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FULL RATE DAY LETTER

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DIVISION YESTERDAY=

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MR. WATMAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
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MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES

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

February 2, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD C. HUBER, Victim  
Kidnaping  
St. Paul File No. 7-35.

Complying with your telephonic request, enclosed please find a list of the discharged prisoners from the St. Cloud Reformatory, St. Cloud, Minnesota, beginning December, 1931.

These are records of the St. Paul Police Department and should be returned when they have served their purpose.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEBRUARY 8, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

IN RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Mr. A. P. Sanderson, Narcotic Agent at Kansas City,  
Missouri, presented an English translation of a letter written  
in Greek by Gus Nichols, who is a prisoner in the State Peni-  
tentiary at Stillwater, Minnesota, the letter being quoted for  
the information of the Division as follows:

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It is apparent that the prisoner Nichols may be referring  
to the Bremer kidnaping case. Several communications have been in

the past transmitted to you regarding Nichols in connection with information which he allegedly offered regarding the case of Vernon C. Miller, Deceased, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Such action as you deem advisable might be taken with reference to interviewing Nichols, who is a Greek. Mr. Sandersen, who speaks Greek, would, of course, be willing, under proper arrangements, to assist in the interview with Nichols.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Division  
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Division of Investigation

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

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February 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

With reference to the crank letters which are being received from the St. Paul Office in connection with the Bremer case, I have discussed them with Mr. Cowley who advised that he believed it the intention of the Division to institute investigation as new extortion cases any letter containing a threat in itself. Accordingly, I am having photostatic copies prepared immediately of all the previous letters and will submit them to Mr. Cowley with the request that after considering them he indicate which, if any, are to be treated as new extortion cases, in order that the usual fingerprint examination may be made here.

With reference to the letter dated St. Paul, January 31, 1934, four crank, information and anonymous letters were received, which are listed below for record purposes. Photostatic copies of these are being made and will be forwarded to the Division. The originals are being retained here and all of them will be examined as to handwriting with a view to determining if the handwriting is identical with any previous notes received in connection with this case. Upon receipt of information as to which will be treated as new cases, the usual fingerprint examination will be made.

1. Anonymous letter postmarked Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 29, 1934, addressed to Mr. Frank J. Blake and signed "L", the first sentence of which reads "The gray goose garage is on 9th St. between 3rd & 4th Avenues So., Hpls., or 314 -".
2. Anonymous letter postmarked Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 30, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, the first sentence of which reads "Now that this case has left the headlines we will give you a chance."
3. Anonymous letter postmarked St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 25, 1934, addressed to U. S. Secret Service Dept., the first sentence of which reads "Three or four mysterious people at 666 Laurel Ave 2nd floor".
4. Letter postmarked Springfield, Missouri, Jan. 25, 1934, addressed to Mr. C. H. Varley, Chief of Bureau of Investigation, Kansas City, Mo., and signed G. K. Weed.

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Respectfully,

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E. F. Coffey.

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT ST PAUL, MINN.

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DESIRED AND WHETHER PREVIOUS RECORD EXISTS BURKE'S PHYSICIAN OR HOSPITAL  
INDICATING BLOOD GROUP TO WHICH HIS BLOOD BELONGS

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*Edward J. Bremer*

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

February 5, 1934

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

VERIFY FOLLOWING CURRENCY NUMBERS ON NEW PAGE 17 COLUMN 1 LINES 8 AND 36  
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P.O.Box 515, St.Paul,Minn.

February 2, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S.Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,  
New York City, New York.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
St.Paul File No.7-30.

I am transmitting herewith a letter from James M. Power,  
Brooklyn, New York, wherein he states that the persons who kidnaped  
ED. BREMER had communicated with him, asking him to write to Mr. Adolph  
Bremer to make arrangements for the payment of the ransom money.

Please have an agent interview Mr. Power and ascertain  
what he knows in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Chicago, Illinois.

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AIR MAIL

February 2, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
625 Lafayette Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Re: Bremer Kidnapping Case.

Reference is made to letter from this office dated January 31, 1934, which requested that you obtain the original type-written road chart which had been dropped by the bandits at Holland, Michigan, in September, 1932, from the Michigan State Police.

For your assistance in determining whether the chart turned over to you is the original, there is transmitted, herewith, a photographic copy of a portion of this chart, which bore latent fingerprints and which was enlarged by the Division. This photographic copy was forwarded to this office by the Division. The original chart should be readily identified by the figures "1", "2" and "4", the "1" in particular being distinctive and not appearing on the standard keyboard of the Corona Typewriter.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH, Acting,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building  
Philadelphia, Pa.



February 5, 1934. FEB 6 1934

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of February 3, 1934, concerning the above-captioned case.

Prior to telephonic conversation with Mr. Clegg on this date, the writer again interviewed Pat. Crowe, who called at the Philadelphia Division Office, and he advised that if Mr. Nathan obtained assurance from the Victim's father that he (Crowe) would receive 5% of any ransom money recovered, he would then turn the information over to me or to Mr. Nathan. I then telephoned Mr. Clegg, who advised that I inform Crowe that the necessary arrangements were perfected. Crowe informed me that he would not turn any information over unless he was permitted to go to Washington where he would turn the information over to Director Hoover if he had a witness, with whom he was acquainted, present, or in lieu thereof unless Detective Sweeney of St. Paul, Minn., would assure Crowe that the Government will lay down and make no arrests in the Bremer case until the ransom money is paid and the Victim is returned.

I spent two hours arguing with Crowe, but without result. Finally, he stated that if I would call a Catholic priest and have him present he would give the information by telephone to Mr. Nathan. In the next breath he informed that he had not made the statement to me when I reiterated his remark. He variously stated that he would give the information if Captain Creedon or Inspector Duffy were present in the office, and then denied that he had said this.

Crowe became very incensed when informed on several occasions that his refusal to divulge information, which he admitted he had in his possession, would place him in serious difficulty inasmuch as a

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penalty is provided under the Federal laws for failure to disclose information concerning a Federal offense. His only reaction to such statements was to remark that he did not care whether he lived and would welcome going to jail. During the course of conversation, Crowe informed me that he had known the identity of the Penns Grove, N. J., bank robbers before the police made arrests. This is just another of his haphazard statements which mean nothing, in my opinion. The Penns Grove case concerned the robbery of a pay roll by several desperadoes, which took place on Thursday, February 1, 1934, and concerning which the police made arrests on February 3rd.

Crowe is an old reprobate, and in my opinion would not receive the confidence of any criminals--certainly not criminals of the type that kidnapped Bremer. He uses what change he can beg or borrow to buy liquor.

I telephoned Mr. Nathan at St. Paul, and he informed me that he would not dignify Crowe by talking with him inasmuch as he feels as I do that Crowe possesses no information. Mr. Nathan informed me that in the event Crowe would agree to furnish the information without taking into our confidence any outsiders, he would talk with him, but otherwise Mr. Nathan felt that it would serve no good purpose to talk with Crowe.

I conferred with United States Attorney Charles D. McAvoy today and advised him of Crowe's refusal to divulge information, which he alleged he had in his possession concerning the identity of the kidnapers, and he informed me that he was thoroughly convinced that Crowe is a publicity seeker, and he did not desire to take any action against him because to do so would give Crowe publicity. In addition thereto, Mr. McAvoy said he can place no significance in the information allegedly in Crowe's possession.

I am transmitting to the St. Paul Office for its information a copy of my letter dated February 3, 1934, to the Division.

Very truly yours,

*R. G. Harvey*  
R. G. HARVEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-St. Paul

U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois



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SPECIAL DELIVERY-AIR MAIL

February 5th, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim,  
O KIDNAPING. Chicago file #7-82

Supplementing the letter from this office to you dated January 29, 1934, please be advised that the original typewritten road chart which was dropped by the bandits at Holland, Michigan, in September, 1932, were this day obtained from Mr. C. M. Stewart and are being transmitted to you herewith.

Mr. C. M. Stewart, who resides at 7000 East End Avenue, Chicago, and is employed as a bookie in the rear of a cigar store on the South side of 71st Street, between Euclid and Jeffery Avenues, was interviewed by Special Agents W. C. Jamison and J. J. Metcalfe, and stated that he had the desired papers and that they were in the possession of his wife. He said that he would gladly furnish these papers to the Division for their use and stated that they came into his possession while he was in the service of the William J. Burns Detective Agency in Chicago, at which time he was investigating the robbery of the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan. Mr. Stewart's residence and place of occupation were ascertained through further inquiry by the above mentioned agents at the office of Swan Lorish and Caspers, Inc., 1959 East 71st Street, Chicago. He would like to have the chart returned to him when it has served its purpose.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Smith*

W. A. SMITH, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Detroit  
cc: St. Paul

P.S. The penciled notations on the charts were made by Mr. Stewart.

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Detroit Michigan  
February 3, 1934

**SPECIAL DELIVERY**

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to long distance telephone call received from your office last night requesting that this office determine whether Geo Verne Sankay, subject of Detroit File 7-2 entitled Geo Verne Sankay with aliases - Fugitive, et al., Charles Boettcher II, Victim, Kidnaping, had registered at the Field Hotel in Detroit under the name of "W. E. Clark and wife" at any time during the past six months and especially between January 15 and 19, 1934.

Please be advised that Special Agent L. D. Soocy personally checked the registration records at the Field Hotel, which is located at 445 Field Avenue, Detroit, from June 1, 1933 to the present date and was successful in locating the following registrations of W. E. Clark:

Registration card #727 reflects that Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clark of 3746 Sheffield, Chicago, checked in to said hotel on 8/1/33 and were assigned room 401, rate \$3.00; that they remained at this hotel for two nights. Mr. J. Moore, Manager of the above hotel, registered these people in on this occasion. For identification purposes at the hotel, their folio number is 4345.

Registration card #798 dated 8/15/33 reflects that W. E. Clark, address Council Bluffs, Iowa, registered in and was assigned to room 201 at a rate of \$2.00. He remained at this hotel one night. This registration may be identified at the hotel through folio #5135.

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Registration card #1179 dated 10/24/33 reflects that J. E. Clark and wife of Chicago, Illinois registered in and were assigned room 150 at a rate of \$2.00 per day. They remained at the hotel one night. The hotel folio number of this registration is 8812. [Note: While the initials of this party are "J.E." instead of "W. E." Clark, a comparison of the handwriting would indicate that they are one and the same person.

Registration card #2950 reflects that W. E. Clark, address Chicago, registered in said hotel on 1/16/34 and was assigned room 206 at a rate of \$1.50 per day. He remained at the hotel one day. The hotel folio representing this registration is 7462. Clark on this occasion was registered in by Mr. W. R. Warren, night clerk.

Mr. W. R. Warren, night clerk, Field Hotel, who registered Clark in on January 16, 1934 informed Agent Soocy that he does not recall whether Clark was driving an automobile on this occasion or not. He did state, however, that since the register reflects only Clark's signature and the fact that he was assigned to a single room, he could fairly definitely state that the latter was not accompanied by a woman or other person.

Upon viewing the photograph of Reo Verne Sankey, Mr. Warren advised that he would be unable to definitely state whether W. E. Clark and Sankey are one and the same person. He did state, however, that the facial characteristics of Sankey are very familiar to him and that it is possible that the latter had been seen by him at the hotel within the past few months.

Mr. J. Moore, Manager of the Field Hotel who had registered W. E. Clark on a previous occasion, when interviewed stated that he does not recall the matter. He was also unable to identify Sankey's photograph as that of anyone known to or observed by him at the Field Hotel.

Gilbert Woods, bellboy at the above hotel, was also interviewed and upon reviewing the photograph of Reo Verne Sankey advised that he is quite definitely certain he saw the latter although he cannot recall where or when. He is of the opinion, however, that it was at the above hotel, since he has been employed there regularly for the past year.



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Tissue tracings of Clark's handwriting as taken from the four registration cards at the Field Hotel are being forwarded herewith to the Chicago office for such identifying purposes as they may serve.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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Encls.  
cc - Division  
St. Paul

U. S. Department of Justice  
**Bureau of Investigation**  
1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

January 29, 1934.

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

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

Dear Sir:

In pursuance of the telephonic instructions received on January 28, 1934, from Assistant Director H. H. Clegg, interview was had on the same night with Chief of Police Peter Lievense, by Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe of this office.

Mr. Lievense after searching all his records advised that he believed he had turned over the original plans of escape that were left by the bandits at the scene of the robbery of the First State Bank in Holland, Michigan in September, 1932, to the Michigan State Police at East Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Lievense communicated with the Michigan State Police to determine if these plans were in the hands of Sergeant H. I. Marmon, and was subsequently advised that the plans were at that place. Agent Metcalfe then conversed with Detective Harold Mulbar of the Michigan State Police, and requested him to forward the original plans by Special Delivery, Air Mail, to the Division, with instructions on the inner envelope that they were to be transmitted to the laboratory. Mr. Mulbar advised that these papers would be forwarded immediately. Chief Lievense was informed as to the necessity for these plans being sent to Washington, but this information was not communicated to the Michigan State Police, as it was deemed inadvisable and unnecessary after conversation with Chief Lievense. Accordingly the title: re Bremer kidnaping case, will not appear on the envelope containing these plans which is being forwarded to the Division. Chief Lievense requested that the plans be returned to him at Holland, Michigan after they have served

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Chief Lievense stated that the plans which are being forwarded by the Michigan State Police are original carbon copies. He said that he believes that there were two copies of these plans found at the time of the bank robbery, and that one of them was the original plan and the other an original carbon copy of the plan. He was not certain as to this however, and stated that it is possible that both copies were original carbon copies. With reference to the other copy he said that he believed that to be in the hands of either the Burns Detective Agency in Chicago, or in the hands of Mr. Stewart, who was formerly employed by that detective agency.

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At the William J. Burns Detective Agency, 10 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, interview was today had by Special Agent Metcalfe with Mr. A. R. Lapitz, and one of the Burns Detectives, a Mr. Crowe. Mr. Lapitz searched his files but could find no original plans. However, he did discover a photostatic copy of these plans, and this photostatic copy is being transmitted to you herewith. Mr. Crowe said that he understood that there was only one original copy of these plans, and that that was the copy in the possession of the Michigan State Police. He did not know whether this was the original copy or an original carbon copy but he called attention to the fact that the records of the Burns Detective Agency show that these plans which were at one time in the hands of Mr. Stewart, consisted of "typewriting on half sheets of 8½ by 11 yellow second sheets, devoid of any water marks, and of common stock paper obtainable anywhere." Mr. Crowe said that it is very possible that the fact that these plans were on yellow paper may have led some persons to believe that they were original carbon copies instead of originals. Mr. Lapitz and Mr. Crowe stated that if there exists any other original copy such copy might be in the hands of Mr. Stewart, who is C. M. Stewart, and whose last known address was 6102 Jeffery Street, Chicago, Apartment 303.

Mr. Crowe expressed some concern over the inquiry being made regarding these papers, as he thought that the Chicago office was endeavoring to investigate the Burns Detective Agency. He explained that there has been considerable friction between this detective agency and the Chief of Police at Holland, Michigan, and that the Chief at Holland was of the opinion that the Burns Detective Agency was endeavoring to conceal the identity or whereabouts of the persons who perpetrated the crime of robbing the First State Bank at Holland. He said that there existed some jealousy on the part of the Holland Police, owing to the fact that the plans of escape, and the bullets of the robbers, were originally discovered by Mr. Stewart of the detective agency, and that the Chief of Police at Holland had claimed that these articles were in fact found by the Holland Police, and subsequently turned over to the Burns Detective Agency, who then attempted to take credit for the discovery of the articles. Mr. Crowe stated he understood that the matter had also been referred to Senator Vandenberg of Michigan. In this connection it may be noted that the same information was furnished Agent Metcalfe by Chief Lievense, who said that Stewart failed to appear at Springfield, Illinois at the time extradition proceedings were taking place for the purpose of removing a suspect to Michigan, and that Stewart appeared at the last minute, on behalf of the suspect instead of on behalf of the Burns Detective Agency, as he should have. Chief Lievense also stated that in view of the fact that the plans and bullets which were obtained by Stewart were given to him by the Holland Police on the theory that he knew more about matters of that kind, and that these articles were never returned

Holland, Mich.

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to the Holland Police, he was of the opinion that possibly the Burns Detective Agency was not endeavoring to solve the case, but was attempting to shield the criminals. The Chief also expressed considerable criticism of the Chicago Police Department, for its lack of cooperation in solving the case, and helping to extradite suspects, and he said that he had referred these matters to Senator Vandenberg, who replied that he was very much interested and would have the matter looked into.

Agent Metcalfe assured Mr. Crowe of the Burns Detective Agency that this Division was in no sense investigating the Burns Detective Agency, but merely desired the typewritten charts to make laboratory comparisons.

Efforts to locate Mr. C. M. Stewart were unavailing. The Real Estate company of Swan, Lorish and Caspers, Inc. 1959 East 71st Street, Chicago, advised that Mr. Stewart moved from the premises at 7102 Jeffery Street, about one year ago and left no forwarding address. The South Shore Station of the Post Office, 2207 E. 75th Street, Chicago, advised that they had no removal address on file for C. M. Stewart as of 7102 Jeffery Street. The telephone company advised that telephone number Butterfield 0682, which was formerly the telephone number of C. M. Stewart, is no longer in operation, and that they now have no telephone number listed in the name of C. M. Stewart. In this connection your attention is again respectfully invited to the fact that Mr. Crowe was very firm in his belief that only one copy of the plans of escape was ever in existence, and that this is the copy which the Michigan State Police are forwarding to you.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.

JJM:JMS

CC St. Paul

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February 5, 1934.

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

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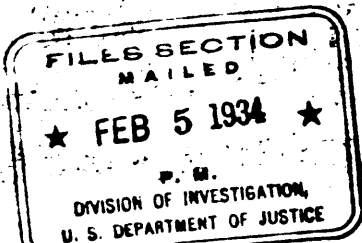
Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of January 29, 1934, in connection with the investigation conducted with a view to locating the original getaway charts which were found subsequent to the robbery of the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan, so that the Division might compare them with the typewriting in the extortion notes in the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, you are advised that the photographic reproductions submitted with your letter are not the specimens desired by the Division.

The photographs submitted appear to be reproductions of a typed copy of the original chart and inasmuch as the purpose of the inquiry is to conduct a typewriting comparison such photographs are useless. It is most desirable the Division obtain the original getaway charts. If such is not practical, however, accurate photographic reproductions of the originals taken without enlargement or distortion may suffice.

It is desired your office give every attention to this matter and expedite the inquiry. A copy of this letter is being furnished the Detroit Office in order that similar inquiry may be conducted at the Headquarters of the Michigan State Police at East Lansing.

Very truly yours,



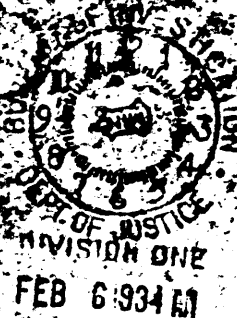
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CC - SAC Detroit.

1900 Bankers Build Inc.  
Chicago, Illinois.

February 5, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
625 Lafayette Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.



Dear Sir:

Re: Brewer Kidnaping Case.

This is to confirm telephonic conversation of last night with Mr. Van Hatten, Clerk in your office.

Investigation conducted at the time of the apprehension of Verne Sankey disclosed that he had had a brokerage account at the E. A. Pierce Company in Chicago. The salesman with whom he dealt there stated that Sankey advised him on January 15, 1934, that he would be out of town for a few days. Sankey did not appear at the brokerage house from January 15 to January 19, 1934. Edward C. Brewer was kidnaped on January 17, 1934. Sankey has stated that he has made several trips to Detroit, Michigan, and that when there he and the girl with whom he has been living, Angeline Sindzenski, alias Helen Hatten, stayed at the Field Hotel, which, according to Sankey, is a short distance off of Jefferson Street. At this hotel they registered as Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Clark.

As requested by telephone last night, it is desired that you conduct investigation at this hotel to determine the dates on which Sankey may have stayed at this hotel during the last six months, and especially to determine whether he was there around January 17, 1934.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,  
CC Division.

W. A. SMITH, Acting,  
Special Agent in Charge

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

San Francisco, California. Jan. 31, 1934.

WERNER HANNI  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
ST. PAUL, MINN.

REURER CASE MRS. RITCHIE LEFT HOTEL UNABLE LOCATE HER YET CLAIMS UNKNOWN  
MAN HAD HER ADDRESS LETTER TO STPAUL PER YOUR WIRE YESTERDAY CLAIMING MAN  
STATED HE WAS ILLITERATE DESCRIBED ABOUT FORTY YEARS SIX FEET TALL HUNDRED  
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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

February 5, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 515  
St. Paul, Minn.

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RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the records of all released prisoners from the St. Cloud, Minnesota State Reformatory forwarded by your Office to this Office upon our request. Please be advised that Special Agent J. T. Martin, of this Bureau Office, interviewed [redacted]

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[redacted] advised Agent Martin, while he was incarcerated at the Minnesota State Penitentiary at St. Cloud he became acquainted with several of the prisoners who were committed from St. Paul, and that he played on the baseball team and associated with these prisoners while he was in that institution. He stated that in the summer of 1932, about June or July, a prisoner by the name of Blackfelner was committed to this Reformatory, receiving a sentence of from five to forty years for a bank robbery and a shooting. He stated that right after Blackfelner came from the institution he associated [redacted] the other prisoners whose names will be set out below, and that on several Saturday afternoons Blackfelner [redacted] the others got together on the baseball diamond of the Reformatory and Blackfelner told the other prisoners that he had observed Bremer's young daughter, about seven or eight years of age, being taken to school by the private chauffeur every morning about 8:00 A.M. He told the other prisoners that this young lady's people were worth a lot of money; that her father was a president of a bank in St. Paul, and that she would, undoubtedly, be a very good victim in a kidnaping case; and that he discussed the possibility of snatching her in front of her home. Blackfelner knew that these other men were being released in a short time on parole, and it was his desire that they kidnap Bremer's daughter and obtain money for her release, and they were to use the same to try to obtain the release of Blackfelner.

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and that Blackfelner indicated to him that he would not discuss this kidnapping if he desired.

██████████ that he has not seen or heard from any of the prisoners, with whom he associated at the above institution, since he left there. He also states that he was released on condition that he would not go back into the state.

The records of release furnished by your Office were exhibited to [redacted] and he picked out the following names of prisoners who took part in the above referred to conspiracy:

██████████ is still a prisoner at St.  
BLACKPETER ██████████  
Cloud; his number is not known ██████████

[REDACTED] furnished the names of the following former prisoners at the St. Cloud Reformatory as being very good friends of those above mentioned:



St. Cloud Institution, this office should be notified and the same  
will be carried out according to instructions.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

JTH:LM

Enc.

CC: DIVISION

1000 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 535  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
Chicago File 7-52

In regard to the letter from the Chicago Division Office to your Office, dated January 26, 1934, indicating that an informant had supplied information that Charles C. Connors, with aliases, and possibly one William Sullivan, alias Crab, had been connected with this case, a picture of Crab-Sullivan has been obtained.

This picture is Chicago Police Group Picture #700, and in addition to the picture of William Sullivan, there is also a picture of Frank "Dorky" Dillon. Both Sullivan and Dillon are known associates of Connors, Banghart and other notorious members of the so-called Touhy Gang. Dillon, at least, is suspected of implication in mail robberies with Connors.

There is no detailed description of Sullivan. He is now forty-five years of age, and that his height is about 5' 3/4". His fingerprints were taken at the Chicago Police Department and he was assigned classification:

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A copy of these fingerprints was not forwarded to the Division at Washington, D. C., since Sullivan was arrested merely as a suspect and was never charged with a crime other than disorderly conduct. The records show that Sullivan forfeited his bond on the disorderly charge on 1/16/33. At the time of his arrest Sullivan gave the address 853 North Ridgeway Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Sullivan is reported to have a brother named Arthur  
W. Sullivan, who operates the Central District Printing Company at  
8742 S. Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, telephone LAfayette 8244,  
and who resides at [REDACTED]

It is interesting to note in this regard that Arthur W. Sullivan's  
partner in this printing company in the directory is listed as Edward  
Litsinger, who also operates a large Ford agency in Chicago, Illinois,  
from which agency Connors purchased a Ford V-8 automobile which was  
used in the attempt to collect additional ransom from John Factor.

Further efforts will be made to locate Sullivan.

Very truly yours,

WCB:LM  
Enc.

M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

OC: Division

823 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan  
February 1  
1934

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

FEB 6 1934

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your wire directed to this office under date of January 30, 1934, in connection with the above entitled case. Please be advised that upon receipt of this wire it was ascertained through the Detroit telephone and city directories that the Moranzes are still residing at 2702 Sturtevant Avenue and that the telephone number at this address is Townsend 7-3970. The city directory lists the following individuals as residing at this address:

Anne Moranz - No occupation given  
Arthur Moranz - Occupation musician  
Frances Moranz - Occupation bookkeeper, American Watch Company  
Margaret Moranz - Occupation clerk

Under pretext of being a friend of Jack Moranz, a telephone call was made to the Moranz residence and an individual who appeared to be an elderly man advised that Jack was not in the city at the present time, and in fact spent very little time in Detroit, Michigan; that should communication be desired with him a letter should be directed to the home at 2702 Sturtevant from which point it would be forwarded. This elderly individual indicated that Jack was in the east in the vicinity of Newark, New Jersey.

Inquiries were made of reliable individuals in the vicinity of the Moranz home and special police officers, without results.

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As the city directory indicates that Frances is employed as a bookkeeper for the Americus Watch Company, Mr. E. H. Rosenberg, Secretary and Treasurer of the Americus Watch Company, was interviewed at 606 Metropolitan Building by Special Agent D. L. Nicholson under the pretext of ascertaining the identity of Jack Moranz in order that he could be contacted in relation to an acquaintance of his. Mr. Rosenberg advised that Frances Moranz has been employed by the Americus Watch Company

as bookkeeper for several years and is considered to be very reliable and efficient; that she has a brother, Jack Moranz, also known as Colonel Moranz, although Mr. Rosenberg does not know the origin of this title; that Jack Moranz during the World War was a war correspondent and presently is engaged in writing feature articles and is also a cartoonist. Also that another brother, Arthur Moranz, is a musician and artist, and is presently in the company of Jack somewhere in the east where they spend a greater part of their time. Further that Jack Moranz is married and the father of one child, his wife and child being with him in the east. Mr. Rosenberg further advised that the Moranz family is Jewish and from his association with them considered them to be very reliable and dependable.

All of the above inquiries were made without disclosing the nature of this investigation, or the name of the case in connection with which these inquiries have been made.

A copy of this letter is being furnished the New York City Office in order that they may be apprised of the facts in connection with this inquiry, should additional investigation be desired by you at Jersey City, New Jersey.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

DLN:vss  
cc Division  
New York

1900 Bankers Building

Chicago, Illinois

February 5, 1934

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

Re: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

Dear Sir:

Confirming our telephone conversation of last evening relative to information received at this office about the Bremer kidnaping case, you are advised that Mr. J. P. Power from the Public Defender's Office, Criminal Courts Building, Chicago, Illinois, called at this office and advised that on February 2, 1934, one of the members of his office advised him that [REDACTED] told his man that he had, possibly, important information concerning the Bremer kidnaping case.

Mr. Power stated that when he was advised of this by his man he went to the County Jail and interviewed [REDACTED]. Mr. Power stated [REDACTED] was formerly a prisoner in the penitentiary at St. Cloud, Minnesota, and was released from that institution on [REDACTED]. Mr. Power stated [REDACTED] told him that while he was incarcerated in the penitentiary at St. Cloud, he, together with several others, formulated a plan to kidnap the young daughter of the present victim in the Bremer case; [REDACTED] was released from the penitentiary at St. Cloud on [REDACTED] and immediately left there without contacting or conferring with the other prisoners regarding their conspiracy to kidnap Bremer's daughter. He stated that he recalls one of the prisoners names who was doing time with him; namely, Blackfeler.

According to Mr. Power, [REDACTED] that Blackfeler had been committed to the St. Cloud institution from Harris, Minnesota for a bank job. [REDACTED] that he would be able to identify the other prisoners in the institution who were in this conspiracy with him if the names and addresses of the prisoners committed to the St. Cloud institution from St. Paul who had been

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released subsequent to [REDACTED] could be prepared.

It is therefore respectfully requested that you contact the officials of the penitentiary at St. Cloud for the purpose of procuring the names of all prisoners committed to that institution [REDACTED] and released from that institution subsequent to [REDACTED] and forward the same to this Office as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

JTH:PVV

cc Division

1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

February 1, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephone call by Mr. Nathan last week, indicating that Lincoln Sedan, 1934 Illinois License 649923, and a Pontiac Sedan, had been seen at 2:30 A.M. on a morning during that week, in front of the St. Paul Hotel.

