trace calls or telegram.



REFERENCE:

Telegram from Salt Lake City office, dated 3/26/34.

DETAILS:

On March 26, 1934, this office received the following telegram from the Salt Lake City office:

DETAILS:

Unknown subjects Roy Frisch victim kidnaping stop victim employee Reno National Bank Reno Nevada disappeared Reno night March twenty second victim principal Government witness against William J. Graham noted underworld character of Reno Nevada and James C. McKay Attorney Reno Nevada under indictment New York City. Victim set for April stop one theory victims disappearance is that he was abducted by hirelings Graham so that he could not testify Graham understood now enroute New York City left San Francisco Southern Pacific train six Sunday night for Reno occupying lower three car eighty four stop believed Graham will depart Ogden Utah seven five night March twenty

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sixth Union Pacific Overland Limited train twenty eight arriving
Chicago nine twenty Wednesday morning March twenty eighth stop
Believed to be occupying same accommodations stop Graham age forty
seven height six feet one weight hundred sixty build slender hair
reddish brown eyes blue or grey wears horn rimmed glasses sandy
complexion thin face nervous disposition sporty dresser stop victim
age forty seven height five feet eight and half weight hundred eighty
hair light brown straight combed left side hazel eyes rosy cheeks
ruddy complexion full face pit scars inside right forearm walks erect
has noticeable swing to body when walking wore dark Oxford grey suit
light grey hat with wide black band black vic-kid oxford shoes right
shoulder little lower than left stop endeavor contact Graham prior
arrival Chicago maintain constant surveillance while there determining
if he meets person answering victims description and especially for
purpose learning date and hour he departs Chicago for New York train
he travels on and accommodations occupied stop furnish train information
upon which he departs together with space occupied telegraphically to
New York City office stop am wiring New York to endeavor pick him up
there".

It was deemed advisable to set out this telegram since it is
not known what information offices receiving copies of this report received
with regard to that telegram.

This office also received the following telegram from Salt
Lake City, dated March 27, 1934:

"Brekid William J. Graham mentioned my wire you last night relative
disappearance Roy Frisch is believed to be Reno contact of subjects
in Brekid case stop your Agents should keep this reported connection
in mind when giving attention to William J. Graham".

In keeping with the suggestion contained in reference telegram,
it was ascertained that the Overland Limited operated on the Union
Pacific Railway, stops only at Clinton, Iowa before it stops at Chicago,
Illinois. Consequently Special Agents A. E. Lockerman and J. J. Waters
proceeded to Clinton, Iowa, and boarded the Overland Limited, Train No. 23,
at 5.45 A.M. March 28, 1934, in order to locate party believed to be
Graham. From the Pullman conductor said Agents ascertained that a woman

occupied lower 3, car 24, of said train from San Francisco, California, to Reno, Nevada, where she got off. He stated that a stranger, whose description is no way compared with that of any of the parties mentioned in reference telegram, then took the berth formerly occupied by the woman. The conductor was unable to advise as to a person fitting the description of Graham, but interview with the barber on the said train disclosed that he was able to identify Graham, and he advised that Graham and another man were occupying compartment 3 of Car 24 on Train 28, known as the Overland Limited, operating via the Union Pacific Railroad. He also stated that the man fitting Graham's description was accompanied by a male companion. He advised that on the night previous he had pressed some clothes for a party and inside the coat he had noticed the name Graham. He stated he also talked to this party, and to his companion, and said the companion advised that he was from Reno, Nevada. It appeared obvious therefore, that Graham was the party referred to by the barber. The Pullman conductor then recalled that the woman above noted, together with Graham and his companion, boarded the said train together at San Francisco, California, and from conversation overheard between Graham's companion and the woman, he gathered that the woman was the wife of Graham's companion.

In the meantime Special Agents W. Carter Baum and J. E. Rice were dispatched to Oak Park, Illinois to observe the train at that point to see whether any persons left said train. They advised that no one left the train at that point.

The above mentioned train arrived at Chicago, Illinois, at the Northwestern Station, at 9.20 A.M. March 28, 1933. Agents A. E. Lockerman and J. J. Waters followed Graham and his companion from the train, and then pointed said parties out to Special Agents W. C. Jamison, T. E. Billings and K. R. McIntire, who had placed themselves in the Northwestern Station for the purpose of keeping Graham under surveillance. It is observed that no one contacted either Graham or his companion in the station, and nothing unusual was done on the part of either Graham or his companion. They took a taxi cab and were immediately followed by Agents McIntire and Billings in one taxi cab, with Agent Jamison in another, to the LaSalle Street Railroad station in Chicago. At this point Graham made a telephone call from a pay station located in the LaSalle Street Station. He then sent a Western Union telegram from said station. Graham and his companion then proceeded to have breakfast in a restaurant in the station, and the remainder of their stay at said station was spent in loafing about the main sitting room, except for the fact that Graham

made another telephone call from a pay station. Agents Jamison, Billings and McIntire separated, and observed all of the actions of Graham, and his companion, and observed that they were not contacted at any time by any one during their short stay at the LaSalle Street Station. Information regarding the telephone calls and the telegram sent by Graham was immediately telephoned to the Chicago office. Efforts were made to trace the telegram without success. It is noted that there is no possibility of tracing a telephone call from a pay station in Chicago.

At about 10.45 A.M. March 28, 1934, Graham and his companion boarded a New York Central Railroad train, and were followed by Special Agents McIntire and Billings. The said Agents learned from the conductor of the train that the accommodations of Graham and his companion were as follows: "Drawing Room A, car 451, which car is named Glen Esk, traveling via the Fifth Avenue Special, New York Central Railroad, the destination of both parties being New York City. The above Agents also learned that said train would arrive at New York City at the Grand Central Station at 8.10 A.M. on the morning of March 29, 1933, eastern standard time.

The best available description of Graham, secured by observation of several Agents mentioned herein, and from the reference telegram, is as follows:

Name:	William J. Graham
Age:	47 years
Height:	6 ft 1 inch
Weight:	160 pounds
Build:	Slender
Hair:	Reddish brown, bushy
Eyes:	Blue or grey
Complexion:	Sandy
Thin face; small chin; wears thick lens tortoise rim glasses; acts nervous; wearing blue suit, dark brown Fedora hat, snap brim turned down slightly in front; dark Oxford Grey overcoat; walks erect; square shoulders.	

The following is the best available description of Graham's companion, as secured by the Agents mentioned herein:

Name:	Unknown
Age:	40-48
Height:	5 ft. 7 inches.
Weight:	165 to 170 pounds
Build:	Stocky
Hair:	Dark brown
Eyes:	Unknown, penetrating glance
Complexion:	Dark, slightly ruddy
Glasses:	None.
Wearing dark blue overcoat, dark green Fedora hat with snap brim, dark suit probably Oxford Gray; very observing, suspicious or nervous; carries dark brown brief case.	

It is to be further observed that the male companion of Graham carried a dark brown brief case which appeared to be well filled with papers; that he keeps the same in his possession at all times, and in no instance was he observed to give it to a porter at the railway stations noted in this report. It is noted also that Graham carries a large black leather non-flexible semi-wardrobe trunk. This is the only baggage either of these parties was observed to be carrying.

It is further noted that Graham's hair is of a bushy nature, and is particularly bushy beneath his hat, at the rear of his head.

The information contained in this report was immediately telephoned to the Salt Lake City office, and also to Inspector W. A. Rorer at St. Paul. A teletype message was immediately sent to New York, containing the essential facts in this report.

It is suggested that Graham's companion may possibly be attorney James C. McKay of Reno, Nev. who is mentioned in reference telegram, though this office has no means of knowing definitely. The second telegram from the Salt Lake City office quoted herein mentions that Graham is believed to be a contact for the subjects of the Bremer case in Reno, Nevada. In this connection the attention of the offices receiving copies of this report is directed to the report of Special Agent F. B. Dunn, Dallas, Tex. March 6, 1934, and the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, San Antonio, Tex. February 23, 1934, both reports submitted in the Bremer case.

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The Salt Lake City, St. Paul and New York offices, which re-
ceived copies of this report, under the title "Unknown Subjects - Roy
Frisch, Victim - Kidnaping, are now being furnished with the same report
under the title of the Bremer case, so that their files may be complete.

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U. S. Department of Justice
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
~~Bureau of Investigation~~
Suite L -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
March 29, 1934.



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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to Division letter of March 26, 1934, on the above entitled matter, relative to identifications of Homer Good and George Brock, mentioned in the memorandum of Special Agent A. E. Farland dated at Kansas City, Missouri, February 15, 1934, in the case of Vernon C. Miller (Deceased) Et Al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

As noted in the memorandum of Agent Farland, Homer Good is a constable at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and is known to George E. Carver, an Agent of the Alcoholic Beverage Unit of the Division and also probably known to police at Tulsa.

It is also shown by Agent Farland's memorandum that George Brock, there mentioned, has relatives residing at Lees Summit, Missouri.

As noted in the letter of March 26 from the Division, there are records in the Fingerprint Unit of the following individuals:

W. R. Brock, with aliases, State Penitentiary,
Huntsville, Texas, Register No. 39,661.

Homer Good, S O, Tulsa, Oklahoma, No. 10858.

Homer A. Good, U.S. Marshal, Wichita Falls, Texas, No. 108.

It is requested that the Division forward a photograph of W. R. Brock mentioned in Division letter to the Kansas City office and one photograph each of Homer Good and Homer A. Good to the Oklahoma City office for the purpose of having these photographs displayed at the appropriate places (Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Lees Summit, Missouri) for identification of the individuals as mentioned in Agent Farland's memorandum.

Very truly,
M. C. Spear
M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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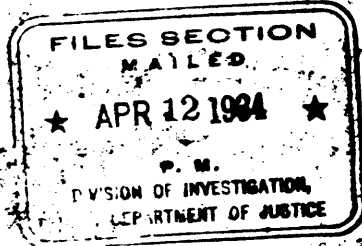
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 29, 1934 in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM; KIDNAPING, in which you request that photographs of E. R. Brock, Huntsville, Texas, register No. 39561 be furnished your office and that photographs of Homer Good, S.O., Tulsa, Oklahoma, No. 10858, and Homer A. Good, U. S. Marshal, Wichita Falls, Texas, No. 108 be furnished to the Oklahoma City office for identification of the individuals mentioned in memorandum of Special Agent W. A. Farland dated at Kansas City, Missouri, February 15, 1934, in the case of Vernon C. Miller (Deceased) et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

The Homer Good named in Agent Farland's memorandum has been identified as Homer Good, S.O., Tulsa, Oklahoma, No. 10858, and his fingerprints have been compared with the latent fingerprints in this case with negative results. It will not, therefore, be necessary to conduct any investigation to identify this individual.

As requested there are transmitted to your office herewith two copies of a photograph of E. R. Brock for use at Lees Summit, Missouri, in identifying this individual by determining whether the Brock whose photographs are transmitted herewith is the same as the George Brock named in Agent Farland's memorandum.

Very truly yours,



Director.

Enclosure: #339951.

CC: Oklahoma City
W. A. Rorer, St. Paul

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

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REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILL.	DATE WHEN MADE: March 23, 1934	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/20-21, 23-24, 1934	REPORT MADE BY: A. E. URSCHEL
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219 et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Edward Bentz and wife, Verma, resided at Shelarake Hotel, Chicago, from 12/23/32 to 6/9/33 under the name of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Banier. Ted Bentz identified as being seen with Ed Bentz on different occasions at Sheidrake Hotel. Photographs of Mrs. Ed Bentz made on 5/29/33 located. Ed Bentz and wife and Ted Bentz and Christina Dawson reported to have visited Freismark family in South Milwaukee, Wis. 3/9/34 and to have visited Mrs. Bentz's sister, Mrs. Avery Eagles in Chicago 3/10/34 and to have then left for San Francisco, Cal. about 3/11/34, to visit mother of Bentz brothers. Reported to be driving new dark blue or black Lincoln sedan.

REFERENCE:

Letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated 3/16/34, St. Paul, Minnesota; wire from Portland office dated 3/21/34.

DETAILS:

On March 20, 1934, the writer interviewed [redacted] and [redacted] previously interviewed by the writer on different occasions during investigation conducted by this office, with a view of locating [redacted] and Ted Bentz. [redacted] repeatedly insisted that he will furnish this office with all the information that he can obtain relative to the whereabouts of the [redacted]

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Bentz brothers by reason of a personal dislike that he has for them. At the time of this interview however, [redacted] had not acquired any helpful information since the time that he was last interviewed as to this matter. He stated however, that during the summer of 1930, or 1931, Ed and Ted Bentz spent considerable time at a cottage located at Diamond Lake, which is near Mundelein, Illinois. [redacted]

[redacted] also advised that [redacted] recalls Ed Bentz worked as a machinist for the American Can Company located at Maywood, Illinois during 1930 and 1931. He was not definite as to this and stated that it was possible that he worked there in 1928 or 1929. He was reasonably certain that it had not been since 1931. He further advised that he is of the opinion that Ted Bentz had at one time worked for the Armstrong Collection Service of St. Paul, or Minneapolis, Minnesota, as well as having been employed by the Craig Collection Service of Chicago, stating he does not believe that the Craig Collection Service operates at the present time. [redacted] assured the writer that he would continue his efforts to obtain information relative to the whereabouts of the Bentz brothers, and furnish same to this office.

During the investigation conducted by this Agent relative to apprehending the Bentz brothers in connection with the Urschel kidnaping case, it was ascertained that Ed Bentz rented a cottage at Long Beach, Ind. during the summer of 1933, and lived there with his wife Vera, from about July 1 until September 1. As a result of searching the cottage in which they had lived, after they had left, a magazine was found, among other things, bearing the name of G. W. KOWALSKI, 5518 North Central Avenue, Chicago, Ill. In order to ascertain whether or not there was any connection between G. W. Kowalski and the Bentz brothers, investigation was conducted through the Post Office Station covering the Kowalski address, and it was learned through the carrier who delivers mail to that address, that Mr. George W. Kowalski is generally considered as a man of good standing in that community, having been employed in a bank located in that vicinity for a number of years up until the time of the closing of the bank. He also advised that living at the same address is a party by the name of JOHN F. IGLEWSKI, and A. J. GRUENFELD. He stated that those parties also bear good reputations in that community. He expressed the opinion that none of them had ever been involved in any criminal or shady activities. It was further ascertained that Mr. George W. Kowalski is now employed as an account executive with the General Outdoor Advertising Company, located at Harrison and Loomis Streets, Chicago, telephone Monroe 6800. It is well to state here

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that on March 24, 1934, the writer interviewed Mr. George W. Kowalski, at the Lake Shore Drive Athletic Club, 850 Lake Shore Drive. He was questioned as to whether he had spent any time out of the city of Chicago during the summer of 1933, and advised that he had spent many weekends during that summer at cottages in Long Beach, Indiana; that they would rent cottages, together with some of his friends for weekends, returning to Chicago usually around the first of the week. He stated that during July and August they had been able to rent the same cottage for their weekend visits to that resort, but that during the weekend preceding Labor Day they had rented a cottage that had been occupied by other tenants up until two or three days prior to the time that they rented same; that he recalls that they had purchased a number of magazines for that occasion, and that he is sure that he had carried the 'Literary Digest, to which he subscribes to that cottage on that particular occasion. He also stated that he is certain that they left all the magazines in the cottage which they had carried with them. From the description given by Mr. Kowalski of the cottage that they occupied on that particular weekend, this Agent is positive that the cottage occupied by Mr. Kowalski is the same cottage that had previously been occupied by Ed Bentz and his wife. It was also ascertained from the renting agent at the time that the previous investigation was conducted, that Ed Bentz and his wife had lived in that cottage up until a few days prior to Labor Day, and at that time the rental agent also stated that other parties had occupied that cottage over the weekend preceding Labor Day. Mr. Kowalski appeared to be quite frank in this matter, and did not give the impression that he was in any way trying to conceal anything, and it is believed that he has no connection with the Bentz brothers, for the reason that he stated after examining the photographs of the Bentz brothers that he had never been associated with anyone bearing a resemblance to these persons, and by further reason of the facts as explained above.

On March 21, 1934, the Chicago office received a telegram from the Portland office, advising that information had been received by that office to the effect that Ed and Ted Bentz, and Verna Bentz and Christina Dawson, left Chicago, Illinois on March 11, 1934, in a Lincoln Sedan to visit their mother on the coast, their mother having been reported to reside at 121 Broderick Street, San Francisco, California; that this information had been obtained from Mr. George Plowman, of the American Express Company. The above telegram also requested that it be determined to whom 1933 Illinois license numbers 865133 and 736658 were issued. That office also requested to be advised as to the correctness of that information.

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Accordingly Agent contacted Mr. Harry C. Eldridge, of the American Express Company who advised that Mr. Floman was out of the city at that time, and was not expected back until the following day. Mr. Eldridge however, is acquainted with the Bentz case, and stated that they had obtained information to the effect

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He stated that in the event that information is obtained he will furnish same to this office.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

It was ascertained through the Chicago Police Department that 1933 Illinois license 865133 had been issued to G. N. Ranier, who gave as his address the Sheldrake Hotel, Windsor and Clarendon St. Chicago, Illinois, for a Ford automobile. They did not have a record however, of the style of the car, the motor number or the license number. It was

also ascertained through that source that 1933 Illinois license 736658 had been issued to Edward Byron, who gave as his address 2009 Ridge Road, Homewood, Illinois, and that same had been issued for a Plymouth automobile, the style of the car and motor number being unknown. It was at that time known that Ed Bentz had used the name G. B. Ranier at the time that he rented the cottage at Long Beach, Indiana, which was shortly after he moved from the Sheldrake Hotel.

By checking at the Sheldrake Hotel, 4518 Clarendon Ave. it was learned that Ed Bentz and Verna Freimark, whose photographs were identified by the manager, and the telephone operator, had registered at that hotel on December 23, 1932, and had checked out on June 9, 1933; that they had registered as G. B. Ranier and wife, Duluth, Minnesota. The telephone operator, who also acts as desk clerk, was able to identify the photograph of Ted Bentz as being an individual whom she had seen on different occasions with Ed Bentz. She stated however, that he at no time lived as a guest at that hotel. A tracing of the registration of these parties at that hotel was made, and although the handwriting appears to be that of a man, it was not known by the manager whether it was the handwriting of Ed Bentz or Verne Bentz. A record was made of all telephone calls made from the room occupied by Ed Bentz and his wife, from the time that they registered at that hotel until the time of their departure, and the following investigation was conducted relative to those calls:

On December 26, 1932, telephone number Longbeach 5085 was called, and it was learned that this number is listed in the name of Doctor Harry C. Ward, a dentist, whose office was located at 1060 Wilson Avenue, and that the telephone had been discontinued. At that address it was learned by this Agent that Mr. Ward died approximately six months ago.

On the same day a call was made from the Bentz room to Longbeach 5410, and it was learned that that number is listed in the name of Doctor John C. Purdie, 5015 North Clark St. To date Agent has not been successful in contacting Doctor Purdie, but he will be interviewed in the near future relative to this call.

On the same day a call was made to Longbeach 0560, and that number is issued to Doctor John E. McIntosh, 1810 Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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Dr. McIntosh was interviewed, but advised that he is not acquainted with anyone by the name of G. B. Ranier, Ed Bentz, and neither was he acquainted with Bentz under any of his aliases. He was shown photographs of Ed Bentz, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bentz, but he was unable to identify them as being anyone known to him. He referred to his records which indicated that he did not have an appointment with anyone by the name of Ranier on that day.

On the same day a call was made from that room to Longbeach 7322, which number is issued to Doctor Bernard Rabin, 4707 Broadway, Room 213. Doctor Rabin was interviewed but stated that he is not acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Bentz, and was not able to identify their photographs or the photographs of Ted Bentz as being anyone known to him. His office records indicated that on December 26, 1932, he was not at his office. On the same day a call was made from that room to Sheldrake 9311. That number is listed in the name of Doctor H. W. Oppice, whose office is located at 1002 Wilson Avenue, Chicago, and whose residence is at 6251 North Claremont Avenue. The call was to the residence of Doctor Oppice. When interviewed by this Agent Doctor Oppice stated that he is not acquainted with Mr. or Mrs. Ed Bentz, or Ted Bentz, under that name or any other name, and could not recognize their photographs as being those of anyone known to him.

On the same day a call was made from that room to the hotel Wyndon, 628 W. Windsor Avenue, Chicago. It is believed that this call was made to a tailor shop located in that hotel, which is just across the street from the Sheldrake Hotel. At that place it was learned that the person who operated the tailor shop during the summer of 1933 is no longer employed there and his present address is unknown.

On December 31, 1932, a call was made from that room to Ardmore 0770, a number which is listed to the Delove Beauty Shop, 924 Wilson Avenue. At that address it was learned that only one person was still employed there who had been there during the summer of 1933; that this person is Miss Martin, and upon interview she was unable to identify the photograph of Mrs. Ed Bentz as being anyone seen by her at that shop at any time.

On March 1, 1933, a call was made to Edgewater 4863, and that number is listed in the name of the Lawrence-Broadway Garage, 1127 W. Lawrence Avenue. At that address the photograph of Ed and Ted Bentz and Mrs. Ed Bentz was displayed to the employees, but they were unable to identify

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same as being anyone who had ever stored a car in that garage. They also referred to their records and learned that they had not at any time had a customer by the name of G. B. Ranier from the Sheldrake Hotel. In view of the fact that this garage was called only one time it is not believed that they were storing their car at that place. In this connection it is also well to state that investigation was conducted at an open air parking lot adjacent to the Sheldrake Hotel to determine whether a car was stored there by Ed Bentz under the name of G. B. Ranier. The manager of the parking lot stated however, that his files do not reflect a customer by the name of G. B. Ranier or Ed Bentz during the summer of 1933; neither could he identify the photograph of Mr. or Mrs. Ed Bentz or Ted Bentz.

On May 29, 1933, a call was made from that number to Longbeach 1887, and that number is listed to the Anthony Photographer, 1054 W. Wilson Avenue, second floor, Chicago. At that address it was learned that on May 29, 1933, Mrs. Edward Bentz, using the name of Mrs. G. B. Ranier, had had three different poses for a photograph taken. Negatives of each pose were obtained from the manager of this studio, and they have been forwarded to the Division with the request that a supply of photographs be developed from these negatives, and furnished to offices conducting investigation in connection with this matter.

On April 6, 1933, a call was made from that room to Merrimac 4417. This number is issued to Mrs. Tekla Sandahl, 7123 W. Belden Avenue, Chicago. The fact that this call was made to that telephone number confirms information previously furnished to the writer by Gene Flint, to the effect that the Bentz Brothers always make telephonic connections with their brother George Bentz, by calling the residence of Mrs. Tekla Sandahl at the above address, stating that George Bentz, their brother, does not maintain a telephone in his residence, and that he has known the Bentz brothers to use the Sandahl telephone in making calls when they are visiting George Bentz.

On March 23, 1933, a call was made from that number to Merrimac 8472. That number was previously assigned to John Watland Hanson, 6960 W. Oakdale Avenue, but same has been discontinued. For the purpose of determining the identity of Hanson, Agent proceeded to 6960 W. Oakdale Ave. where it was observed that that address is a brick bungalow located in the northwest section of the city. From all indications there was no one present at that address at the time. However, it is contemplated to make further investigation at that address in the very near future, to determine the connection between Hanson and Bentz.

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On May 5, 1933, a call was made from that number to Harrison 8819. That number is issued to John C. Hanson, 6956 W. Oakdale Avenue, and through investigation it was learned that the building located at 6956 W. Oakdale Avenue, which is a small dwelling adjoining the address 6960 W. Oakdale Avenue, and by reason of the same name there is evidently some family connection between the two Hansons. It is also intended that in the very near future investigation will be conducted at that address to determine the connection between John C. Hanson and Ed or Ted Bentz, or Verna Bentz.

The telephone records further indicate that calls were made to the following numbers:

- Harrison 9830 - Chicago and Western Indiana Railroad Co.
 - Kedzie 1309 - Liggett and Myer Tobacco Co. 820 S. Kildaire Ave.
 - Randolph 8000 - City of Chicago, City Hall Board, 315 W. Washington
 - Randolph 8200 - Chicago Rapid Transit Co. 72 W. Adams Street
 - Canal 6200 - Atlas Brewing Co. 2107 Blue Island Avenue
 - Delaware 0606 - K-9 Club, 105 E. Walton Place
- (Note: It is believed by reason of this latter call that Ed Bentz and his wife frequent this club).
- Mohawk 2300 - Prima Brewing Co. 725 Blackhawk Street
 - State 1000 - Marshall Field and Co.
 - Superior 0100 - Telephone Company, Telephone Building.

Investigation will be conducted in connection with the above numbers in the very near future.

At the Post Office Station at 4235 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, that being the station which covers the address of Mrs. Avery Eagles, 4141 Ellis Avenue, it was learned that on December 11, 1933, a Mrs. Kathleen Willd, left a change of address indicating that she had moved to 4252 Drexel Avenue. Although this record indicates that Mrs. Willd has moved from 4141 Ellis Ave., information has been received at this office to the effect that Mrs. Avery Eagles, previously referred to as the sister of Mrs. Verna Bentz, who lives at 4141 Ellis Avenue, receives her telephone calls over a telephone at that address, issued to Mrs. Kathleen Willd. The carrier who delivers mail to 4141 Ellis Avenue stated that a Mrs. H. Gross, the landlady at that place, receives all the mail for the tenants at that building; that on March 19, 1934, he recalls he had a letter addressed to Mrs. Eagles at that address, and that same was received by Mrs. Gross; that he has never to his knowledge seen Mrs. Eagles, and does not know what she looks like. The carrier further expressed the opinion that Kathleen Willd is identical with a Mrs. Katherine

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Dobson, whose address is 4252 Drexel Avenue, for the reason that their records indicate that Mrs. Katherine Dobson moved from 4141 Ellis Avenue to 4252 Drexel Avenue on the same day that Mrs. Kathleen Willa moved to the Drexel Avenue address from the Ellis Avenue address, and he stated that he still delivers mail addressed to Mrs. Kathleen Willa addressed to 4141 Ellis Avenue, which is refused at that address, but accepted by Mrs. Katherine Dobson at 4252 Drexel Avenue. The carrier further stated that the class of tenants at 4141 Ellis Avenue is not very desirable, and that because of the neighborhood he would be afraid to express an opinion as to whether or not Mrs. Gross would be trustworthy if approached for information as to Mrs. Avery. At the present time no further investigation has been conducted at this point, but further inquiry will be made in the very near future.

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During the time that Agent was dictating this report, a call was received from [redacted] previously mentioned, and he advised that he had just received information from [redacted] to the effect that George Bantz, and his wife, left Chicago about two weeks ago, en route to Tacoma, Washington; that George Bantz had gone to Tacoma under the belief that he could obtain work with the San Juan Fish Company of Tacoma, Washington; that George Bantz had formerly worked for the same company. [redacted] further advised that Herbert Hill and his wife have moved into the residence of George Bantz, 7124 West Belden Avenue, and that they expect to be there until some time during the fall of this year. He further stated that they left Chicago in Bantz' old Willys Knight Sedan, maroon color, bearing 1934 Illinois license 502671, motor number 158636. This information confirms information obtained by Special Agent W. Carter Baum recently, to the effect that the above mentioned Willys Knight Sedan was seen with a trailer attached, in front of the home of Mrs. R. J. Caperton, 17909 Homewood Avenue, Homewood, Illinois, the parties having apparently spent the night at that address. The trailer bears 1934 Illinois license 302 W. By reason of the fact that the trailer was at that time loaded, it is believed that George Bantz and his wife were en route to Tacoma, Washington at that time. [redacted] expressed the opinion that George Bantz will contact Ed and Ted Bantz after he arrives in Tacoma, expressing the opinion that Ed and Ted Bantz are not in Chicago at the present time, which also confirms recent information obtained by this office from Mr. Eldridge and Mr. Flewman of the American Railway Express to the effect that Ted and Ed Bantz and Verna Bantz and Christina Dawson left Chicago about March 11, 1934, en route to San Francisco, California. [redacted] further advised that a real estate firm by the name of Hollanger, located on the northwest side of Chicago handles a mortgage which is outstanding against the Bantz property located at 7124 W. Belden Avenue. It is possible that some information can be obtained

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from this real estate company as to the address of George Bentz in Tacoma, Washington, and inquiry will be made through that source.

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[redacted] also stated that it is his understanding that Ed and Ted Bentz at one time were interested in an old gold mine located near Shelton, Washington, and stated that the location of this mine would afford a very desirable hideout for the gang, and believed that if the Bentz brothers intended to settle down for the summer they would likely decide on that place. He had no further information as to the name of this mine or its location.

The Portland office will be telegraphically advised as to the alleged presence of George Bentz in Tacoma, Washington, and that office will be requested to conduct the necessary investigation.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE: Will continue the investigation suggested in this report.

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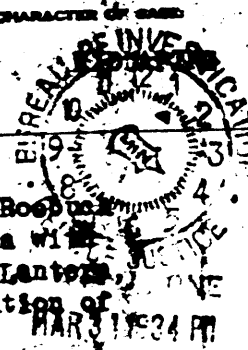
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

FILE NO. 7-82

REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE: 5/29/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/15-20/34	REPORT MADE BY: K. J. McINTIRE
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">Investigations made at Sears-Roebuck Stores in Illinois and Indiana with regard to Lightmaster Pocket Lanterns, without revealing any information of value to this matter.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="text-align: center;">Letter of Chicago Office to the Director, dated February 15, 1934.</p>			
DETAILS: <u>DETAILS:</u> <u>"LIGHTMASTER POCKET LANTERN"</u> <p style="text-align: center;">Investigation was conducted in the towns herein noted, with reference to the Lightmaster Pocket Lantern, at the Sears-Roebuck Stores, without disclosing any information of value pertaining to the sale of the lanterns used by Victim Bremer's abductors.</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. A. Quinn</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-5767509	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 31 1934
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LIGHTMASTER POCKET LANTERN

On March 15, 1934, Special Agent T. G. Melvin made inquiries regarding the sale of a Lightmaster Pocket Lantern at --

GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS

Mr. H. A. Lee, Manager of the Sears-Roebuck Store informed Agent that the Lightmaster Pocket Lantern has not been handled in that store.

On this same date, March 15, 1934, Special Agent W. G. Ryan made investigation at the Sears Roebuck Store in

BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS

relative to the sale of the Lightmaster Pocket Lantern. Mr. R. A. Moberry, Manager, advised that this store has never handled the size light in question. He advised that he has been manager of the store since it was opened on September 29, 1929 and that the store has only sold the larger Lightmaster, which is not a pocket lantern.

On March 16, 1934, Special Agent H. H. Reinecke made investigation at the following places with reference to the Lightmaster Pocket Lantern used at the time of the payoff:

PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS
DES PLAINES, "

At Park Ridge, Illinois

It was ascertained that the Sears-Roebuck Store was closed on March 10, 1934 for lack of business and all of the merchandise and employees scattered.

At Des Plaines, Illinois

It was learned from the Manager of the Sears-Roebuck Store here that the Lightmaster Pocket Lantern, such as was used in the payoff, has never been in stock at this store.

On March 16, 1934, Special Agent V. W. Peterson conducted the following investigation:

LIGHTMASTER POCKET LANTERN

AT WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

Mr. L. C. Rowray, Manager of the Sears-Roebuck Store, 580 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, Illinois, advised that this store has never handled the Lightmaster Pocket Lantern in question.

At MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

On March 16, 1934, Special Agent J. E. Brennan ascertained that the Sears-Roebuck Store here does not stock the Lightmaster Pocket Lantern and has not sold any.

On March 19, 1934, Special Agent V. W. Peterson made the following inquiry at --

HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS

Mr. F. J. McDonough, Manager of the Sears-Roebuck Store, 554 Central Avenue, was interviewed concerning the Lightmaster Pocket Lantern. He advised that this style of Lightmaster has never been sold at the Highland Park, Illinois, Store.

Special Agent G. J. Gross conducted the following investigation:

At GARY, INDIANA

On March 19, 1934, Assistant Manager L. F. O'Leary, of the Sears-Roebuck Store, Gary, Indiana, stated after contacting his Purchasing Department; that is, the party who orders all merchandise for this particular store, that the Pocket Lantern of the type involved in this case was not carried in stock until just three weeks ago; that none were in stock previous to March 1, 1934.

While conducting the above investigation, Mr. O'Leary called some of his employees to his office, at which time Agent exhibited the photographs of the Subjects and Suspects in this case.

John Krafne stated that about two or three weeks ago, he feels certain he saw ARTHUR BARKER and VOLNEY DAVIS in the store, although they were not together and thinks they were in at separate times.

LIGHTMASTER POCKET LANTERN

E. R. Bernhard, stated upon viewing these photographs, that he feels certain about three weeks ago he saw ARTHUR BARKER in the store alone; that no purchase was made by him.

Carl Moleski stated that he is quite certain he saw VOLNEY DAVIS and ARTHUR BARKER in the store; that as he recalls, they were not together; that this occasion was about two or three weeks previous to the date of this interview.

Bernhard above interviewed further stated that the person he believes to have been VOLNEY DAVIS made inquiries of him as to the price and make of a certain "Battery Radio"; that DAVIS was wearing a dark topcoat and a tan lumberjack underneath.

The exhibits were shown the above named persons at separate times, all stating that they are certain it was two or three weeks ago, but that at the time they paid little attention and for this reason were unable to enlarge any further on the above statements.

On March 19, 1934, Special Agent John E. Brennan made the following investigation:

AT CICERO, ILLINOIS

* Inquiry at the Sears-Roebuck Store revealed that the type of flashlight in question is not carried in stock at this store.

AT FOREST PARK, ILL.

Similar inquiry was made at the Sears Store in Forest Park, where it was ascertained that the type of flashlight in question has not been carried in stock.

On March 20, 1934, Agent Brennan made inquiries at

DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS.

Mr. R. V. Boltz, Assistant Manager of the Sears-Roebuck Store related that his store has never stocked the type of flashlight known as a Lightmaster Pocket Lantern.