As you were advised by telephone, these cars belong to Mr. Lawrence J. Benson, General Superintendent of Police, Milwaukee Railroad, and I talked to him about the matter. He stated that he had been in St. Paul on an investigation in connection with his office and had been there at that time, and as I informed you this lead, therefore, means nothing in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 5, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Bldg.,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter dated January 28, 1934, all of the 7 classification files in this office have been examined, but none of the same misspelled words were found, with the exception of the words "to" and "too", which are rather common errors. However, other misspelled words appearing in 7 classification files are incorporated below for the information of the Division, as well as similar expressions appearing in two or more ransom notes in different cases.

Philadelphia File 7-40, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Victim, Extortion,

fails to show any of the same misspelled words but the ransom note says "We have already figured out what you will do when you receive this letter." (See Phila. File 7-44)

Philadelphia File 7-51, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Victim, Kidnaping,

None of the same misspelled words were found but the alleged victim in this case, [redacted] aged 17, admitted he wrote the ransom note on a typewriter. In the note he says "Your son is in our hands." New York is the office of origin in this case.

Philadelphia File 7-44, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Victim, Kidnaping, New York, N.Y. - 1934

The victim in this case is [redacted] type-written and addressed to [redacted]

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The first ransom note  
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states "The safety of you and your family are in our hands. Your first thought on receiving this letter will be the police." The word "notified" is spelled "notified." The ransom note continues "By the time you receive this your home will be undermined with a high explosive." See file 7-40, the ransom note in that case also states "We have planted bombs on your property for our protection." The word "inextricable" is used in the 7-44 case (rather uncommon). The word "unobserved" is spelled "unabserved." This may be a typographical error, as we do not have the ransom note. The word "disented" is spelled with one "s". The word "receiving" is spelled "receiveng." The word communications is spelled with one "n". The word communicate in the St. Paul letter of reference is spelled communicate. The word concerning is spelled conserning. the word penalty is spelled panalty.

Philadelphia File 7-20, entitled [REDACTED] Victim,  
Extortion. (Origin-Phila.)

The word "too", meaning too late, is spelled "to". We do not have the original ransom notes in this matter because the investigation was conducted chiefly by the Philadelphia Police, who have the ransom notes, but we have the photograph and fingerprints of Schultze, who is now serving a term in prison. However, if the St. Paul office wants the original ransom notes same can be obtained from the police. The word "across" is spelled correctly in one note, and as "accross" twice in another note written by the same person.

Philadelphia File 7-21, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
[REDACTED] Victim,  
Kidnaping.

The ransom note in this case was painted with either paint or red ink. The word "Lindbergh" is spelled "Linburg."

Philadelphia File 7-13, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
[REDACTED] Victim,  
Kidnaping.

The ransom note words were clipped from newspapers.

Philadelphia File 7-36, Wash. Field Office of Origin,  
entitled [REDACTED] Victim;  
Extortion on the Threat to Kidnap.

None of the same misspelled words appear, but the following words are misspelled:

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They are spelled respectively-  
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Philadelphia File 7-15, entitled [REDACTED] Victim,  
Kidnaping.

None of the same misspelled words appear, but the word "column" is spelled  
"cullum."

Philadelphia File 7-7, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
Extortion.

The word "also" is spelled with two ls.

Philadelphia File 7-30, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
[REDACTED] nee  
[REDACTED] M.D.-victim,  
Kidnaping-Extortion.

None of the same misspelled words appear, but the word "advising" is spelled  
"advisind." This is a photostatic copy.

Philadelphia File 7-33, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
[REDACTED] Victim,  
Extortion-Threat to Kidnap.

None of the same misspelled words appear but the following misspelled words appear:

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| Unless         | Unless           |
| Beverly        | Bevrly           |
| Hills          | Hills            |
| Girl           | Gipl             |
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| Kenwood        | Kenwod           |
| Cannot         | Canot            |
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| Chance         | Chanc            |
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Philadelphia File 9-37, entitled ~~UNKNOWN SUBJECTS~~ <sup>b7c</sup> ~~Victim,~~  
Extortion.

None of the same misspelled words appear but the word "want" is spelled "want."

Very truly yours,

R.O. Harvey,  
Special Agent in Charge.

JFE:AG.  
cc Division

P. O. Box 1876.  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
February 3, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 518,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

In re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD C. BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

With reference to the above captioned matter and your letter to the Chicago office, dated January 28, 1934, a copy of which was furnished the Oklahoma City office, please be advised that a check has been made of ransom notes and letters in the files of the Oklahoma City office and none of them contain the misspelled words listed in your letter.

Very truly yours,

R. H. COLVIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division

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1218 Smith Young Street  
San Antonio, Texas  
February 5, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
305 Post Office Bldg.,  
St. Paul, Minn.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BRENNAN, Boston  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Referring to report of Special Agent W. B. Winstead, Dallas,  
Texas, January 31, 1934, a confidential interview with [redacted] developed that  
they have not heard from Paula Harmon for approximately one year and  
have no idea as to her present whereabouts.

Concerning the list of telephone calls quoted on page four of  
Agent Winstead's report, it was ascertained from this same source that  
telephone call #1 "Lydia Johnson, Box 2022" is a friend of Paula Harmon.  
Her address is unknown to informant.

Concerning call #2 "Dellie - Douglas 0909" this is the negro  
maid of Paul Harmon and will probably be with her.

Concerning call #4 "Madeline Samwick 0910" this is the wife of  
Jack Snyder, a bandit who participated in the bank robbery when Charlie  
Harmon was killed. Her present whereabouts is unknown.

Concerning call #5 "Sue Gordon - Buck 1400" this is a friend of  
Paula Harmon whose present whereabouts is unknown to informant. Informants  
have no knowledge concerning the other telephones listed.

Informants advise that at the time Charlie Harmon was in the  
Leavenworth penitentiary Paula lived at 3107 Pine Grove, Chicago, under  
the name of Marie Merritt and later lived at Diversey Parkway, one block  
off Sheridan Drive, Chicago, and at the time she left that address she  
turned all furniture and equipment over to a girl friend named "Louise"  
who may be still living at that address.

The photograph mentioned on page 4 of Agent Winstead's report  
bearing the photographer's address "541 Diversey Parkway" may be the photo-

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Special Agent in Charge, #2

February 3, 1934.

Graph of her girl friend Louise.

A copy of this letter is furnished the Chicago office and if the St. Paul office desires a check made of telephone numbers listed it is presumed that office or the Chicago office can determine whether or not the Exchanges listed are operating in those districts.

Very truly yours,

One T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division ✓  
cc Chicago

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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P. O. Box 7709  
Portland, Oregon

February 2, 1934

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

Re: Unknown subjects  
Edward G. Bremer (Victim)  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of the 28th  
ult., in which is incorporated a list of misspelled  
words which have appeared in ransom notes in the  
above case.

You are advised that I am unable to find any  
documents containing words misspelled which coincide  
in any way with the list furnished.

Very truly yours,

C. C. Speare  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Division

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

# WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

Los Angeles, Calif. Jan. 28

Werner Hanni  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
203 Post Office  
St. Paul, Minnesota

BREMER KIDNAPPING DURING LATTER PART DECEMBER LAST ANTHONY M. IORRIA ALIAS TONY LAMBERT PHOENIX BOOTLEGGERS LEFT FOR SALE AT PHOENIX PARKING LOT THIRTY ONE MODEL LINCOLN SEDAN MOTOR SIX FOUR FOUR NINE SIX LAST YEARS ILLINOIS LICENSE TWELVE FIVE SEVEN FOUR FOURTEEN STOP CAR CHECKED PHOENIX POLICE UPON REQUEST OWNER PARKING LOT AND OWNERSHIP VERIFIED STOP IORRIA TOOK CAR FROM PARKING LOT ABOUT FIRST INSTANT STATING DESIRED SELL SAME IN LOSANGELES STOP RETURNED PHOENIX FEW DAYS LATER IN CAR WHICH BORE LAST YEARS ILLINOIS LICENSE TWELVE FIVE NAUGHT EIGHT NINE FIVE STOP IORRIA AGE FIFTY FIVE FORMERLY RESIDED CHICAGO HAS BEEN IN PHOENIX FREQUENTLY PAST FEW YEARS AND PROBABLY PHOENIX DURING LAST TWO WEEKS CHECKING FURTHER

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318 Hayes Building  
San Francisco, Calif.



RMV/AP.

FEB 7 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to St. Paul telegram of January  
30, 1934, and my reply of the 31st, regarding a report that  
Mrs. S.S. Ritchie, at San Francisco, had been requested to  
address an envelope to the father of the Victim in the above  
captioned matter, at St. Paul, Minn., in care of the bank.  
As recited in my wire, no credence is placed in this matter  
by the Police at all.

I have discussed this matter with Captain of Detectives  
Dullea, to whom this matter was first referred, and he advises  
me his inspectors report there is nothing at all to this matter,  
and they doubt if any strange man ever approached Mrs. Ritchie,  
and Captain Dullea discounts the entire matter personally.

There is no further information other than that con-  
tained in my wire of the 31st ultimo.

Very truly yours,

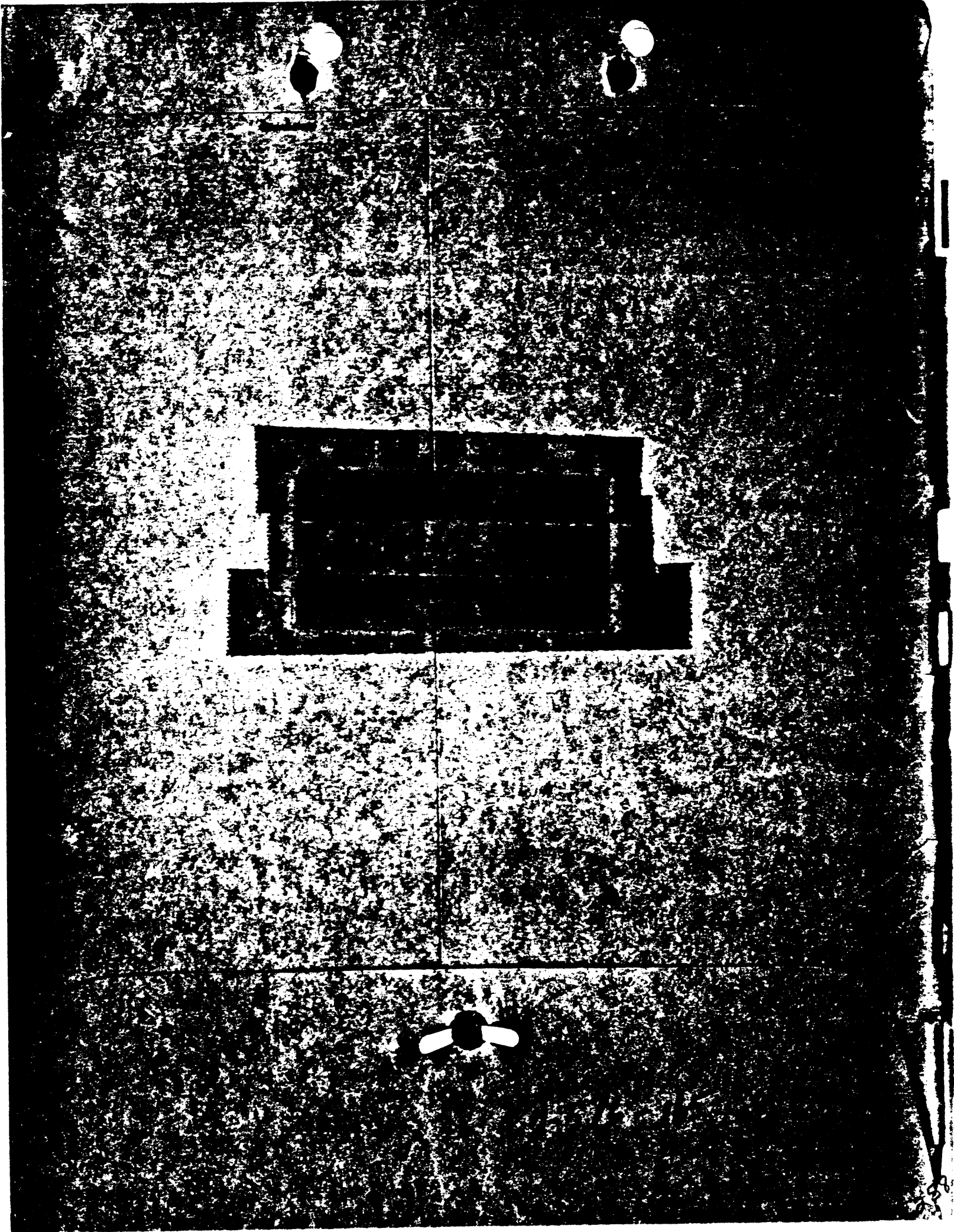
R.E. Vetterli,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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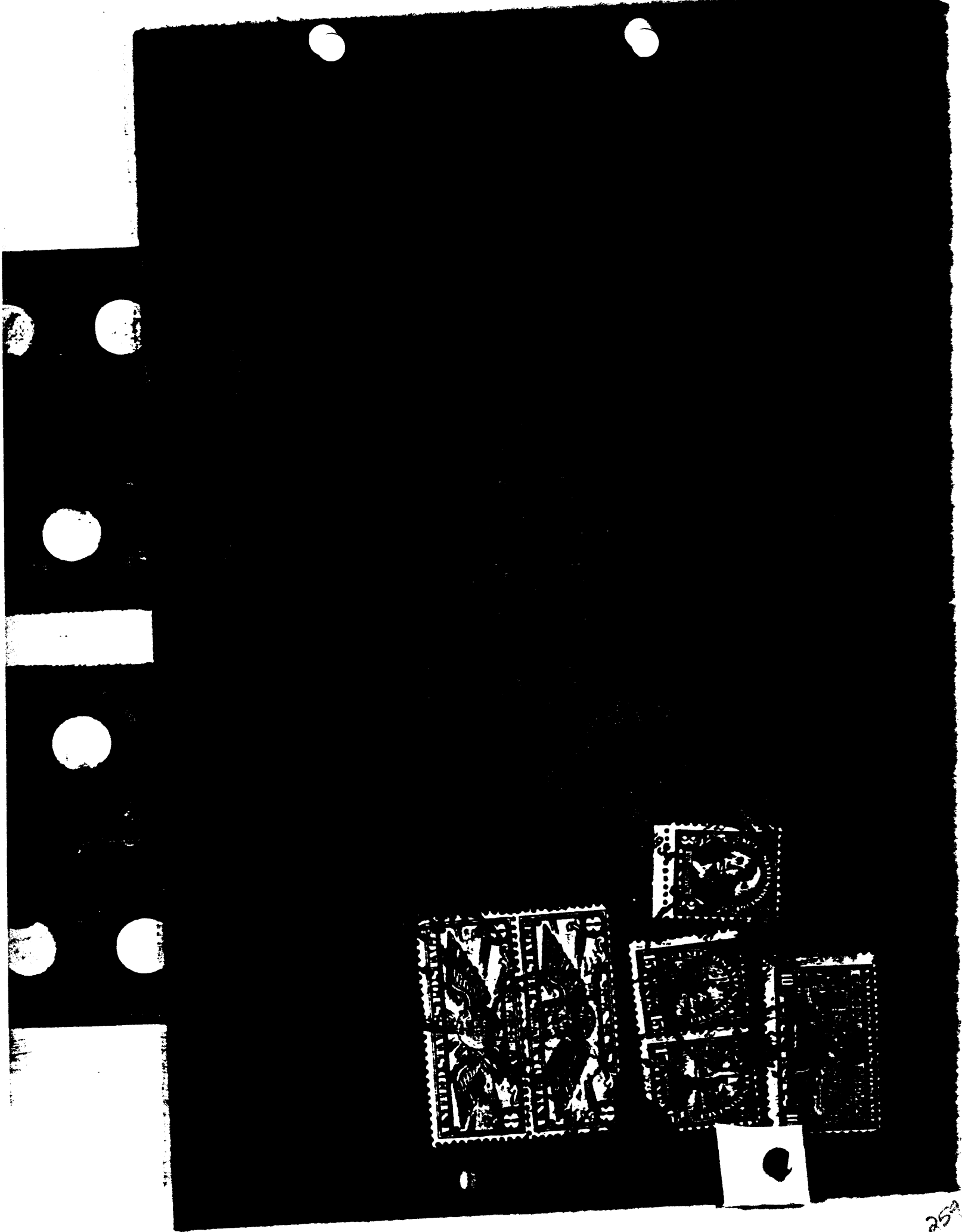
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# LEGEND:

A --- Ahead  
 B --- Bump  
 BB --- Bad bump  
 BBB --- Bad bump bridge  
 b --- Bad bump  
 CC --- Concrete  
 Cor. --- Corner  
 D --- Ditch  
 DD --- Deep Ditch  
 emt. --- Empty  
 F --- End.  
 GR. --- Farm  
 --- Gravel  
 --- House or Highway  
 --- Jog  
 --- Left  
 --- Post  
 --- Right  
 --- Straight or Pass.  
 --- Turn  
 --- Tree  
 --- Under  
 --- Very  
 --- Very, very.  
 --- White  
 --- Yellow  
 --- Side Road

• A Mail Box  
 • Twin Shores  
 sig. Across  
 O Sign  
 ro ro --- Rough Road  
 On-Your-Toes --- Caution.  
 • At.  
 S1 --- Slow

## EXAMPLES:

YHL - Yellow House on Left.  
 R off grH.. Turn Right at a  
 Cross Road off the  
 gravel highway.

\*\*\*Kendall L... Three mail boxes  
 on the left of the  
 road and one has the  
 name of Kendall on it.

Rich... Town of Richland, Ind.  
 Gr.Pt... Crown Point, Ind.  
 Principal Highways crossed are,  
 34 just East of Galesburg, Mich.  
 and Ind. 17 just South of Oulver, Ind.

The Chart is exact in every detail and does not  
 touch any Village, Town or City for a distance of  
 470 Miles. Gas was stored in hiding places enroute



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 118 SF off H  
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 133 S# then v sl BB  
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255 S4 Sher Schl R  
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262 S1 B Hill  
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275 L then R  
277 SZ  
279 S4 on R \*\*\*sites R  
288 S4 R  
291 BB then L & R  
298 FRR  
301 S4 K334 many Hides  
311 S4 rock R  
322 SZ  
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324 RE abandoned  
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331 LE Gates A  
343 Old Wind R  
343 S4 \*\*R  
348 S4 Hole R  
351 S4 grt sign  
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727 Br OC  
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798 L# with 3 big wires off grH  
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920 S# H21CC 2 trees R  
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004 S# H331 \*Franklin  
014 S# big rock field  
024 S# H1  
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049 \*Shively S  
055 Br 058 S#  
061 S# \*L 064 Jog  
073 RT RRrail o A wires R  
078 LT to gas  
078 S# Swires  
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103 S# H52 then #RR  
S# Big sign R  
103 RE 105 LZ \*L FL  
117 RT \*A  
120 LZ \*Boggs L  
128 S# HWind R  
141 R# B's tin sig L  
158 S# H53 then #RR (U.S.#31)  
178 SZ 178 SF old H & Frt ts  
184 LT \*Hartman R  
185 SF 188 \*SMcSnyder R  
193 Br new iron  
199 S# F \*R  
210 S# H32 H & Wrooks L  
212 #RR 214 Br 221 Br 226 Br  
231 S# with wires OCculvert R  
234 Br 239 S# apple ts R  
258 SF S#  
260 LZ \*Kerr L  
275 H R  
281 RT old sch L oh R  
286 LT gate with ball A OCWall R  
291 RF Fifield F L (Reset to 285)  
288 Br 298 SF 303 RT on H39  
306 LZ off H Culver A  
308 Wind L 311 S# \*Walley BB  
314 S# 322 RE 325 LE  
333 LT wood wind R 340RT  
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355 JL lake A  
356 RZ with lake Small dock R  
358 JL 359SF 367 Burnt stump R  
370 RE 300 o R  
375 L# 380 JR&L  
389 Br Wfence R 391 S WH  
392 JLAR 395 Br  
402 S# town (Ora) L  
407 LZ many signs 413 S  
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Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515

St. Paul, Minn. February 4, 1934.

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

Re: Unknown Subjects, Edw. G.  
Bremer, victim, Kidnapping

St. Paul file 7-50

In the above matter enclosed please find memorandas submitted  
by Agents of this office covering investigations of leads. Among them being  
memoranda on lead telephoned by the Division, covering 931 Cecelia street  
Sioux city Ia.

Very truly yours

Werner Hanni,

Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HARRY

St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 3, 1934.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

At the C.W.A. camp, whose men are now employed at various points on the Highland Park Golf Course, the Foreman GEORGE KANE and Assistant Foreman C. E. SPENCER and HERB BJORKLAND were contacted to determine whether or not employees of the C.W.A. project were in a position to notice the transfer of the victim, EDWARD BREMER, to the kidnapers' car on Edgumbe Road. MR. KANE suggested that more satisfactory results would be obtained if general inquiry were made among the men by the foremen rather than direct contact by this agent.

The above foremen were again contacted on February 2nd and they stated that none of the men employed on any of the park projects had actually seen the transfer although one man, HERB LUNDQUIST, had stated that he noticed a parked car in the vicinity of the THORNTON home at about 8:30 on the morning of January 17th.

MR. LUNDQUIST was interviewed by agent and he advised that on the morning of the 17th of January, about 8:30, he noticed a large sedan parked on Edgumbe Road; that there was no one in the immediate vicinity and he looked into the car but observed no blood; that when he returned again to the automobile some time later, the car was still there.

On February 5rd, agent accompanied LUNDQUIST to the spot where the car had been seen by him and it was noted that this car was parked near the THORNTON home and not in the position where victim's car was found, which was west of the THORNTON home. After considerable questioning, MR. LUNDQUIST stated that about 7:05 on the morning of January 17th, when he came to work he noted this car, which he now believes to have been a Hudson Sedan, standing about half a block east of the THORNTON home and facing west; that the door of the car was ajar, and believing that someone was out of gas or needed assistance, he looked into the automobile and then proceeded on to the C.W.A. project down near the Highland Park Golf Course; that about 8:30 a.m., while looking for wood with which to build a fire, he saw the car in the same position but that it had been turned around and was then facing east.

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Because of the position of this car and the fact that it was removed, according to LUNDQUIST, at about 9:30 on the morning of the 17th and was not in the position where the victim's car was found, it is not believed that this automobile had any connection with this case.

MR. LUNDQUIST described the car as being dark blue and, to the best of his recollection, a Hudson Sedan.

Further inquiry among the men of the C.W.A. project failed to find anyone who saw either of the cars in which the victim and the kidnapers drove on Edgumbe Road or the transfer of the victim to the kidnapers' car.

MR. KANE, the foreman, however, advised that practically all of the men had during the course of the day noted the victim's automobile parked in the position in which it was later found and that they believed this car to be that of some real estate agent inasmuch as real estate men were accustomed to park their cars at various points in the subdivision and leave some for considerable periods of time.

MR. LUNDQUIST, who is a truck driver of the C.W.A. project, resides at 913 Bistis, St. Paul, and is on duty during the mornings at the C.W.A. works. Foremen C. E. SPENCER and HERB BJORKLAND can be reached by telephone Midway 1346 and Dale 5669.

Very truly yours,

E. N. NOTESTEN,  
Special Agent.

ENW:HVS  
3 - Division  
2 - St. Paul

Sioux City, Ia.  
Feb. 2, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. O. WERNER HANNI:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.

EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-50.

Upon arrival here I consulted FRANK WHEKLOCK, Assistant Chief of Police, and learned that there is no 931 Cecelia St., in Sioux City, which was verified by personal inspection in company with MR. WHEKLOCK. There are numbers 925 and 927, the latter being the end of the 900 block. EARL MORGAN, former Chief of Police and at the present time on the auto theft detail, lives at 1025 Cecelia St., and thru him a check on most of the residents in the vicinity was made. It was found that his wife was still better acquainted with the persons living nearby. However, the parties living at the above two numbers, 925 and 927 are not known to the MORGANS. The old inhabitants of these houses either sold or moved out and rented about a year ago. There is also a house located in the rear of these two places which might bear checking. Inquiry of the druggist, FRED BARNEY, who is in the same block as these two houses, revealed that he did not know who resided therein but felt sure he would be able to find out shortly. A party by the name of SMITH has been residing for about a year in the house located in the rear of these two, and is not considered intelligent enough to engage in any criminal work that required some brains.

In the 1100 block there is a suspicious couple, supposed to be insurance agents, man and wife, who have a Nash Sedan about 1931 or 1932 model, large, dark colored, in some respects resembling a Lincoln, bearing Iowa 1933 plates 97-19852. They give the name of MURPHY and the car is said to be registered under that name but nothing is known about them and they appear to be strangers in the town. They have been there since a week ago last Monday. Arrangements are being made so that I may enter their room tomorrow in their absence and try to find out something about them, although it is said that they have no luggage or belongings that are not locked in two suitcases and a brief bag.

Very truly yours,

R. T. NOONAN,  
Special Agent.

RTN:HVS

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 2, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HARRI:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Regarding the information given to you by [redacted] to the effect that FOSTER WEATHERBY, 770 North First, had been informed at one time by an individual that this individual would kidnap EDWARD BREMER if he could induce someone to join with him, please be advised that Agent Jack Brennan and myself interviewed FOSTER WEATHERBY and he stated that RICHARD MALCOMSON in September, 1933, had informed WEATHERBY that he would like to kidnap EDWARD BREMER if someone would join with him in the kidnaping. WEATHERBY stated that he suspected that MALCOMSON was such a person who would do the kidnaping. WEATHERBY mentioned that on a previous case, he had given information to the Burns Agency which resulted in apprehending some bank robbers in South Dakota. With reference to this case, he had nothing further to offer except to inquire whether he would be taken care of in the event a reward is given for the apprehension of the kidnapers.

RICHARD MALCOMSON was located at the U. S. Hotel, Third and Robert Streets, and was taken to the Division office and questioned. He stated that sometime last year he had remarked to persons whom he could not now remember except that one was his landlord at 813 West 5th Street when he lived there that since WILLIAM HARRIS had been kidnaped, he presumed that EDWARD BREMER would be the next one as BREMER also came of a wealthy brewing family.

A specimen of his handwriting was secured and compared with the letter received by the Postmaster at Minneapolis, which letter stated that EDWARD BREMER'S body could be found in Anoka. There is no similarity in the handwritings.

[redacted]

RICHARD MALCOMSON is described as follows: Age 43 years, born Iron Mountain, Mich.; height, 5 feet 8 inches; weight, 175 pounds; hair, gray, combed pompadour; medium complexion; relatives, cousin, MRS. A. V. BAKER, 752 North 3rd St., St. Paul. His handwriting specimen is contained in the St. Paul file. 205 MAR 17 1935

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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
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Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
Edward G. Bremer (Victim),  
KIDNAPING,  
Chicago File #7-82

FEB 7 1934

With reference to your telegram of February 3, 1934, quoting a telegram received from Henry Borr, in which it is suggested that search be made of house number 385 Southwest Ward Eight, Kenosha, Wisconsin, for Edward G. Bremer, please be advised that the following investigation was conducted.

Telephonic communication was had with the Post Office at Kenosha, Wisconsin, in an effort to determine if there were any streets in that town bearing names similar to those mentioned in the telegram, but no satisfactory information could be obtained, the only advice received being that there was at one time a West Street at that place but the name has since been changed.

Telephonic communication was had with the Division in order to ascertain the name of the place from where the telegram in question was sent and it was learned that this wire originated from Zeeland, Michigan, and that the figures appearing at the top of this wire were CC834-22, Government Collect, Zeeland, Michigan, 3-310 P.

Through the Western Union Telegraph Company at Chicago, an effort was made to communicate with the telegraph operator at Zeeland, Michigan. However, the telegraph company advised that it could not itself communicate with the operator at that hour and it was deemed advisable for this office to communicate directly with the operator.

Special Agents W. C. Jamison and J. J. Metcalfe proceeded to Zeeland, Michigan, arriving there on the early morning of February 4,

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1934, where they interviewed [redacted], who informed them that a Henry Borr resided at Zeeland and that he had been there for four or five years. [redacted] expressed the belief that Mr. Borr was a respectable citizen, and although unemployed at the present time, was a family man who lived a good life and appeared to be intelligent and rational. Claver said that the parents of Borr originally resided in Zeeland, Michigan, but moved to Pollock, South Dakota, and that subsequently they returned to Zeeland to reside. He said that he knew of no unusual or extended trips taken by Henry Borr and that he believed he had always been at Zeeland during the time of his residence there. No suspicious circumstances of any kind were attached to the conduct of Henry Borr, nor anything that would indicate an association with criminals. [redacted] was informed by Agents Jamison and Metcalfe that the purpose of the interview was to determine the reliability of Henry Borr as a source of information in view of the fact that he had furnished certain information pertaining to a matter of importance to the Division. In this connection Mr. Claver was unable to furnish any information except to say that at one time recently he had observed Henry Borr viewing the wanted notices and criminal circulars in the Post Office at Zeeland, and Borr remarked to a person standing next to him, "That is one of the fellows we want". [redacted] Claver was unable to say who the person was that was standing next to Borr at the time.