LIGHTMASTER POCKET LANTERN

The following investigation relative to the Lightmaster Pocket Lantern was conducted by Special Agent T. S. Melvin on March 20, 1934 at the following town:

AURORA, ILLINOIS

Agent interviewed J. D. Stevens, Clerk in Charge of the Hardware Department of the Sears-Roebuck Store, who stated that he sold most of the Lightmaster Pocket Lanterns that were in stock. He examined photographs of ARTHUR BARKER, FRED BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL and VOLNEY DAVIS, and stated that he did not sell a Lightmaster to any of these suspects. The same photographs were also exhibited to other clerks in the Hardware Department, who advised that they did not sell a Lightmaster to any of the above suspects.

Investigation being continued in connection with this pocket lantern.

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Salt Lake City, Utah.
March 27, 1934.

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1900 BANKERS' BUILDING,
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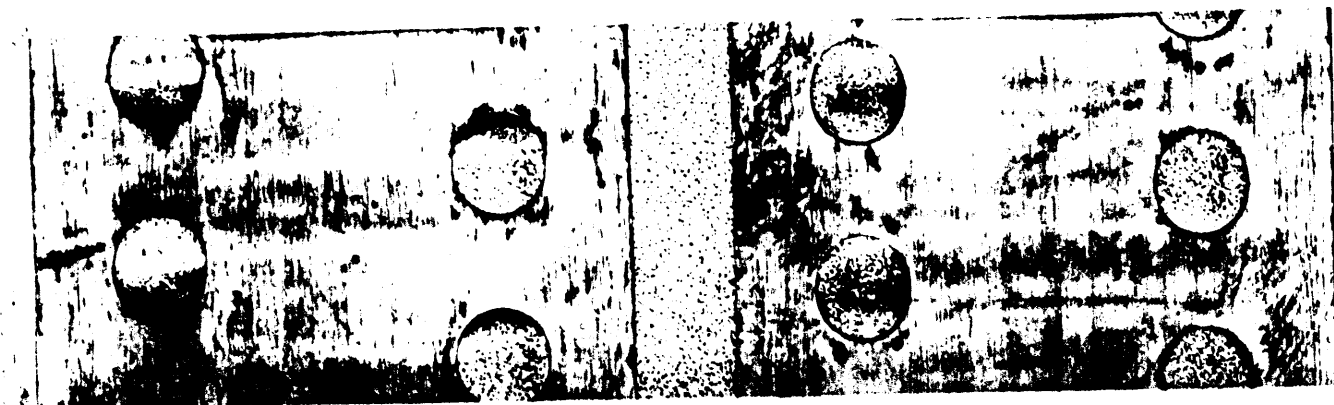
BREKID WILLIAM J. GRAHAM MENTIONED MY WIRE YOU LAST NIGHT RELATIVE DISAPPEARANCE ROY FRISH IS BELIEVED TO BE RENO CONTACT OF SUBJECTS IN BREKID CASE STOP YOUR AGENTS SHOULD KEEP THIS REPORTED CONNECTION IN MIND WHEN GIVING ATTENTION TO WILLIAM J. GRAHAM.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/29/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/24/34	REPORT MADE BY: W. C. BAUM
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases I.O. 1219; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Max Novelle is a member of old and well known vaudeville act called The Novelle Brothers. This man registered his car at Hammond, Indiana in January, 1934 while playing at a Hammond theater. This information dispatched to the Salt Lake City office by telegram on 3/24/34.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p>REFERENCE: Salt Lake City Office telegram to Chicago, Illinois Office dated 3/23/34.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>At Chicago, Illinois.</u></p> <p>The telegram of reference indicated that one, Max Novelle, who was driving a Pierce Arrow Sedan bearing Indiana license plates 6918, which had been taken out at Hammond, Indiana for this car, bearing motor number A5017, had been seen to leave Reno, Nevada on Wednesday for California, and it was requested that the identity of this individual be ascertained.</p> <p>DETAILS: At the office of the Hammond Auto License Bureau, which is a Branch of the office of the Secretary of State, Motor Vehicle Division, Indianapolis, Indiana, Agent ascertained that the license number 6918 was not handled by the Hammond office, but was issued directly from the State. These low numbers, it was indicated, are usually issued to persons who make special requests for them because of the similarity of these numbers and house addresses, telephone numbers, or the like. This office stated that the published list</p>			
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of automobile registrants, listed as to license number, had not been issued.

When Agent suggested the name of Max Novelle in this office, however, the clerk remembered that this individual had called during January, 1934 at the Hammond office and had asked to secure license number 6918 since he had procured this number on the previous year while at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Max Novelle, Agent was informed, is a vaudeville actor who appeared in Hammond and who also had appeared in Chicago, Illinois during the winter of 1934. These tags were secured for Novelle and were sent to him at the Edward M. Morse Agency, 190 North State Street, which is the theatrical agency that booked Novelle. The clerk also remembered that Novelle had played in St. Louis and in other towns, and had written several times regarding these tags after he had left Hammond, Indiana, since the tags with this number were somewhat late in arriving at Hammond, Indiana to be sent to him. Novelle had played at the Fox Theater in St. Louis, later on.

The pictures of the various suspects were shown to these parties at the Hammond Auto License Bureau, but none were recognized.

Mr. Harry Mintz, Manager of the Barthenon Theater in Hammond, Indiana, which is a Warner Brothers picture theater, and which shows vaudeville on Saturdays and Sundays, informed Agent that the Novelle Brothers was a well known vaudeville act which had been playing vaudeville in America for a number of years. Max Novelle is one of the members of this act. The two men dress up as chickens with plumes, etc., and indulge in various mimickings and also whistle on the stage. Mr. Mintz said that a great many actors license cars in Indiana during their stay at local theaters due to the fact that the Indiana registration fees are extremely low. Mr. Mintz said that he supposed these actors could claim a residence in Indiana as well as any place else since they are always on the move and are seldom located definitely at any place. Mr. Mintz corroborated the information supplied at the Hammond Auto License Bureau, indicating that the Edward M. Morse Agency, 190 North State Street is the booking agency for this act.

The description of Max Kayolle is briefly as follows:

Height: About 5 feet 11 inches
Weight: About 180 pounds
Hair: Dark
Eyes: Dark
Jewish appearance
No noticeable peculiarities

This information was furnished the Salt Lake City Office by telegram on March 24, 1934, and further investigation along this line was not pursued and will not be pursued until information is received from the Salt Lake City Office indicating that additional investigation may be necessary in view of undisclosed facts.

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UNDERWEAR

On March 15, 1934, Special Agent G. J. Gross conducted investigation at:

WHITING, INDIANA

John Dudzik, 2058 Indianapolis Blvd., Whiting, Indiana, was interviewed with reference to the underwear involved in the instant case, he stating that he carries "Life Size" Underwear identical with that of the instant case, but could not recall having sold any during this past winter. He added that he alone waits on all customers. Mr. Dudzik's store is a very small notion store in Whiting. Photographs of all suspects and Subjects in this case were shown Mr. Dudzik but he could not recall having seen any of them at any time.

On March 19, 1934, Special Agent Gross conducted the following investigation at -

GARY, INDIANA

Mr. J. H. Pitzela of Pitzela & Sons, 1328 Broadway, Gary, Indiana, stated that he handles "Life Size" Underwear, but could not recall having sold any during the past winter. Mr. Pitzela and his clerk, Joseph Demko, were shown the photographs of Subjects and suspects but were unable to identify them as anyone they had ever seen before.

On March 20, 1934, Agent Gross made the following investigation with reference to Underwear, at --

EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA

At East Chicago, Indiana, it was learned that H. Weinberg who once handled Underwear of the kind in question, is no longer in business, having quit business seven or eight months ago. He is now living in Monticello, Indiana.

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On March 22, 1934, Special Agent Gross conducted the following investigation at --

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Mr. Mark Stoner, Assistant Manager of Specht-Finney Co., advised that his store handles Life-Size Underwear, such as is involved in this case, but that he had no record of any particular sale of this article. Mr. Stone canvassed his employees to whom photographs of the Subjects and suspects were shown and none could identify the pictures as resembling anyone they had ever seen.

SHIRTS

On March 19, 1934, Special Agent G. J. Gross made the following investigation with regard to Shirts:

AT GARY, INDIANA

At The Hub Store, 486 Broadway, Gary, Indiana, Mr. C. W. Closset, Manager, stated that his store has none of the type of shirts involved in this case in stock and has not had any of this type for the past year or so, although the store does handle Arrow Shirts.

Mr. J. C. Angsburger, President, American Bridge Athletic Association, stated that the only shirts sold by his association are sold to employees of the American Bridge Company, who place orders for same in advance and same are delivered at a later date; that this is done when salesmen come to the company offices. He was unable to identify any of the Subjects or suspects in this case.

On March 20, 1934, Agent Gross made investigation at --

INDIANA HARBOR and EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA

Mr. Philip Magdeman, 3409 Michigan Avenue, stated that he handles Arrow Shirts but that he has at no time had the model and style of shirt involved in this case in his stock of merchandise.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 7-55

REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/28/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/15-22/34	REPORT MADE BY: H. R. [unclear]
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation in various towns in Illinois and Indiana conducted in an effort to secure information concerning the purchase or the hanging of the wallpaper described by victim Bremer. Investigation without results to date.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent R. G. Gillespie, Chicago, Illinois, March 19, 1934.

DETAILS:

"WALLPAPER"

Investigation was conducted in various towns in Illinois and Indiana, which investigation has to date failed to disclose any information of value concerning the purchase or the hanging of the wallpaper described by victim Bremer. Investigation is reported in the form of memoranda submitted by each investigating Agent.

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During the course of investigation conducted by Special Agent V. K. Peterson, on March 15, 1934, for the purpose of attempting to locate the hideout, the following individuals were shown exhibits of the wall paper which covered the wall of the room in which Bremer was held captive:

GLENVIEW, ILLINOIS

William H. Kuffeldt, wall paper hanger, 2131 Glenview, Glenview, Illinois, advised that he is positive that he has never been hired to hang paper of that description.

John Dwight, wall paper hanger, 1814 Grove, Glenview, Illinois, was unable to remember having placed paper of the description shown him on any wall of his customers.

Albert Henke, 1946 Dewes, Glenview, Illinois, stated that he has not been engaged in hanging wall paper for some time. He was unable to identify the pattern.

MORTON GROVE, ILLINOIS

Albert Arnold, wall paper hanger, 8546 Ferris, Morton Grove, Illinois, and Harold Schlotterbeck, 8510 School Street, Morton Grove, Illinois, were interviewed with negative results.

MILES CENTERS ILLINOIS

It was determined that only two places of business in Miles Center, Illinois, sell wall paper, namely Miles Center Mercantile Company and Lloyd's Wall-paper and Paint store.

George Busscher, Miles Center Mercantile Company, 8045 Lincoln, Miles Center, Illinois, upon interview advised that wall paper of the description of the paper on the room where the victim was held captive has never been sold by the Miles Center Mercantile Company.

Mrs. L. Lloyd, 8106 Lincoln, Miles Center, Illinois advised that Lloyd's store has never handled the wall paper involved in this case.

The following paper hangers were interviewed with negative results:

Harry Brunger, 5226 Galitz, Miles Center, Ill.

Fred Rydell, 4856 Elm, Miles Center, Illinois-

Albert V. Geard, 8429 Monticello, Miles Center, Ill.

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The following investigation was made by Special Agent T. G. Melvin on March 15, 1934:

At GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS

H. A. Lee, Manager of the Sears-Roebuck Store at the above town advised this store did not handle wall paper.

On March 16, 1934, Special Agent H. H. Reinecke made investigation at the following places with reference to the wall paper observed at the hideout by victim:

PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS
DES PLAINES, "

At Park Ridge, Illinois

Store here closed March 10, 1934 for lack of business and all stock and employees moved to unknown and scattered points.

At Des Plaines, Illinois

Wall paper never carried in stock at this Sears-Roebuck store but might put in mail order for a customer. The manager advises however, that they have no records of any such orders as any records that are kept are destroyed each six months at inventory time. Neither he nor any employee had any recollection of taking an order for such wall paper.

Other wall paper stores were contacted but they all advised that they would not handle Sears-Roebuck & Company wall paper or samples and would order none for their use or for customers, and that paper hangers would be in the same category. They all state that Sears paper would be bought by the home owner direct and either hung by the home owner or the owner would hire a paper hanger for that purpose.

At Maywood, Ill. ****

On March 16, 1934, Special Agent J. E. Brennan that the Sears-Roebuck Store at Maywood, Illinois, does not stock the type of wall paper in question and never has sold any.

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Special Agent V. W. Peterson made the following investigation with reference to wallpaper, on March 16, 1934;

At Winnetka, Illinois

S. H. Peterson-A. W. Nelson Wallpaper and Paint Store, 550 Center Street, Winnetka, Illinois was interviewed at which time samples of the wallpaper involved in this case were shown to him. He stated that he is quite certain that the above store has never sold this paper. The writer also examined several wallpaper sample books in the A. W. Nelson store but was unable to locate the pattern of the paper which was on the walls of the hideout.

Mr. Alvin Carlen, of the Paint Store located at 996 Linden Avenue, Hubbard Woods, Illinois, upon interview was shown reproductions of the wallpaper in question. He stated that he is positive that he never sold wallpaper of that description.

It was determined that wallpaper is not sold in the following towns:-

Wilmette, Illinois
Kenilworth, "
Northfield, "
Glencoe, "

Mr. L. C. Rowray, Manager of the Sears-Roebuck Store, 580 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, Illinois, advised that this store does not handle wallpaper.

On March 19, 1934, Special Agent V.W. Peterson conducted the following investigation with reference to the wallpaper:

At Highland Park, Illinois

J. L. Brand, of Brand Brothers, a wallpaper and paint store, 532 West Central Ave., Highland Park, Illinois, was shown samples of the wallpaper in question. He advised that he has never sold wallpaper of that description and that same has never been handled in the Brand Brothers store.

L. F. Harris, proprietor of Alden Studios, Inc., 373 East Central, Highland Park, Illinois, was also interviewed, at which time samples of the wallpaper were shown to him. He advised that he is

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an interior decorator and that he handles wallpaper, but he is positive that he has never handled paper similar to the samples which were exhibited to him.

F. J. McDonough, Manager, Sears-Roebuck Store, 554 Central Ave., Highland Park, Illinois, when interviewed, advised that the store at the given address does not handle wallpaper.

On March 19, 1934, Special Agent George J. Gross conducted the following investigation:

At Gary, Indiana

Interview was had with Mr. L. P. O'Leary, Assistant Manager, Sears-Roebuck & Company Store, Gary, Indiana, who advised, after reviewing his records of the wallpaper department, that his store has never handled any wallpaper of the design involved in this case.

On March 20, 1934, Agent T. G. Melvin made the following investigation with reference to wall paper:

At Aurora, Illinois

Agent interviewed Mr. A. Tegmayer, clerk in charge of the wall paper department of Sears-Roebuck & Company. He stated the type of wall paper used in the hideout was never handled in the Aurora store of Sears-Roebuck & Company.

On March 22, 1934, Special Agent V. W. Peterson conducted the following interviews:

At Lake Forest, Illinois

L. A. Larsen, 255 Market Square, upon being shown samples of the paper in question advised he has never handled wall paper of that description.

At North Chicago, Illinois

Hugo Otto, of Otto's Paint Store, #10 West 17th Street, North Chicago, Illinois, advised that he has never sold wall paper similar to the samples which were shown to him by this Agent.

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At North Chicago, Illinois

On the same date, March 22, 1934, Special Agent Petersen interviewed Mr. F. A. Serkowski, 1418 South Victoria, and he stated that the paper in question was undoubtedly a Sears-Roebuck product and in view of the width of the border, that it was probably sold at least eight years ago. Mr. Serkowski stated that he remembers patterns very distinctly and that he is positive that he never sold the wall paper in question.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. H. Reinecke on March 20, 1934.

At Elgin, Illinois.

Agent contacted the Manager of the Sears, Roebuck and Company store, who stated that they stock some wall paper each year of only the current years patterns, and at that time immediately discard any previous years patterns. He had in stock, at that time, none of the wall paper of the pattern described by the victim. He further stated that the store kept no record of sales of wall paper and general inquiry among the clerks revealed that no one had a list of the sales of the wall paper in the pattern in question.

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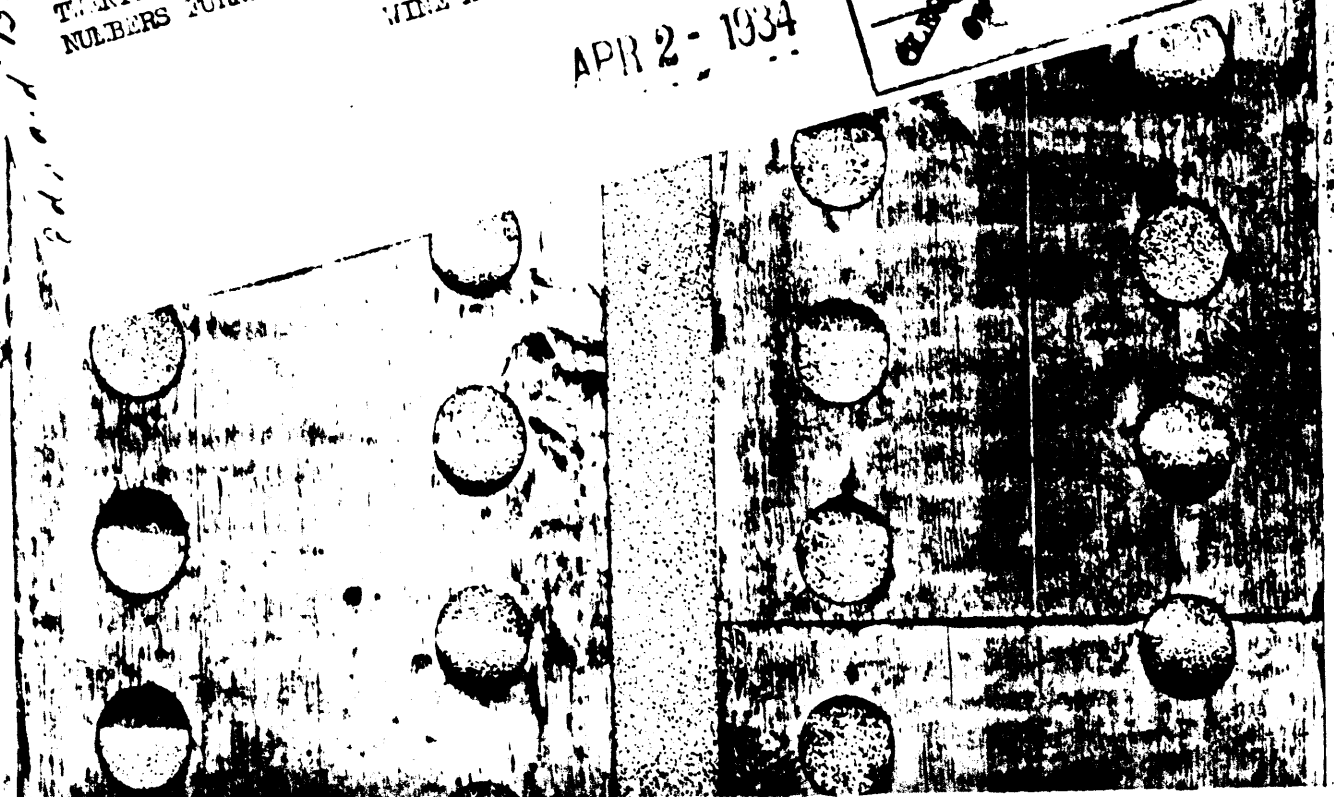
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Post Office Box 615,
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March 28, 1934

Mr. E. D. Frown,
Care General Delivery,
Elihorst, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your daily reports submitted for March 24, 25 and 26, 1934, covering investigation in the vicinity of Ellettsville, Wisconsin, this will confirm our telephone conversation of today.

It is requested that Special Agent R. E. Reinacker assist you in making a very thorough investigation, not only of Ellettsville, but of the entire vicinity for a radius of twenty-five miles or more from Ellettsville. It is noticed that there is a street which blows at noon each weekday, which also blows three times at 11:00 A.M., on January 28th at Ellettsville. It is further noticed that there is a factory whistle which blows daily at 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. It is believed that you should interview all electric meter readers and also water meter readers, if there are any, in the aforementioned district; that you should interview coal dealers, filling stations and garages, piece of loars and gang yards, clothing dealers, grocers and bakers, electric vacuum cleaners, auto repairmen, wall paper dealers and hangers, laundrymen, clothes cleaners and barber shops.

Attached hereto is a list of laundry marks and cleaners' marks which are known to have been used by various members of this gang. I am also furnishing you with aliases which were used by this gang for the past few months at Reno, Nevada, in order to assist you in checking this vicinity.

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Very truly yours,

W. A. PETERS,
Inspector.

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St. Paul, Minn.
March 28, 1934

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREKID, St. Paul File 7-59

For a short period during February and March, 1933, persons who used the names J. DEUPHS, E. LOFUMS, C. L. MOORE, S. E. LOCKWOOD and J. H. LOCKWOOD, occupied apartments 106 - 1280 and 102 and 302 - 1280 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. These persons aroused the suspicions of the caretakers of these apartments, who copied down the license numbers of cars which brought visitors to persons living in the above mentioned apartments. Included among the license numbers noted were several Nevada numbers, namely, 1933 Nevada license 1-223 and 1933 Nevada license number 1-488. During the night of March 3, 1933, or early morning of March 4, 1933, the occupants of apartments 106 - 1280 and 102 and 302 - 1280 Grand Avenue made a very hurried departure to an unknown destination, apparently having received a tip-off from some source believed to have come through members of the St. Paul Police Department. When these persons departed, articles of clothing and other things were left in apartment 106 - 1280 Grand Avenue, possession of which was taken by the St. Paul Police and the clothing was recently turned over to the St. Paul Division office by Inspector Charles Tierney of the St. Paul Police Department. The clothing has been carefully checked for laundry and cleaner marks, as a result of which the following marks were discovered:

- DC
- P
- GRIMM
- HX
- 75
- 751
- E4
- JD
- AYC
- WED
- 5811
- 5906
- 273
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Photographs of the Barker-Karpis Gang were exhibited to the caretakers of the above mentioned apartments, who picked those of ARTHUR R. BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, VERNE MILLER and VOLNEY DAVIS as very closely resembling those of men they saw going in and out of the apartments mentioned. The Salt Lake City office was requested to conduct investigation in Nevada with respect to 1935 Nevada licenses 1-285 and 1-488, as a result of which there has been ascertained that 1935 Nevada license 1-285 was issued January 9, 1935 for Pontiac Sedan, motor #285180, purchased at Reno, Nevada, with new \$500. bills by one H.J. HARVEY, who has been partially identified as ARTHUR R. BARKER; that 1935 Nevada license 1-488 was issued for Buick Sedan, motor #797868, purchased at Reno, Nevada January 11, 1935 with \$500.00 bills by R.E. Davis, who has been identified as FRED R. BARKER, with aliases of: F.C. BLACKBURN, J.E. BLACKBURN and T.C. BLACKBURN.

Investigation has also brought to light information concerning other cars used by this gang:

AUBURN SEDAN, motor #11527, 12 cylinder, blue body with grey hood, canvas top, six wire wheels, was purchased at San Francisco, California, October 9, 1935 by WILLIAM E. LOHMAN, William-Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, California. VOLNEY DAVIS has been positively identified as one of the purchasers and ARTHUR BARKER is believed to be another. This car is reported as having been seen in possession of ALVIN KARPIS at Reno, Neva about three weeks ago.

BUICK SEDAN, motor #2858090, bearing Ohio license 25785 was taken into California, November 17, 1935 from Reno, Nevada by FRED BARKER, who was then using the alias of T.C. BLACKBURN and gave General Delivery, Los Angeles, California, as his address. The car returned to Reno, Nevada, November 27, 1935.

FORD V-8, motor #18-495000, Ohio 1933 license #1077, entered California October 25, 1935 from Reno, Nevada, and was registered under name of T.C. BLACKBURN, 4214 North Lockwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. GEORGE L. MARTIN partially identified as being HARVEY CAMPBELL was residing in Reno, Nevada from October 8 to December 25, 1935, and is reported as having been seen driving this particular car.

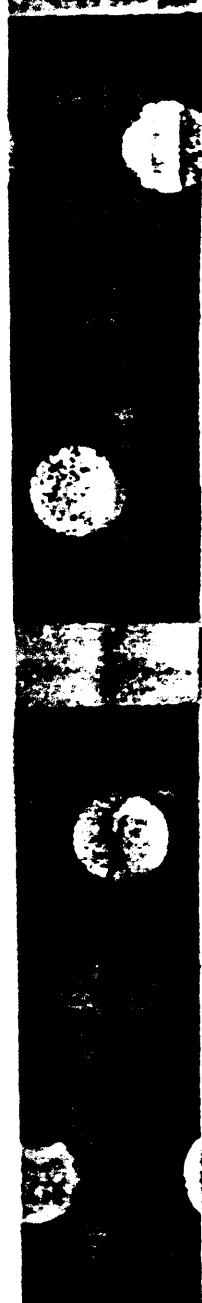
FORD V-8 DeLuxe Coupe, motor #122420, registered October 9, 1935, in Minnesota, under number B-473549 to E. V. DAVIS, Box 52, Lakeville, Minnesota, prior registration under date of July 31, 1935 in Illinois under number 1-246802 to E. V. DAVIS, box 522 Grayslake, Illinois. E. V. DAVIS has been identified at Lakeville, Minnesota, as being WILNEY DAVIS and this car is reported as having been seen in possession of suspects in this case at Reno, Nevada in September and November, 1935.

CHEVROLET SEDAN, motor #5,554,674, serial #1-045-23077, registered January 11, 1934 in Minnesota under number B-48572 to E. V. DAVIS, Box 254 White Bear Lake, Minnesota. This car was registered in 1935 in Illinois under number 774287 to E. V. DAVIS 2408 Commercial Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

FORD V-8 DeLuxe Coupe, motor #18-504724 registered in Minnesota for 1934 under number B-75033 to E. L. MURRAY, Box 215 White Bear Lake. It is believed that E. L. MURRAY is an alias for ALVIN KARPIS.

GRAHAM PAIGE SEDAN, motor #1024021, chassis number 10,151,956, purchased San Francisco by E. L. BURNS, who paid cash and traded in seven-passenger Plymouth Sedan, motor #2-51821, bearing 1935 Nevada license number 7984. 1933 California license number 2-2-0061 was issued for this Graham Paige Sedan to E. L. BURNS, 3870 California Street, San Francisco, California. An out-of-state permit was obtained for the Plymouth Sedan during February 1935 by E. L. BURNS, who gave Ridgeway Apartments, Reno, Nevada, as his address.

There is being set forth the names of principal suspects with known aliases to date:



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R.L. Hall, Special Agent

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cheapest racket investigation today by an assistant Ramsey. have been selling cards in the "St. No. 3. National Or. W. A. and P. W. A. holders of the cards may obtain work in and PWA immediately them. of the government dies have complaining preliminary investigation saved hundreds of the e been sold.

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und Will Include Loan Grant, Murphy Wires.

aul will receive approximately ion dollar in PWA funds for e of the cost of the metro- sewage disposal system. ac- to a telegram received today City Council. telegram was from Edwin assistant corporation coun- o has been in Washington e than two weeks negotiating funds. The money will in- loan and an outright grant. ay's telegram said that all ar- ents have been completed and ' will return to St. Paul Fri-

POWER ORDINANCES PUT OFF UNTIL FRIDAY.

Because of the press of other busi- ness the City Council put over until Friday action of several ordinances affecting the Northern States Power Co. One is Mayor Mahoney's ordinance for rate reductions; a second is a franchise ordinance; and a third is his measure for collection of gross earnings taxes. They will be made a special order of business Friday.

HAMM KIDNAP MONEY FOUND IN MILWAUKEE

\$5 Bill, First of Ransom Reported; Recovered in Lunchroom.

Although paid out last year the first of the ransom money handed over for the release of William Hamm, St. Paul brewer, was discovered Tuesday night in Milwaukee. It was a \$5 bill. The Associated Press reported that the money was returned in by an unidentified custom- er for payment of a lunch and later was identified by Cecil Leonard, lunch room manager, from a list of the serial numbers supplied in a circular to merchants. Milwaukee police believe the customer was in- nocently in possession of the bill. Werner Hanni, special agent in charge of the bureau of investiga- tion, Department of Justice, was in his office today. Thomas E. Dahill, chief of police, commented he had not been informed of the money's appearance.

Have You Registered?

An impartial, two-fold "Get Out the Vote" cam- paign is being sponsored by the St. Paul Junior as- sociation. The association first seeks registration of eligible citizens, then participation of all qualified voters in the final city election, April 24. Registration acts are:

Voters registered Tuesday—117.

Total registration—123,769.

Men registered—70,254.

Women registered—53,515.

Last registration day—April 7.

Where to register—Room 33, City Hall.

If you have moved since you last voted you re-register before April 13.

If you will be absent from the city on election you may cast your ballot in advance by visiting

Room 33, City Hall, and paying 20 cents postage fee.

Change of address can be made until April 13.

Information on registration—CE dar 1624.

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Dale St. Bus Serv Is Arran.

Motor Tram to Operat between Nebraska Street End of Trolley Line.

Operation of a motor bus fro end of the Dale street car line and Maryland streets, five to Dale and Nebraska streets, pected to begin Thursday or F Agreement to this effect reached today by Clyde R. May, commissioner of public utilities, in ference with L. L. Anderson, corporation counsel and represents of the Twin City Motor Bus C More than a year ago the ordered the street car compa extend its service to Dale and braska streets and took the cas the courts where it now is w trial. The compromise, to operate instead was reached after pendent negotiations. Buses will be operated on a 1: ute schedule week days beginn 7 A. M. and ending at 7 P. M on Sundays from 10 A. M. to 6 Transfers will be given.

MISSING CENTER CITY MAN RETURNS H

Center City, Minn., March J. E. Soalin, Center City meat ket proprietor who disappeared eral months ago, was back hon day. Authorities found Goslin w on a CWA crew at La Crosse. has reported Goslin had b various parts of the country he left. His wife and two children, at the time he dep- could not ascribe any reason f disappearance.

RETURNING FROM CONTEST, BILLIAR PLAYER MISSE!

It was just a miscae. Rivers of St. Paul philosoph today, recalling the man who a bass drum in a teleph booth.

Mr. Rivers lost a billiard coo a street car Saturday night. lost the four and one-half f. sue while returning from Minr apolis, where he had participat in the state pocket billiard char pionship matches.

With his wife he changed tro. ley cars at Ninth and Wabasha streets, leaving the light tan, 19-ounce cue stick standing be- side the seat he had been occu- pying. He didn't discover the loss until he arrived at his home, St. Atwater street. The trolley driver hasn't found the cue.

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SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1401,
New York, New York.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.,
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM,
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated
March 28, 1934, wherein it is stated that you will be
furnished with the criminal record, as disclosed by the
files of the Identification Unit, of one Leon Kramer,
alias Leon Miller, #78765, Sing Sing Prison, Ossining,
New York.

The criminal record is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 954025

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
105 W. Adams
Chicago Illinois

March 29, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my previous communication to you with regard to the wire tap which is being maintained on the telephone of [redacted] Illinois.

Please be advised that a review of the log which is maintained by this office daily, of all out-going and in-coming calls to and from the [redacted] residence, fails to disclose any information of value.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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*Miss Tolson
Edward G. Bremer*

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Post Office Box 815,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 28, 1934.

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

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Dear Sir:

Reference is had to Director's letter of
March 28, 1934, requesting advice concerning employment
of confidential informants by the St. Paul office since
January 31, 1932.

Please be advised that no confidential
informants have been employed by the St. Paul office during
that period. I understand there is a confidential inform-
ant employed at the present time under Mr. Borer in connec-
tion with the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

In the *Reo Verne Senkey*, with aliases (de-
ceased) et al; Charles Scofield II, Victim, Kidnaping Case
one [redacted] was employed, however, this employment was
effected not through the St. Paul office but originally
through the Division and the Portland, Oregon office. It
is my understanding that this informant was not given any
specific or stated compensation other than transportation
and some subsistence.

Very truly yours,

WALTER HAMIL,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINN. DATE OF REPORT 2-2-34

TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases
FRED BARKER, with aliases
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
Edward George Bremer - Victim.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS Federal Game Warden Stephen Creech, Peoria, Ill., in opinion Beardstown, Ill. locality where hideout located. Investigation at Beardstown and Macomb, Ill. failed to verify sounds and noises establishing location of hideout. Big Homer Wilson unknown to Peoria Police Dept. Think possibly individual may be George Austin, alias Jokin. Hartman Hook, Peoria, Ill. sold in Minneapolis, Minn. papers no individual who may have been Alvin Karpis. Identification not made.

REFERENCE:

St. Paul Division Office letters, dated 2-27-34 and 3-2-34, directed to St. Louis Division Office, and report of Special Agent M. E. Shady, Chicago, Ill., 2-2-34.

DETAILS:

Upon interviewing Stephen Creech, Federal Game Warden, Post Office Building, Peoria, Ill., concerning the location of a community which the various sounds and noises set forth in St. Paul Division Office letters dated February 21, 1934 and directed to all Game Wardens located in cities in the St. Louis Division Office territory, he at first declined to supply any information as he was advised of the reason for the inquiry. He was informed that information was desired whereupon Mr. Creech advised that he had discussed the matter with the Post Office Inspector and felt positive that he was in contact with the instant case. A confirmation of Mr. Creech's statement was received from the instant case.

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belief that this inquiry was connected with this case was not made by this agent; but after further discussion with Mr. Creech he stated it was his opinion that Beardstown, Ill., was a locality where all of the noises referred to in the form letters could be detected. Mr. Creech then stated that there was a loud, stationary siren on the City Hall and that this siren was of a deep tone and was sounded three times whenever there was a fire; further, that there was a second siren located at the City Square across from the Telephone Company which was a shrill siren used by the telephone operator to summon police, only at night when they could not be reached by telephone.

Mr. Creech further stated that possibly a siren might be used by a school and stated Chief of Police George Farrar would be able to advise agent relative thereto; further, that the citizenry of Beardstown maintained several churches, all of which had bells, and all of which could be heard from any one point. It was also ascertained from Mr. Creech that the C. B. & Q. R. R. runs directly through Beardstown, parallel to the main highway intersecting that village, and also that the village was accessible from the north and east only by crossing a bridge.