Interview was had with Mr. Peter Steel, the mail carrier, who delivers mail to the Borr family. Mr. Steel verified the information already obtained from the Postmaster to the effect that the Borr family had at one time resided in South Dakota and that they had been living in Zeeland for the past few years. Mr. Steel stated that Henry Borr had not, to his knowledge, taken any trips of an unusual or extended nature, except that he went to South Dakota about a year ago, more or less, to attend the funeral of some relative. Mr. Steel was unable to state the source of the mail which has been delivered during the past to the Borr family. He said that Borr was a good churchman and was well liked in town and that he believed him to be an intelligent and sensible person. He also stated that he felt that Henry Borr was reliable as a source of information.

Agents Jamison and Metcalfe then interviewed Mr. Henry Borr at his residence in Zeeland and were advised by him that the information set forth in his telegram to the Division was the best information he was able to furnish. He was asked to relate the source of his information or the manner in which he had arrived at this information and he began by stating that this information had been arrived at by his partner, Mr. Peter J. Zalsman, a bricklayer residing at 14 W. 14th Street, Holland,

Michigan, and by himself through their concentrated efforts of reading, thinking, and meditation. Mr. Borr was reluctant to expose the details of his investigative activity, saying that it would be difficult for anyone to try to understand the unique methods which he and Zalsman had employed in the solution of crimes. He said that in their efforts to solve crimes they did not communicate with anyone else in any manner, nor did they go to any other place than Zeeland, and that in fact their entire work was performed in the residence of Henry Borr. He was asked if their conclusions were arrived at through psychological methods and he stated that they were not. Further questioning determined that Henry Borr and Zalsman relied principally upon divine inspiration for the source of their information. Henry Borr admitted that such divine inspiration was not something that could be acquired but had to be a gift from above. He said that he had never related this method of divine inspiration to law enforcement officials, the clergyman at his church where he attended services, or even to members of his own and immediate family as none of these persons would be able to understand this situation. He stated that he felt that it was his duty to impart his divinely acquired information and the nature of his divine inspirations to the Government and that was why he was willing to make these revelations to the agents who interviewed him.

During this interview Agent Jamison left the room and interviewed Mrs. Henry Borr in an effort to determine whether Henry Borr was entirely sound of mind. He was informed by Mrs. Borr that Mr. Borr had been interested in detection of crimes for more than a year, and she complained that in several of the crimes he had solved he had been unable to collect the awards from police officials. Mrs. Borr appeared to be convinced of her husband's detective ability but stated that she knew nothing about the methods he pursued in his work.

In this connection it may be also noted that Henry Borr stated that he and his partner had solved numerous crimes by furnishing the necessary information to various law enforcement officials, which information was directly instrumental in the apprehension of criminals but in no instance did he or his partner receive the awards which were justly due them. He said that he had known his partner for a period of approximately two years, having become acquainted with him when Zalsman called at his home after Zalsman had advertised for a water finder and Borr had responded to the advertisement. When they met, Zalsman informed Borr that he did not want a water finder but that he wanted a man for another purpose and began to subject Borr to various tests and trials which were successfully met by Borr, with the result that Borr was taken into Zalsman's confidence and the work of divine inspirations and revelations began.

Mr. Borr was specifically questioned as to how he arrived at the location 385 Southwest Ward Eight, Kenosha, Wisconsin. He denied that he had any maps of Kenosha or that he or Zalsman had ever been in Kenosha or had been in communication with anyone in Kenosha. He produced an atlas of the United States containing a map of Wisconsin and stated these were the only maps he and his partner used in their work. A number of papers were contained in the atlas, one of which was given to Agent Metcalfe by Henry Borr which is quoted herewith in order to indicate the mental state of Borr.

"Heavenly Father

Is it your Mags' desire that Borr and Zalsman go to Arizona to mine gold in Yavapai County go to City of Juniper and wash gold on the W branch of Walnut Creek

Has your desire been changed to give findings in our work"

It being determined that Henry Borr was evidently [REDACTED] he was thoroughly advised not to forward any further communications to the Division that might be based upon divine inspirations or revelations, and that he was to inform his partner, Mr. Zalsman, to the same effect. b7c

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Smith*

W. A. SMITH, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

JJM:GVT

cc: St. Paul.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

Upon the suggestion of Mr. Clegg I called Chicago and Detroit yesterday to determine what progress is being made toward the location of the original getaway road charts found after the robbery of the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan, in September, 1932. These charts as you know are desired at the laboratory to make typewriting comparisons with the Bremer notes.

Mr. Larson subsequently called me back and stated that he had just been informed by Agent Donaldson at East Lansing, Michigan, that the original charts together with some machine gun bullets were in the possession of [redacted] formerly in the employ of the [redacted] that [redacted] had been found to be crooked and had been fired by [redacted] and had taken all the original evidence in the Holland Case with him. [redacted] has previously been reported by the Chicago Office to be located in Chicago and, accordingly, I asked Mr. Larson to call Chicago and give them the information immediately in order that they might follow up on [redacted]. Larson also stated, however, that the East Lansing authorities had two negatives taken of two sheets of the road chart and that the State Police were mailing these directly to the Division by air mail yesterday.

Respectfully,

*E. P. Coffey*  
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Mr. J. Keenan:  
Wash. D.C.

Would suggest that you work on  
the Bremer case as the marking  
being a signature. I think it is  
reasonable to assume the name is  
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Hope this may help you,

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

Dear Sir:

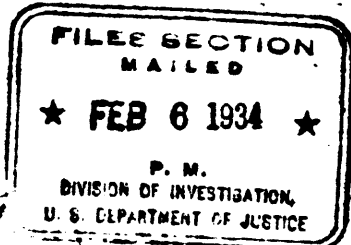
Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN  
SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

For your information there is enclosed herewith  
a photostatic copy of an undated anonymous letter addressed  
to Mr. Joseph B. Keenan.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 661639.



CAA: ONY

February 6, 1934.

cc  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1800 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Sir:

Please obtain and forward for comparison in the case  
of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., the Bremer Case, and such other  
cases as may appear advisable, specimens of the normal handwriting  
of Vernon Sawyer, his wife, Vera May Sawyer, and Gordon Alden.

Very truly yours,

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| TITLE<br><b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS<br/>EDWARD G. BREMER</b>   |                                 | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>KIDNAPING</b>  |                                       |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:<br><br><p>1931 Lincoln Sedan, Motor No. 64496, 1933 Illinois license No. 1257414, left at Phoenix Motor Company, Phoenix, Arizona, about December 20, 1933, by owner, Anthony N. Iorrii, was removed from the Motor Company about January 27th, 1934, and now bears 1933 Illinois license No. 1250895. Iorrii is former Chicago bootlegger and now operator of night club in Phoenix.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RUC</p> <p>Telegram from the St. Paul Office, dated January 29th, 1934.</p> |                                 |  |                                       |
| DETAILS:<br><br><p>The following is a copy of a memorandum submitted to the Los Angeles office on February 1st, 1934, by Special Agent G. J. Endres, Resident Agent, Phoenix, Arizona:</p>  |                                 |  |                                       |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><br><p><i>G. E. P. [Signature]</i></p>   |                                 | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE<br><br><p><b>7-576-172</b></p>   |                                       |
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On January 29, 1934, the writer, while at Tucson, Arizona, had a telephonic conversation with Special Agent L. S. Taylor of the Los Angeles office in which Special Agent Taylor reported that the Los Angeles office had received a telegram as follows:

THE UNITED PRESS REPORT FROM PHOENIX THAT A ST PAUL GANGSTER NAME NOT GIVEN LEFT PHOENIX THREE DAYS BEFORE THE BREMER KIDNAPPING RETURNING SEVERAL DAYS AFTER THE KIDNAPPING REPORTED DRIVING AN EXPENSIVE AUTOMOBILE BEARING ILLINOIS LICENSE PLATES THIS CAR CHECKED AT A GARAGE SEVERAL TIMES BY POLICE OFFICERS SAID GANGSTERS HAVE SPENT LAST THREE WINTERS IN PHOENIX PLEASE CHECK FOR POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH BREMER CASE NAME USED BY GANGSTERS ILLINOIS LICENSE NUMBER ETC

Agent called HARRY DIEHL, City Detective, Phoenix Police Department, in charge of the Auto Theft, over long distance telephone, who reported that he had checked a 1931 Lincoln Sedan at the Phoenix Motor Company, 400 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona, about three weeks ago. H. V. Peterson, Special Agent of the National Automobile Theft Bureau had checked this car with City Detective Harry Diehl. This car contained four men who are connected with the Roosevelt Tavern, Phoenix, Arizona, a night club managed by ex-Chicago men. Mr. DIEHL reported that the motor number of the Lincoln Sedan was 64496, and that at the time he checked the car, about three weeks ago, the car had Illinois license plates No. 1257414, year 1933. Mr. DIEHL also reported that he had recently seen this car in Phoenix, Arizona, at which time the car bore the license plates 1250895, Illinois 1933. He further stated that ANTHONY IORRII, alias TONY LAMBERT, a Chicago bootlegger, 50 to 55 years of age, was the owner of the instant car. Mr. DIEHL further reports that a person known as ESTAWO was also with IORRII at the time of the dealing with the Phoenix Motor Company.

Agent reported the above information to Los Angeles by telephone.

On January 31, 1934, while at Phoenix, Arizona, Agent interviewed H. V. PETERSON, Special Agent of the National Automobile Theft Bureau, 620 Heard Bldg., who advised that he had wired his Chicago office for information concerning the Lincoln Sedan, Motor No. 64496, bearing 1933 Illinois License 1257414, and had received the information that the license 1257414 had been issued to E. BUEHLER, 119 South Home Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, on a Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 965657. Mr. PETERSON also received the information that this Lincoln Sedan had been shipped to the Ford Motor Car Company at Milwaukee, Wisconsin and sold by them to the Kayser Motor Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This car was then sold to WILLIAM F. JENNICKING of Lakewood, Wisconsin, on November 22, 1930, and then sold to ANTHONY IORRII, alias TONY LAMBERT, bootlegger, in care of the National Coffee Company, 1154 West Van Buren, Chicago, Illinois.

City Detective HARRY DIEHL, Phoenix, advised that TRACY BURLINGHAM of the Phoenix Motor Company had requested him to check instant car on account of the peculiar actions of IORRIL and his companions, who had attempted to sell this car to the Phoenix Motor Company.

Mr. BURLINGHAM was interviewed at the Phoenix Police Department and stated that about two weeks before January 8, 1934, IORRIL and three other men, all Italians, came to the Phoenix Motor Company, 400 West Washington St., and stated that they wished to sell this Lincoln Sedan; that about a week or a week and a half after these men started dealing with Mr. BURLINGHAM they left the car on the used car lot of the Phoenix Motor Car Company at 407 West Washington Street, and that the car had remained there until Saturday, Jan. 27, 1934, at which time IORRIL and two of his Italian companions came after the car, stating that they would attempt to sell it in Los Angeles.

Mr. BURLINGHAM advanced the information that IORRIL had stated that he had made two trips to Chicago, Mr. BURLINGHAM believing that one of the trips was probably about December 20, 1933, and the other about January 20th, 1934; also that IORRIL claimed to own a ranch in Wyoming; further, that IORRIL and his companions took over the Roosevelt Tavern, Phoenix, Arizona, sometime between December 1st and 15th, 1933, and are operating it at the present time.

The following are descriptions of the four men, obtained from Mr. BURLINGHAM:

|        |                                   |
|--------|-----------------------------------|
| Name   | ANTHONY IORRIL, alias TONY LAURET |
| Age    | 40 to 45 years                    |
| Height | About 8 feet                      |
| Weight | Over 200 pounds                   |
| Hair   | Black, turning gray at temples    |
| Eyes   | Dark                              |

UNKNOWN ITALIAN:

|               |                             |
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| Height        | 5'8"                        |
| Weight        | Over 200 lbs.               |
| Hair          | Black, turning gray         |
| Peculiarities | 3" deep scar on right cheek |

UNKNOWN ITALIAN:

|            |                |
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| Age        | 29 to 30 years |
| Height     | 5'4"           |
| Weight     | 165 lbs.       |
| Hair       | Black          |
| Build      | Well-built     |
| Complexion | Dark           |

**UNKNOWN ITALIAN:**

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| Height     | 5'11"                                 |
| Weight     | 175 to 185 lbs.                       |
| Hair       | Black                                 |
| Complexion | Dark                                  |
|            | Has long thin nose; has thin fingers. |

Mr. BURLINGHAM states that he was introduced to the three above-named Italians but does not recall their names.

He further advises that he has seen this car on a parking lot across the street from the Roosevelt Tavern, and that now the car bears Illinois 1933 license 1250895 (Mr. Peterson of the National Automobile Theft Bureau advises that this license number has not been checked by him).

Mr. ED MOORE, City Detective, Phoenix, Arizona, advised that he had made an investigation and ascertained the following: that IORRUI first came to the Phoenix Motor Car Company with a black Lincoln Sedan bearing Illinois license No. 1257414, and had talked about a trade; that the next day two smaller Italians, said to be nephews of MIKE MORRO, brought the car to the garage. No deal was permitted to get to the record stage, but the car was left at the garage for sale. IORRUI returned to Chicago and came back to Phoenix about Jan. 1, 1934. Papers for the car were said to be in the possession of MIKE MORRO who would take care of the transaction if a sale were made. On January 27th IORRUI and ESTAVO came to the garage and took the car away, remarking that they would take it to the coast to see whether or not they could sell it there since the local automobile company had been unable to sell it. Mr. MOORE states that the car had been on the local lot since December 10, 1933.

J. J. McGRATH, Chief of Detectives, and members of the Phoenix Police Department Identification Bureau, advised that the Italians now operating the Roosevelt Tavern had been in Phoenix for only about three months, and that no records or photographs are on file with the Phoenix Police Department. Chief of Detectives McGRATH advises that he does not know the names of the Italians operating the Roosevelt Tavern and states that he has no informant who would be able to ascertain the names of the men.

E. S. WIER, Assistant Postmaster, Phoenix, Arizona, advised Agent that ANTHONY IORRUI, MIKE MORRO and MIKE LUNZA were receiving mail at the Roosevelt Tavern, Phoenix, Arizona. He advised that he received this information from a carrier on that route who stated that he would later be able to furnish the name of the fourth Italian.

Mr. H. V. PETERSON and City Detective HARRY DIEHL advised that a request was telegraphed to the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau, Chicago, Illinois, on January 3, 1934, to check the car mentioned in this memorandum. They can recall checking no other car recently with an Illinois license.

For the reason that instant car has been on the lot of the Phoenix Motor Company from about December 20th until January 27th, 1934, no further investigation is being made by Agent unless requested to do so."

It was originally reported that the Lincoln car belonging to Mr. IORRELL was removed from the Phoenix Motor Company in Phoenix about January 1st, 1934. It now appears that the car remained on the parking lot until January 27th, 1934.

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

IMMEDIATELY ADVISE DIVISION NAMES AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA SUSPECTS

HOLLAND MICHIGAN BANK ROBBERY CASE URGENT

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*Edward Bremer*

*MR J*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Harvey, at Philadelphia, 'phoned. Mr. Harvey had called Mr. Nathan. Mr. Nathan did not think that we should dignify Pat Crow by talking with him by telephone since he has been given every opportunity to disclose any information known to him to Mr. Harvey. Mr. Nathan told Mr. Harvey that a general reward would be offered which would exceed the amount requested by Pat Crow and that he could tell Crow that if his information could be recorded, all the facts as to the information furnished by him would be given to those paying the reward in the event the information was of value. Crow refused to talk and claims that he is coming to Washington. Mr. Harvey is convinced Crow does not know anything. Crow also claims to have confidential information about bank robberies and various other types of offenses. I told Mr. Harvey to present the facts known to him to the United States Attorney.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

*Pat Crow*



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February 6, 1934.

Dr. William C. Fowler,  
Health Department,  
Washington, D. C.

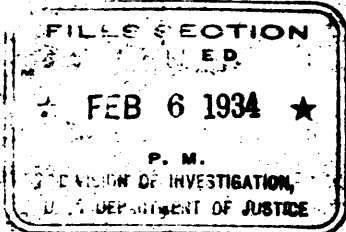
Dear Dr. Fowler:

It will be appreciated if Mr. Edward Donaldson may be permitted as a matter of cooperation to examine a specimen of an automobile seat, the cover of which is stained.

The specimen will be delivered to him under separate cover.

Sincerely yours,

Director.



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Washington, D. C.  
February 5, 1934.

MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
MR. GUNN  
MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. ROSE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Harvey called from Philadelphia. He stated that Crow was in the office and he wondered if any information could be given to Crow about Crow's request. I told Harvey that I had talked with Mr. Nathan and that Mr. Nathan had said he would talk with Mr. Bremer. Harvey stated that Crow only wants to receive ten percent of that portion of the ransom money which is recovered after the money is paid in the event any of it is recovered. I was of the opinion that if Crow's information led directly to the safe return of the victim, the arrest of the kidnapers or the recovery of the money, this would be agreeable and suggested to Harvey that Mr. Nathan thought we could get Crow an affirmative answer.

Harvey called subsequently and stated that Crow wanted to talk to Washington by telephone and wanted to talk to Mr. Nathan, and wanted a written statement. I told Harvey not to give Crow anything in writing but that Harvey might call Mr. Nathan and talk to him personally and if Mr. Nathan desired to talk with Crow he could do so but that I felt it improper for anyone in Washington to talk by telephone with Crow as he would immediately go out and get some newspaper publicity concerning the conversation, and Crow's reputation is an established fact which would not reflect favorably on the Division should it become known that the Division officials were talking directly with Crow, and to further inform Crow that the information in his possession should be furnished to Mr. Harvey at Philadelphia. Harvey stated he would call Mr. Nathan, as suggested.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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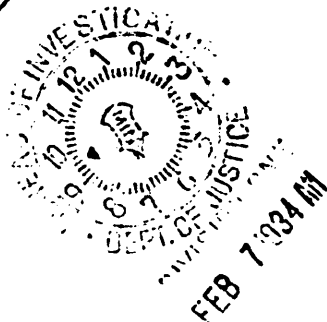
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MR. LOCKE .....  
MR. RORER .....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Concerning the attached telegram Mr. Nathan wrote the Division asking for the names of the suspects in the Denver, Colorado, mint robbery. He wanted these names in connection with the Bremer case. Their connection and purpose was not known. The Washington Field Office ascertained from Mr. Moran, Chief of the Secret Service, the names of the suspects were not available in Washington but were available in Denver and the Operative in Charge of the Denver office of the Secret Service Division has been telegraphically instructed to turn over to Agents of this Division the names of such suspects. The attached telegram prepared by Mr. Newby is to acquaint Mr. Nathan with this fact.

Respectfully,

*H. H. Clegg*  
H. H. Clegg.



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MR JAROLD NATHAN  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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203 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
ST PAUL MINNESOTA

RECORDS WASHINGTON DO NOT DISCLOSE SUSPECTS DENVER MINT ROBBERY CASE

CHIEF MORAN HAS INSTRUCTED OPERATIVE IN CHARGE DENVER DISCLOSE INFORMATION  
DIVISION AGENT THERE SUGGEST HANDLE THROUGH SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE

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*Edward G. Bremer*

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U. S. Department of Justice

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

February 6, 1934.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are fourteen letters  
relative to the above matter, copies of which have been  
made for the file in the St. Paul Division office.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hanni*  
WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Memo Mr. Nathan  
2-8-34 EJC*

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**Memorandum for S.A.C. Werner Hann:**

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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS

**EDWARD C. BRENNERT**

**KIDNAPING.**

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## DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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With reference to the information furnished to the effect that the Alice, referred to in the original note in this case, and the rest of the gang could be located at 931 Cecelia Street, Sioux City, Iowa, the investigation set out below was made.

A search of the City Directory, Sioux City, Iowa, revealed that no such address as 931 Cecelia Street existed. A personal inspection of this vicinity revealed that the 900 block on this street consists of a drug store on the corner of Morningside Avenue and Cecelia Street, then directly south of this drug store is a house wherein a family by the name of OLSON resides. There is a distance of about 100 feet to the next house which is #919 and about 75 feet further is the third and last house in the block which is #927. Across the street east from the 900 block is what is known as Cecelia Park and there are no houses therein. In the rear of 919 and 927, more directly behind 919, is another house which has one room and a garage downstairs or on the ground floor and three small rooms upstairs.

It was learned that Mrs. Morgan, at one time Chief of Police in Sioux City, and at the present time on the Staff Detail, resided at 1015 Cecelia St., and he was contacted and advised that most of the people living in that vicinity were known to him, he having resided there 18 years. He did not know who resided in the above three houses at the present time as the tenants moved in within the last year or so. He recalled that his wife had mentioned the fact that there was a suspicious looking couple residing at the end of the 1100 block which on inspection proved to be 1131. Mrs. Morgan was consulted and she knew that a family by the name of Winters resided at 919 Cecelia Street, but did not know the names of the people in the other two houses but knew that they had resided there for at least a year. She was very suspicious of the couple residing at 1131. Mrs. Morgan is very friendly with Miss Nellie O'Leary, an elderly woman who owns this house and the previous Saturday had helped Mrs. O'Leary clean the house and they had discussed these two people.

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in the houses at 919 and 927 but did not know that OTTO SCHMIDT, a man with a family of children, lived in the house in the rear of these two places and worked in the packing plant. He was certain that this party was not engaged in any illegal business. Mr. Barney, who appeared to be a shrewd person, made inquiries and determined that JOSEPH WINTERS lived in the house at 919 and that he was regularly employed and had been there about a year. He promised to make further discreet inquiry with reference to the persons residing at 927. Mr. HARRY had, on subsequent interview, learned of the couple residing at 1151 and thought that they were the only parties in the vicinity who might have an illegal business.

Mr. HARRY, Superintendent of Police, contacted the Morningstar Station and learned that the only available records showed a woman, MRS. ANDERSON residing at this address, 927, and that she had moved to Akron, Colorado, Burdette Route. The directory for 1933 of the City also showed the same woman as living at that address but she was well known in the community and was known to have left about a year ago.

At the Morningstar Station, Agent contacted the carter, JERRY MATHIAS, who advised that a party named PAUL SPEARS resided at 927 with his wife and they had two children, one born only a few months ago. It was noted that there were numerous children's playthings around the outside of this house. Mr. Mathias further advised that the SPEARS family previously was in the city for over two years and they resided at 929 Marshall Street. They have been at the present address over a year. Mr. Mathias further advised that MARY SPEARS resided at 919 and was employed by the local telephone company, and that both he and OTTO SCHMIDT, who resides in the rear and works at the packing plant, have both been in that vicinity over a year. There had been no outsider receiving mail at these addresses recently, and he has noticed no unusual activity. He did however notice the couple residing at 1151 and remarked that they had received no mail there.

In company with LEO NAUGHTON, chief deputy sheriff, extended inquiry was made in the northeast part of Sioux City. Some of the streets have been run north through this vicinity where there are only a few houses. Posts bearing the names of all the streets in the vicinity of Cecelia Street were found at about 700 north and at the point where Cecelia would hit 10th street if it were cut through there is a house located at what would be numbered 1000 Cecelia. This is in reality a farm house, but is hidden from all directions by hills. It was determined by inquiry in the neighborhood that one, [redacted] stayed there and that he was in the business of raising hogs, and that he had two helpers who worked there occasionally. The house is in very dilapidated condition and was looked at the time of this inspection.

With reference to the house at 1151 Cecelia Street, Mrs. [redacted] advised that, in her discussion with Miss O'Leary concerning the couple at this address, they both thought that these people were in some racket for they seldom left the place except when they both went together, and when they gave the name of Mr. and Mrs. MURPHY to [redacted] upon their arrival, they said it in such a way that she did not think that such was their right name. They have few belongings at this place, all being carried in two suitcases and a brief case. They are in possession of a Nash car which is always parked in front of this residence. This car, which was observed, is a large coach, of dark color with a trunk in the rear. It bears Iowa 1933 license at the present time, #97-19852, which, upon check of the duplicate registration in possession of the police department, showed it to be in the name of MAX MURPHY, 4025 Madison [redacted] which is the address of one, [redacted] a widow. The car was registered 8-28-33, and bears motor number 380451, serial #497151, being listed as a 1930 model.

Arrangements were made so that agent would call at 1151 Cecelia Street, on the morning of February 3, 1934, at 11:00 A.M. by which time Miss O'Leary and Mrs. MORGAN would have requested these two people to leave so that their room might be cleaned. As agent approached this place, these two parties were just leaving. Upon inspection of the belongings in the room, mail was found addressed to P. J. RATKENNE, 225 Livestock Exchange, Sioux City, Iowa, from the Mobile Adjustment Company, Mobile, Alabama. Various insurance books and papers were also found indicating that this man was perhaps an insurance adjuster. There were several detective story magazines and a page torn from one which had a reference to the TOUHY TRIAL for the FACTOR kidnaping in Chicago, among other crime items on the same page. There was a new Underwood typewriter in the room and Miss O'Leary stated that they used this a great deal. Agent wrote about forty words on this typewriter, words which were recalled as being in the original note in this case, and same are forwarded herewith for transmission to the Division for expert analysis. This is not a portable typewriter.

At the office of the U.S. Marshal, Don Pruesner, and his deputies, Holly and Renshaw, the name RATKENNE was recalled as having been connected with some liquor case for which a subpoena was issued but RATKENNE never was located. It was said that FRANK WILSON, agent of the Alcoholic Beverage Unit, located at Fort Dodge, Iowa, would know all about this party. RATKENNE is not listed in recent directories but in an old 1922 directory of the city he is found listed as PAUL C. RATKENNE, 4500 Arthur Street, and as a laborer for the Hawkeye Truck Company, 2700 Floyd Street, MR. HARRY A. CHRISTENSEN being the president of the company.



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At the sheriff's office, LEO HAUGHTON, chief deputy sheriff, when first asked if he knew RATTENNE stated that he did and wanted to know if he were still living with the red headed woman. It developed that HAUGHTON had a few years ago been there two together often, and recalled that RATTENNE had been arrested in connection with the EARL KNOWLES liquor conspiracy case and had turned government witness. A photograph of RATTENNE was turned over to agent and is attached hereto. RATTENNE has been known as a liquor runner in the past and his present occupation is not known. He has a brother living in Sioux City by the name of MICHAEL RATTENNE, an engineer on the C. ST. P. & O. Railway, and who is considered a good citizen. HAUGHTON thought that the kidnaping racket was away over the head of PAUL RATTENNE, but he decided to keep watch of him in the future. HAUGHTON did not know the name of the red headed woman with RATTENNE but upon inquiry concerning her at one time he was advised that she was a former prostitute but he could not recall where he got this information.

At the police department, FRANK WHELOCK stated that he also knew RATTENNE and thought that the kidnaping game was too big for him. He agreed to keep RATTENNE under surveillance in the future.

PAUL C. RATTENNE is described as follows: (personal observation):



MAE MURPHY is described as follows: (personal observation):



It is not considered necessary to follow this inquiry further at this time.

Very truly yours,

REN:TC ✓  
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R. T. NOONAN, SPECIAL AGENT.



U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

February 6, 1934.

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

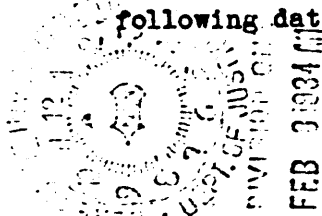
Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim,  
O KIDNAPING. Chicago File #7-82.

On February 5, 1934, Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis telephoned this office from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, indicating that he had interviewed Gordon Alcorn with a view to showing whether or not Alcorn was implicated in the Bremer kidnaping on January 17, 1934. At that interview, it is understood, Alcorn informed him, Mr. Purvis, that he, Alcorn, had received dental treatment through a Dr. B. L. Bolasny in Chicago, Illinois, on January 5, 1934, and on January 16, 1934, which would indicate the impossibility of his, Alcorn's, participation in the Bremer kidnaping. It is understood further that Alcorn informed Mr. Purvis that he, Alcorn, had made arrangements to secure employment through the Mid-town Movers at 2556 North Clark Street, and that he, Alcorn, visited said address practically every day during the month of January. In view of this information, Mr. Purvis telephonically requested that inquiries be made of Dr. Bolasny and also at the Mid-town Movers through a Mr. Kelley. Accordingly, the following investigation was made by Special Agent K. R. McIntire of the Chicago Office:

Dr. B. L. Bolasny, 2561 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, phone number, Diversey 1415, informed Agent McIntire that Gordon Alcorn came to him under the name of W. Thomas, having been referred to him, Dr. Bolasny, by Dr. William Ferris, a physician through whom Mrs. Walter Thomas, the wife of Gordon Alcorn, was receiving treatment for a burned hand. (Alcorn will be referred to in this letter as Thomas in view of the fact that he was known under such name by the parties interviewed.)