Relative to an airport in the vicinity of Beardstown, Mr. Creech stated there was none, however, that a man from Aronsville, Ill. owns a plane and might possibly fly over Beardstown. It was the opinion of Mr. Creech that the noise referred to as that of an airplane was probably that of a four cylinder outboard motorboat, he pointing out that these two noises were very similar.

Concerning any trouble had by Game Wardens with individuals violating the game laws, particularly those laws relative to the catching of fish, Mr. Creech stated that at all times net fishing and pole fishing out of season was troubling the State Game Wardens in the vicinity of Beardstown, Ill.

According to Mr. Creech, there is no other locality in the territory covered by him in which the sounds and noises set forth in the form letters referred to above may be heard. Mr. Creech's territory includes that portion of Illinois north of an imaginary line drawn between Hannibal, Mo. and Danville, Ill. and all of the State of Indiana, north of a line drawn from the State line of Indiana to Terre Haute, Ind., including Indianapolis and Elkhart, north to Lake Michigan and to Michigan City; further, Mr. Creech works upon special assignments throughout the United States, particularly in Wisconsin.

Mr. Creech, assuming that the referred to inquiry was made for the purpose of locating a house in which a kidnaped victim had been held, stated that same might possibly be a houseboat, and in this connection that there was such a houseboat located on the Illinois River near Beardstown, Ill., formerly owned by Frank MacErlane, now deceased, which houseboat was a very elaborate affair and frequented by numerous Chicago hoodlums. This houseboat has its own lighting and water systems and is heated by modern stoves. Mr. Creech then stated that he felt that he should be supplied with additional information as to the nature of the case in question, inasmuch as through him, and only him, the hideout in the Dr. Barker kidnaping case in Peoria, Ill., was located, he feeling he could be of considerable assistance to the Division in any case where a hideout in his territory was sought.

Mr. L. W. Butler, Manager, Keiser-Van Leer Co., 505 N. East St., Bloomington, Illinois, was interviewed by Special Agent E. L. Damron of this office. Mr. Butler exhibited an invoice showing the receipt of two #524 Casco goggles with #6 Cascowlens, the invoice being dated October 14, 1932. He stated that this invoice also contained a memorandum to the effect that one pair of these goggles was sold to the Hub Welding Company of Bloomington, but they had no record of the disposition of the remaining pair. Upon questioning his employees it was ascertained that it was believed the remaining pair was sold to an employee of the machine shops of the Alton Railway. These goggles were sold at retail and no record kept of the sale.

Mr. Butler stated further that by invoice dated August 18, 1935 they received eight additional pairs of these goggles, but the same are now in stock.

Mr. Sam W. Norris, of the Hub Welding Company, 512 S. Center St., Bloomington, stated to Agent Damron that during the Fall of 1932 he had the Keiser-Van Leer Company order a pair of these goggles for his partner, W. T. Wolcott, to be used by Mr. Wolcott in the business and over his usual glasses; that subsequently they received a pair of these goggles from the Keiser Van-Leer Company and Mr. Wolcott used them in his business, but about July, 1935 someone stole them from him while working in the machine shops of the Alton Railway; that they then obtained another pair from the Keiser-Van Leer Company, but a short time later Mr. Wolcott found the missing pair and they now have both pairs.

One pair of these goggles was, at the time of the interview, being used by an employee, and the goggles were examined by Agent Damron. Interview with Mr. W. T. Wolcott, 406 Hove Avenue, Normal, Illinois, disclosed that he still has the other pair of goggles, and neither of them has been out of his possession except for the six days that pair number one was missing. The second pair of goggles was located and examined at the Hub Welding Company.

Upon interviewing Chief of Police George H. Farrar of Beardstown, Ill. he stated that there was a loud, deep toned siren mounted on top of the fire station in Beardstown, which siren blows only when there is a fire and then it is blown in three long blasts. This siren is never sounded at any stated time.

Upon interviewing Robert Stinson, Fire Chief, Beardstown, he examined his records and advised that there was not a fire in Beardstown on January 28, 1934, however, on January 29, 1934 at 11:45 P. M. there was a fire, at which time the fire siren was blown in three blasts for the purpose of summoning all voluntary firemen. The Fire Department in Beardstown is a voluntary department, there being no paid officers.

Chief of Police Farrar further stated that there is a siren on the C. B. & Q. R. R. bridge across the Illinois River and also one on the wagon bridge crossing the Illinois River, which sirens are blown only to signal to boats which desire to have the draw in these bridges used to permit their passing under the bridge; that there is also a siren used by the police which is mounted in the City Square of Beardstown and operated by the local telephone operator. This siren is of the same tone as that used by the above referred to bridges and is sounded only at night when police officers are desired and cannot be reached by telephone. None of the last three mentioned sirens blow at any stated times and when the police siren is sounded it continues blowing until answered by some police officer.

Concerning a factory whistle, Chief Farrar stated that the C. B. & Q. R. R. have a large deep toned whistle which blows two times at 6:30 A. M. and one time at 7:00 A. M. every day except Sunday; further, that this whistle also blows at noon, 1:00 P. M. and 4:00 P. M. every day, except Sunday, the whistle being used for the purpose of informing the C. B. & Q. employees of the time of day. According to Chief Farrar there are no other whistles in Beardstown and he knows of no whistle which only blows during the morning of week days.

Referring to the bridge sirens, Agent interviewed Mr. Wesley Perry, head bridge tender on the wagon bridge, U. S. Highway 67, crossing the Illinois River between the points of Beardstown and Nashville, Ill. At which time he advised this siren was installed on March 3, 1934, prior to which time no siren was in use. Mr. Perry added that this siren sounds one blast when a boat coming down or going up the river is to stop. The draw bridge is then moved and the siren is sounded in two blasts to signal the boat to pass under the bridge. An examination of Mr. Perry's records concerning the number of boats and when they passed under the wagon bridge at Beardstown during the month of January, 1934 developed there was

not a single boat which necessitated the use of the draw bridge, and in any event there was no siren on this bridge at that time.

On interviewing Mr. E. A. Williams, Bridge Tender for the C. B. & Q. R. R. on the railway bridge crossing the Illinois River between Beardstown and Rushville, Ill., he advised that his bridge has been equipped with a siren for several years and that this siren was used to signal to pilots of boats whenever the draw bridge was opened. During the month of January, 1934 the C. B. & Q. draw bridge was opened for boats to pass up or down the river on the 9th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 23rd and 25th. The siren on this bridge is of a shrill tone and is sounded in four blasts when a boat is signaled to stop and await the moving of the draw bridge and after the bridge is moved the siren is sounded in one blast to signal the boat to pass through.

Concerning the ringing of church bells or school bells in Beardstown, Chief Farrar stated that there are no church bells in that city which are sounded on Saturday afternoons, however, there are a number of churches, all with bells, approximately six in number, which are sounded on every Sunday morning and all of these bells can be heard from any point where any one bell can be heard. These church bells are sounded at about 9:45 A. M. on Sunday for Sunday School and at 11:00 A. M. on Sunday for church.

Concerning the noise of a switching locomotive, Chief Farrar advised that Beardstown is a C. B. & Q. railway division point and that the roundhouse and yards are located about 1 1/2 miles away from the city proper; that there are three switch engines in use during the day-time and two switch engines in use during the night in the railroad yards. The Beardstown division is considered a coal hauling division and there are numerous freight trains passing through that city, however, it is impossible to hear switch engines in use from the city proper of Beardstown.

In this connection agent obtained from H. W. Shaw, station agent, C. B. & Q. R. R., the following schedule of trains which passed through Beardstown during the month of January, 1934:

Southbound daily Passenger trains

No. 52	St. Paul, Minn. to St. Louis, Mo.	2:20 A. M.
53	" " " " " "	1:30 P. M.
12	Beardstown to Metropolis, Ill.	8:45 A. M. (except Sunday)

Northbound daily Passenger trains

No. 51	St. Louis, Mo. to St. Paul, Minn.	1:40 P.M.
57	" " " " " "	12:30 P.M.
11	Harris to Beardstown, Ill.	7:30 P.M. (except Sunday)

Southbound daily Freight trains

No. 80	Galesburg to E. St. Louis, Ill.	5:30 P.M.
92	Beardstown to Centralia, Ill.	5:00 P.M.
90	Chicago, Ill. to Paducah, Ky.	9:00 A.M.

Northbound daily Freight trains

No. 75	Local	4:40 P.M.
77	"	5:30 A.M.

In addition to the above freight trains there are tri-weekly freights, which are locals and stop at all platforms.

The B. & O. R. R. also operates a line through Beardstown, Ill. and the schedule of that railroad during the month of January, 1934 is as follows:

Eastbound daily Passenger train

No. 40	Beardstown to Flora, Ill.	5:00 P.M.
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Westbound daily Passenger train

No. 41	Flora to Beardstown, Ill.	11:10 A.M.
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Westbound daily Freight train

No. 77	Local	9:50 A.M.
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Eastbound daily Freight train

No. 75	Local	10:25 A.M.
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Chief Farrar then stated that there is no airplane landing field in the vicinity of Beardstown, Ill.; that Beardstown is not located on any regular air route and that no planes are usually heard or seen flying over or about Beardstown.

Chief Farrar stated that to his knowledge he had heard of no trouble occasioned by the Game Wardens of the State or the Government in connection with illegal fishing during the month of January, 1934.

When conducting investigation at Macomb, Ill., Chief of Police C. G. Paulsgrove and Detective (investigator) Paul Eakle of the Local Police Dept. were contacted at which time it was learned that Hemp & Co. has a small, shrill toned, siren which is used for the purpose of informing their employees of the time of day.

Agent interviewed Mr. C. R. Wright, manager of Hemp & Co., North White St., Macomb, Ill., who advised that the siren used by his company is sounded at 7:00 A. M., 12:00 noon, 1:00 P. M. and 4:00 P. M. daily, except Sunday. During agent's presence at Hemp & Co. this siren was heard, it being a very shrill tone and not large enough to be heard over several blocks from the plant, in fact this siren cannot be heard at the City Hall in Macomb, which is located approximately 12 to 15 blocks from the Hemp & Co. plant.

This is the only siren which blows at stated times in the City of Macomb, Ill. Mr. Wright was interviewed concerning the possibility of the sounding of this siren on January 28, 1934 and advised that he had no record of the siren being blown on that date.

Concerning any other sirens located in the city of Macomb, it was ascertained that the Fire Department had three movable, loud, deep toned sirens mounted on the three fire trucks, but that these sirens did not blow at any stated time and only when a fire was reported.

Fire Chief F. D. Wilson advised from his records that on January 28, 1934 there were three fires reported, one at 3:40 P. M., another at 5:30 P. M. and another at 9:00 P. M. The 3:40 and 5:30 fires were in the country east and north of Macomb and the 9:00 fire was in the city proper. According to Chief Wilson the sirens are very seldom used when going to a fire unless the fire truck must pass through a congested district.

Concerning the blowing of a factory whistle, it was ascertained that the Dickey plant west of the city proper of Macomb and the Buckeye Pottery plant both have whistles which blow at 7:00 A. M. in the morning and also at noon, but not in the evening. These whistles can be heard for quite some distance, however, the siren cannot be heard at such distance as can the whistles.

Concerning the ringing of church or school bells, the above named individuals all stated that no bells in Macomb, Ill. ever sounded on Saturday afternoon, however, there are several church bells which sound at about 9:00 A. M. and 11:00 A. M. on Sunday mornings. The above individuals insisted that should there be any occasion for a church bell to ring on Saturday afternoon they would most certainly have knowledge thereof.

In Macomb, Ill. the city reservoir, better known as the City Lake, is stocked with game fish. Mr. Alfred Bush is caretaker of this reservoir or lake and he advised he had not in many years had any trouble with anyone endeavoring to take fish from the lake.

The closest cities to Macomb, Ill. where street cars are operated are Quincy and Peoria, Illinois.

Ray Vail, the State Game Warden, at Macomb, according to information received from him by Mr. Earle upon Agent's request, has had no trouble with children or anyone else catching fish illegally or out of season in the vicinity of Macomb.

Mr. Harry L. Clugston operates a private airport some three miles north of Macomb on U. S. Highway No. 67 and upon interviewing him he supplied the following log of planes in his possession and stored at his hangar:

Date	Hours in Air
1-15-54	5
18	1 - 40 min.
19	4 - 15 min.
20	4 - 40 min.
21	1 - 20 min.
22	1 - 30 min.
2-4-54	2 - 35 min.
5	2 - 40 min.
11	2 - 30 min.
14	2
17	2

All of the above flying was in the immediate vicinity of Macomb, Ill. and was done by air students.

Concerning the noise of a switch engine in the vicinity of Macomb, Ill., the following train schedules were obtained from Mr. A. J. Peterson, C. B. & Q. station agent at that point:

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Northbound daily		
No. 56	Passenger train	4:10 A. M.
70	Freight	5:05 A. M.
96	"	6:10 A. M.
19	Passenger	8:58 A. M.
		(except Sunday)
Wayfreight	To Bushnell only	12:00 to 1:30 P. M.
No. 6	Passenger	2:22 P. M.
74	"	3:30 P. M.
4	"	10:43 P. M.
Southbound daily		
No. 5	Passenger	5:05 A. M.
7	"	7:56 A. M. (ex Sunday)
Extra	Freight	7:00 A. M.
No. 75	"	10:30 A. M.
Wayfreight	"	12:00 noon
No. 11	Passenger	6:51 P. M.
55	"	11:30 P. M.

The Macomb railroad yards are located on the outskirts of the city limits about a mile from the Hemp & Co. factory and from 9:00 to 12:00 A. M. one switch engine is in use. From 12:00 to about 3:30 P. M. this switch engine is at Bushnell, Ill. and from 3:30 to about 5:00 P. M. is in use at Macomb, Illinois.

During agent's presence in Macomb, Chief of Police Roy Stine of Bushnell, Ill. was interviewed at which time he referred to the letter directed to the Division at St. Paul, Minn. by Mayor A. Brady on February 27, 1934 and advised that Bushnell had a small siren which sounded only when there was a fire and that the other noises set forth in the form letter were not to be heard in Bushnell. In view of this contact no further investigation was made at Bushnell, Ill.

In an effort to ascertain the identity of the individual Homer Wilson, aliases, "Big Homer", "Big Jim", "Big Moose", Charley Stone and Charley Potatoes, Chief of Detectives Fred Montgomery and Chief of Police Williams of Peoria, Ill. advised no such individual was known to them, that is the individual described in the reference report under the name of "Big Homer"; however, Chief of Detectives Montgomery did recall having taken into custody one George Austin, alias Joknis, from East St. Louis, Ill. during the month of June, 1928 charged with auto larceny. Chief Montgomery stated he specifically recalls going to East St. Louis where

he obtained custody of George Austin. Chief of Detectives Montgomery expressed a belief that perhaps George Austin might be the individual known as "Big Homer", but insisted he had never heard of such an alias for Austin.

Through the assistance of the Superintendent of Identification, Peoria Police Dept., William F. Busch, a photograph of George Austin, alias Yoknis, Peoria PD #5128, was obtained from which it is noted that Austin was described on June 19, 1928 as follows:

Name	George Austin, alias Yoknis.
Age	22 (Born Chicago, Ill.)
Height	5' 8"
Weight	175
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium dark
Date of Arrest	[REDACTED]
Crime	[REDACTED]

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A photograph of this George Austin was obtained from the Peoria Police Department and the same is herewith transmitted to the St. Paul Division office with their copies of this report. A request for the fingerprints of Austin has been made, however, to date said fingerprints have not been received at the St. Louis Division office.

The following criminal record of Austin was obtained from the Peoria, Ill. Identification Bureau:

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Chief of Police Williams and Chief of Detectives Montgomery then advised that the only individual who, in their opinion, corresponded with the description of "Big Homer", as set forth in the reference re-

port, was one Opie Wilson who operates the Palace Arcade, a gambling establishment at Madison and Main Sts., Peoria. This individual is described as being fifty years of age, 5' 2" to 4" in height, weighing 225 pounds, hair gray, eyes light, criminal record none.

Chief of Police Williams and Chief of Detectives Montgomery advised Opie Wilson has never been arrested in Peoria or elsewhere, to their knowledge, however, it was well known in the past that his establishment was often frequented by John Klutas and Edward Boll when they were operating in the vicinity of Peoria.

On March 15, 1934 Special Agent J. M. Baker of this office interviewed Mr. Ross Saunders at the American Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., at which time Mr. Saunders stated he could not produce a photograph of "Big Homer" Wilson and that so far he had failed to obtain this photograph.

Upon contacting George W. Hartmann and Frank R. Hartmann, operating what is known as the Hartmann News Agency, room B-1, Central National Bank Bldg., Main and Adams St., Peoria, Ill., it was ascertained that this news agency has been handling the Minneapolis, Minn. Tribune newspaper for possibly the past ten years, receiving two copies thereof daily, which newspapers have been sold over a news stand to any individual who called for same. The Hartmann News Agency has no special customer for this particular paper and it is the only paper from the Twin Cities which has been handled by them.

Upon further inquiry Mr. George Hartmann stated he had sold a March 2, 1934 edition of the Minneapolis Tribune to an individual who inquired as to whether the Hartmann News Agency carried the Sunday edition of this paper and when this individual was advised in the affirmative he inquired as to whether said news agency ever handled the Journal and also inquired as to whether St. Paul papers were sold at said agency. Said individual was advised that the only paper which was handled by this agency was the Minneapolis, Minn. Tribune. On Monday, March 5, 1934, at about 5:30 P. M. this same individual called at said news stand and purchased a Sunday, March 4, 1934, copy of the Minneapolis Tribune. This purchase was made from Frank R. Hartmann.

Upon displaying the group photograph of Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Arthur E. Barker and Harry Campbell, to Mr. Frank R. Hartmann, he stated that the picture of Alvin Karpis looked similar to the individual who had purchased the Sunday paper mentioned above, however, he added he did not observe this individual closely and could not state in fact whether he was identical with Alvin Karpis. This same

group photograph was shown to George Hartmann who was unable to even attempt an identification, adding he had only slightly noticed the individual who purchased the Friday edition of the Minneapolis Tribune, as reflected above.

Inasmuch as it was possible that Alvin Karpis was the individual who purchased the Sunday edition of the Minneapolis Tribune, agent maintained a surveillance of the news stand of Hartmann Bros. from 4:00 P. M. on March 5, 1934 to 9:00 P. M. and from 10:00 A. M. to 9:00 P. M. on March 7, 1934 for the purpose of observing any individual who might call for a Minneapolis or St. Paul newspaper. This surveillance was maintained without result inasmuch as no one called for the papers referred to.

Agent caused the Hartmann Brothers to examine the picture of Alvin Karpis, as well as the other photos appearing on the same panel, in detail, and requested that in the event anyone bearing a resemblance to these individuals called for a St. Paul or Minneapolis newspaper that the St. Louis Division office be advised immediately by telephone, the address and telephone number of said office being supplied both the Hartmann brothers.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

ST. LOUIS OFFICE at Peoria, Ill. will contact the Police Dept. for fingerprints of George Austin, alias Yeknis, and supply same to the St. Paul Division Office.

Further, Ross Saunders, American Hotel, St. Louis, will be contacted in the near future in an effort to obtain a photograph of "Big Homer" Wilson.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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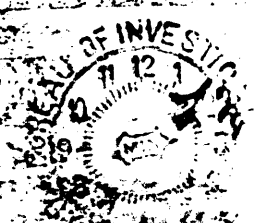
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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - (Victim).			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus of North Carolina and South Carolina requested to search records for any information concerning Subjects or automobiles used by them.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="text-align: center;">Letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated March 23, 1934.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. L. S. Harris, Director, Motor Vehicle Bureau, Department of Revenue, Raleigh, North Carolina, was requested by letter to notify the Charlotte Division Office if his records disclosed or in the future should disclose any information concerning Subjects, or the listed automobiles known to have been used by them. A similar request was made of Mr. Benjamin R. Stroup, Director, Motor Vehicle Division, State Highway Department, Columbia, South Carolina.</p>			
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UNDEVELOPED LEADS - CHARLOTTE OFFICE, AT RALEIGH,
NORTH CAROLINA, will in the near future contact Mr. L. S. Harris,
Director, Motor Vehicle Bureau, and examine the Motor Vehicle
Registration records as outlined in letter of reference to ascer-
tain if any information can be obtained relating to Subjects or
automobiles used by them.

AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA - will make similar in-
vestigation of records in the office of Mr. Benjamin R. Stroup,
Director, Motor Vehicle Division, State Highway Department.

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FILE NO. **7-55**

REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 3-23-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-15/16-34	REPORT MADE BY Dwight Brantley
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al. EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Glen Roy Wright and several others arrested near Mannford, Oklahoma, 3-15-34. Wright would give no information concerning himself nor any suspects in this case. Money in person of Wright and others checked against money paid for ransom with negative result. No information obtained suspects this case purchasing newspapers at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. E. Hollis, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 3-19-34.

DETAILS:

Special Agent E. E. Hollis submitted a memorandum with respect to a raid made by officers near Mannford, Oklahoma on March 15, 1934, and upon which raid Agent Hollis was present. The memorandum is quoted as follows:

DETAILS:

"On the night of March 14, 1934, Captain Stewart advised me that further information had been received to the effect that Wright and others were possibly located at a farm seven miles west of Mannford, Oklahoma. About 7:00 o'clock on the morning of March 15, I accompanied Captain George Stewart and officers from the Tulsa Police Department, together with representatives of the offices of the sheriffs of Creek and Payne Counties and other officers, on a raid conducted at the farm of E. R. Bracker, seven miles west of Mannford. On this raid the officers took into custody eight individuals, identified as follows:

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- (1) Glen Roy Wright
- (2) Charles Cotner
- (3) J. W. McAttee
- (4) Frank Downey, alias Nick Peterson
- (5) Ed Brodie, alias Ed Brophy, alias Phil Burns, alias Edward Beynon, alias Pete Collins.
- (6) L. R. Brackett
- (7) Grace Cuckler
- (8) Winnie Morris

The above individuals were taken to the County Jail at Sapulpa, Oklahoma; however, before any opportunity was had to question them, a large crowd had collected around the court house, and Sheriff Willis Strange of Creek County decided it would be best to remove at least five of the men to the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, for safe keeping. I accompanied Sheriff Strange, Captain Stewart, and others, to the McAlester Penitentiary with the following persons:

- Glen Roy Wright
- Charles Cotner
- J. W. McAttee
- Frank Downey
- Ed Brodie

I questioned Glen Roy Wright at length concerning his association with Harry Campbell, the Barkers, Alvin Karpis, and others of this gang; however, the only information which Wright would furnish was that he and Campbell had been associated together a great deal. He would make no statement as to where Harry Campbell was located at the present time; nor would he give any information regarding the Barkers or Alvin Karpis. Wright talked at length regarding various robberies which he had committed. He has now been removed to Stillwater, Oklahoma, where he is awaiting trial on a charge of robbery with firearms.

I also interviewed Charles Cotner, but he stated he had no information regarding the Barkers or Karpis.

J. W. McAttee, when interviewed, advised that he had never heard of Fred or Doc Barker, or Alvin Karpis. He stated that he had just arrived at the farm a day or so prior to the raid and was not acquainted with any of the men who were apprehended there.

Ed Brodie and Frank Downey refused to furnish any information.

I also interviewed Grace Cuckler and Winnie Morris. Winnie Morris admitted that she had been traveling around the country with Charles Dotson, and Grace Cuckler stated that she had been associated with Frank Downey. Both of these women professed not to know anything regarding the activities of their respective men companions.

The following \$5.00 and \$10.00 bills were found in possession of Mrs. Grace Cuckler:

- \$5.00 Bills: J 00070430 A
- J 00048800 A
- F 042157 A
- B 83206970 A
- A 005248

- \$10.00 Bills: A 584910 A
- J 05241814 A
- H 00675047 A
- J 00938744 A
- J 06069811 A

The following \$5.00 bills were in possession of Glen Roy Wright:

- F 004511 A
- F 004585 A
- J 00104112 A
- C 45905281 A
- C 19216163 A
- L 15227392 A

In addition to the above currency, Wright had in his possession nine \$20.00 bills which have been determined to be counterfeit. The Secret Service Department at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, has made an investigation, and a complaint was filed against Wright by Mr. Baker, an Operative in the United States Secret Service. The complaint was filed at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on March 30, 1934.

Ed Brodie had in his possession the following currency:

- \$5.00 Bills: A 004949
- A 018570
- A 004485 A
- A 015005
- A 028105
- J 05196646 A
- C 44916362 A
- C 81027415 A
- C 87479355 A

C 37482685 A
C 40154685 B
C 42787535 A

\$10.00 Bills: J 00260663 A
C 002981 A

\$20.00 Bills: F 002515 A
B 200234 A

"At the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, Wright, Cotner, McAttee, Downey and Brodie were photographed and fingerprinted. Mr. R. A. Shackelford, Record Clerk at the Penitentiary, advised me that he would forward photographs of these parties to the Oklahoma City office. I secured copies of the fingerprints of all parties arrested at the farm of I. E. Brackett and forwarded same to the Division at Washington. I am attaching hereto, for the Oklahoma City files, copies of the fingerprints of Wright, Cotner, McAttee, Downey and Brodie.

"At the time of the raid, there were also recovered three stolen automobiles, as follows :

- (1) 1935 Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No. 3407351.
This car was stolen at Yale, Oklahoma.
No information was available as to the name of the owner or the date of the theft. This car is believed to have been in possession of Cotner.
- (2) Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No. 3821133.
This car was stolen at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, November 24, 1935; owner, J. H. Robson. Glen Roy Wright admitted the theft of this car at Sapulpa.
- (3) 1935 V-8 Ford Truck.
I did not secure the motor number of this car as the information was not in possession of the sheriff's office, and I did not have an opportunity to examine the Ford truck. However, it has been definitely identified as being the property of the Ford Motor Company at Okmulgee, Oklahoma, and was taken in a hold-up January 18, 1934.

"A number of rifles and pistols were recovered; also, a shotgun and two Luger pistols. These are in possession of the police

and sheriff at Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

Special Agent J. Massey Edgar conducted an investigation of news stands in Fort Smith, Arkansas, which will be listed hereafter, to ascertain whether anyone was calling for St. Paul or Minneapolis newspapers, and it was learned that none of the said news stands handle newspapers from either of the Twin Cities:

Ward Hotel Cigar Counter and News Stand, D. J. O'Leary, Manager.
Smoke Shop, Sixth and Garrison Ave., C. W. Price, Manager.
Merchants News Stand, Merchants National Bank Building, George Eldridge, Manager.
The Turf, Garrison Avenue, E. L. Kremrie, Manager.
Main Cigar Store, Main Hotel, Phil Moseley, Manager.
First National News Stand, First National Bank Building, E. B. Houaler, Manager.

Mr. C. L. Kremrie, Manager of the Turf, informed Agent Edgar that on the night of March 18 a man was in his place and was served by one of the employees. This man had dark hair, was tall and slender, and was well over six feet in height; he was well dressed; had in his purse a large sum of money, apparently over \$200.00 and about \$500.00 in Travelers Checks; and had a bottle of whiskey. This man stated that he was going to catch the 8:00 o'clock train for Kansas City. Kremrie stated he was certain the man was well over six feet, but that he bears some resemblance to the photograph of Karpis, had a dark complexion and prominent teeth. Mr. Kremrie stated that if this person returns, he will notify Agent Edgar.

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March 13, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In connection with the request made by Mr. Courcy of the Kansas City office concerning a comparison of the latent fingerprints found in the house occupied by Vernon C. Miller, 6612 Edgevale Road, Kansas City, transmitted to the Division by letter dated February 13, 1934 (Contrary to my statement to you, while Mr. Anderson was in Washington he stated that these prints had been located in the Kansas City file by him just prior to his coming to Washington and I was under the mistaken impression that the prints were received by the Division at about that time), I talked with Mr. Edwards and he advised that over 50 latent prints had been developed from the material submitted by the Kansas City office and each had to be compared with all of those in the single fingerprint files; that he had one man working constantly on this case and it would take approximately two months to complete same.

I requested that a progress report concerning this search be made and forwarded to Mr. Courcy. On February 21, 1934, a telegram was sent to the Kansas City office requesting to be advised why these prints had been held from June of 1933 until February of 1934 without submitting them to the Division, in reply to which the Kansas City office advised on February 21, 1934 that in the excitement in connection with this investigation, at a time shortly after the massacre happened, the submitting of these prints to the Division was overlooked, which oversight seems to have been continued until February 13, 1934.

The latent fingerprints were, of course, immediately compared with outstanding suspects in the Kansas City case and also suspects in the Bremer case, without success. Mr. Edwards, as stated above, will have a progress report prepared immediately and forward it to the Kansas City office.

Respectfully,

S. F. Cowley.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG.

Reference is made to Mr. Cowley's memorandum of March 15, 1934, addressed to the Director, in connection with the latent fingerprints submitted by the Kansas City Office found in the Miller house in Kansas City.

The last paragraph indicates that the remaining unidentified latent prints in connection with this case have been compared with suspects in the Bremer Case. Such a comparison has actually been made only with the outstanding Bremer Case suspects, particularly, known members of the Alvin Karpis Gang. Mr. Cowley was acquainted with this fact and he suggested it was desirable that the comparison be completed with all named suspects in the Bremer Case. This work will proceed, one employee being assigned to it exclusively in the Single Fingerprint Section. There remain of the Kansas City latent fingerprints approximately eight which afford good ridge detail and characteristics sufficient to be of value. There are to date 293 suspects listed in the Bremer Case and comparisons with all of these will be made. It is estimated comparisons between these remaining latent prints and the fingerprints of the suspects can be effected in approximately three weeks' time.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota**

FILE NO. **7-52**

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 3/30/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/22, 23, 24, 25/34	TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219 et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
			Kidnaping

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Tony Lestian, bar keeper, Betty Larson and Betty Madden, prostitutes, operators of Betty's Place Roadhouse, New Kewaskum, Wisconsin, failed to identify photographs of Barker-Karpis Gang. George Larson and Vivian O'Hara not located.

REFERENCE: Division letter dated March 1, 1934

DETAILS: AT KEWASKUM, WISCONSIN

Agent interviewed Betty Larson, [redacted]
[redacted]
Betty's Place Roadhouse, 2 miles north of Kewaskum on Highway 100, and exhibited to her photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker, and Harry Campbell. Betty Larson stated that none of the above named gang had ever visited her roadhouse to her knowledge; that the photographs were entirely unfamiliar to her except the one of Volney Davis, which she said was rather a familiar face; that she could not recall when or where she had ever seen Davis, but that she believed she had seen someone with bushy hair like that of Volney Davis.

Betty Madden, a prostitute, residence at Betty's Place, address above, was likewise interviewed, and shown photographs of the Barker-Karpis Gang. She stated the men were strangers to her, and that she was positive that she had never seen any of them. Betty Madden stated she formerly lived in Milwaukee, and came to Betty's Place last year.

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Tony Leston, bar keeper at Betty's Place Roadhouse, address above, stated, upon viewing photographs of the Barker-Karpis Gang, that the men were total strangers to him, and he had never any of them about the Roadhouse, except that he believed he had seen Volney Davis because his bushy hair appeared familiar to him; that he would not say positively he had ever seen Volney Davis, and that he could not recall the time and place if he had seen him. Leston stated he had lived at Betty's Place for 3 years.

Agent was advised by Betty Larson, address above, that Vivian O'Hara, [redacted] had not been at Betty's Place Roadhouse since July, 1933, and that she was probably at Addison, Wisconsin.

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AT ADDISON, WISCONSIN

Agent made inquiries at the only two roadhouses to be found at Addison, at which places Vivian O'Hara was unknown.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

With the purpose of locating George Larson, [redacted] agent examined the records of the Clerk of the United States District Court, 298 Government Building, which showed that George Larson had made bond on October 27, 1933; that at time he signed bond he gave his address as Sherwood Hotel, Green Bay, Wisconsin. His bond was signed by George I. Gruber, 239 N. 36th St, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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Mr. George I. Gruber, 239 N. 36th St, advised agent that George Larson was not at Green Bay, Wisconsin, but was somewhere in Milwaukee; that he would locate Larson for agent. At a subsequent interview, Mr. Gruber stated it would probably take several days to locate Larson but that he was positive he could locate him.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE CHICAGO OFFICE at Milwaukee, Wisconsin will again contact George I. Gruber, 239 N. 36th and secure address of George Larson, and interview Larson as requested in reference letter. Also endeavor to secure present address of Vivian O'Hara from Larson, and interview her as requested in reference letter.

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REPORT MADE AT: Jacksonville, Fla.	DATE WHEN MADE: Mar. 31, 1934	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: Mar. 24-26, 1934	REPORT MADE BY: R. L. Shivers
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases ARTHUR BARKER with aliases UNKNOWN SUBJECTS Edward G. Bremer, Victim		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">News dealers of St. Petersburg and Tampa, Florida, handling St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers could not identify photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang as of persons who purchased said papers during this season.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="text-align: center;">Letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer to the New York office dated February 23, 1934.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="text-align: center;">At St. Petersburg, Florida</p> <p>It was ascertained through P. D. Mulhollen, 249 Central Avenue, and L. M. Ackerman, Ackerman's News Stand, who handle the Minneapolis and St. Paul newspapers in that city, that the sale of these papers has been so slight during the present tourist season that they have been forced to discontinue handling them; that no regular customer has been purchasing any of these papers and, upon being presented with the photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang, they stated they are satisfied none of these individuals has ever purchased newspapers from them.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">At Tampa, Florida</p> <p>Similar information was obtained at Chapman's News Stand, 617 Franklin Street, and the World News Company, Lafayette and Franklin Streets, Tampa, Florida. Photographs of the persons just referred to were exhibited to the operators of these stands and they were unable to identify them as of persons who had purchased Minneapolis and St. Paul newspapers at any time during the present or past tourist seasons.</p>			
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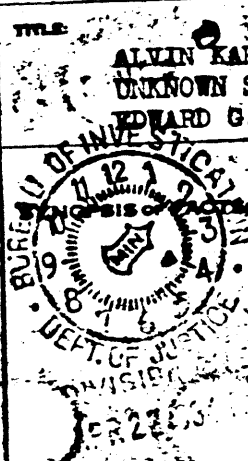
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FILE NO. 7-55

REPORT MADE AT: San Francisco	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/27/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/27 to 3/25/34	REPORT MADE BY: E. P. Geraghty - GHP
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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPPING.