An examination of Dr. Bolasny's books disclosed that Thomas commenced treatment on August 28, 1933, and continued his visits on the following dates:-



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Monday, Aug. 28, 1933 - Extraction five posteriors (upper right).  
Wednesday, Sept. 13, 1933 - Extraction three molars (lower right).  
Monday, Sept. 18, 1933 - Extraction two bicuspids (lower right).  
Tuesday, Sept. 19, 1933 - Appointment cancelled.  
Tuesday, Sept. 26, 1933 - " "  
Friday, Oct. 13, 1933 - Appointment kept.  
Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1933 - " "  
Monday, Oct. 23, 1933 - " "  
Tuesday, Oct. 31, 1933 - " "  
Monday, Nov. 6, 1933 - " "  
Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1933 - " "  
Monday, Dec. 11, 1933 - " "  
Monday, Dec. 18, 1933 - " "  
Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1934 - Appointment cancelled.  
Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1934 - Appointment kept.  
Friday, Jan. 5, 1934 - " "  
Friday, Jan. 12, 1934 - " "  
Monday, Jan. 22, 1934 - " "  
Saturday, Jan. 27, 1934 - " "

A careful examination of Dr. Bolasny's books failed to disclose that Thomas had any treatment on January 16, 1934, as indicated by Mr. Purvis.

Dr. Bolasny advised that his work up until the apprehension of Thomas was the extraction of his, Thomas', teeth with a view to furnishing him with two sets of plates, upper and lower, advising that Thomas had a very bad case of pyorrhea. Dr. Bolasny advised that Thomas' gums were in an extremely bad condition and that they gave him a considerable amount of pain. Further, Thomas complained of other pains on several occasions. Dr. Bolasny was not able to state whether such pain would force a man to go to bed but he stated that it was very possible that Thomas may have gone to bed as a result of the pain. He also advised that on several occasions Mrs. Thomas, the wife of Walter Thomas, called him advising of the pain and distress which Thomas was suffering by virtue of his teeth and asked what might be done to relieve such pain. Dr. Bolasny could not recall the dates on which Mrs. Thomas made these telephone calls. It is to be noted above that the dates on which these extractions took place are not shown. This absence of record is due to the fact that Dr. Bolasny kept no record of the exact dates on which he extracted the teeth, although it is noted that he extracted all of the teeth, thirty-one in number, from the mouth of Thomas.

Thomas furnished his address as 607 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, when he first took treatment with Dr. Bolasny and then changed

his address to 3125 Addison Street, Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Bolasny had no further address for Thomas. Agent was informed that Thomas appeared to have very little money when the above mentioned treatment was being furnished him and on several occasions Dr. Bolasny made request for money but received only two ten dollar payments on the work which was to be \$150.00. When pushed for money, Thomas informed Dr. Bolasny that he had very little money but expected to secure work in the near future and would pay him as he saved money from his wages; that if his wages did not cover this amount he could perhaps secure the remainder of the money from his mother. At no time, however, did Thomas indicate the name of his mother or where she lived. He gave Dr. Bolasny no information with regard to his past. Thomas on several occasions broke his appointments with Dr. Bolasny, first calling up and indicating that he was going out of town. When Dr. Bolasny was questioned closely on this point he indicated that he paid little attention to the places where Thomas was going but declared that they were always in the vicinity of Chicago, such as Berwyn and Chicago Heights. On one occasion Thomas advised that he was going to visit his mother-in-law in Gary, Indiana. It is observed that the mother of Thomas' wife does live in Gary, Indiana. Dr. Bolasny definitely stated that Thomas at no time mentioned going to Minneapolis or St. Paul or any other point in the vicinity of those two cities.

Mr. A. Kelley, Manager of the Mid-town Movers, 2556 North Clark, phone, Diversey 4900, informed that he and his wife have known Mrs. Thomas for the past five years and have been very closely associated with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas ever since their marriage in May, 1933. He advised that he knew that Thomas had been arrested as one of the kidnapers of Boettcher in Denver some time ago. He further informed agent that approximately a month ago Thomas spoke to him seriously about securing a position as a laborer with the Mid-town Movers and at that time he was informed by Kelley that he would be employed just as soon as an opening occurred.

Mr. Kelley and his wife, Lucille, were interviewed together and both informed that they were with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas during practically every day of January, 1934. Mr. Kelley stated that Thomas used the Mid-town Movers address as a place to loaf, and that he, Kelley, and his wife, Lucille, either played cards at the Thomas' home every Saturday night or entertained the Thomases at their own home. The Kelleys declared that at no time during January, 1934, did Walter Thomas make any trip outside of Chicago, Illinois.

Kelley stated that during the time he knew Walter Thomas the latter indicated that he was from Syracuse, New York, but he said no more

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on this subject after Lucille Kelley had mentioned that she had visited Syracuse several times. It is to be noted also that the Kelleys are friendly with an unnamed person, who is a fireman on one of the railroads out of Chicago; that on one occasion this individual was in company with Walter Thomas and mentioned the fact that he was a fireman on a railroad but Walter Thomas made no mention of ever having been a fireman himself on a railroad in Canada. Mr. Kelley informed that Walter Thomas at no time intimated that he had been involved in the Bremer kidnapping with Verne Sankey and gave them to understand that he had secured his money through a will which his mother had left.

The Kelleys did inform that Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas visited the father of Mrs. Thomas in Sioux Falls, South Dakota during September, 1933, and that in the early part of December, 1933, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas made a trip to Omaha, where they visited a relative of Mrs. Thomas. No other trips were known to have been made by either Mr. or Mrs. Thomas.

During agent's interview with the Kelleys, Mrs. Walter Thomas appeared in the office of the Mid-town Movers and she was questioned with regard to the trip to Sioux Falls and also to Omaha. She informed that in September, 1933, she and Walter Thomas visited her father, C. O. Christopherson, at Corson, South Dakota, and it is understood that she visited with her children who are now living with Mrs. Grace Paul at 417 W. 12th Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She further informed that in the early part of December, 1933, she and Walter Thomas visited Mr. E. Hart, whose wife is Mrs. Kate Hart, 1200 Jackson Street, Otis Elevator Company, Omaha, Nebraska. It is understood that Mrs. Kate Hart is the aunt of Mrs. Walter Thomas' first husband, namely, Leonard Paul.

Mrs. Thomas informed agent that she had on February 5, 1934, received a telegram from her husband, Walter Thomas, advising that either she should come to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in order to arrange for his defense or that she should secure an attorney. No further information was obtainable with regard to whether or not he intended to defend his case.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Smith*

W. A. SMITH, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Laboratory Report

February 5, 1934.

Case: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Number: 7-576  
Kidnaping.  
3 X Murder Case, Joseph ~~Mozinski~~, Victim.

Specimens: letter addressed to "City Editor, N.Y. Evening Journal", beginning "My dear Mister Editor", letter and envelope, envelope addressed to N. Y. Evening Journal and postmarked June 14, 1930, letter begins "Ref: Mozinski Queens", letter and envelope, envelope addressed to Mrs. May and dated June 16, 1930, letter begins "Mrs. May Dear Madam --".

Examination requested by: New York Office.

Date received: January 31, 1934.

Examination requested: Comparison with the "Mission Note received in the Bremer Case.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel

February 2. The handwriting in the 3 X letters is not identical with that in the letter addressed from the Union Mission in the Bremer Case. The 3 X handwriting is of the same general style but is not identical with the handwriting of the victim, Edward G. Bremer.

A comparison was also made of the 3 X handwriting with the Lindbergh extortion letters. Some similarities were found, especially in regard to the foreign forms and deviations from the proper style of these forms which are European. There are, however, no particular idiosyncrasies of form or motion such as would indicate the probability that the writer of the 3 X letters wrote the Lindbergh extortion letters. Indeed, the general motion is dissimilar. Of course, it should be remembered that both the Lindbergh extortion letters and the 3 X letters show emphatic signs of disguise and the ability to write differently.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP, THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN A LETTER TO PERMIT THE TRANSMITTAL.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WHEELER HANNEY:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-30.

Agent Fortenberry informed me today that MR. ADOLPH BREMER, brought in MR. CONWAY, who operates a grocery store at White Bear Lake, to his home; that MR. BREMER wanted him to listen to the story of MR. CONWAY.

MR. CONWAY related that he had overheard a conversation yesterday (February 4) which made him believe that perhaps it had some connection with the BREMER kidnaping. MR. FORTENBERRY stated he was unable to get any specific details from MR. CONWAY other than that he advised that there is a big gangster hideout which is located at Big Thunder Lake northeast of Brainerd, Minnesota; that the closest town to this hideout is Remer and that he thought that perhaps it would be well to investigate this place. MR. ADOLPH BREMER also spoke to Agent Fortenberry concerning the occasion over a year ago when ED BREMER was "stuck up" in his garage and had taken from him some very valuable diamonds. MR. BREMER told Agent Fortenberry that DANNY HOGAN talked to him about the theft of these diamonds and informed him that had he (HOGAN) known of the theft of these diamonds sooner, he could have obtained possession of them for MR. BREMER, indicating that he undoubtedly knew who the guilty persons were.

MR. BREMER further advised that it is his understanding that HOGAN'S widow has a place which is located at or near Big Thunder Lake, Minnesota.

Agent Fortenberry also stated that MR. GODFREY, personal friend of ADOLPH BREMER, who is in St. Paul at the present time in connection with the BREMER kidnaping, informed him that there had already been a misup on the payoff and that he laid it to the failure of carrying out of plans by WALTER MAGEE and MR. NEWCOMB of the brewery and indicated that these men had tried to make a bargain with the kidnapers to settle for a smaller amount.

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Very truly yours,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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R. E. HALLS, ASST. DIR.  
Special Agent.  
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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 8, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. HERMAN HARRIS:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD J. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-50.

On February 5, 1934, a person who declined to give his name, telephoned me and stated that there were some shady characters living in a frame bungalow house on the right-hand side of 36th Avenue South between 52nd and 53rd Streets in Minneapolis. This person stated that the house could readily be identified as all the blinds were down in the house. He stated that the only occupant seen was a man who did not go outside until very late at night to get his newspaper, which seemed to be delivered at the house.

About two days ago a car stopped there and one of the men in the car went to the house and was refused admittance by the occupant. The informant thought this might have some bearing on the BREMER case.

Special Agent Dodd and myself proceeded to the vicinity in question, identified the house from the description given and noted that same is 5216 Thirty-Sixth Avenue South. We could not gain admittance to the house so we interviewed the next-door neighbor, MRS. STAVIS, who informed us that she had resided in that block for the past ten years and knows everyone living there; that there had been no persons recently moving into any of the houses and that her neighbors at 5216 were MR. and MRS. ALVIN LEIN. She advised that MRS. LEIN has left the city for an extended trip and that MR. LEIN is home alone; further, that he returns home sometime after dinner in the evening. Apparently, there is nothing to this rumor.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 3, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. S. WERNER HARRI:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD S. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-30.

Sheriff MOELLER, Ramsey County, St. Paul, Minnesota, telephoned the office on the morning of February 3, 1934, advising that he was holding three men in connection with the BREMER kidnaping case.

Agent, accompanied by Special Agent J. E. Brennan, called on Sheriff's office, and the Sheriff produced an advertising card of the Pearl Inn, Rice Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, on the reverse side of which was printed the following:

FEB 10 1934

"Please leave Bremer money in mail box at Rice Street and County Road B. No monkey work."

Gang.

Sheriff MOELLER explained that the proprietor of the Pearl Inn telephoned the Sheriff's office advising that three men were in his inn acting suspiciously and that when they left they dropped the card above described on the counter; that two of his officers, RICHARDSON and WERNER, were sent to the scene and arrested the three men who had left the inn and had driven some distance away on Rice Street but turned back and were passing the inn again when taken into custody.

ALVIN LINDOREN, when questioned with reference to the card, advised that it was he who wrote the same. He stated that he, together with WALTER LAUCH and ELWOOD BRAUER, went to the Pearl Inn at about 2:30 a.m. on the morning of February 3, 1934, and had a few beers and were feeling "rather good"; that he thought it would be more or less of a joke to leave the card on the counter; that at the time he did so, he did not realize the seriousness of it. He further stated that both he and the other two young men are employed in the Shipping Department of Sears Roebuck, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and have been so employed for several years. This was verified by agent through contacting MR. M. E. DAVIDSON, Shipping Department, Sears & Roebuck, Minneapolis, who stated that the young men are all employed in the Shipping Department at Sears & Roebuck and are considered entirely trustworthy. He expressed the opinion that the boys must have been under the influence of liquor when they wrote the note or else they would not have done such a thing.

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The Sheriff's office has arranged to have these men photographed and fingerprinted, copies of which will be forwarded to the Division at Washington.

The card was not turned over to the writer by Sheriff MOELLER, but MR. MOELLER explained that he would turn the same over at a later date. The writer is inclined to believe that the story given by LINDGREN is correct and that the writing of the card containing instructions with reference to the payment of the BREMER ransom money was the result of his being intoxicated.

Descriptions are as follows:

Name - ALVIN LINDGREN  
Address - 2010 Chicago Avenue South,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Age - 35 years  
Born - at Wheaton, Minnesota  
Height - 5 feet 10 1/2 inches  
Weight - 185 pounds  
Eyes - Brown  
Hair - Brown  
Occupation - [REDACTED]

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Name - WALTER LEUCH  
Address - 3231 Elliott Avenue South, Minneapolis,  
Minnesota  
Age - 29 years  
Born at West Allis, Wisconsin  
Height - 6 feet  
Weight - 155 pounds  
Hair - Light brown and wavy  
Eyes - Blue  
Complexion - Medium fair  
Tattoo - Initials W.A.L. right forearm  
Teeth - Gold fillings in upper front teeth  
Marital status - Single  
Occupation - Head packer, Sears & Roebuck, Minneapolis,  
Minnesota

Relatives

Nationality - German  
Criminal record - None

Name - ELWOOD BRAUER  
Address - 2917 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis,  
Minnesota  
Age - 30 years  
Born at Tabbets, Missouri  
Height - 5 feet 10 inches  
Weight - 169 pounds  
Hair - Light brown  
Eyes - Blue  
Complexion - Fair  
Tattoo - Left arm, robin with word "Mother"; mole  
on right side of nose.  
Occupation - Instructor, Shipping Department, Sears  
& Roebuck, Minneapolis  
Nationality - German  
Criminal record - None.

Very truly yours,

R. L. MALLS,  
Special Agent.

RLN:HVS  
3 - Division  
9 - St. Paul

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

February 5, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find copies of memorandums on  
the BREMER and LINDBERGH Kidnaping cases, which memorandums were  
written upon investigation conducted by Agents of the St. Paul  
office.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hanni*

WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 3, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANDEL

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-30.

HERB PARADEAU, Captain of Detectives, Minneapolis Police Department,  
furnished me with the following:

A card of the Carlton Detective Bureau, Andrus Bldg.,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

A card of the Sturr-Gilfillan Co., Ford dealers, Minneapolis,  
Minnesota, on which is written in pencil:

"Mr. Carlson:

"I have information that may help release Ed Bremer.  
If unforeseen things don't come up he'll soon be home.  
He's alive yet.

"If you want this information, call me by long distance  
telephone, White Rock, S. Dak. Send money so I can come. The  
sooner the better.

GERT, BOHDE

P.S. You have my application there, I must talk to you.  
In calling, don't mention your agency. Your name & address  
is alright. I'll understand."

A self-addressed, but not stamped, envelope, G. Bohde, General  
Delivery, Wheaton, Minnesota.

Attached to this memorandum is a copy of the application submitted  
by this woman with the Carlton Detective Bureau along with a postscript to the  
application.

HERB PARADEAU informed me that the above was given to him by MR.  
CARLTON of the Carlton Agency for whatever value it may be to this Division.

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A telegram as follows was sent to MR. CARLTON:

St. Paul, Minnesota.

2-1-34.

MR. CARLTON, MISSILE ROOM,  
White Rock, South Dakota.

NOTIFY ME IMMEDIATELY COLLECT UNDER CONFIDENTIAL COVER FULL  
DETAILS REGARDING INFORMATION CONCERNING WHICH YOU COMMUNICATED  
WITH CARLTON.

Hanni

Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice."

On February 3, HERB PARADEAU gave me a letter addressed to MR.  
CARLTON by G. R., as follows:

"White Rock, S. Dak.  
Feb. 2, 1934.

"Mr. Carlton:

Dear Sir:

Rec'd your telegram and want to answer it. I will tell you  
what I seen and heard. Saw a large black sedan come into  
Wheaton befor yesterday, two men in the car, window was part way  
down on drivers side, car come from south, turned on Main Street  
going east, strong storm coming from north. It was going west. I  
has passed ahead of them as they slowed up and I heard one man  
say, "D--- if they don't have all cash it'll be just to bad for  
Bremer."

More was said but I couldn't get it two other cars came and  
passed so I could not get license number. Car was dusty and dirty  
too. They turned next block going south, did not see them any more.

Further I donot know. Now this may mean a lot and it may mean  
nothing to you. I wonder perhaps it would be a good idea to give  
them all cash at that, if it isen't already that way now, it may  
mean his safe release. This is just a hunch you know.

Yours truly

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In view of the contents of this letter, no more investigation is being conducted. All letters and cards are being returned to the Police Department at Minneapolis.

Very truly yours,

G. G. HALL,  
Special Agent.

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February 6, 1934.

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

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Dear Sir:

It is noted that a number of the letters received by Mr. Bremer and Mr. Hagee in the Edward G. Bremer case constitute a violation of the Extortion Act.

It is requested that, upon the receipt of letters which constitute a violation of this Act, they be placed in cellophane containers and forwarded to the Division immediately and separate cases made of each looking towards prosecution.

There are transmitted herewith photostatic copies of a letter dated at Malm, Minnesota, January 22, 1934, addressed to the Postmaster at Minneapolis, undated letter postmarked at Minneapolis January 22, 1934, addressed to Walter H. Hagee, 1295 Lincoln Ave. St. Paul, Minn., undated letter addressed to H. Hagee, 118 - W - Central, St. Paul, Minn., postmarked January 20, 1934, letter dated January 19, 1934, addressed to Mr. Bremer, postmarked at Kansas City, Missouri, January 19, 1934, undated post card addressed to the Postmaster at St. Paul, Minnesota, postmarked at Brooklyn, New York, January 23, 1934, and letters postmarked at Minneapolis January 20, 23, and 24, 1934, addressed to 855 W. 7th Street, Adolph Bremer and A. Bremer, St. Paul, Minnesota, respectively, on Y. M. C. A. stationery at Minneapolis.

It is requested that separate files be made of these letters and investigation conducted concerning the same, looking towards prosecution under the Federal Extortion Act. Should there be any doubt as to whether these letters constitute a violation of said Act, the matter should be discussed with the United States Attorney for a decision.

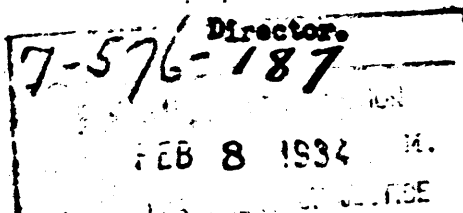
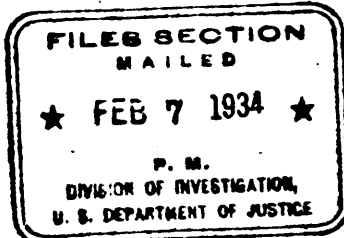
Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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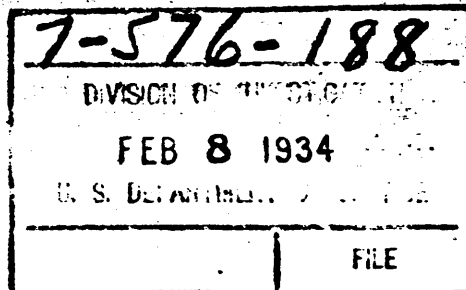
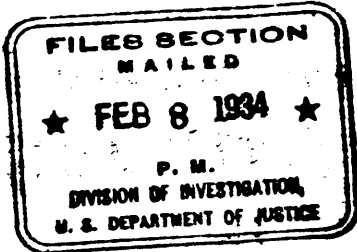
MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Mr. Edward G. Bremer has been safely returned to his family. On the night of February 6, 1934, the ransom money of \$200,000 was paid by Mr. Magee, a friend of the Bremer family, to the kidnapers, in or near St. Paul. Mr. Edward G. Bremer was released last night at Rochester, Minnesota, and returned to St. Paul by train and bus. Mr. Bremer's condition at the present time is such that we have been unable to obtain any very definite details from him except the information that he was blindfolded during the entire time he was in the hands of the kidnapers; that at the time he was kidnaped the kidnapers travelled practically all day in an automobile until about three hours after dark; and that returning the same amount of time was spent. The best information so far is that he was conveyed in a small sedan containing three men. Agents of the Division are now engaged in conducting a thorough interrogation of Mr. Bremer and other members of the family in order to take vigorous steps toward bringing about the apprehension of the kidnapers.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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February 8, 1934.

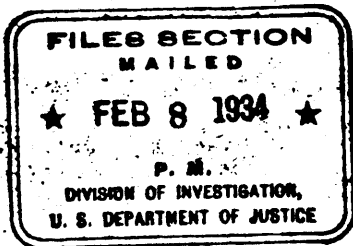
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM STANLEY,  
The Assistant to the Attorney General

For your information, I am  
attaching hereto a copy of a memorandum  
which I have just directed to the  
Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

Incl.



*[Handwritten signature]*

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February 6, 1934.

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Respectfully,

Director.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

February 5, 1934.

Case: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Number: 7-576  
Kidnaping.

Specimens: 5 photographs of a "Road Chart" showing typed plans for  
a getaway after a crime.

Examination requested by: Mr. Coffey

Date received: January 30, 1934.

Examination requested: Typewriter comparison.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel.

February 1. An examination was made of the photographs of the road chart and some similarities with the extortion letters were found. These specimens are photographs taken for the purpose of showing latent fingerprints developed with powders. They are blurred and an adequate comparison may not be made. Originals have been requested from the Michigan State Police.

A review was made to ascertain if the typewriter of Ernest Rossi could have written the Bremer notes. Specimens of this typewriter were previously examined in the Hamm Kidnaping Case, but as there is no number one on this typewriter it could not have written the letters in the Bremer Case.

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

January 31, 1934.

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

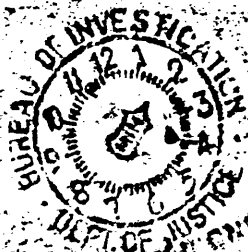
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Dear Sir:

Will you please secure and send me at the earliest practicable moment a list of the subjects, or suspects, in the so-called "Denver Mint Robbery" case?

Very truly yours,

H. NATHAN,  
Assistant Director.



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Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 7, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

In the above entitled matter, there are enclosed herewith the originals of miscellaneous letters received by the BREMER family. Copies of these letters have been made and are being retained in the St. Paul Division Office file.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Harni*

WERNER HARNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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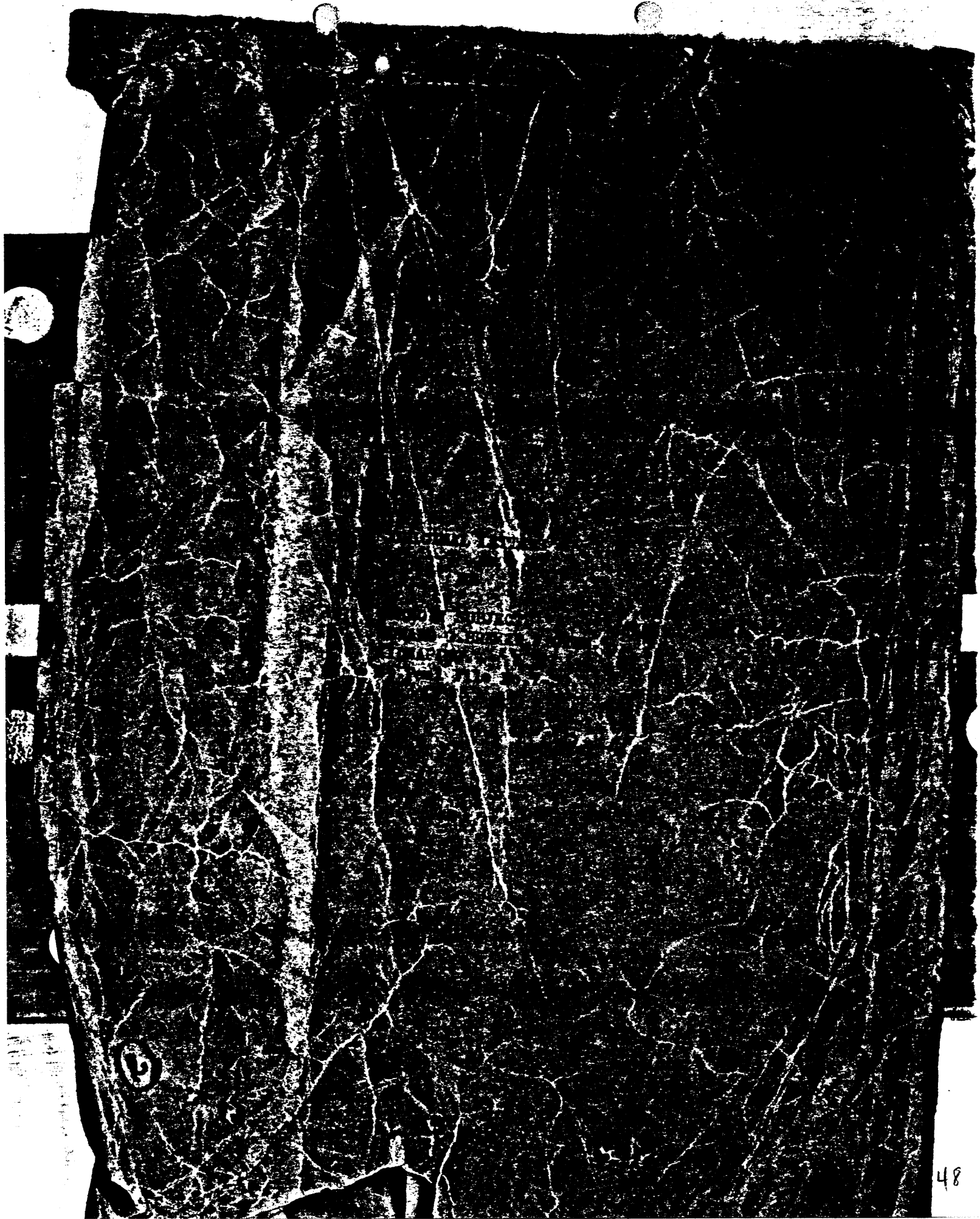
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General Delivery, Jersey City.  
Mr. Adolph Bremer, January 30-18  
St Paul Minn.  
Dear Sir!

I have read considerable of your  
trouble, and of course sympathize  
with you and suggest, the only  
way I think out of it,  
I am a Roman Catholic of Irish  
descent, and have received my faith  
through Prayer, especially for  
purchases to St Anthony, St  
Anne, St Jude, St Expedi.  
I would advise you to give  
two poor old ladies five  
dollars each for food for one  
one to be Irish and one German  
and a dollar each to light 16  
candles each in front of some  
Shrine. Saint's Shrine of course  
in some Catholic Church in your  
case, I prefer St Anthony's. Oh  
that you will find your son  
once alive & well and to be  
returned to you. now please  
not tell only your family &  
nearest friends. I am not ignorant  
or a religious fanatic - only  
plain working man, was in  
business and got trumped &  
lost 6 of my family including  
wife. Had nothing left - but  
you to



loan me few dollars for three  
months as I have been sick  
and out of work. I am in hurry  
writing this letter. (clerk waiting)

Please answer me, Grumble  
very truly yours

Michael P. Thompson



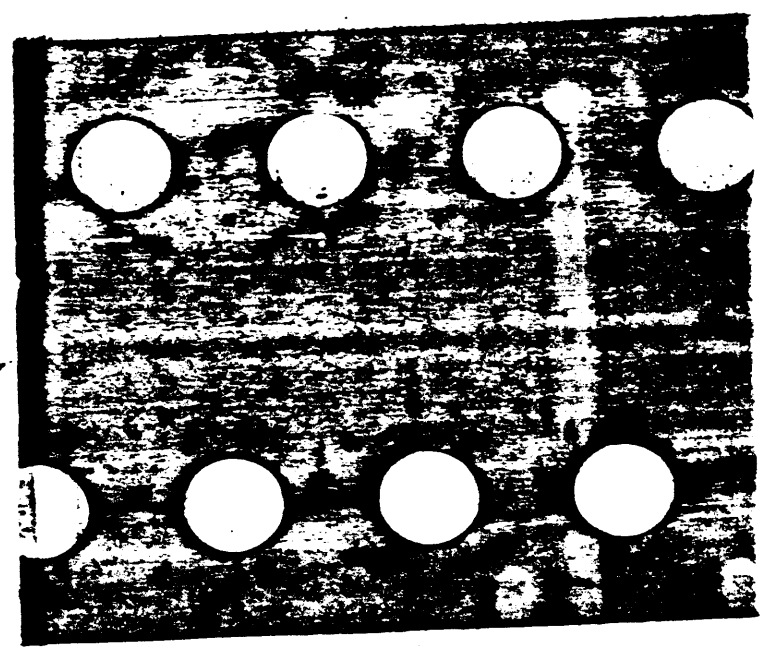
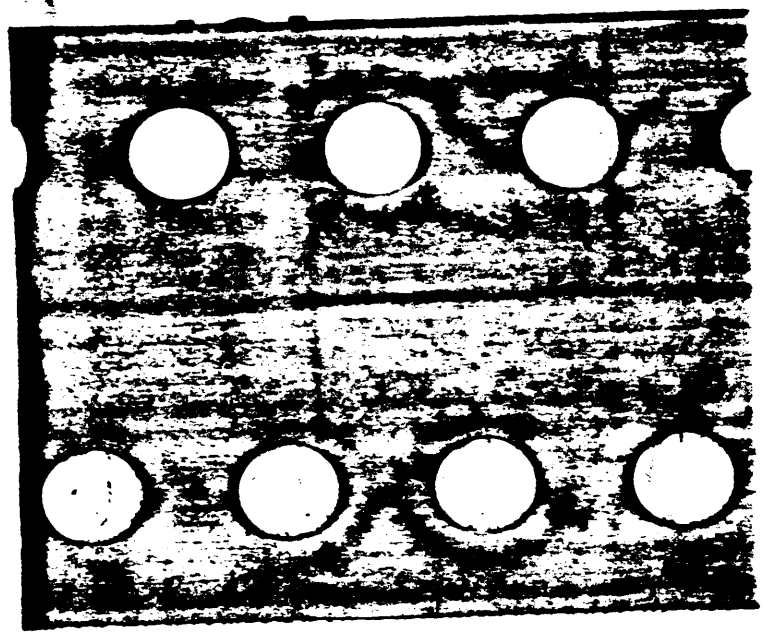
Mr. Adolph Bremer,

St Paul

Minn.