Person partially identified as Fred Barker purchased Minneapolis Tribune at news stand San Francisco, Calif., period Feb. 18 to Feb. 23, 1934. Investigation San Francisco failed to locate him or other suspects. Alvin Karpis purchased Auburn Sedan San Francisco in October 1933, turned in as part payment Dodge Sedan purchased Chicago, Ill. Registers of principal hotels San Francisco examined for registrations of suspects without result. Mother and sister, Ed and Ted Bentz, residing San Francisco. All police officers in California notified through All-Point bulletin to apprehend Ted and Ed Bentz if located.

REFERENCE: Letter of Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minn., dated Feb. 23, 1934; report of Special Agent M. B. Rhodes, Chicago, Ill., dated March 2, 1934; telegram of W. A. Rorer, dated March 22, 1934; report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City, dated March 22, 1934 and report of Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears, Portland, Ore., dated March 22, 1934.

DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

The Golden Gate News Agency does not maintain a news stand at 729 Market St; said premises has been occupied by a millinery shop since June, 1933. Number 787 Market St. is the location of the California Theatre and there is no news stand in that vicinity.

D. S. Mittleman, manager Wheatley News Co., in front of 704 Market St., stated that he handles but one Minneapolis Journal per day and sells same only occasionally; that he could not again recognize any purchaser of the said paper. He, Mittleman, was shown photostat of suspect but

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failed to recognize any of same as having called for a paper.

F. A. Fitzgerald, manager Fitzgerald News Agency, 21-4th. St., stated that he handles only one daily St. Paul Pioneer Press and one Minneapolis Journal, and sells same only occasionally; that he has no regular customer for the papers; that he could not again identify any particular person who might have been a purchaser of the papers. He was shown photostatic copies of pictures of suspects in this case and failed to identify any of them as having purchased a St. Paul or Minneapolis paper at his stand.

Phillip Mittleman, attendant Golden Gate News Agency, 8 - 3rd. St., stated that said news agency handles the Sunday Minneapolis Journal and the Sunday St. Paul Pioneer Express and the daily Minneapolis Tribune; that for the period Feb. 18 to Feb. 23, 1934, the same person called every day for the Minneapolis Tribune; that said person was a man, short of stature, about 5-5 in height, face weather beaten and burned, weight about 140 and wearing a camel's hair cap and a dark suit, black shoes and usually arrived between 11 A.M. and 1 P.M. for the paper, and arrived on foot and he did not notice an automobile in the vicinity at time of arrival of this person. Phillip Mittleman (on Feb. 27, 1934) was shown photostat of suspects and picked out the photo of suspect Fred Barker as resembling the person who called for the Tribune during the period Feb. 18 to Feb. 23, 1934 inclusive.

Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, Special Agent H. R. Philbrick and this Agent maintained a constant surveillance of news stand at 8 - 3rd. St. from Feb. 27, 1934 to March 3, 1934 and no person remotely resembling any of suspects called at said news stand. Investigation was immediately made at the principal hotels in San Francisco, including the Fairmont Hotel, the Mark Hopkins, Palace, Sir Francis Drake and the St. Francis Hotel, and the registers checked for registration of suspects under their names and known aliases and photostats of suspects exhibited to the clerks at the said hotels but no information was received that any of said suspects had registered or were known. Phillip Mittleman, 8 - 3rd. St., promised to immediately communicate with the San Francisco Division Office if suspects should again call at the news stand. Call has been again been made every day at 8 - 3rd. St., but no information has been received that any of suspects have appeared again.

Mrs. Mary Doyle, in charge Out of Town papers Department, Public Library, Civic Center, was shown photostats of suspects and after examination of same stated that she cannot recognize any of suspects as having called to read the St. Paul or Minneapolis papers.

Call was made at 706 Steiner St. and 1431 Steiner St., and information received that Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson, Mrs. Rose Bryant and Mrs. Anne Gallows wife of Ted Bentz had resided at said places but had left some months prior without leaving a forwarding address.

Information was received through the San Francisco Postoffice Inspector that Anne Gallows had left a forwarding address from 1431 Steiner St., to 1245 - 66th. St., Los Angeles, and that Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson left a forwarding address to 520 Taylor St., Apt. 204.

Mrs. A. DeSilvo, Apt. 105, 520 Taylor St., stated that she is the manager of apartment house located at 520 Taylor St; that on Dec. 15, 1933 S. W. Johnson and wife rented apartment 204 at \$35 per month and occupied same until March 1, 1934 when they left without leaving a forwarding address; that Mrs. Rose Bryant, mother of Mrs. S. W. Johnson, was a frequent caller on Mrs. DeSilvo's side with the Johnsons;

DeSilvo was shown a photograph of suspects but stated that she does not resemble them to her knowledge had called on the Johnsons during their occupancy of apartment at 520 Taylor St.

Mrs. A. DeSilvo further stated that S. W. Johnson was employed as Assistant Engineer at the Clift Hotel, Geary and Taylor St.

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Under date of March 22, 1934 a telegram was received from Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears, Portland, Ore., which telegram stated that a new Lincoln Sedan, dark blue or black color, of Ted Bentz and party was probably using Indiana 1934 License #410864.

Special Agent H. R. Philbrick, of the San Francisco Office, on receipt of the telegram from Special Agent in Charge Spears immediately communicated with Mr. Stone of the Criminal Identification Unit of the State of California at Sacramento and Mr. Stone advised that he would put out an All-Points Bulletin for a pick-up on the Lincoln Sedan, bearing Indiana license, 1933, #10864, and would have the arresting officers advise the nearest office of the Division.

Special Agent H. R. Philbrick made investigation at Palo Alto, Calif., with the view of locating Howard Mulaney and ascertained that there is a Howard Mulaney residing in Palo Alto, who carries some kind of a State Constable's badge and who resides at 521 Fulton St., Palo Alto; that Mulaney hangs about the Texas restaurant in Palo Alto and has recently left town ostensibly for the purpose of looking over some mining property near Winnemucca, Nevada; that Mulaney is known to take long trips and to be gone for long periods of time but apparently has no occupation; that on the night of March 21 a Ford car bearing Michigan license, believed to be E3564, but not certain, was observed in front of the Mulaney residence; that the Palo Alto Police will maintain a lookout for the Lincoln Sedan with Ed and Ted Bentz and party and will keep Howard Mulaney under surveillance when he returns to Palo Alto.

On receipt of telegram of March 22, 1934 from W. A. Rorer, Inspector, St. Paul, Minn., the principal hotels of San Francisco were again checked and registers examined for one year last past, under the true names of suspects and all their aliases but no information was received of any of them having registered.

Special Agent Vernon E. Criss, San Francisco Office, ascertained from investigation that Auburn automobile, motor #BB1527, bearing 1933 California license #785762, was registered to one William B. Lohman, address William Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, Calif; that investigation at the William Taylor Hotel developed that a Mrs. William Lohman, address Chicago, Ill., accompanied by Mrs. T. C. Black-

burn, address 4214 North Lockwood Blvd., Toledo, Ohio, registered at said hotel on Oct. 25, 1933 and remained until Oct. 27, 1933. Pictures of suspects involved in this case were shown to the manager and the clerks of the William Taylor Hotel but they could not recognize any of them. A check at the California State Motor Vehicle Department developed that 1933 California license 785782 was issued on Oct. 9, 1933 to William C. Lohman, sole owner of Auburn auto, motor #BBL527, which was first sold on that date; that no 1934 license has been issued for said car and said car has not entered the State under another license.

A check at the Auburn automobiles agency, 1625 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, developed the information that the said Auburn Sedan had been sold by that concern on Oct. 9, 1933; that one Fred Thompson, manager of the Golden State Hotel, San Francisco, was the salesman and that one H. Warshauer had closed the deal; that records further reflect that a 1933 Dodge Sedan, motor #DP65846, had been turned in as part payment, which Dodge Sedan had been sold to Lloyd A. Hillman, a used car dealer, at 1640 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco; that all the records concerning the sale had been sent to the Auburn California Company, 343 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. At the Lloyd K. Hillman Co., it was learned that Dodge Sedan, motor #65846, had been sold to one Dr. Paolo Mazzetti, 2051 Jefferson St., San Francisco, Calif.

In answer to request, Miss Ruth Assalena, National Auto Theft Bureau, Sacramento, Calif., advised that the records of the California State Motor Vehicle Department show as follows:

"On Aug. 22, 1933 the Montgomery Motor Co., 3212 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill., sold a Dodge Sedan, motor #DP65846, Serial 3639469, to William Lohman, 3453 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill., taking in trade a Dodge motor #DP65846, Bill of Sale on file; also on file is a 1933 Illinois facsimile certificate, #1237051, in Mr. William Lohman's hand, dated Aug. 23, 1933; wire from the Montgomery Motor Co., Chicago, Ill., to the San Francisco Division on Oct. 9, 'Lohman car bought Aug. 26, paid in full'. According to the Bill of Sale the car was purchased Aug. 22, 1933. On Oct. 7, 1933 William Lohman, 3453 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill., secured a 1933 Non-Resident Permit #124614, on the car which expired on Dec. 31, 1933. California address, General Delivery, San Francisco, Calif., and Illinois license #1237051. Bill of Sale on file showing sale by Mr. Lohman to the Auburn California Co., 1155 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, on Oct. 9, 1933, who secured 1933 license #785759, as sole owner on Oct. 9, 1933. The Auburn California Co., sold the car to the Lloyd K. Hillman Co., 1640 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, no date of sale given, who sold it on Oct. 14, 1933 under report of Sale #D358115, to Dr. Paolo Mazzetti, 2051 Jefferson St., San Francisco. Transfer made to Dr. Mazzetti on Oct. 26 with the legal owner as Lloyd K. Hillman, 507 South Flower St., Los Angeles.

Fred Thompson, 250 Taylor St., advised that he had sold a 1933 cylinder Auburn Sport Sedan, having the body painted blue, top of the hood painted gray or brown, a gray canvas top and six wire wheels to a man whom he identified positively from pictures as Volney Davis, who was accompanied on two separate occasions by different men. Fred Thompson recognized the photograph of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis but could not remember that they were the men who had accompanied Volney Davis at time of purchase of the car. Fred Thompson stated that these men came to the sales room on each occasion and thus he did not take them

to any hotel and does not remember any address mentioned by them; that the sale was consummated by the taking in of a Dodge Sedan, bearing Illinois license Plates, and a cash balance of some \$600, which was taken from a large roll of money in the possession of Davis.

Mrs. Fred Thompson also immediately recognized the picture of Volney Davis as being the man who had come to the Auburn California Auto Sales room and purchased an Auburn Sedan through her husband; she stated that Davis came into the office where she was sitting, took off his hat, sat down and talked to her for a while.

Mr. H. Warshauer, sales manager, 1625 Van Ness Ave., stated that he has only a faint recollection of the above transaction and believed that Arthur Barker was one of the men as he particularly remembers the high forehead.

Special Agent V. E. Criss, at Sacramento, Calif., made lists of automobiles from the Middle West States entering the State of California during the period Feb. 21 to Feb. 28, 1934, showing license number, place of entry, make of car, in some instances the motor number of car, for reference purpose in case any car used by suspects was identified. Copies of said list are attached to this report as follows: 3 to the Division, 2 to St. Paul, 1 to Salt Lake City and 1 to the San Francisco copy.

Capt. Dullea, in charge Inspectors, San Francisco, Police Department, stated that a Mack Harris and Jack Harris, formerly of St. Paul, Minn., and Friends of Gloomy Gus Schaffer, are now operating a beer joint at 74 Embarcadero, San Francisco, and that the place has the reputation of being a hangout for gangsters from out of town; that Jack Harris and Gloomy Gus Schaffer pulled a Jewelry job in St. Paul some years ago and both served a term at the Minnesota State Penitentiary at Stillwater, Minn.

Capt. Trotter, in charge of Inspectors, Oakland Police Department, stated that within the past few days he has received an unconfirmed rumor that a number of gangsters are occupying an apartment in Oakland and have a number of machine guns with them; that he is endeavoring to confirm the rumor and will notify the San Francisco Division Office when he receives any information.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE, will make investigation at Grass Valley, Calif., with view of ascertaining if Ed or Ted Bantz have a mining claim in that region and if suspects and Ed and Ted Bantz can be located in that vicinity.

The San Francisco Office, at San Francisco, will make investigation at the several gambling houses in San Francisco, Oakland and vicinity and at the El Cerrito and Baden Baden dog tracks and Tanforan race tracks to see if suspects are known or have been spending money in amounts that call attention to them.

The San Francisco Office, will make other and further investigation to ascertain if suspects are in the San Francisco district.

THE CHICAGO OFFICE, will make investigation at the Montgomery Motor Co., 3212 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill., and obtain specimen of the handwriting of Alvin Karpis, alias William Lohman, if same has not heretofore been obtained, which probably can be had from the contract of purchase of Dodge Sedan, motor #DP65846.

Will also make investigation at 3453 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill., address given by Alvin Karpis at the time of purchase of Dodge Sedan.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE, will interview Mrs. Ann Gallows, 1845 - 65th St., Los Angeles, for information of the present location of Ted Bantz.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
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San Francisco, California.
March 26, 1934.

AUTOS ENTERING STATE OF CALIFORNIA WITH OUT-OF-STATE LICENSES FOR THE
PERIOD FEBRUARY 11, 1934 TO FEBRUARY 19, 1934.

<u>Date, Feb. -</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>License number</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Permit #</u>
17	Yermo	'34 Kansas - 31-134	Ford Coach	5	526
15	Yermo	'34 Kansas - 49-1405	Chevrolet Coupe	3	
12	Yermo	'34 Kansas - 34-1854	Chevrolet Sedan	3	
14	Yermo	'33 Kansas - 1-28951	Ford Coach	3	
18	Daggett	'34 Kansas - 7-2595	Chevrolet Coach	2	
14	Daggett	Kansas - 30-825	Ford Coach	3	
12	Daggett	Kansas - 1-5324	Buick Coupe	2	
11	Daggett	Kansas - 33-2157	Chevrolet Sedan	2	
19	Ft. Yuma	'34 Kansas - 30751	Buick Sedan	4	
14	Yuma	'34 Kansas - 1-15816	Chevrolet Road.	2	2036
12	Yuma	'34 Kansas - 16-723	Graham Sedan	2	1938
12	Yuma	'33 Kansas - 1-30551	Essex Coach	3	Temp.
16	Yuma	'34 Kansas - 69-865	Ford Coupe	2	2120
16	Yuma	'33 Kansas - 38-2734	Chevrolet Coach	4	Temp.
15	Ft. Yuma	'34 Kansas - 7-505	Oldsmobile Sedan	3	
22		'34 Kansas - 2-2388	Chevrolet Coupe	2	6295
11	Ft. Yuma	'34 Kansas - 3-447	Pontiac Coupe	2	1878
11	"	'33 Kansas - 3-21147	Plymouth Coach	3	Temp.
11	"	'34 Kansas - 2-8218	Pontiac Coupe	2	1846
17	"	'34 Kansas - 2-13262	Ford Sedan		2169
16	"	'34 Kansas - 18-3846	Chevrolet Sedan		Temp.
17	"	'34 Kansas - 16-4503	Plymouth Coach	3	Temp.
12	"	'34 Kansas - 70-334	Oakland Sedan		1966
14	"	'33 Kansas - 332748	Whippet	6	Temp.
14	"	'34 Kansas - 9-4667	Pontiac Sedan	3	2042
14	"	'34 Kansas - 95-102	Nash Sedan	2	Temp.
14	"	'34 Kansas - 7-505	?		
12	Daggett	'33 Missouri - 431-114	Ford Roadster	3	
16	"	Missouri - 35-686	Plymouth Coupe	2	
13	"	" - 205-436	Chevrolet Coach	4	
11	"	'34 " - 17-2947	" Sedan	4	
18	Yuma	'33 " - 243969	Ford Coach	2	Temp.
19	Yuma	'34 " - 19449	Pontiac Sedan	3	2291