Strictly  
Personal

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Mr. Adolph Bremer,

St Paul

Minn.

Strictly  
Personal.

New York N.Y.  
Jan 27/37

Mrs. Bremer -

Dear Sir, just by chance

Three fellows whom I know was in  
the Night Club where I work on the  
27th night of this month, I think I can  
get the inside dope on your case.

I have heard traces of your son. If you  
are interested send me at once three \$100.00 Bills  
I will give them a real party as soon as  
I receive the money. at my apt. and  
will have them taped they say your son  
is not dead. please do not advertise my name  
they will see it and put me away.

Thanking you in advance  
yours truly

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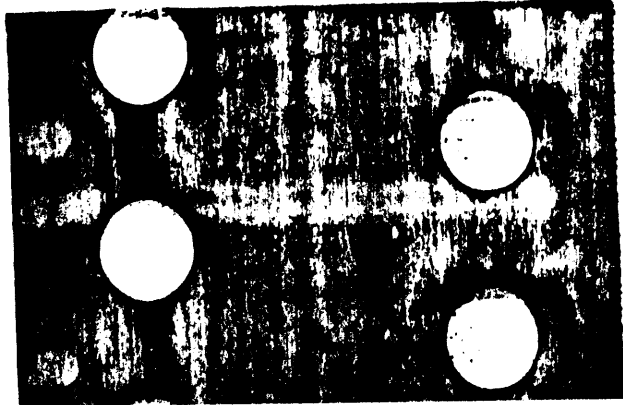
P.S. - you will have to  
attend to this at once.

NEW YORK, N. Y.

send 7/5 special delivery I am  
not at home all day.

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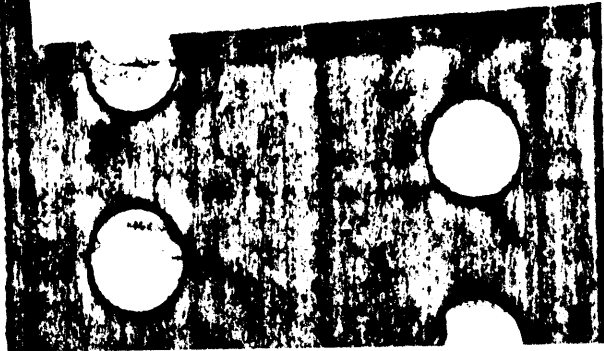
WE - WILL - BE - WAITING, NEAR -  
HULEY, WIS. COVER - RIGHT  
HEAD - LIGHT WITH - BLACK  
K. - CLOTH, - TO - TELL - YOU -  
BY - ED, - IS, - FALLING -  
FINE, - BRING - MONEY - WITH  
YOU, - WE - WILL - NOT - TRY - AGAIN  
SO COME - SAT - MORNING



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YOUR - MAN - WILL - BE - FOLLOWING  
OUT - OF - THE - TWIN - CITIES. BY  
OUR - MAN - COME - IN - NEW  
COUP - 1933 - MODEL. DON  
LET - FED - MEN - IN - ON  
THIS - LETTER - WE - H  
ED, - SUIT - TO GIVE  
YOU - BEFORE - WE TAKE



RAISON, - SO DONT TAKE

ANY - CHANCE - BE - WARE -

FEB. (3-) AT - 10 - O'CLOCK IN

- THE - MORNING - DRIVE - <sup>WIS.</sup> ~~WIS.~~ <sup>TO</sup> ~~TO~~

- HURLY - AN - OUT - ON THE MELLON <sup>WIS.</sup>

ROAD

DONT - FORGET - MELLON

go - TILL - YOU - ARE - STOP.

DONT FORGET. (FEB, -3-) <sup>DRIVE SLOW</sup> ~~DRIVE SLOW~~



MT. ADOLE BREMER

COMMERCIAL - BANK

ST. PAUL MINN.

Elroy Iowa  
1-31-34

Mr. Bremer

Please except these few  
lines of sympathy  
I felt so sorrow for  
you. When I read of  
the kidnapping of  
your son. And that  
and aged father  
was working over him  
I prayed to God that  
he would bring back  
your son to you and  
this family unharmd.  
I hope God will ans-  
wer my prayer

Mr. C. L. Bremer Jr.  
St. Paul  
Minn.



ELROY, IOWA, U.S.A.

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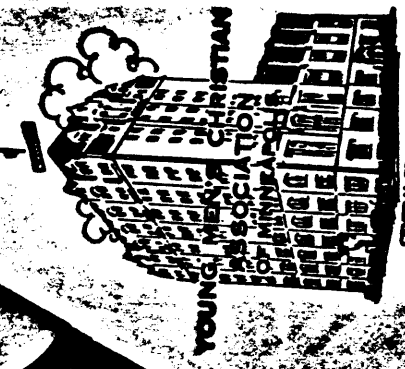
**CENTRAL BRANCH**  
**NINTH & L-SIDE**

And you want to be a hero  
I'm a New York City  
I'm a New York City  
between 213. I'm a  
Better do this  
Ind for rest of  
man wants to CLAY  
Better do this if you want  
Ed back we ain't fooling



MINNEAPOLIS  
JUN 31  
1934  
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835 W. 1st St.



CENTRAL BRANCH  
NORTH 6th & LA SALLE AVE.

PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

THP

FORT. WAYNE, IND.  
JAN. 31-1934 -- P.M.

DEAR. BREMER.

WE ARE GIVING YOU YOUR LAST  
CHANCE. PAY US THE MONEY.  
OR YOURS SON GOING TO DIE.  
SO IF YOU WISH TO MAKE CONTACT.  
WITH US WE MEET US AT CORNER.  
CALHOUN AND LEWIS STREET.  
IN FORT. WAYNE, IND.

FEB-10-1934 -- AT 6 P.M.  
DRIVE YOUR CAR. BE SEATED.  
IN YOUR CAR.

YOUR SON IS ALIVE.  
SO HAVE YOUR MONEY READY.  
NO POLICE PROTECTION. REMEMBER.  
OR ELSE YOUR SON WILL DIE

YOURS. NOTORIOUS. LEADER.

FROM: *John D. [illegible]*  
400 S. [illegible] [illegible]  
PORT WYNE, ILL.



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Mr Adolph Bremer  
Dear Sir

I am sending you a list  
of what I claim I can do with  
my invention

if you should except me on  
this case please dont let the  
press know it for you know  
I would be put out. I will  
come for my expenses there  
and back and just enough to  
support my family while you  
a bout \$200 per day.

note I wrote out this list of  
my work to send to president  
Roosevelt to see if he would  
have my work investigated  
to state my affairs plain I am  
broke or things would be different  
yours very truly

J. E. Miller  
~~Edith Miller~~

your every hand or send list  
to the president.

That is what I claim of  
my instrument

1 where any one is kidnapped  
I can take any part of their  
clothing go straight to them  
2 where there is murder  
I can take a part of the  
wound & blood soaked  
clothes go straight to the  
one who committed the act  
3 any one who can take  
any part of their clothes  
go to them where lost or  
hidden

4 can take a letter, written  
for extortion go straight  
to the writer  
all so can I take of  
other things with it  
my instrument is a  
magnetic application  
of the human energies  
which are well known as  
should be the human  
body is on the soul  
principal as an electric



Experiments The heart is the  
motor for the body is  
surcharged with energy.  
In a great extent  
I have found the chemical  
composition that will afford  
and body with a rather  
it is very simple.  
I have admitted the importance  
of getting several times  
of the digestive capacity  
But they have a very  
concentrated one in any form  
I am making to be interesting  
about I have admitted several  
articles they were answers  
of course they will think  
I am making. They will  
thought. Schison. I say  
all the all great ideas for  
until they proceed to  
a point. This is a situation  
where a child could  
understand it.

*Mr. Miller  
Curtis Man  
ore*



*Adolph Bremer  
St. Paul*

*Miner*



January 30, 1934.

To the Occupant of Residence  
at 920 Mississippi St.

St. Paul, Minnesota.

Am writing to tell you  
that I sincerely believe I saw  
Edward G. Bremer. Some  
young gentleman was placed in  
a seat at the Granada Motion  
Picture Theatre at Shepherd Rd.  
Chicago, Illinois. This young man  
~~was~~ seemed partly drugged. He had  
no hat or <sup>on</sup> coat on. He seemed to be a  
prisoner of 3 men all dressed in black & off  
one with a grey hat. A short dark awful looking  
man puffing a big cigar helped him to a  
seat. The young man ~~was~~ <sup>seemingly</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>unnoticed</sup> made a  
sign to me. I felt I would endanger

him if I notified anyone  
in Chicago - so I did not  
stay for only the feature picture  
and am writing to you. This

young man wore a  
brand new grey suit -  
I thought he slightly  
resembled Briz Orby.

I cannot give you  
real name as I would  
only endanger you  
helping you.

Sincerely  
Prayerfully

Stargan

CHICAGO  
JAN 31  
3 PM  
ILL.



Adolf Premier

920 Mississippi St.

St. Paul  
Minnesota.

1192 Ave. St. Jacques

Montréal 29 Janvier 1934

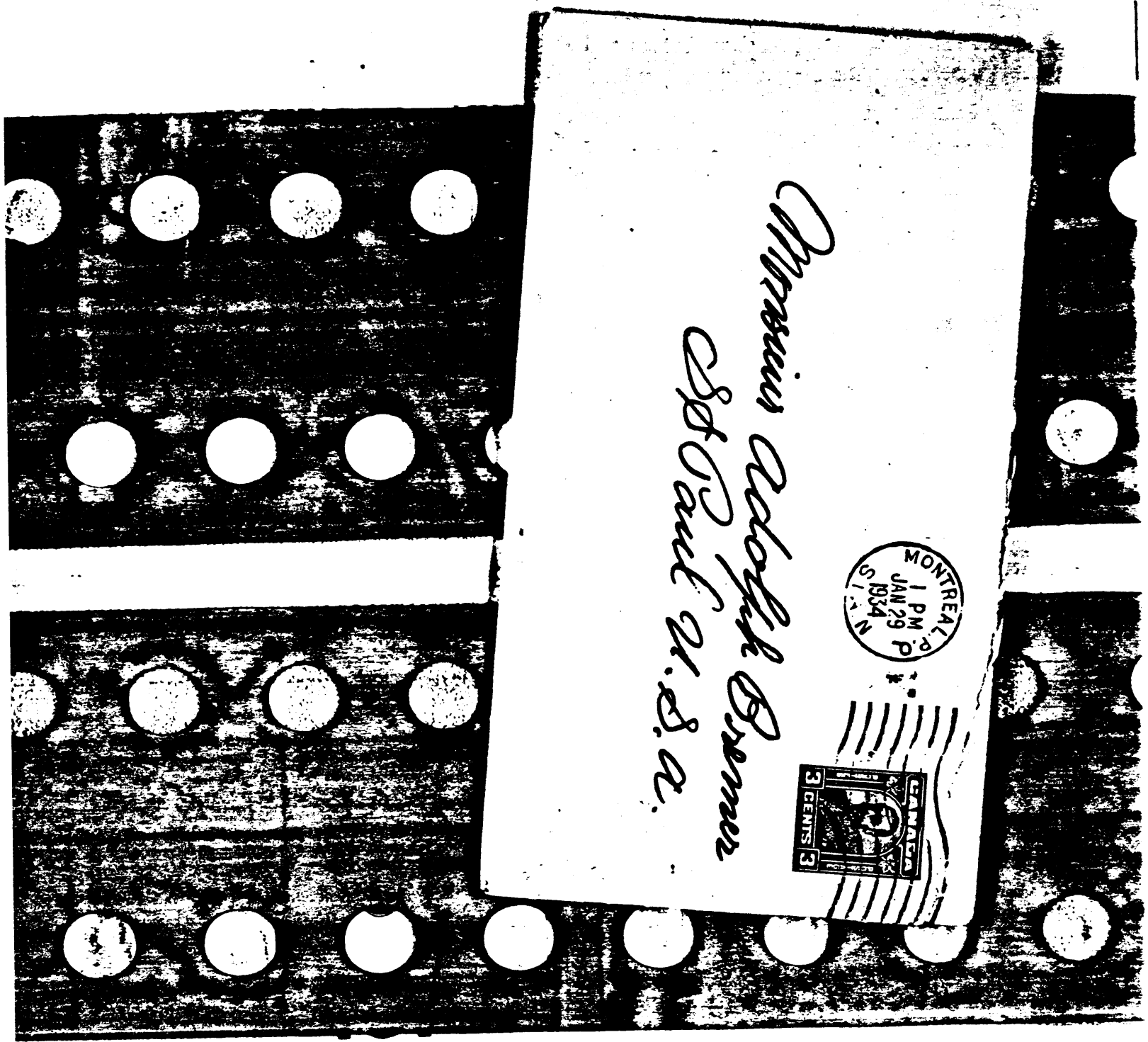
M. Adolphe Bremer  
St Paul U.S.A

Monsieur

Je desire vous dire que  
je crois que je suis capable de  
retrouver votre fils au moyen de  
procédés hypnotiques

Si vous voulez m'envoyer le prix  
de mon passage aller et retour  
par chemin de fer je me rendrai  
chez vous

~~Adolphe Bremer~~



THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
OF MINNEAPOLIS

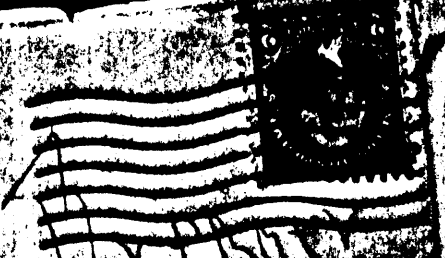
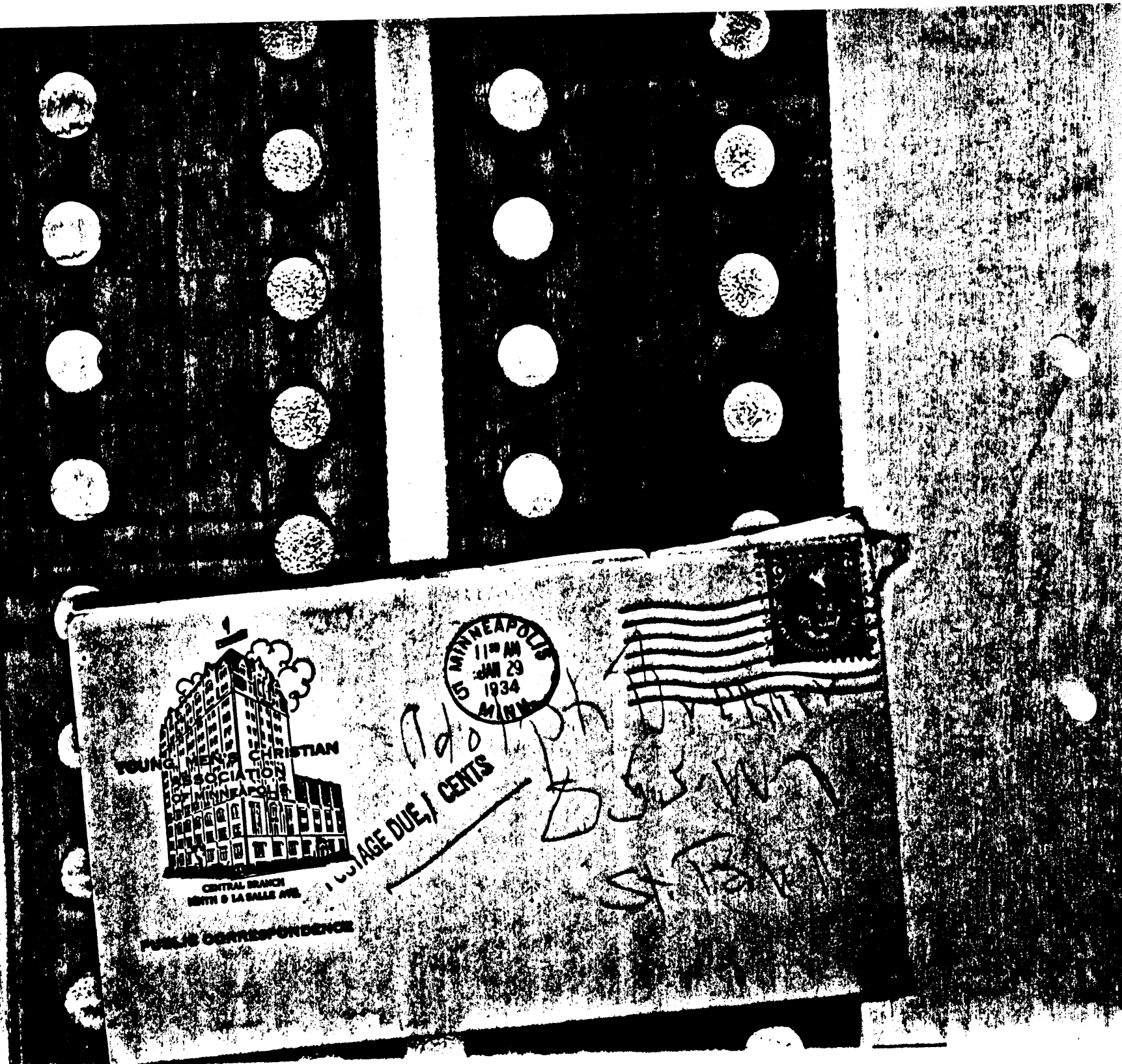
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CENTRAL BRANCH  
NINTH & LA SALLE

Dear Mr. [unclear],  
I have been waiting for you  
some one of this [unclear]  
do this today. [unclear]  
with [unclear] 3+5



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POSTAGE DUE 1 CENTS

Handwritten text, possibly an address or name, including "St. Paul" and "Minn."

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, Calif.

January 30, 1934

Mr. and Mrs. Bremer  
Parents of Edward G. Bremer  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir and Madam:

If your son has not yet been returned by this date there is one channel I feel would lead to something worth while. Will be glad to give you this information either at my home or yours. No charge except expense.

Can refer you to the Chamber of Commerce in my home city for reference.

Had a brother taken many years ago under the same conditions.

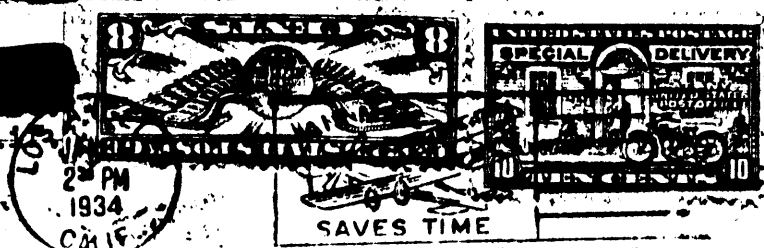
Professionally I am a nurse. Please hold my identity under cover, even if you do or do not consider the suggestion.

Phone [REDACTED] You may call me at any time, day or night.

Yours respectfully,  
[REDACTED]

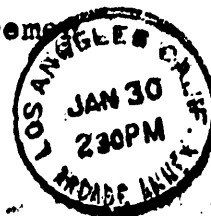


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St. Paul, Minnesota

VIA AIR MAIL



Mr Adolph Bromer

Dear Sir,

I want to  
write and tell you <sup>how</sup> very much I sympathize  
with you God only knows the aching of your  
heart but I put myself in your place and  
I realize the agony you are going through  
but pass and put your trust in God no  
harm can come to your son where God  
is God guards his children where ever  
they are and I pass for him every day and  
know that God will bring him home  
safe,

I have been thinking of a plan that I think  
will make kidnapping safe at least when you  
are in your car

Here is my plan  
to any one who can afford a car like this I  
have in mind.  
have the car Equipped with bullet proof glass  
self locking door so when you are inside

your car no one can enter unless you open  
for them. And then have your car equipped with  
a siren that can be heard for many blocks  
one that can be released immediately  
with your foot or hand and will be screaming  
until you shut it off, this way any one will be  
perfectly safe inside your car until <sup>one</sup> some comes  
and who ever is trying to do you harm will  
not hang around long with that  
siren screaming. Also the siren should have  
a different sound than a fire engine

I hope you don't think me cross  
for suggesting a thing like this  
a very sympathizing friend

AFTER 5 DAYS. RETURN TO

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA



Mr Adolph Bremer  
855 West Seventh  
St Paul Minn

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
OF MINNEAPOLIS

PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

CENTRAL BRANCH  
NINTH & LA SALLE

Ed will never come

if you don't pay

Your told

some amount better

this Friday 2nd

postage not to kill - D

No cop





PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE



Adolph Bremer

855 N. 7th

STP

Mr. Edolph Bremer  
St. Paul, Minn.

Franklin, Minn.

Jan - 30 - 1934.

Dear Sir:-

I have been reading in the papers, about the kidnaping of your son. My sympathy goes out to you and I hope he is returned to you safe, and those kidnapers will be punished. I know it must be a terrible strain, I have hesitated about writing you, for I know you can't have faith in what I am going to tell you, as you never heard of it being done, but I am going to tell you, and you can act on my suggestions or not. I have a friend who, is able to trace, and find people, providing he has something they have worn, like <sup>old</sup> hat, shoe, coat collar, something that has been worn next to the body. This that gives him something to work on. From his examination of one of these things, he is able to tell right away

BY X-RAY DIAGNOSIS IS SURE.

OFFICE, FRANKLIN NAT'L BANK BLDG.  
OFFICE PHONE, 322; RES. PHONE, 304

Dr. G. H. Williams  
DENTIST  
Franklin, Indiana

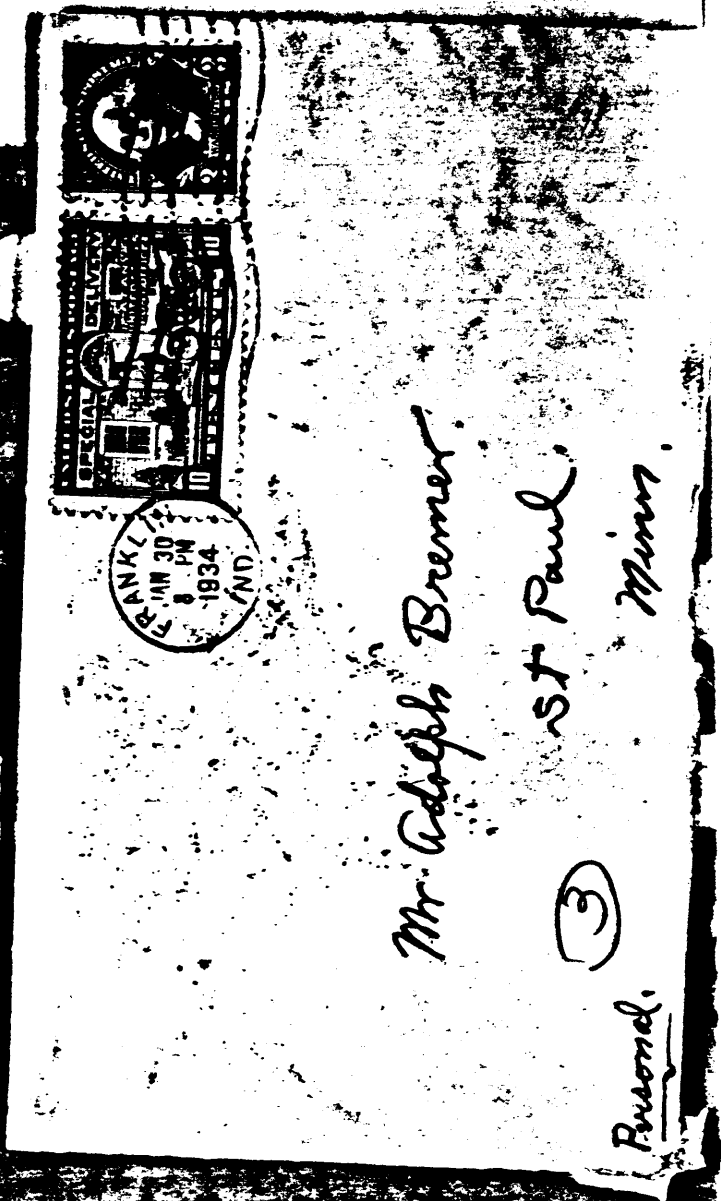
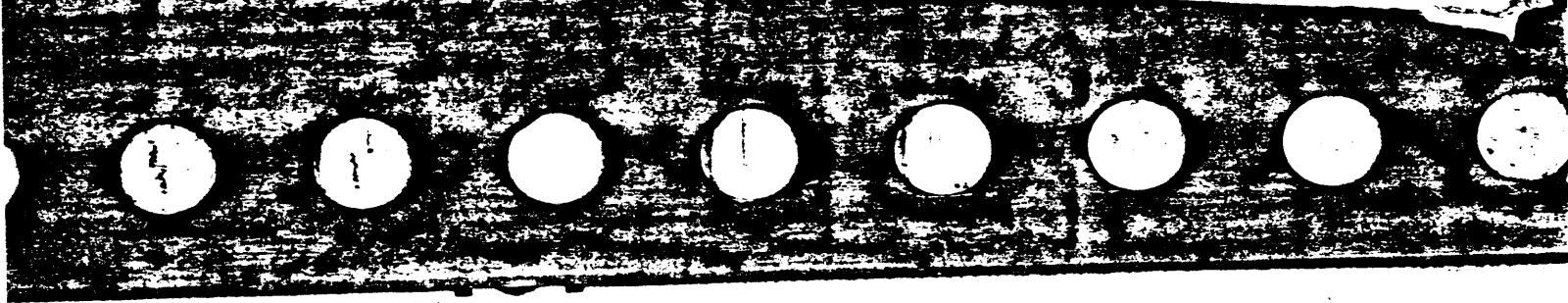
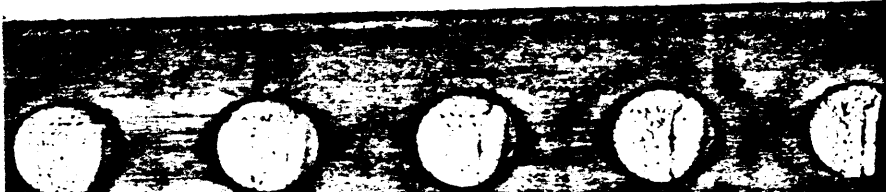
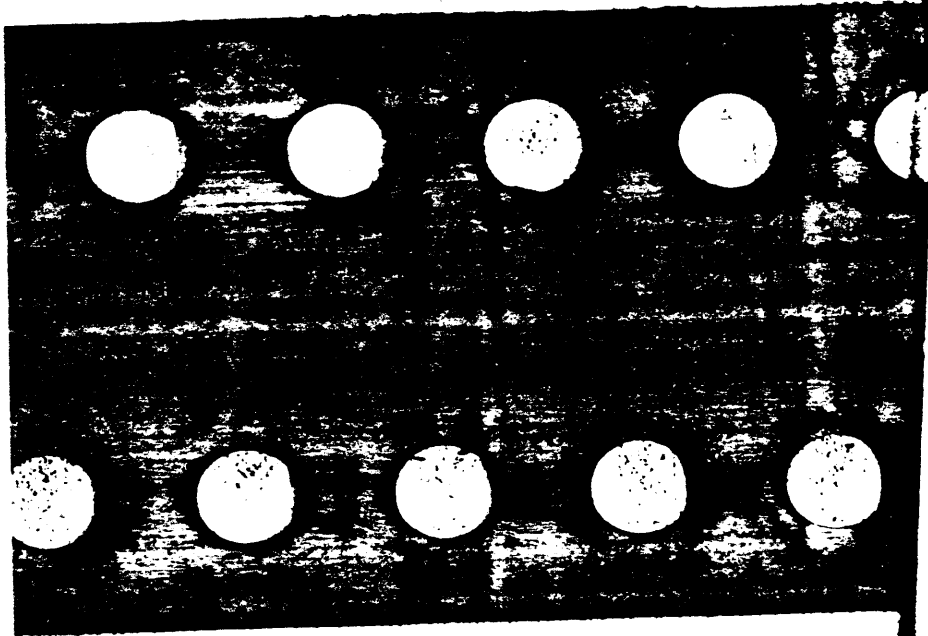
if the person that wore this article is dead or alive. If dead he can tell you nothing else but if alive he can tell direction and distance to the person, thru the system he has worked out thru science and the laws of nature he is a Geologist, and he, and I are good friends, he has proven to me that his system works, so that is the reason I am writing to you, as I am the only one that has tried him out. You send something that your son has worn next to his body, like an old hat band, shoe, and I will have him work on it, and let you know his findings, we want to see if we can help you out. Thru this method. If we can prove up several cases, we might get the system used, to trace lost persons, and

Catch Kidnappers, Please let me hear from you at once.

P.S. Please tell no one about this yet.

Yours Very Truly, O. La Grange





Chelsea Oct 16/63

Dear Sir Mr. Ormonde  
I heard to your son return  
I praying for his return  
Early soon & how my heart  
Goes out for old friends  
I best advice I can but I  
am that may but just the  
same it heart rending  
but the worst of all last  
Mrs. Dea. Lushan's sickness  
we are what I hear  
alone when are companions  
gone they say he are to  
go to with your trouble  
an can sympathise with you  
I read about you I had  
to pray to God to send  
your poor boy back to

...heard him  
...on ...  
...for ...  
...him ...  
...nothing ...  
...and ...  
Get this letter please answer  
or return same sympathy  
on ... long for ...  
poor hearts to rejoice and  
More from Mrs. ...  
... Oct 163  
... God bless ...  
... on ...  
... will come true  
... as you  
please yours truly ...  
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PLEASE PRINT NAME RETURN TO



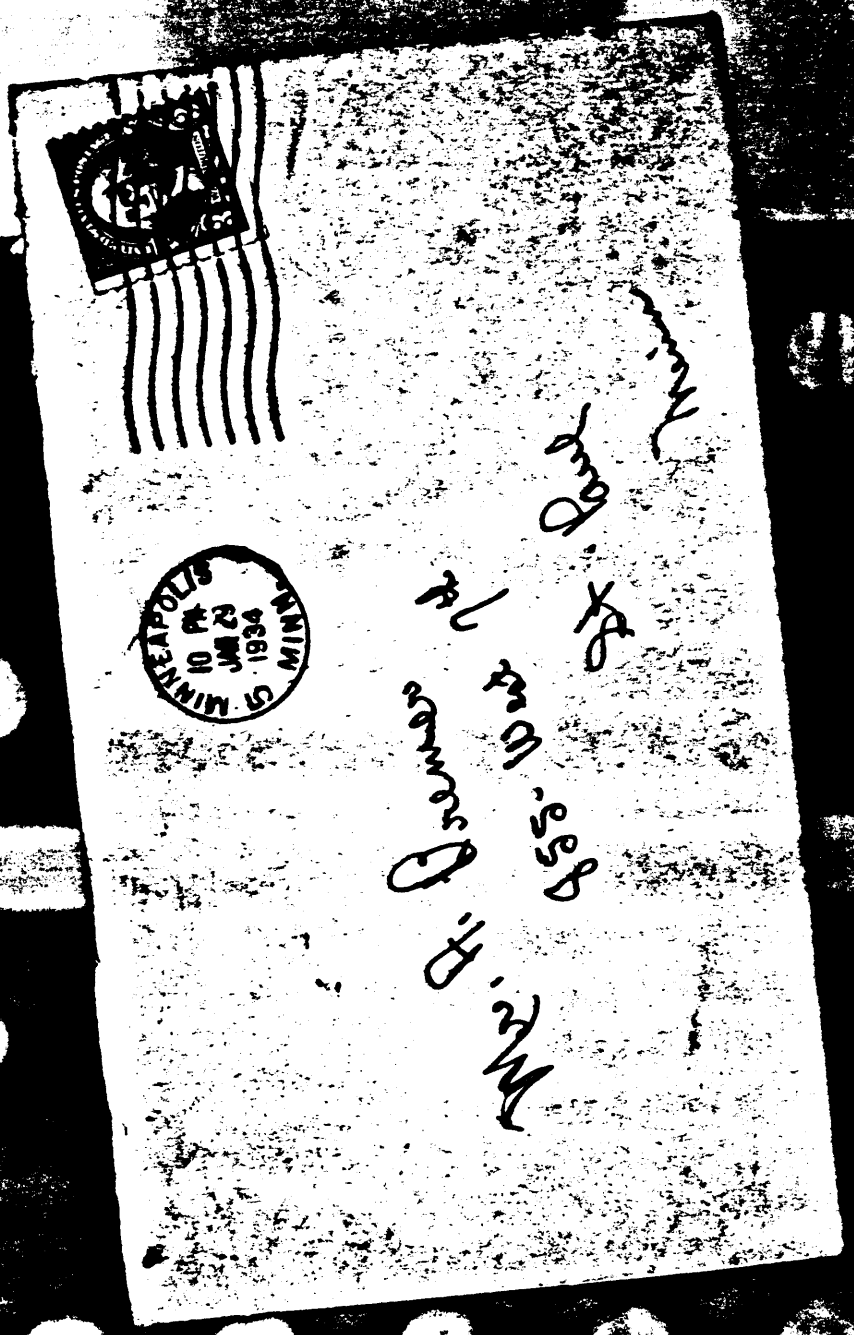
Mr. Adolph Obermaier  
At present in  
Minneapolis

This is the last time we will try to communicate with you. Two calls have been delayed and no answer to our messages. If you choose to ignore this, that's your lookout.

He needs medical attention.

You will put the stuff in two bundles evenly divided. packed securely. If it is delivered safely, your package will be delivered safely in 10 hours allowing us a safe retreat.

Mac Gee will deliver one package to this spot - Rich Road and Road County Co. at 11:30 AM. ~~You~~ Tuesday night. You will bring the other yourself to Plymouth Av. W and I'll deliver it at 10: PM sharp and will stop on top of the hill and signal 2 flashes and you will reach the top of the hill and signal 2 flashes again. If this letter is opened it will not be again. As this is in Plymouth Burnside. I'll send it to you. ~~Mac~~ Dave 86





At Paul mine

Mr Adolph Brown Jan 24 1934

Dear Sir

If you have not had any  
contact with the kidnapers in  
any way by the time you get  
this letter you and one or the  
other and have a talk with  
me I think I can get in contact  
with them but I do not want  
any thing to do with any  
officer if you decide to come  
out come to overline on the back  
of mine I live 1 1/2 mile from there  
on the main road do not let them  
know who you are the store keeper  
there can tell you the way keep  
still out let it out if you come  
out or it may spoil the plan  
it might mark I live 7 miles  
from Somerset Wis

but if you have had any  
contact with them leave me  
out for it might spoil it  
all hoping your son is returned  
by the time this reaches you

Sincerely yours

~~Wm. L. ...~~

Don't miss it

~~...~~





*Mr. A. A. [unclear]*

*St Paul*

*Schmidt's Brewery  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
Jan 22 7 PM*

Kendallville Ind.

Mr. Brenner, Dear Sir,  
I am writing this letter  
to you to see if in  
any way I could help you  
about your dear son.  
I know of a man that  
can tell you without  
fail where and what  
has happened to the Boy.  
God knows it is  
terrible to not know  
or here if you want  
to get him I know  
you could get some  
evidence of some kind  
he is not expensive  
he is reasonable.

Now I must tell you about  
myself so you will  
know this is just  
a dear Mother though  
you must know I  
have 5 Children and  
I have 2 fine Boys  
and I want them I  
live 1/2 mile from Kendall  
on a small farm I have  
lived here 10 years if  
you write to me just  
address it to me I get  
mail here at 9 every  
morning my address is  
~~Kendallville Ind.~~  
P. O. 3. Kendallville Ind.

he is widely known you  
will not have Police in  
it at all I live 30 miles  
from him I would go  
to see him for you  
if you say let me know  
please and I will do  
it the more man is  
an fawels.

~~The vessel of the~~  
~~Dr. H. S. Hart~~  
And

or can paper an pencil,

Mr. Clin Canaway  
R.R. 3 New Baltimore Md

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Brookside Ave. St. Louis Park

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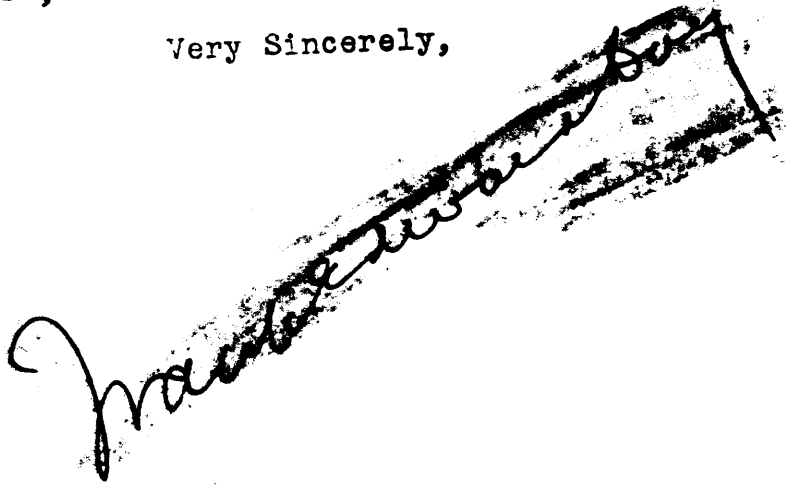
Feb. 1, 1934.

Adolph Bremer:--

I am enclosing a statement handed me by a lady of highest repute and standing, whose heart has gone out in constant sympathy and feeling for you, as has every body's heart gone out. This came to her so suddenly and strangely one night, that she felt impelled to write it out. It may be but a dream, but stranger things have happened.

Every human soul senses a protest in his heart against this inhumanity which threatens love, and home and happiness, and even government itself.

Very Sincerely,



A Suggestion to the Weary, Anxious Watchers.

Although strangers to you, the sincere sympathy of the public ~~for~~ with you hourly- and as this possible solution of your anxious waiting came to me during the night, I am sending it on for your clue.

It might be possible the Dillinger gang kidnapped your son, and took him to Ariz for safety- but after locking him up in some secluded place until further action was made-- they (Gang) were captured and placed in jail, leaving their victim in a cell, where he cannot escape or speak while the gang have been taken to another state.

This is a possibility and as such a search all round the place of the Dillinger hideout would and could prove a solution for the long silence from the kidnapped man.

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A Suggestion for the Bremer Family.

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ORGANIZATIONS HEADS: Pastor, Frank Edward Day, D.D., LL. D. Sun-  
day School Supt., Mrs. A. M. Engell; President Ladies Circle, Mrs. E. A.  
Michel; President W.H.M.S., Mrs. Paul Dickensheets; President Brother-  
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Pastor's Residence: 2439 Lyndale S.

Pastor's Phone Colfax 0339

Dr. Day will answer all calls on his phone at all times



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MORNING WORSHIP: 11:00 O'CLOCK  
PRELUDE: DOXOLOGY: INVOCATION: HYMN NO. 171  
CONFESSION OF FAITH -- -- The Apostles' Creed  
CALL TO PRAYER: "The Lord Is In His Holy Temple, Let  
All The Earth Keep Silence: CHOIR  
"LET US PRAY:" The Pastor: "AMEN"; CHOIR  
PASTORAL PRAYER: --Closing With The Lord's Prayer.  
THE ANTHEM: "Softly And Tenderly Jesus is Calling":  
Thompson. CHOIR  
(Incidental Solo: Don Harvey)  
THE PSALTER: Page 5: 4th Sunday Morning.  
THE GLORIA PATRI: Choir and Congregation.  
THE GOSPEL: I, 30-51.  
THE OFFERTORY: "All Things Come Of Thee O Lord,  
and Of Thine Own Have We Given  
Thee." Choir and Congregation.  
SERMON: "Thinking". By The Pastor.  
HYMN: No. 304. BENEDICTION.  
"The Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee": CHOIR  
POSTLUDE.

#### OTHER SERVICES

10:00 A.M. The Sunday School.  
6:00 P.M. The League is to be the guest of the  
Joyce Church Epworth League tonight.  
Transportation will be furnished. It  
will be necessary for those who go to  
be at our church at 5:30 sharp. Let's  
have a good crowd.

#### BUILDING NOTES

As the work proceeds, everybody is able to see the  
beauty and convenience which will make the new edi-  
fice a pride to the whole of Brookside.-- It will  
be fine to hear the bell chime out our calls to ser-  
vice. In the old church the room was so enclosed  
that the tone was muffled, and the bell was so heavy  
it endangered the poorly supported construction.--  
It was not thought that the balcony room had direct  
heat, but the pastor learns in a talk with Mr. Welles  
that not only has that room heat, but the vestibule  
as well, will have direct heat. Thanks, Mr. Welles.

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EVERY DAY: 6:00 to 6:30 A.M. Morning Devotions over  
WRHM: MONDAY, Rev. T. B. Shorts, Epworth Methodist  
Church; TUESDAY, Dr. Charles Nelson Pace, Dist. Supt.;  
WEDNESDAY, Rev. A. D. Brokaw, Fifth Ave. Congregation-  
al; THURSDAY, Rev. Henry Soltau, Brooklyn Center;  
FRIDAY, Rev. Cecil Sparks, Forest Heights Congrega-  
tional; SATURDAY, Dr. T. W. Stout, Richfield Metho-  
dist. It will pay you to tune in--good music and  
inspiring messages.

WEDNESDAY: The first thing Wednesday is the monthly  
luncheon for the Sunday School, with officers and  
teachers and friends: The hosts will be Mesdames  
G. A. Holmquist and Andy Nelson, at Mrs. Holmquist's  
home, 4032 Webster.

WEDNESDAY: The second thing, but of equal importance,  
is the Choir Practice at Mrs. Frank Hladky's home,  
4148 Brookside Ave., at 7:30 P.M. If only every mem-  
ber will be steady in attendance, the dedication day  
music will be superb.

THURSDAY: Scout Troop 102 at Brookside School, 7:15.  
This troop will be our guests at the morning service,  
February 11th, when Boy Scout week will climax  
throughout the nation.

#### PARISH NEWS

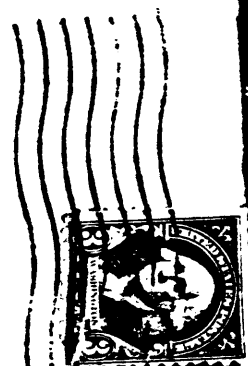
Jeanie Ludwig had so far recovered Saturday that it  
was planned to return her home today. --Dr. Day paid  
a flying business to several towns between here and  
Duluth this week in a search of a little rest from  
heavy pressure. He came back after finding what he  
sought. --The entertainment, "The World's All Right"  
went over big, and this church thanks the great num-  
ber from other churches and those with no church mem-  
bership for their help. It was notable.

#### POINTS

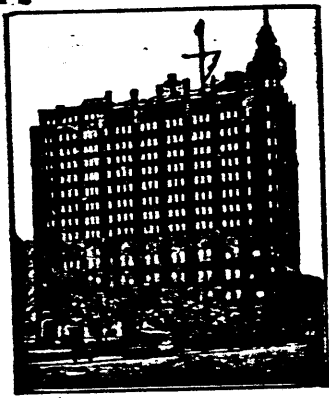
The Only Failure is to admit failure.--Contentment is  
the only sure wealth.--you can't deposit it in a  
bank.--Good manners must first be in the soul, then  
actions are graceful.--Laziness today, is the thief  
that steals your tomorrow.

5438- Lyndale S.,  
Minneapolis.

Adolph Bremer,  
855 W. 7th. St.,  
St. Paul, Minn.



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Cable Address  
"SEACHURCH" N. Y.

Jan 30/34

Dear Sir:

There would be no kidnaping for money if no money were paid for kidnaping.

Sympathy for the victim often causes us to lose sight of the social duty of preventing his friends from taking such course as will endanger the lives, liberties and property of others.

Paying ransom to kidnapers is doing just that, and there should be a law making it offense.

The law of "to day" - protects the kidnaper by refusing to prosecute the person who pay him for his crime.

2)

And now - I beg to offer my services to you  
dear Sir:

I am a young man of the age 29 yrs.  
During "War time" I have served in [redacted]  
[redacted] as a [redacted] after the  
"War" served 10 yrs in Merchantile Marine  
and worked for the [redacted]  
now out of business. -

I am married, had the most wonderful  
wife, and lots of hard times, being  
unemployed for the past nine months,  
and so not having anything else to do,  
I have been studying "Your" sons cause -  
and I could understand as how you must  
feel about it. -

The government, the city police, the "news hunters"  
and other men, and many others failed -  
you need a man, who can work  
in almost "anywhere" he can get  
and when time comes, he will know  
how to manage that, save his and  
honor of others, and bring the

3)  
'gangster' to the justice.

I am offering myself to you, Dear Sir. My home is broken - I am staying away from my wife, because I feel that I must not share the 'little' what 'She' may earn - and I feel that I must earn money, for support of my wife and give her back all, what the terrible time, have taken away from us. -  
I am death broke, - I cannot travel the great distance on my own expenses - I am willing to stand, where the government, State and City Police failed, only you must helped me to get over, and to get some 'close' so I can overtake this dangerous 'Mission' - and bring the 'racketeer' in the hands of the law. - -

4)

And to give you a security that I am  
on the "level" - I am willing to  
travell with my "wife" and let  
her stay with you until I find  
your son - death or live.

You may send somebody to N.Y. to get me  
I be ready, and I am shure, that with a  
"Gods" help we all be happy again  
soon - stop worrying for a while,

If you will give me the chance  
and hire me, please keep his letter  
from the "news-hounds" and all  
authorities, because the real "success"  
defense on utmost secrecy and  
lives could be have only one.

Pay no money to nobody, you may  
be tricked - as they tricked  
Col. Lindberg; wait till I come  
and I believe that a man of my  
calibre could be very useful  
and successfull.

4.)

I have find a little job now, so I may be  
located any evening starting to day  
at the

Belmore Cafeteria

404 - Sixth ave New-York.

I am working here as a night 'bus-boy'  
from 6 P.M. - 5 A.M. I be here for the next  
five days, because I was hired as a  
extra man.

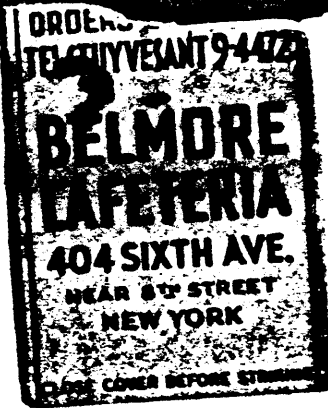
Hope to hear from you soon  
I remain respectfully

Frank J. Kammel.

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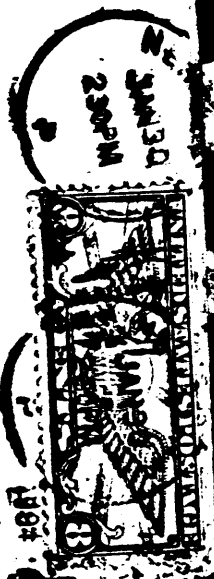
To be open by  
Mr. Adolf Bremer  
only.





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Mr. Stoll Bremer  
50. Paul Schmidt Camp.  
St. Paul  
Min.

Star Mail

Fort Meade Fla.

Jan 28-1934

Mr Adolph Bremer

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr Bremer:

I have read in our Daily Tampa Tribune about your son being kidnaped. I do not believe any one else could sympathize with you more than I do for I know what it is to lose one you love so dearly. I lost a niece I raised, Nov. 22-1933 I loved it good, but we have to just look to God for help.

Mr Bremer are you a Christian? if you are - why then you will not need my advice, but if you are not, then please let me

help you. I have been praying for  
some time now for a message to take  
to you worthy people that will stop  
this kidnaping. my heart has been  
burden for you all some time, it has  
been terrible how much kidnaping  
has been going on for the last few  
months. Now I remember God says if  
we keep His word and do His will  
we can ask any thing in His name  
and He will do it. Do you rich people  
Fathers? you know Abraham gave  
a tenth of every thing he made and  
God wonderfully blessed him took good  
care of him, I believe if you all will  
give a tenth of what God blesses  
you to have each week and serve  
God in every way turn away

from every thing that is evil and do  
Gods will. I do believe with all my  
heart kidnapping will stop. I have two  
messages one to ask you wealthy  
people to give a tenth to Gods cause  
and one more to deliver to the  
President and should he do what  
I ask him to do and you all do  
what I am asking you to do - why  
just Praise God and give Him  
the Praise should it prove successful.

I noticed in one paper  
where you was sick I was an invalid  
for five years I didnt go out of  
my house but once and then my  
husband took me to the Hospital.  
I will be glad to help you get your  
health back if you want me to and  
Mr. Premier

However it may seem queer to you  
but should you have any question  
you would like to ask <sup>me</sup> in regards to  
any thing you want to know - you  
may write me and I will get an  
answer from our Lord in regards  
to yes or no.

I would be so glad to have a  
talk with you but I suppose that is  
impossible so if you are interested  
just write me and ask me any  
question you wish and I will  
answer as soon as possible. I  
would glad to give you scriptures  
that God intends for us to give  
a tenth to His cause - you may say  
well I am rich I don't have to  
obey God like poor people does

but God's say He is no respecter of  
person and he expect you wealthy  
people to live for Him and do His  
will as He does us. my heart  
certainly goes out to the wealthy it  
looks like there is no Peace for  
them. I am praying that you will  
help me get this message to each  
one of you then I do pray that our  
President will help me too, and then  
let's pray to God that <sup>he</sup> will take care  
of you all too.

I hope I will hear from you  
soon as possible. You may feel  
free to ask me any thing you wish  
for I do not cast my alms before  
men, it will be only between me  
and my God that will know it

may God bless you and help  
you to bear your burden.

A friend in Christ

For Meade, Fla.

Jan 29-1934

Dear Mrs Bremer: I had a message  
this morning to tell you that Walter  
Magee is the one that has kidnaped your  
son he may claim to be a friend - but he  
isn't. please let no one know I have told  
you this only get you a good detective  
and have him to watch him, don't let him  
out of his sight and you will find out  
in a few days what he has done - should  
you find <sup>out</sup> what I have told you to be true  
please do not give my name if you  
want to say any thing about it at all  
just say a child of God told you. For  
I have something else I want to tell

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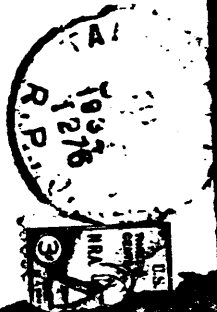
you too, and I do not care for publicly  
it. God that needs the Pkaine.

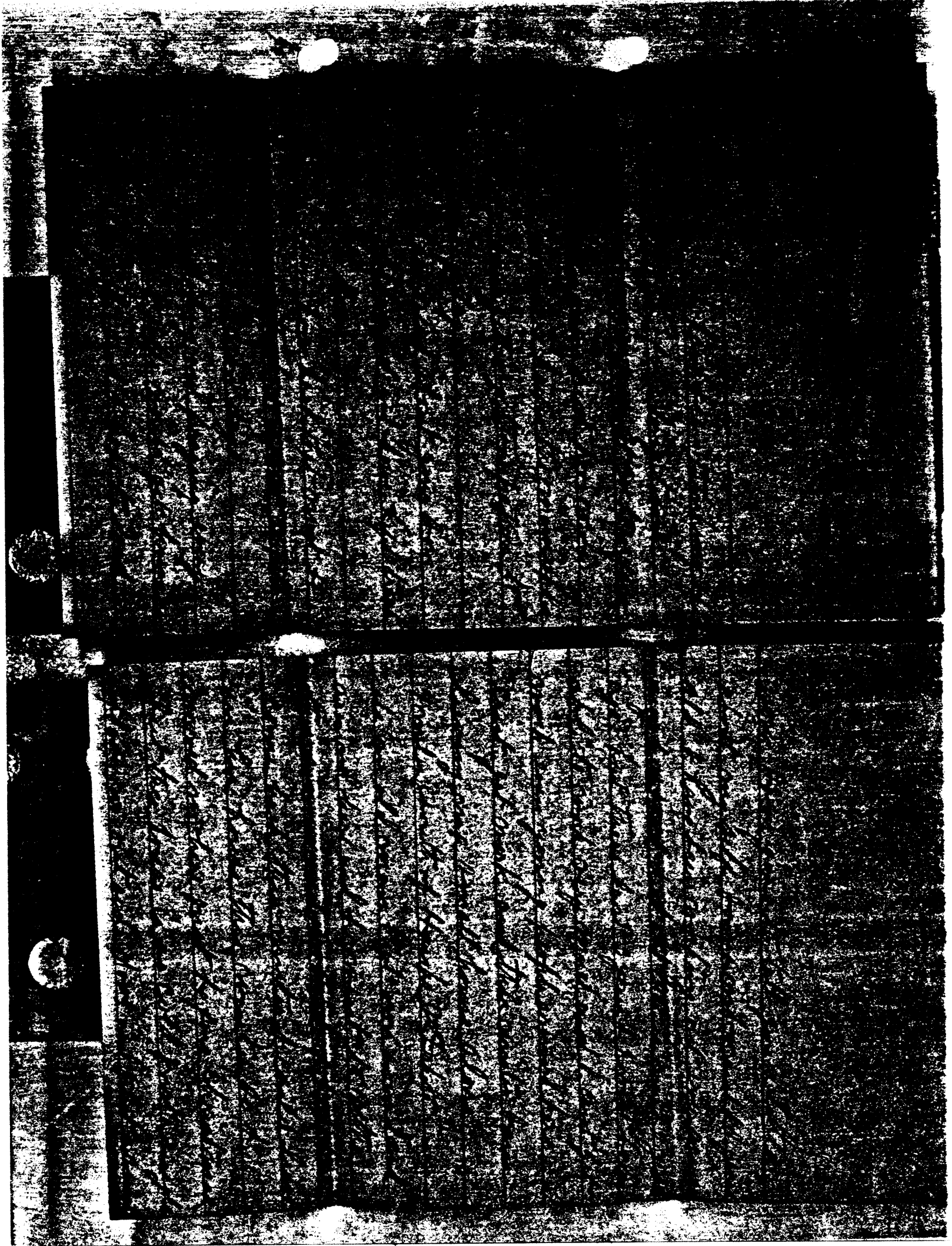
I feel so sorry <sup>for</sup> you, and may  
God strengthen you to bear your  
burden. Please believe what I have  
told you, and make an investigation  
at once and keep it a secret until  
you can see for your self what  
that man has done.