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>License Number</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Permit #</u>
17	Yuma	'33 Missouri - 294-646	Ford Coach	3	Temp.
18	"	'34 " 406	Pierce Arr. Sedan	3	2242
16	"	'33 " 417367	Ford Coach	3	Temp.
18	Daggett	? " 428-772	Chevrolet Coach	1	
14	"	? " 76-221	Graham Sedan	2	
16	Ft. Yuma	'34 " 163419	Plymouth Sedan	2	
17	"	'34 " 65724	Buick Sedan	2	
13	"	'34 " 11-373	Chevrolet Coach	2	1959
18	Daggett	? " 174350	Ford Fordor	2	
16	"	'33 " 587541	Studebaker Coach	3	
13	"	'33 " 61222	Oakland Coupe	3	
15	Ft. Yuma	'34 " 13-575	Marmon Sedan	2	
16	"	'33 " 484759	Buick Sedan	4	
12	?	? Minnesota 416050	Buick Coupe	2	
14	?	'33 " 244-388	Chevrolet Sedan	4	
17	Station 7	'34 " B-10238	Plymouth Sedan	3	
11	Ft. Yuma	'34 " B-33597	Ford Coupe	2	Temp.
11	"	'33 " B-474430	Plymouth Coupe	2	1870
11	"	'34 " B-66770	Buick Coupe	2	1896
11	"	'34 " B-14832	Chrysler Coupe	3	1981
13	"	'34 " B-210417	Studebaker Sedan	4	2100
13	"	'33 " B-5661	Ford Sedan	2	Temp
13	"	'34 " B-54033	Chevrolet Coach	2	2211
17	"	'34 " B-54033	Chevrolet Coach	2	1901
12	"	'34 " B-27722	Hupmobile Sedan	2	
15	"	'33 " B-21748	Chrysler Sedan	3	1922
12	"	'34 " B-50-278	Chevrolet Coach	3	3446
15	Daggett	? " B-269305	Chevrolet Coach	3	Temp.
16	Yuma	'34 " B-230391	Ford Coupe	2	
15	Ft. Yuma	'34 " B-13107	Willys Knight Sedan	5	2081
15	"	'34 " B-254400	Buick Sedan	4	9498
19	Yuma	'33 " B-105-642	Ford Roadster	2	3471
17	Daggett	'34 " B-28172	Ford Coach	3	Temp.
14	Yuma	'34 " B-68000	Buick Coupe	2	
		(Motor #2966028 - Serial 2808847 - Leo Shapiro)			
14	Truckee	Minnesota A-36178	Austin Roadster	2	4734
17	Ft. Yuma	'34 " B-1198	?	1	2245
18	"	'34 " B-47919	Plymouth Coupe	4	Temp.
15	"	'34 " B-44177	Plymouth Sedan	2	2066
15	"	'34 " B-12552	Ford Coach	2	2067
15	"	'34 " B-16359	Ford Coupe	2	2068
15	"	'34 " X-19052	Ford House Car	1	2128
16	Yuma	'33 " B-476119	Pontiac Coach	3	2171
17	"	'33 " B-150029	Ford Coach	2	3465
16	Daggett	'35 " A-36112	Ford Coach	2	9489
18	Yuma	'34 " B-240-236	Ford Touring	2	9457
14	Yermo	? " B-204185	Ford Sedan	2	9454
13	"	? " B-204185	Hudson Sedan	4	2112
16	Ft. Yuma	'34 Missouri 51-633	Hudson Coach	2	Temp.
16	"	'34 " 14-827	Studebaker Sedan	2	1987
13	"	'34 " 90-213	Buick Sedan	5	Temp
13	"	'33 " 341727	Plymouth Sedan	2	Temp
13	"	'33 " 137688	Ford Sedan	2	Temp
17	"	'33 " 363335	Chevrolet Coupe	3	Temp
17	"	'33 " 363335	Chevrolet Coupe	3	Temp

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>License Number</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Permit #</u>
15	Daggett	Indiana 40855	Ford Roadster	3	3440
19	Ft. Yuma	'33 " 58516	Studebaker Coupe	3	Temp.
14	Yuma	'34 " 10659	Chrysler Sedan	2	2038
16	"	'34 " 38476	Ford Roadster	1	2162
13	"	'34 " 237549	Chevrolet Sedan	1	2005
15	Ft. Yuma	'34 " 139168	Chevrolet Coach	6	2078
19	Yermo	'34 " 486362	Packard Sedan	3	2299
16	Yuma	'34 " 360709	Ford Coupe	2	2123
16	"	'34 " 298045	Buick Sedan	8	2150
15	Ft. Yuma	'34 " 221690	Ford Coach	2	2091
15	"	'34 " 85758	Chevrolet Coach	4	2103
19	Yuma	'34 " 486362	Packard Sedan	3	2299
15	Station 7	'34 " 696-700	Oldsmobile Sedan	2	8484
11	Ft. Yuma	'34 " 458380	Packard 8		1880
13	"	'34 " 690003	Chevrolet	3	1944
14	"	'34 " 64734	Chevrolet Coach		2013
20	?	'34 Illinois 142-298	De Soto Sedan		3202
11	Ft. Yuma	'34 " 372152	Ford Sedan	2	Temp
11	"	'34 " 5094299	Packard Sedan	3	Temp
15	Station 7	'33 Oklahoma 483-274	Chevrolet Coach	4	Temp
11	Ft. Yuma	'33 " 346462	Chevrolet Coach	3	1876
11	"	'34 " 315435	Packard Coupe	2	1879
11	"	'34 " 90A159-	Plymouth Sedan	2	1946
13	"	'33 " 287327	Ford Coupe		2088
15	"	'33 " 416980	De Soto	3	2090
13	"	'34 " 112A487	Chevrolet Coupe		Temp
17	"	'33 " 381-134	Chevrolet Sedan	4	Temp
12	"	'33 " 231366	Packard Sedan	3	2096
15	"	'34 " 249915	Chevrolet Coupe	4	1910
12	"	'34 " 270941	Chevrolet Sedan	2	Temp
14	"	'34 " 312A999	Lincoln		

Feb. 12, 1934, Jack McBride, from Ft. Sheridan, Ill., to Fresno, Calif. Chevrolet Sedan, Lic. #234135, Motor #4424196, Serial 21AB53626. Temp. Permit.
 Feb. 13, 1934, at Yuma. J. R. Histed, from Chicago, Illinois, to Los Angeles. Pontiac Coupe, Lic. #529-414, Motor #983222, Serial 778155. Temp. Permit expired.
 Feb. 14, 1934, at Yuma. Thomas B. Wright, from Ottawa, Illinois, to Los Angeles. Plymouth Coupe, Lic. #529415, Motor #PE102778. Temp. Permit expired.
 Feb. 17, 1934, at Yuma. Charles Sande Selde, from Chicago, Illinois, to Los Angeles. Studebaker Coupe, Lic. #531622, Motor #3367. Temp. Permit expired. 3/17.
 Feb. 13, 1934, at Yuma. John F. Galubis, from Cicero, Illinois, to Los Angeles. Chevrolet Coach, Lic. #601172, Motor #2779028. Temp. Permit expired 3/13/34.
 Feb. 14, 1934, at Yuma. John Bescour, from Chicago, Illinois, to San Mateo, Cal. Pontiac Coach, Lic. #674-974, Motor #542979. Temp. Permit expired 3/14/34.
 Feb. 13, 1934, at Yuma. Blanche Speed Cooper, from Winnetka, Illinois, to Los Angeles. Ford Conv. Cab., Lic. #708-400, Motor #403049. Temp. Per. ex. 3/13.
 Feb. 12, 1934, at Yuma. Ve E. Green, from Quincy, Illinois, to Los Angeles. Essex Sedan, Lic. 1-227422, Motor #789794, Serial #7Z48S7. Temp. Per. 3/12/34.

Date	Car	State & License	Motor No.	Driver.
Feb. '34				
17	Lincoln Sedan	Illinois 63-239	KB2502	Mrs. Kate L. Eckhart, Chicago, to Huntington Hotel, Pasadena.
18	De Soto Roads.	" 534-693	8C3778	Fred J. Leafer, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
14	Cadillac Sedan	" 529605	?	Edna Hagelin, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
16	Nash Sedan	" 16-890	B72232	R. W. Hough, 3018 E. Hill St., Mount Morris, Ill., to Hunt. Pk.
11	Packard Sedan	" 504-299	752887	Whitney Ford Co., Chicago, to San Diego.
?	Cord Sedan	" '34 - 537268	FF50	C. W. Dempster, Lake Forest, Ill., to Santa Barbara.
13	Ford Sedan	" 319-276	A3303642	Martin E. Leafgreen, Chicago, to Healdsburg, Calif.
14	Buick Sedan	" 109184	2761548	J. E. Williamson, Clinton, Ill., touring.
15	Pontiac	" 45-142	563416	Thomas Voeco, Marseilles, Ill. to Los Angeles.
12	Austin Coupe	" 276680	V-5274	Donald Broffet, Powpaw, Ill., touring.
12	Chevrolet Coach	" 269-360	3885880	Mr. & Mrs. M. P. Halpin, Springfield, Ill., to Ojai, Calif.
13	Cadillac Sedan	" 92900	3002034	Mrs. J. G. Godhelp, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
13	Buick Sedan	" 270107	2721029	Clifford W. Barnie, Lake Forest, Ill., to Pasadena.
16	Chevrolet Sedan	" 371-896	3648434	Earle Rickert, Evergreen Park, Ill., to Los Angeles.
17	Packard Sedan	" 128-427	285026	H. B. Cultra, Onarga, Ill., to Los Angeles.
18	Hupmobile	" 235-622	128-129	Charlotte W. Davis, Lake Forest, Ill., to Los Angeles.
19	Plymouth Coupe	" 221-468	C 5676	Mrs. J. Rolf Cotterman, Bloomington, Ill., to L. A.
16	Buick Sedan	" 234-328	2871335	Wm. R. Troubee, Rock Island, Ill., to Los Angeles.
15	Pontiac Sedan	" 142983	852772	Louis Boggio, Marseille, Ill., to Los Angeles.
12	Auburn Sedan	" 361444	5901	Ruth S. Bowles, Flossmoor, Ill. to Los Angeles.
14	La Salle Coupe	" 133505	602551	A. J. Anderson, Oak Park to Pasadena.
16	Ford Coupe	" 537-966	574924	Gertrude P. Reed, Evanston, Ill., to Los Angeles.
13	Ford Coupe	" 185815	A1077872	Martin M. Stromburg, Vandalia, Ill., to Long Beach.
17	Chevrolet Sedan	" 224589	3792094	John R. Voss, Harvey, Ill., Los Angeles.
18	Chrysler Sedan	" B16-253	15407	Helen Gundel, Chicago, Ill., to Los Angeles.

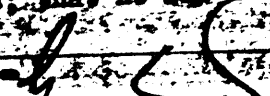
<u>Date</u>	<u>-Car</u>	<u>State and License</u>	<u>Motor No.</u>	<u>Driver</u>
17	La Salle Sedan	Illinois 247368	11,015,894 (?)	Edwin L. Harris, Peoria, Ill., to Los Angeles.
12	Dodge Sedan	" 129-303	DK3446	B. G. Nelson, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
14	Packard Sedan	" 15425	281420	Homer W. Benton, Harvey, Ill. to Pasadena.
15	Pierce Arrow Sed.	" 504-304	160858	John J. Funk, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
13	Buick Sedan	" 260-213	2849528	Dr. R. A. Kanna, Peoria, to Los Angeles.
9	Auburn Sedan	" 7848	35607	H. W. Jones, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
15	Plymouth Coach	" 319998	PB36045	Albert Jordan, Chicago, to Hollywood.
18	De Soto Cab.	" 544,540	5D1116	Fred. J. Liefer, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
7	Lincoln Lim.	" 151592	87211	John C. Hoof, La Grange, to Palm Springs.
11	Ford Coupe	" 313567	Y105491	Reinhold Anderson, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
10	Plymouth	" 83-811	17566	J. W. Wells, Oak Park, Ill., to San Francisco
13	Buick Sedan	" '34-106807	2678913	Francis O. Raub, Chicago, to Oregon.
19	Packard Lim.	" '34-110-205	751160	Louis Becker, Glendoe, to Pasadena.
12	Lincoln Brougham	" '34-124-804	65203	Norman D. Fraser, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
16	Willys Knight	" '34-189401	6161	G. H. Small, Bloomington, to Santa Paula, Calif.
18	Chrysler Sedan	" '34-208127	CI6988	Michael E. Fox, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
18	Buick Sedan	" '34-213838	2716168	J. N. Wilton, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
17	Buick Coupe	" '33-213-885	27612581	D. W. Hartzell, to Dixon, Cal.
18	Chevrolet Coach	" '34-299612	2447721	Joe Wedrosky, Jr., Glen Carbon, Ill., to Exeter, Cal.
12	Pontiac Sedan	" '33-313580	541898	Anton E. Rommel, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
13	Pontiac Coach	" '33-338041	650054	A. M. Davis, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
9	Ford Coupe	" '33-344109	3050535	Jack Schneider, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
10	Ford Coupe	" '34-354320	393347	F. W. Holmes, Chicago, Ill. to Los Angeles.
12	Chevrolet Sedan	" '34-357891	2670270	Rudow Rummel, Kenilworth, to Los Angeles.
11	Dodge Sedan	" '34-358945	DP58684	H. J. Jensen, Chicago, to San Diego.
12	Auburn Sedan	" '34-361444	BB1953RA	John H. Bowles, Flossmoor, to Pasadena.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul**

S. A. FILE NO. 7-576-1524

REPORT MADE AT San Antonio, Texas.	DATE WHEN MADE 3-28-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-24, 25-34	REPORT MADE BY J. J. Murphy
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Henry Hull, Inmate #73166, Harlem State Prison Farm, near Richmond, Texas, states that Lawrence DeVol, Fred and Doc Barker, Jess Doyle, Bill Scott, Alvin Karpis, and Verne Miller robbed the Third Northwestern Bank in Minneapolis, December 16, 1932; that Verne Sankey was not a member of the Karpis-Barker gang, and Harry Campbell was not with them; that Lawrence DeVol's brothers, now serving sentences for robbery of this bank, were not involved in robbery; that he never knew Ed Bentz to be a member of the gang, also never heard or knew of a dentist in St. Paul, or persons by name of Doc or Jack Pfeiffer connected with the gang. Does not know "Prince Dutch" Steinhardt or his associates. No record of Carol Tankersley or Carol Hamilton receiving or calling for mail through Galveston, Texas, Postoffice.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letters of Inspector W. A. Rorer at St. Paul, Minn., 2-18-34, and 3-19-34, and report of Special Agent H. E. Hollis, Oklahoma City, Okla., 3-19-34.</p> <p>DETAILS: Henry Hull, Texas State Penitentiary Inmate #73166, was again interviewed by Special Agent E. H. Parker and this Agent at the Harlem State Prison Farm, near Richmond, Texas and he stated that he went to St. Paul, Minn., with Doc Barker and old man Barker on the promise of Doc Barker that he would furnish him with a job running whiskey from Canada at \$100 a week; that after arriving in St. Paul, Doc Barker just laughed and informed him they were not running whiskey, but since he, Hull, was with the gang he would have to stay with them. Hull stated he arrived in St. Paul about a week before the robbery of the Third Northwestern Bank in Minneapolis; that he was at the apartment with the Barker boys and their associates, and</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE 7-576-1524 APR 2 1934 A M APR 6 - 1934	
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heard them discussing the job; that they first intended taking him, Hull, in the job, but decided not to do so; that there were seven men who robbed that bank, and they were Lawrence DeVol, Doc Barker, Fred Barker, Jess Doyle, Bill Scott, Alvin Karpis, whom he knew only as "Ray", and Verne Miller, whom he knew only as "Verne" and supposed that he was Verne Sankey until he saw Miller's photograph in a newspaper. Hull stated that the money obtained on this bank job was divided seven ways at 906 or 926 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, by Verne Miller, Fred Barker and Lawrence DeVol; that Lawrence was caught by officers at this address and he had some sixteen or seventeen hundred dollars on him when arrested; that Verne Miller took the Liberty Bonds to Kansas City which came out of this bank job, but does not know where or who handled them in Kansas City.

Hull stated that he thought for some time that the man whom he knew only as "Verne", a member of the Barker gang, was Verne Sankey, because he never heard his surname, and supposed it was Sankey until he saw Verne Miller's photograph in the newspaper and recognized it as the person whom he knew only as "Verne" and thought was Verne Sankey.

Hull also stated that on the robbery of the Third Northwestern Bank robbery in December, 1932, Jess Doyle wore a chauffeur's cap, and drove one of the two cars used on the job; that two police officers were killed during this robbery, and he was in the apartment used by the Barkers at Cleveland and Marshall Avenue, in St. Paul, and heard an account of the robbery over the radio, also heard the members of the Barker gang discuss it later. Hull stated he understood from Doc Barker that the boys were "ribbed" to do this robbery by the man "Harry" in the State House at St. Paul, and by the man "Jack" who operates the Hollyhock roadhouse; that this job was pulled to put the "heat" on Mr. Meehan, City Manager, because they claimed they put Meehan in office and he double-crossed them, and did not stay "hitched."

Hull stated that after the Barker gang pulled the robbery of the Third Northwestern Bank, in Minneapolis, they drove to St. Paul, Minn., in two cars, and near a park, which he thinks was Como Park, they had a flat tire and had to change cars and the money, which was in a sack and a suitcase, and while making the change some citizen in an automobile drove past them and tried to see their license number, and Doc Barker shot this man in the head, and later when they got to the apartment Verne Miller gave Doc Barker a surging for shooting the man.

Hull stated that in addition to Lawrence DeVol being convicted of robbing the Third Northwestern Bank, in Minneapolis, Lawrence's two brothers, whose Christian names he does not know, were also convicted and given life sentences, but they were not implicated in the robbery and did not participate in same. Also, that Doc Barker stated to him, Hull, after Lawrence DeVol was arrested on this bank robbery, that if he, Barker, could get Lawrence out of the jail he would take him for a ride because Lawrence talked about the bank job in the pres-