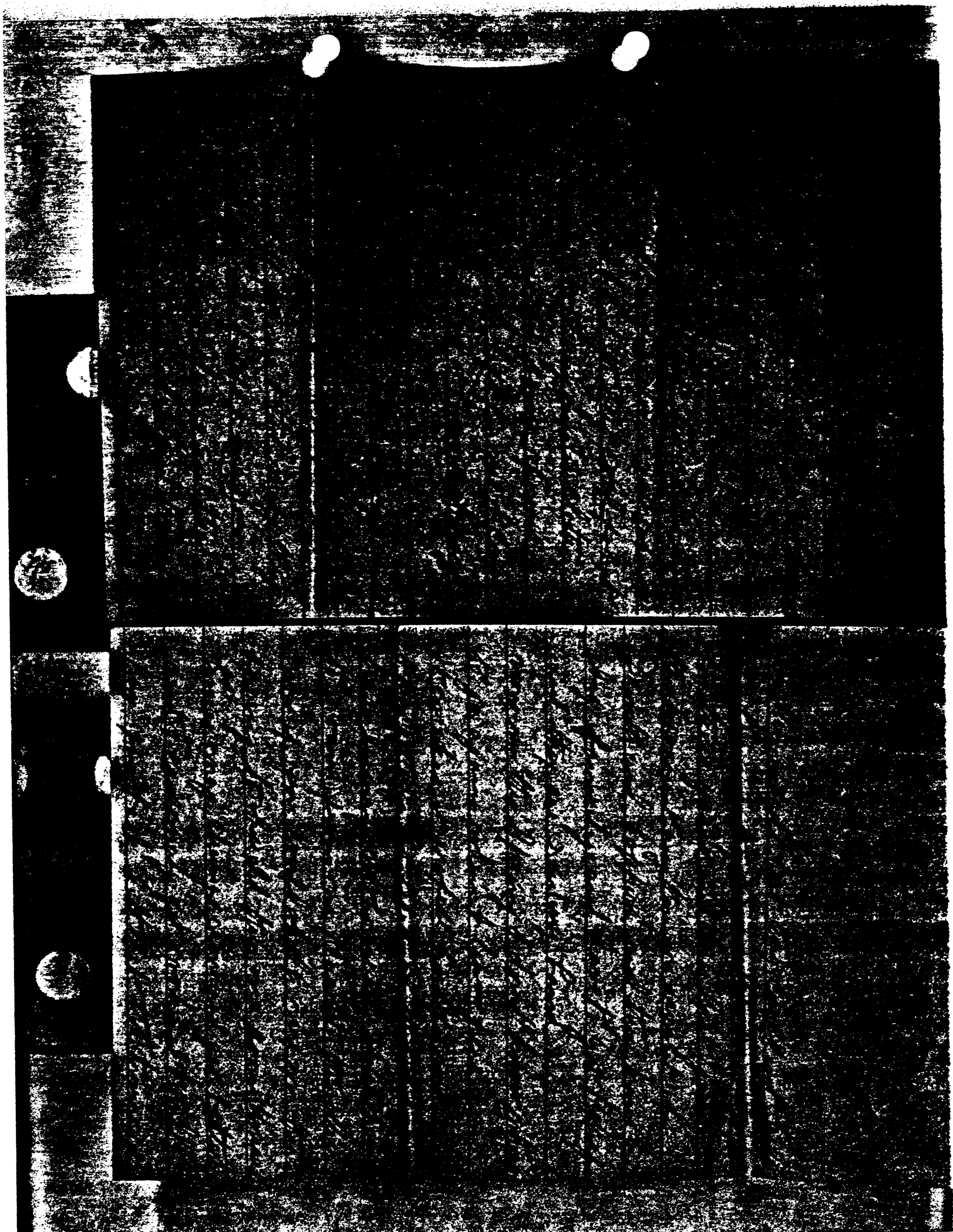
A friend in Christ  
Mrs. [unclear]



Mr. Adolph Jensen  
90 East Schmidt Building Co.,  
St. Paul, Minn.









Adolph Bremer  
855 W.  
Personal Seventh St.  
St. Paul



United States Post Office

Hibbing, Minn.

Feb. 5-1934.

Postmaster,

St Paul, Minn.

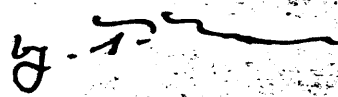
My dear Sir:

The inclosed letter addressed to Mr Adolph Bremer  
was dropped at this office without a stamp attached  
and am forwarding same to you to be delivered postage  
due, not knowing whether same is the work of some crank  
or might be of value to addressee.

Sincerely yours,

MARTIN T. HALEY, Postmaster

Postmaster.

By 

Hitting him Feb 3 1934

70 The Bremer family & Paul  
My heart felt sympathy  
is with you. I don't think your  
son dead. A vision came to me  
last Sunday afternoon between  
3 & 4 o'clock P.M. I was sleeping.

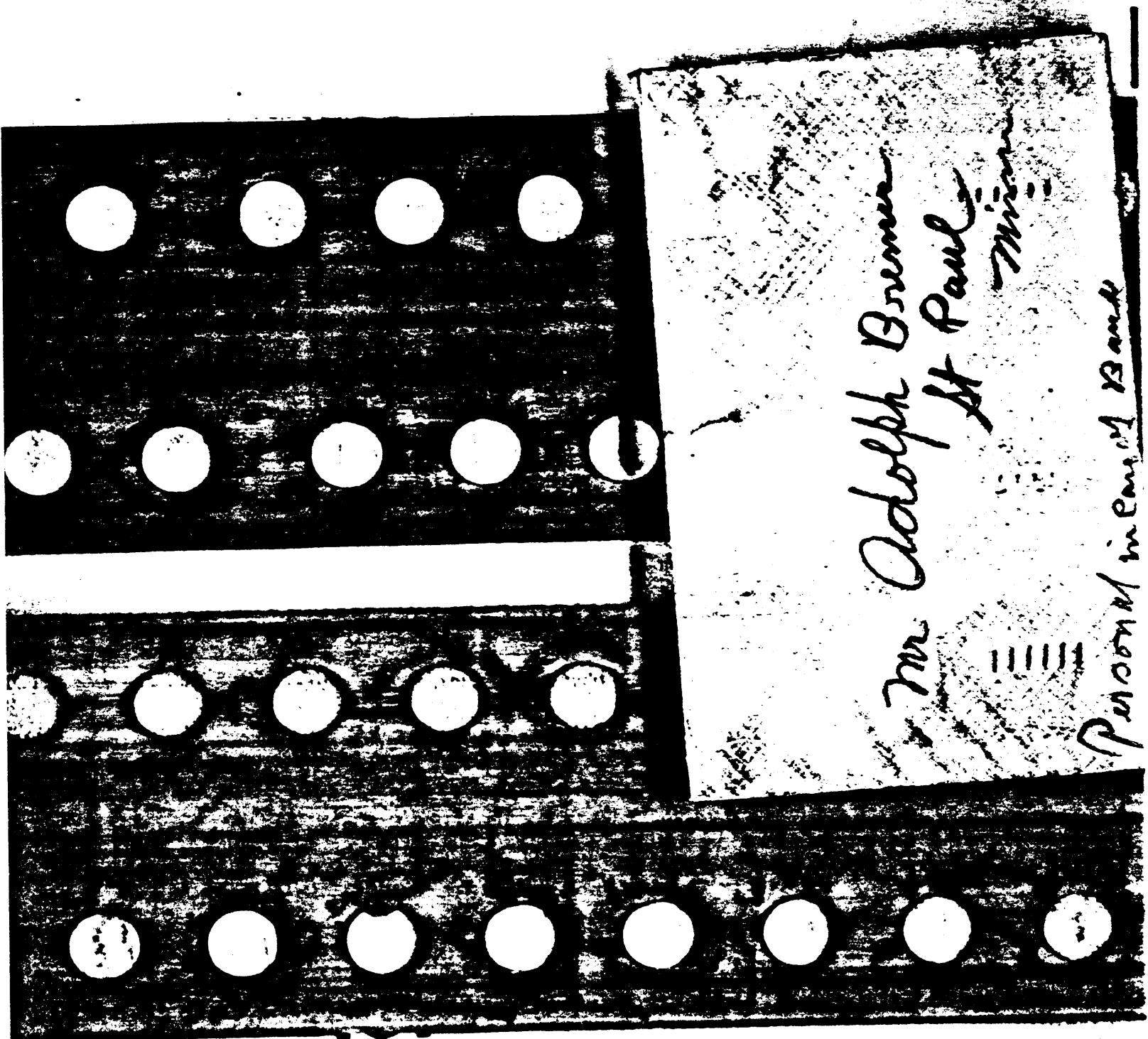
I dreamed of a man dressed in  
a gray suit carried out of a  
lonely looking place to a  
shabby looking car my door  
bell rang woke me before my  
vision was finished at  
man at his feet another at his shoulder  
I didn't see the man's face it was  
covered his body was bent as live  
people's body do, it seemed to me he was  
about 5' 6" he was a stout man  
I am still praying for him, I think he lives

I had vision after vision about Baby  
Linburg I wrote them but never heard  
back I know that child never was on the  
water, but the blood of that innocent babe has  
cried to heaven for vengeance which he  
done to God along perhaps he died  
to save your son and others I believe  
Don't think this strange dear people  
There is a little Catholic Church where  
French people go and ask for  
God this the power God gave St Anthony to  
bring back your son I have the  
answered that you will be; just  
go there write your request and promise  
what ever you wish in money to buy  
bread for St Anthony's poor you  
don't have money at the time just  
the request if you are one then give  
what you promised I am sure  
you will hear from your son  
There is nothing impossible for  
God dear people, I think this Church  
is called St Louis it was called that 40  
years ago when I asked a request there  
and I was answered I know you will be  
You can ask any person can tell you about it

When bad women can be put down we  
will have no bad men bad women and  
fire eating a causing all trouble to stop  
I look for news from you and in  
a short time be sure and go to that church  
as I did 40 years ago ask and you will  
remember I will pray God to me you all  
Please don't mention my name  
O. J. He old and gray a long 77 years  
old all that time in prison, I ask God to bless  
and comfort you and your people  
With love and sincerely yours

Mrs. D. W. [unclear] (per Annie)  
Please don't mention my name to  
any persons, I am afraid of that class  
of women many hitting a fellow with  
them coming here from [unclear] and  
Nielsen and the likes crowding out  
our own people I cannot pay my taxes  
16 or 18 dollars only

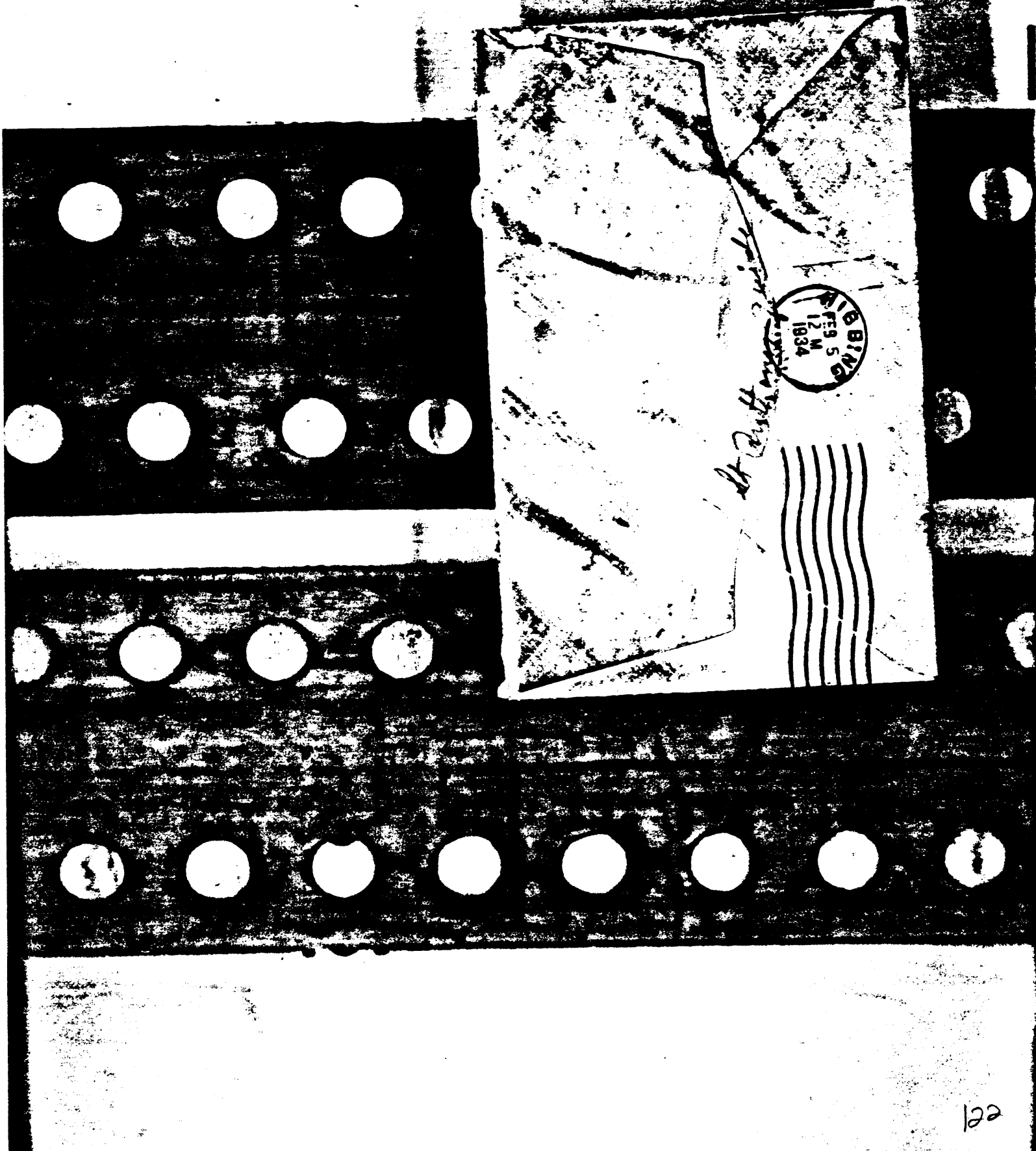




Mr Adolph Bremer  
St Paul  
Minnesota

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Personal in Care of Bank



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

February 8, 1934.

*Bremer*

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*J. E. Hoover*

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice.

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DIRECTOR

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

| CITY                  | BUILDING                          | TELEPHONE NUMBER |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Birmingham, Ala.      | 322 Federal                       | 7-1755           |
| Boston, Mass.         | 1002 Post Office & Court House    | Liberty 7634     |
| Butte, Montana        | 302 Federal                       | 2-4734           |
| Charlotte, N. C.      | 1806 First National Bank          | 3-4127           |
| Chicago, Illinois     | 1900 Bankers'                     | Andover 2411     |
| Cincinnati, Ohio      | 426 U. S. Custom House & P.O.     | Cherry 0768      |
| Dallas, Texas         | Post Office                       | 2-7985           |
| Detroit, Michigan     | 625 Lafayette                     | Cadillac 2835    |
| El Paso, Texas        | 1331 First National Bank          | Main 501         |
| Jacksonville, Fla.    | 412 U. S. Court House & P. O.     | 5-8209           |
| Kansas City, Mo.      | Federal, Suite L                  | Victor 3113      |
| Los Angeles, Calif.   | 617 Federal                       | Mutual 2201      |
| New Orleans, La.      | 326½ Post Office                  | Raymond 1965     |
| New York, N. Y.       | 370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403   | Caledonia 5-8691 |
| Oklahoma City, Okla.  | 224 Federal                       | 2-8204           |
| Philadelphia, Pa.     | 735 Philadelphia Saving Fund      | Walnut 2213      |
| Pittsburgh, Pa.       | 1206 Law and Finance              | Grant 2727       |
| Portland, Oregon      | 411 United States Court House     | Atwater 6171     |
| Salt Lake City, Utah  | Room 503a U.S. Court House & P.O. | Wasatch 1797     |
| San Antonio, Texas    | 1216 Smith-Young Tower            | Fannin 8052      |
| San Francisco, Calif. | 318 Hewes                         | Exbrook 0818     |
| St. Louis, Mo.        | 801 Title Guaranty                | Central 1650     |
| St. Paul, Minn.       | 203 Post Office                   | Garfield 2193    |
| Washington, D. C.     | Hurley-Wright                     | National 0185    |

Telephone or telegraph:

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,

at the above city and address.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER.  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

February 6, 1934.

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|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| MR. Nathan  | ✓ |
| MR. Tolson  |   |
| MR. Clegg   |   |
| MR. Cowley  |   |
| MR. Edwards |   |
| MR. Egan    |   |
| MR. Quinn   | ✓ |
| MR. Lester  |   |
| MR. Loebe   |   |
| MR. Rorer   |   |

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan called. He advised no new information has been received by him or our office there. He advised, however, that the numbers which have been sequenced here should be set up and typed and distributed to all of our field offices and our offices instructed to hold them until a telegram telling them to forward the numbers of the bills delivered to the kidnapers is sent to the field offices.

Mr. Nathan called attention to the likelihood that a large number of the bills are on the Ninth Federal Reserve Bank at Minneapolis and that a statement to this effect might be made on the list if it is found to be worth while. He suggested that the list be examined with this in view.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

Mr. Edwards asked to  
proceed - Day + night shifts.  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER.  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

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

February 7, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

In compliance with your request, please find attached hereto a memorandum prepared, reflecting the number of banks (National and State) in each field office district.

This tabulation was prepared for the purpose of sending out circulars from the Seat of Government, a copy of which should be made available, I believe, to Mr. Renneberger.

From the files reviewed, I find that Special Agent in Charge Fay of the New York office has made arrangements to notify auxiliary offices that, in the event it becomes necessary to circularize banks located in Canada, the arrangements have been made through his office. Should it become necessary to send out circulars to the various field offices, for the purpose of distributing them to banks located in their districts, I would suggest that at least 100 additional copies be added to the number of banks listed.

Respectfully,

*T. D. Quinn*

T. D. Quinn.

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The following tabulation shows the number of national and state banks in the various field office districts:

| <u>District</u> | <u>No. of Banks</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Birmingham      | 786                 |
| Boston          | 469                 |
| Butte           | 231                 |
| Charlotte       | 381                 |
| Chicago         | 1086                |
| Cincinnati      | 1295                |
| Dallas          | 440                 |
| Detroit         | 690                 |
| El Paso         | 148                 |
| Jacksonville    | 296                 |
| Kansas City     | 2231                |
| Los Angeles     | 124                 |
| New Orleans     | 359                 |
| New York        | 1383                |
| Canada          | <u>3890</u>         |
| Oklahoma City   | 5273                |
| Philadelphia    | 740                 |
| Pittsburgh      | 720                 |
| Portland        | 703                 |
| Salt Lake City  | 369                 |
| San Antonio     | 337                 |
| San Francisco   | 538                 |
| St. Louis       | 200                 |
| St. Paul        | 926                 |
| Washington      | 2035                |
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MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FOUR,  
EQUIPMENT SECTION

With regard to the pamphlets being prepared in your Unit listing therein the numbers appearing on the bills paid as ransom in the Bremer case pending at St. Paul, I wish that you would send the first 5,000 booklets printed immediately to the St. Paul Office of the Division by registered mail, special delivery.

I am attaching hereto a copy of a list prepared showing the number of national and state banks in the various field office districts.

Further shipments of these pamphlets, as they are completed, should be transmitted to the Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis, Detroit and Salt Lake City Offices in the order named. In other words, I desire that these pamphlets be distributed to all banks in the vicinity of St. Paul at the earliest possible moment. After each field office has received its necessary quota in order to distribute them among the banks in each field office district, you should arrange to forward to each field office a sufficient number in order that they may be distributed to all law enforcement officials in each district, or in other words the same number of pamphlets should be forwarded as identification orders.

As previously instructed, this matter should receive your most expeditious attention, in order that the printing and assembling of these pamphlets may be completed at the earliest possible moment.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 681662.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
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Division of Investigation,  
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Director  
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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

February 7, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subjects; Edward G. Bremer,  
Victim. Kidnaping. b7d

Enclosed, herewith, is a letter signed "N.R.A." together with the envelope in which it was mailed by Special Delivery [redacted] postmarked Chicago, Illinois, 11 A.M., February 6, 1934. There is also enclosed a photostatic copy of a letter which was enclosed with the above mentioned letter, to be forwarded [redacted] to Adolf Bremer at St. Paul. This enclosure is marked "Obscene".

United States Attorney Dwight H. Green called the writer to his office today and advised that an attorney [redacted] had brought these letters to his office. Mr. Green advised [redacted] It is to be noted that in the letter the individual signing himself N.R.A. requests [redacted] to act as a go-between in an effort to collect ransom money from the Bremer family. [redacted] did not want to act as a go-between, nor did he desire to have it known that he had turned these letters over to the Government. In order to eliminate any possibility of the fact that he had turned these letters over to Mr. Green becoming known [redacted] stated that he desired to mail the enclosures for Mr. Bremer to Mr. Bremer, but that this office could retain the original letter addressed to him.

It is noted that in the photostated letter enclosed, mention is made of an advertisement which should appear in the Chicago Tribune. [redacted] advised Mr. Green that [redacted] suggested that if this Ad were inserted, the following words might be added: "The lawyer refuses to act in this matter", thus indicating to the writer of the letter that [redacted] would not act as a go-between.

Assistant Director Harold Nathan was communicated with by telephone at St. Paul and the substance of these letters given to him, and he advised that he believed that these individuals were apparently not the kidnapers of

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Edward Bremer, inasmuch as their reference to the N.R.A. did not identify them as such. He further suggested that it would be well to let [redacted] forward the letter for Mr. Bremer to Mr. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, so that the matter would be carried out in the same manner as was contemplated by the writer of the letter.

Accordingly, the enclosures meant for Mr. Bremer were returned to United States Attorney Green for transmittal to [redacted] to be forwarded by him to Mr. Adolf Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota. [redacted] has been instructed to immediately turn over any further communications which he may receive from this individual.

Attached to the St. Paul copies of this letter are photostatic copies of the letter addressed to [redacted] as well as photostatic copies of the letter which was enclosed for [redacted] to forward to Mr. Bremer and which are marked "Obscene".

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Smith*

W. A. SMITH, Acting,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
February 7, 1934

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

Dear Sir:-

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim,  
Kidnaping

Enclosed herewith in a cellophane envelope is a letter received by Mr. Dickman of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, mailed at Chicago, Illinois, February 4, 1934. This letter was transmitted to this office by the St. Paul Office, under date of February 5, 1934.

In accordance with the request in the enclosed letter, the following advertisement has been placed in the Personal column of the CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE dated February 8 and 9, 1934 -

"L.P. Wire me collect, care Western Union, Chicago, where I can meet you. Signed, Garr"

This office will keep in touch with the Western Union Telegraph Company to ascertain whether the individual signing himself L.P. will follow the directions in the above advertisement, and such action as is necessary will then be taken.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Smith*

W. A. SMITH, Acting,  
Special Agent in Charge

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**DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.**

FILE NO. **7-15**

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|---|----------------------------------|---|--|
| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>NEW ORLEANS</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>2-7-34</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>2-6-34</b>   | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>H. A. TAYLOR</b> |
| TITLE:<br><b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;<br/>EDWARD G. BREMER (VICTIM)</b>  |                                  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>KIDNAPING</b>  |  |
| <p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p><b>G. E. Hardin, Attorney, Lake Charles, La.,</b> advises he has no knowledge as to whereabouts of Paula Harmon; last heard from her around middle of 1932, shortly after her suit was settled for \$3,250.00. No photograph available. Marriage record obtained reflecting marriage, July 12, 1932, between Paula Harmon and Doyle Benton, at Lake Charles, La. No writing of subjects in New Orleans files of interest.</p> <p align="center"><b>R.U.C.</b></p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter from Dallas Division Office dated 1-30-34. Report of Special Agent C. B. Winstead, Dallas, Texas, 1-31-34. Letter from St. Paul Office dated 1-28-34.</p> <p align="center"><b>AT LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA.</b></p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <b>G. E. Hardin, Attorney, Weber Building, brother of Assistant United States Attorney J. Fair Hardin, of the Western District of Louisiana,</b> was interviewed. Mr. Hardin advised that he had instituted suit for Paula Harmon in May 1932 against the Massachusetts Bowling and Insurance Company of Boston, Massachusetts, for injuries received as a result of an automobile accident which had occurred in January 1932 in Lake Charles, Louisiana, while Paula was driving with her brother, W. W. Brannon. Mr. Hardin stated that the suit was settled on June 8, 1932, for \$3,250.00, without going to trial.</p> <p align="right"><small>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</small></p> |                                  |   |  |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><i>R. L. White</i><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  |                                  | <b>7-576-196</b><br>BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION<br><b>FEB 9 1934 A.M.</b><br>DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE<br>ROUTED TO: <i>ms</i> <i>DPZ</i> |  |
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that shortly thereafter Paula Harmon had received her share of the settlement. Mr. Hardin saw Paula on one occasion thereafter, at Lake Charles, at which time she told him she had just married Doyle Benton at Lake Charles. This meeting occurred shortly after settlement of the suit.

Mr. Hardin advised that he had had no photographs of Paula Harmon made, and that he had none in his files. He stated that at the time the suit was pending Paula had brought several photos of herself taken prior to the accident for the purpose of trial, to show her appearance prior to the accident, but that after the suit was settled these photographs were returned to her. Mr. Hardin advised that the accident had left slight scars on either side of the bridge of her nose; and that the sinus bones of her face were smashed and gave her face a somewhat flattened appearance; that she was not terribly disfigured.

Mr. Hardin further advised that Paula formerly lived with her brother, W. W. Brannon, 1131 Forrest Drive, Port Arthur, Texas, and at 5157 7th Street, Port Arthur, Texas, but had long since moved, as letters written to her by him had been returned; further, that Paula has a sister-in-law, Mrs. English Brannon, who resides at 1423 Proctor Street, Port Arthur, Texas; and this sister-in-law has a sister, Mrs. Jewel Caruth, living in Port Arthur, whose husband, Mr. Caruth, works for the Firestone Station on Proctor Street, Port Arthur, Texas. She also has a brother-in-law, Jesse Hamilton, who once acted as City Manager of Port Arthur, Texas, temporarily, and is reputed to be a reliable man.

Paula Harmon was described by Mr. Hardin and his secretary, Miss Elsie Whitman, as follows:

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Name:          | MRS. PAULA HARMON   |
| Age:           | 28-32   |
| Height:        | 5' 2"   |
| Weight:        | 120   |
| Build:         | Medium slender  |
| Eyes:          | Gray  |
| Hair:          | Blonde (Very light brown)   |
| Teeth:         | One right front out; two left front crown broken off (result of accident) |
| Scars:         | Two slight scars either side of bridge nose                               |
| Peculiarities: | Face had rather flattened appearance, thought round in contour.           |

E. C. House, Clerk, District Court, Calcasieu Parish, upon interview, produced Marriage Record Book #29, Page 486, reflecting issuance of marriage license on July 18, 1932, to Doyle Benton and Paula Harmon, and their subsequent marriage on the same date. This record reflects that Paula Harmon, 28, was born February 11, 1904; that her father is D. B. Brannon, Port Arthur, Texas; that her mother is Annie Ellis Brannon, Port Arthur, Texas; that she was married once before to Charles Harmon, deceased. The record further reflects that Doyle Benton, 28, of Port Arthur, Texas, was born January 24, 1904; that his father is J. D. Benton, Port Arthur, Texas; that his mother is Gertie Fullbright Benton, Port



Arthur, Texas; that he was twice married before, to Frankie Alloway and to Bernice Lyons, both of whom are presently living, (no addresses given). The Minister performing the ceremony was Reverend E. F. Young, a Baptist Clergyman. Mr. House advised that Reverend Young is presently located at Mooringsport, Louisiana, just above Shreveport, Louisiana.

No lead is being set out to interview the Reverend E. F. Young because Mr. House advised that Mr. Young literally solicited couples for marriage in front of the Court House and probably knew nothing about either Doyle Benton or Paula Harmon.

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

Examination of files on subjects in the New Orleans Office fails to disclose any writings in which misspellings have occurred similar to those set out in second reference letter.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DALLAS OFFICE: At Port Arthur, Texas, will locate and interview Doyle Benton and his parents for information of present whereabouts of Paula Harmon.

Will also interview Paula's sister-in-law, Mrs. English Brannon, 1423 Proctor Street, the latter's sister, Mrs. Jewel Caruth, and her husband, Mr. Caruth, who is employed by the Firestone Station on Proctor Street for the same purpose.

Will also locate and interview Jesse Hamilton, brother-in-law, for the same purpose.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1934.

*Conley*

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Mr. Nathan telephoned this morning from the Bremer home in St. Paul. He stated that the only information which they had obtained from Mr. Edward G. Bremer is as follows: That on the day he was kidnaped they travelled all day and about three hours after dark, and the same amount of time when he was returned; that he was blindfolded during the entire time; that when he wrote the letters he was placed in a corner with the paper in front of him; that the trip was made in a small sedan containing three men, and on a travelled highway; that he was released at Rochester, Minnesota, and returned home by train and by bus. The ransom of \$200,000 was paid by Magee in or near St. Paul on the night of February 6th. Mr. Nathan stated that he had called the Associated Press and the United Press to request that they broadcast a notice for a small sedan containing three men.

Mr. Nathan will call back later when he can give additional information.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. H.*  
Director.

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| MR. Cowley  | ..... |
| MR. Edwards | ..... |
| MR. Egan    | ..... |
| MR. Quinn   | ..... |
| MR. Lester  | ..... |
| MR. Locke   | ..... |
| MR. Rorer   | ..... |

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

While in conversation with Mr. Conroy he stated that Mr. Bennett, of the Ford organization, had talked with public enemy #1 in Detroit and had asked him to find out if Bremer was still alive; that this was the only question he would ask but he wanted that information because if Bremer were not alive all the state, local and Federal investigators would get on the case immediately. He stated that two or three days later public enemy #1 at Detroit returned and said "shoot the works", indicating that Bremer was not still alive.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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unreliable some  
information is.*

*J. E. N.*

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322 Federal Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
February 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the St. Paul Office dated February 7, 1934, requesting that the St. Paul Office be furnished some specimens of the handwriting of Hugh Basil Banghart, I. O. #1205.

Attached hereto is a photostatic copy of a note addressed to the Express Agent at Lenoir City, Tennessee, written by Banghart, being signed L. J. Rogers, which is one of his aliases, and was found by the Birmingham Office during the course of the investigation conducted in the case entitled William Sharkey, with aliases (Deceased); Basil Hugh Banghart, with aliases, I. O. #1205; Charles G. Connors, with aliases, I. O. #1206, et al, John Factor - Victim.

During the course of the investigation in that case at Knoxville, Tennessee and vicinity, it was learned that Banghart had spent a considerable amount of time up until a few months ago in the vicinity of Knoxville, Tennessee, where he was accompanied by his gang, which included Ludwig Schmidt, Isaac and Rufus Costner, also Charles G. Connors, with aliases, I. O. #1206. On November 15, 1933, this gang committed a \$100,000. mail robbery at Charlotte, N.C., after which they shipped a trunk to Lenoir City, Tennessee, the trunk being shipped to L. J. Rogers, which was the name that Banghart also used when renting an apartment at Charlotte, N.C. In this trunk are the stocks of two machine guns, and a surveillance was maintained for several weeks at Lenoir City, awaiting the arrival of someone to claim the trunk.

Investigation revealed that Banghart, who is known as L. J. Rogers, along with Schmidt and Isaac Costner had stopped from time to time at the Rose Hill Tourist Camp, located about nineteen miles from Knoxville, and that on the night of December 14, 1933, Banghart gave the proprietor of this camp, namely E. B. Walters, the original note, of which the attached is a photostatic copy. However, Walters gave the original of this note to the sheriff at Knoxville, Tennessee, and so far as it is known, neither Banghart nor any of his crowd returned to Knoxville or Le-

moir City, Tennessee. The package that was being held at Lenoir City awaiting claim by Banghart has been returned by the express company to Charlotte, N.C.

For the further information of the St. Paul Office in connection with this matter, it has been ascertained by the Cincinnati Office that Banghart, under the alias of L. J. Collins, on November 27, 1933 purchased from the Edwards Motor Company, Lexington, Kentucky, an Auburn Coupe, Model 8-101A, Eight Cylinder, Motor #80112, Serial #5434 H. This car has a light brown body and dark brown fenders. There were issued for the car Fayette County, Kentucky license plates (1933), No. 220,009. Isaac Coster also purchased from the same company, under the alias of J. A. Kostner, an Auburn Sedan, 12 cylinder, model 12-165, bearing motor number BB 1929 A, Serial #1077 A.

Last night the Division telephonically advised the Birmingham Office that it had been ascertained that Banghart was at Baltimore, Md. up until January 7, 1934, having been there for a month prior thereto, with his crowd, including the companions mentioned above, namely the Costner brothers and Ludwig Schmidt, along with Banghart's woman, who is Mae Blalock, alias Mae Rogers, and who is reported to be about twenty to twenty-five years of age, 5'4" in height, weight 108 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs., dark brown hair, cream complexion, blue eyes with long eye-lashes, and also reported to be approximately five months pregnant. The Division advised that when this party departed from Baltimore they indicated they were going to Louisville, Ky. While at Baltimore, Banghart is reported to have been wearing colored green glasses, and under the name of Lawrence F. Collins on December 19, 1933 purchased 1934 Maryland license plates 77427 for the above described Auburn Coupe.

Efforts are being made to secure additional original specimens of Banghart's handwriting, and as promptly as received they will be transmitted to the St. Paul Office.

Copies of this letter are also being directed to the Cincinnati and Charlotte offices, in order that those offices might likewise transmit any specimens of Banghart's handwriting, available in their files or readily procurable in their districts, to the St. Paul Office.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON, Acting  
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.

February 7, 1934.

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MR. TOLSON .....  
MR. CLEGG .....  
MR. COWLEY .....  
MR. EDWARDS .....  
MR. EGAN .....  
MR. QUINN .....  
MR. LESTER .....  
MR. LOCKE .....  
MR. ROEP .....  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

During the course of Mr. Nathan's telephone call at noon today he advised that he felt that the "heat" should be put on Basil Banghart since he entertained the feeling that Banghart might be involved in the Bremer kidnaping case.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

February 8, 1934.

AIR MAIL

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subjects; Edward G. Bremer,  
Victim. Kidnaping.

Reference is made to your telegram of February 7, 1934, which requested the names and descriptive data of suspects in the robbery of the First State Bank of Holland, Michigan, in September, 1932, and to the telegraphic reply from this office of the same date.

Immediately upon the receipt of your telegram yesterday, Chief of Police Levens, at Holland, Michigan, was communicated with by telephone and he advised that among the suspects in this case, according to his files, in addition to Ernest Rossi and John Klutas, are the following:

Grover Comstock  
Robert Schmidt, alias Frisco Dutch  
Michael De Laurentis

He also advised that the Michigan State Police, at East Lansing, Michigan, probably had other suspects in the case. A wire was dispatched to the Detroit Office, requesting that they secure the names and descriptive data of the suspects in the possession of the State Police at East Lansing, Michigan, and forward them direct to the Division.

It is to be noted that one of the suspects, Michael De Laurentis, mentioned above, is the subject of File #28-4972, entitled Michael De Laurentis, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. A review of that file indicates that the bandits who held up the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan, used a Studebaker Sedan which had been stolen from its owner, H. L. Rauch, at Oak Park, Illinois, on September 14, 1932. De Laurentis was arrested as a suspect by the Chicago Police and identified from photographs and personal observation by several citizens of Holland, as being the driver of the car in question at the time it was being used by the bandits at Holland, Michigan. He was charged with robbery of the bank at Holland, but the Governor of Illinois declined to extradite him to Michigan for State prosecution, because De Laurentis produced several alibi witnesses showing that he was in and around Chicago, Illinois, on the day of the robbery. He was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury at Grand Rapids, Michigan, on November 2, 1932, for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, in connection with this car. At a removal hearing before

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United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker at Chicago, Illinois, on November 28th and 29th, 1932, De Laurentis was discharged by the Commissioner, who stated in effect that while he believed that the identifying witness was sincere in his testimony, he was not convinced of its accuracy, and that he further believed the witness to be rather loose in testifying regarding certain significant dates and circumstances. At the same time the Commissioner stated he believed the testimony of the Defendant's alibi witnesses to be credible and to be given in good faith and was not impeached. Subsequently, the United States Attorney at Grand Rapids, Michigan, advised that he would seek authority to enter a nolle prosequi in this case.

Reference is made to the telephone call of Mr. Crowley of the Division this morning, in which Mr. Crowley stated that on November 9, 1932, the following persons had been arrested in Chicago, Illinois, in possession of a quantity of bonds of the Bank of Holland, Michigan:

Ben Voupal, alias Berkson  
Julius Schreiber  
Ben Gross

File #29-503 in the Chicago Office discloses that United States Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, inquired of Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, by letter dated August 26, 1933, as to the circumstances of the arrest of these individuals and their subsequent release, although they had in their possession approximately \$21,000.00 worth of the listed bonds which were stolen from the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan. At that time Mr. Purvis conducted an inquiry, through the Chicago Police Department, and in substance ascertained that Berkson had sold some of the securities stolen from this bank to a firm known as Reynolds & Company, Brokers, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and that Berkson directed that the money due him be sent in the form of a check, in care of Farrell Brothers in the Board of Trade Building in Chicago. Detectives Ryan and Murphy, of the Chicago Police Department, at the request of Mr. Edward Ptacek, Manager of the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company, situated themselves at the offices of Farrell Brothers and, after being there two days, were released by operatives of the Pinkerton Detective Agency, who arrested Berkson at the time he appeared at this place. At that time he was accompanied by Julius Schreiber and Ben Gross. In Schreiber's possession they found a list of bonds, which list of bonds was checked and found to be identical with those stolen from the First State Bank of Holland, Michigan. Further questioning of Berkson and Schreiber revealed nothing about the robbery of the bank. They refused to tell where they got the bonds which had been sold in Pennsylvania. Investigation disclosed that Ben Gross, also known as Harry Gross, apparently had no connection with the other two men and had just come

along with them. Pictures of the men were sent to Holland, Michigan, but none of the witnesses of the bank robbery were able to identify them as being any of the bandits, and subsequently they were released, when a representative of the U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Company advised that they did not desire to prosecute these individuals. While the report from the Police Department is not clear on the matter, it appears that these men turned over voluntarily, through their attorney, Mr. George Lavin of Chicago, \$21,000.00 worth of bonds stolen from the bank in Holland, Michigan, as well as \$6,000.00 worth of Liberty Bonds, which were registered and which were subsequently turned over to the United States Secret Service. It appears that an agreement was entered into between the attorney for these men and the representative for the U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Company, whereby this company would not press prosecution if these bonds were turned over. It seems to be the general practice of the Legal Departments of insurance and bonding companies, to advise their clients to "stay out of the courts" on matters of this kind. It further appears that Mr. George Lavin, the attorney for the three men arrested and who it appears is now an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Illinois, informed Mr. Ptacek of the insurance company, that he had some of the bonds, which would be returned. Lavin is said to have stated that he had some of these bonds and that he needed \$1500.00 to get the rest of them out of pawn. Mr. Ptacek informed Mr. Lavin that he would not put up the \$1500.00 and suggested that Schreiber's brother put up the money. It appears that this was done and the bonds were returned.

Special Agent Charles Jenkins discreetly obtained from the Identification Bureau of the Chicago Police Department, the descriptions of these individuals, set out below, together with their criminal records, as reflected by the files of the Chicago Police Department. A photograph of each of these individuals is now being prepared by the Chicago Police Department and will be ready for this office tomorrow morning. As soon as they are received additional copies will be made and forwarded to St. Paul for such value as they may have in this investigation. In the meantime this office is conducting an investigation to ascertain the present whereabouts of the above named individuals, and also making an effort to locate them and bring them into the Chicago Division Office for questioning. In addition arrangements are being made to have Mrs. Lawrence Mangano, sister of Ernest Rossi, who was recently slain, interviewed to ascertain whether she will give any information concerning the associations of Rossi which might be helpful in ascertaining the identity of those who participated in the Holland, Michigan, Bank Robbery.

The following are the descriptions of the above named individuals:

Name - Grover Comstock

Age - 34 years

Height - 5' 10"

Weight - 160 lbs

Hair - Dark

Eyes - Blue

Complexion - Fair

Build - Slender

Scars - None

Occupation - Salesman

Born - January 11, 1891

Place of Birth - Chicago, Ill.

Education - High School

Marital Status - Single

Address - 1717 N. Dearborn Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Telephone - 1717

Identification - 1717

Signature - [Redacted]

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Lower right and left jaw

Tip of index and middle finger front.

Size of fingers on both hands crooked; circular

right wing of nose.

Chicago, Illinois, Chicago, Illinois.

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Age - 49 years  
Height - 5 feet 7 1/2 inches  
Weight - 175 lbs  
Build - Medium stout  
Hair - Medium chestnut  
Eyes - Brown  
Complexion - Fair  
Tattoos - One on left arm, cut lower left jaw  
Occupation -  
Nativity -  
No scars  
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Name - Michael De Laurentis

Age - 36 years

Height - 5 feet

Weight - 150 lbs

Hair - Dark, slightly

Complexion - Dark

Nationality - American

Nativity - New York

Marital Status - Married

Chicago Police Department #4455

Fingerprint classification - 31 MO NO

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Name - Ben Youpal, alias Berkson

Age - 31 years

Height - 5 feet 2 inches

Fingerprint Classification - 31 MO NO

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Address at time of arrest, 4311 Claremont Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

Pictures included in Chicago, Illinois, Group #4455.

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Name - Julius Schreiber

Age - 31 years

Height - 5 feet 8 inches

Residence at time of arrest, Chicago, Illinois, 2644 Wimmer

Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Picture - Group #4455.

Name - Ben Gross, alias Harry Gross

Age - 30 years

Height - 5 feet 8 1/4 inches

Weight - 150 lbs

Residence at time of arrest, Chicago, Illinois, Y.M.C.A., West Side, Chicago, Illinois.

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It is to be noted that there is a very limited description of the last three individuals. This is due to the fact that these men were not put through the Bureau of Identification of the Chicago Police Department in the usual manner for felons, but were merely photographed in a group.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH, Acting,  
Special Agent in Charge.

WAS/RMN  
CC St. Paul  
CC Detroit

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FEBRUARY 12, 1934

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M H PURVIS  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

REGARDING YOUR LETTER FEBRUARY EIGHT HOLLAND MICHIGAN SUSPECTS UNABLE  
IDENTIFY BEN YOUPAL JULIUS SCHREIBER BEN GROSS SUBMIT COPIES OF FINGERPRINTS

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Laboratory Report

February 3, 1934.

Case: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576

Specimens: 16 anonymous, crank and information letters pertaining to the instant case; envelope addressed to Mr. A. Bremer, postmarked Minneapolis, Minn., 1-25-34, 9:30 PM, note beginning "If you were sincere in your statement"; envelope addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, postmarked St. Paul, Minn., 1-20-34, note beginning "Do not pay Ransom Money", letter and envelope written on stationery bearing heading C.E. McCracken, etc., the letter being signed by C.E. McCracken, envelope addressed with clippings from paper, postmarked Minneapolis, Minn., Examination requested by: 1-23-34.

St. Paul Office.

Date received: January 27 and 29, 1934.

Examination requested: Handwriting, General, and Fingerprint.

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Result of examination:

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Examination by: C.A. Apple

None of the handwriting compares with that of Bremer or any of the other notes or letters, anonymous or otherwise, in this case. They were also compared with the anonymous letters sent to Judge Vaught from St. Paul and other places but no similarities were observed. It will be remembered that in the Urschel Case a threatening letter to Judge Vaught was tentatively identified with an anonymous communication to Factor. Of all of these letters, the one which appears most interesting from an investigative standpoint is that forwarded from Blairstown, New Jersey. This at first appears to be the work of an insane person. It contains a drawing and the words are difficult to read. They appear to be written with a modified German or European script, the spelling, however, being phonetic and according to a dialect of the writer. This may be Pennsylvania Dutch or some local colloquial language variation.

It is possible to read most of the message by assuming these things to be true, thus the letter is addressed "Mr. Searching Detective" and states "I give information". It appears to state that five men, kidnapers or kidnaped "good friend Mr. Bremer done him". On the left hand side of the sheet is a drawing of a house with a man and a woman in it. Under it is the label, "Two old people". Opposite to this are the words "one son" and between this house and a drawing of a road is a cylindrical drawing with a circle at each end. Over this is written "Bremer" and under it what appears to be "here". There are some words which have not been deciphered. After this is written "Search (not translated) look good the village --- 3 Freestt blocks and 3 small front" (apparently referring to houses). The word "village" is repeated and also "town" is written.

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*L. C. Dr. Paul*

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There is a post opposite to a bend in the road. Opposite to the drawing of the house and the cylindrical object and in the road there is another drawing labelled "cars". In the middle of this letter there is a reference to 25 cents, ten cents, two entries of five cents, and one of three cents, the dates being December 25, January 10 and 5. The significance of these is not understood, probably because the word "drim" or "drive" is not clear. At the bottom there is further writing which appears to state that one of the men is a cousin of Becker or a banker, and he is not the kidnaper. On the other hand the son of the old people appears to be referred to as the kidnaper. The admonition is given "search good in front (?) 3 dess B. (Bremer?)."

Of course the above appears to be an ordinary hoax or nut letter and this interpretation is simply given for what it is worth, particularly for the reason that the handwriting contains similarities to the handwriting in the Lindbergh extortion letters. The advisability of sending an agent to Blairstown, New Jersey, should be considered.

The letter addressed to Adolph Bremer, postmarked Minneapolis, January 25, beginning "If you were sincere in your statement", was examined. The handwriting is not similar to that of the victim or other handwriting in the case.

The handwriting in the letter postmarked St. Paul, January 20, beginning "Do not pay Ransom Money" is not similar to the other handwriting in the case. The letter of C. X. McCracken was written with a Noiseless typewriter equipped with Pica type and is not similar to the Bremer extortion letters. The letter addressed with clippings from a paper, postmarked Minneapolis, January 23, appears to have no significance.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP, THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT THE TRANSMITTAL.

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2 - St. Paul.  
2 - Laboratory.

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

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim,  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

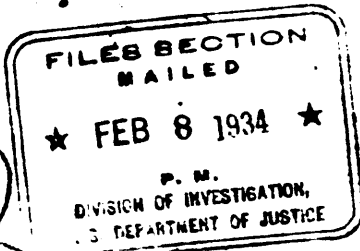
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division on January 27th and 29th, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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February 2, 1934.

Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping.

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16 anonymous, cryptic and information letters pertaining to the instant case; envelope addressed to Mr. A. Bremer, postmarked Minneapolis, Minn., 1-21-34, 9:20 P.M., note beginning "If you were sincere in your statement"; envelope addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, postmarked St. Paul, Minn., 1-22-34, note beginning "Do not pay ransom money"; letter and envelope written on stationery bearing heading C.Y. Wreckan, etc., the letter being signed by C.Y. Wreckan; envelope addressed with clippings from paper, postmarked Minneapolis, Minn., 1-22-34.

St. Paul Office.

January 27 and 28, 1934.

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Handwriting, General, and Fingerprint.

C.A. Appel.

None of the handwriting compares with that of Bremer or any of the other notes or letters, anonymous or otherwise, in this case. They were also compared with the anonymous letters sent to Judge Vaughn from St. Paul and other places but no similarities were observed. It will be remembered that in Case 2 a threatening letter to Judge Vaughn was tentatively identified as anonymous communication to factors of all of these letters, the one most interesting from an investigative standpoint is that from Blairtown, New Jersey. This at first appears to be the work of an amateur. It contains a drawing and the words are difficult to read. They are written with a modified German or European script, the spelling, phonetic and according to a dialect of the writer. This may be due to some local colloquial language variation.

It is possible to read most of the message by assuming these things. The letter is addressed "Mr. Searching Detective" and states "It appears to state that five men, kidnapers or kidnaped men are in the left hand side of the sheet is a man and a woman in it. Under it is the label, or is are the words 'one man' and between this and the drawing with a circle at each end that appears to be 'here'. There is after this is written 'Search (no) blocks and 5 small front' (or 'large' is repeated and also

There is a post opposite to a head in the yard. Opposite to the driving of the house and the cylindrical object and in the yard there is another driving labelled "over". In the middle of this letter there is a reference to 25 cents, ten cents, two entries of five cents, and one of three cents, the dates being December 25, January 10 and 2. The significance of these is not understood, probably because the word "drive" or "driven" is not clear. At the bottom there is further writing which appears to state that one of the men is a cousin of Barker or a brother, and he is not the kidnaper. On the other hand the son of the old people appears to be referred to as the kidnaper. The admission is given "across good in front (7) 2 does 2. (Hewer?)".

If course the above appears to be an ordinary letter or not letter and a interpretation is simply given for what it is worth, particularly for the fact that the handwriting contains similarities to the handwriting in the above extortion letters. The advisability of sending an agent to Milwaukee, Jersey, should be considered.

The letter addressed to Adolph Bremer, postmarked Minneapolis, January 6, beginning "If you were sincere in your statement", was examined. The handwriting is not similar to that of the victim or other handwriting in the case.

The handwriting in the letter postmarked St. Paul, January 20, beginning "Do not pay ransom money" is not similar to the other handwriting in the case. The letter of C. E. Hirschman was written with a ballpoint typewriter equipped with high type and is not similar to the Bremer extortion letters. The letter addressed with clippings from a paper, postmarked Minneapolis, January 20, appears to have no significance.

THE ORIGINAL EXTORTION LETTER WAS SUBMITTED TO BUREAU STAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SIGNIFICANT SIMILARITIES WHICH MAY BE DETECTED. SHOULD THE OFFICE BEING THE ORIGINAL EXTORTION LETTER IN ANY SIGNIFICANT RESEMBLANCE WITH ANY OTHER, THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED BY AIRMAIL TO PERMIT THE TRANS-MITTAL.

2 - Director  
2 - St. Paul  
2 - Laboratory

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February 9, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

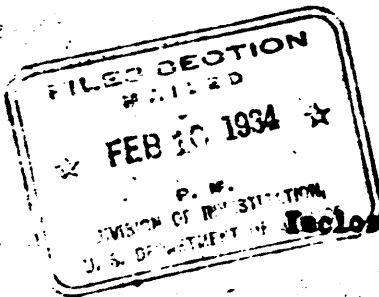
I thought that you would be interested in receiving a copy of the bulletin prepared by the Division reflecting the numbers appearing on the bills paid as ransom in the Edward G. Bremer case pending at St. Paul. Several thousand copies of these bulletins are being forwarded to the St. Paul Office of the Division on this date in order that they might be distributed immediately to all banks, both national and state, located in that district.

Arrangements have already been made to forward to all field offices of the Division sufficient copies in order that similar action might be taken in every state in the Union. I have also planned to distribute these bulletins to all law enforcement officials throughout the country with the hope that the ransom money will be detected at the time efforts are being made to place it in circulation.

Respectfully,

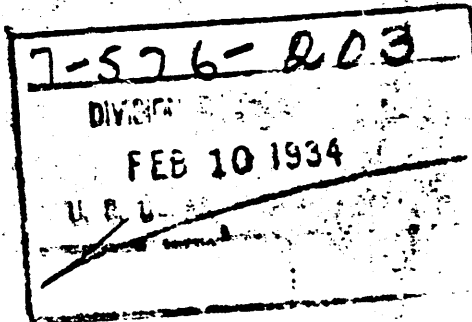
J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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January 9, 1934

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

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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February 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

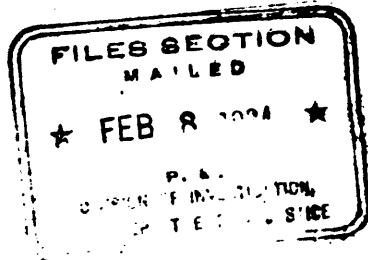
Colonel Gates telephoned to inquire what statement he could give to press representatives concerning the return of Mr. Bremer. I told him that we could make no statement whatever.

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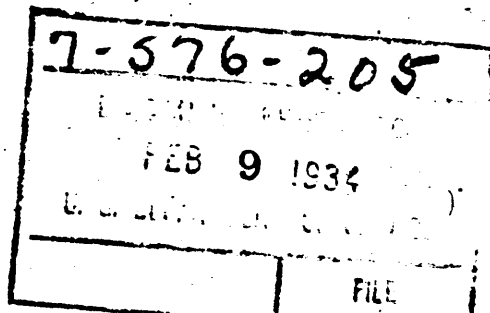
Mr. Max Collier of the Washington Evening Star telephoned this office to inquire if he could be furnished with pictures of Mr. Harold Nathan and Mr. Werner Hanni in connection with a story being prepared on the Bremer case. He was advised that no photographs are available.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Edward G. Bremer  
Interference



625 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan  
February 9  
1934

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

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| DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION   |      |
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Supplementing my letter of January 23, 1934, setting  
the results of an interview had with Mrs. Catherine Kelly, wife of  
[redacted] Kelly, at Milan, Michigan, please be advised that I  
other long talk with her last night in an effort to secure further  
information.

It will be noted in my letter of January 23 that EDWARD  
BREMER, alias BULL, who is the Subject of our Identification Order No. 1214,  
dated January 24, 1934, is mentioned as a good suspect in this case. It  
will be noted that he had knowledge of the kidnaping of Charles Urschel  
prior to that abduction and was to take part in same with Kelly and Bates,  
but because of his failure to arrive in Texas at a designated time the offense  
was committed without him. It will be further noted that when plans were  
made for the kidnaping of Urschel that Larus had advanced the sug-  
gestion of keeping Urschel in the home of a crippled man in Aurora, Illinois.  
I believe is a significant point in showing the distance which Larus  
traveled as victim.

Mrs. Kelly now informs me that both she and her husband  
knew Larus for a number of years; that he has visited them in Texas  
on occasions and that both she and Kelly spent a good deal of time  
in Chicago and St. Paul; that between two and three years  
ago Larus had proceeded to Chicago where ostensibly he was  
conducting enterprises; that he was gone for a considerable  
time when she received communication from him instructing  
her to meet him in Kansas City, Missouri, and that she would be met at the  
station. She states that he requested her to use an airplane but  
she used the train and proceeded in that way; that upon  
arriving in Kansas City she was met at the station by Kelly and Eddie  
[redacted] of the above referred to Identification Order, and that

all three proceeded from the station to the Phillips Hotel which is near the Muhlbach Hotel; that Kelly registered as R. G. Shannon and wife, and she believes that Larue registered as L. E. Lang or Fern.

Kelly then told her for the first time that he and Larue had kidnaped a Mr. WOOLVERTON, a wealthy manufacturer in South Bend, Indiana; that Woolverton was picked off the street by Larue one evening when accompanied by the Studebaker family, returning from some social engagement; that Kelly was driving a black Chrysler four-door sedan and that Woolverton was placed in this car and taken to a purported farmhouse between Chicago and Joliet, Illinois, which house was occupied by a brother of Eddie Larue; that Woolverton was kept in the basement of this house for a period of two or three days. She states that Kelly told her that no ransom was paid for the release of Woolverton but that he was unexpectedly released one day when it was learned by Larue and Kelly that authorities were making a very careful search of houses in the vicinity. She states that Kelly informed her that Woolverton was released at a point near the city limits of Chicago and given ten dollars for transportation to his home.

She further stated that Kelly and Larue became engaged in an altercation over an amount of \$400 to be paid to Larue's brother for his part in furnishing the basement of his house; that while Woolverton was being held, Larue's brother's wife and, Mrs. Kelly believes, four children, were kept in Chicago.

She stated that some time later while she and Larue and her husband George were talking concerning various matters, that she mentioned the Woolverton kidnaping and that Larue became very indignant at George Kelly because he had made statements regarding that affair to his wife. She was present when this altercation took place. She further states that upon being met at the Kansas City station by Kelly and Larue she inquired as to why they had not instructed her to proceed to Chicago and Larue then remarked that it was necessary for them to leave that city in a hurry.

It is Mrs. Kelly's belief that the trio registered at the Phillips Hotel in Kansas City about the day following the release of Woolverton. She stated that Kelly was closely associated with Larue and that Larue and Kelly took part in several bank robberies.

As information had indirectly reached this office to the effect that Bremer had been held at or near Sioux City, Iowa, Mrs. Kelly was asked if she knew of any connection that Larue might have in that city. She replied that about September 1932 while she and George Kelly were residing in an apartment house at 6000 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, under the name of R. G. Shannon and wife, a Western

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Union telegram was received directed to George Kelly from Eddie Larue signed "Ed"; that this telegram was sent from Sioux City, Iowa, and requested money. She recalls this incident very clearly because of the fact that both she and Kelly were living in New Orleans under the name of Shannon, which was known to Larue, but still he sent the wire under the name of Kelly, which irked George Kelly considerably, and that under ordinary circumstances her husband would never have received the wire if it had not been for the fact that she noticed the Western Union boy approaching the front door and he made inquiry of her as to whether or not he could find George Kelly here; that she informed him George Kelly was visiting her and that she would take the telegram. On another occasion when Larue was visiting the Kellys in Texas he was going to make a trip to St. Paul and requested Mrs. Kelly to furnish him with a schedule of airplane travel to that city. She determined that one line would take him through Sioux City, Iowa, where there was a stopover of one hour and a half. He then informed her that he could not take that line as he had an ex-wife living in Sioux City and did not want to be seen there.

In this connection it will be noted in the Identification Order that the home of Larue alias Dell is believed to be Burlington, Iowa. Also it is noted that he has two brothers, Fred Dell and Harry Dell, residing in Chicago. Mrs. Kelly does not know the name of the brother who occupied the house between Joliet and Chicago where Woolverton was kept, nor does she know where the house is located as she never visited the place.

It occurs to me that perhaps one of the two brothers listed above is the person who occupied the house in question and now probably has moved to Chicago, or perhaps Larue has another brother whose name is not shown on the Identification Order.

Larue told Mrs. Kelly that he had been married nine times. In this respect Mrs. Kelly advised that just following the Blue Ridge, Texas, bank robbery, about two years ago, in which robbery Larue, Kelly, Bates and Bailey were involved, a Miss DORIS BARTON appeared in Texas with Larue and visited the Kellys, and that directly from Fort Worth, Texas, this Doris Barton and Larue proceeded by airplane to the State of Maine, where the parents of Doris Barton are alleged to reside and where they are thought to operate a tourist camp. She states that they informed her they were going to Maine to be married. She further informs me that Larue had been acquainted with Doris Barton for a considerable period and that Doris Barton formerly resided in an apartment in either the 5000, 5100 or 5200 block on Sheridan Road, Chicago, which apartment was located either on the 4th or 5th floor; that she, Catherine Kelly, visited Doris Barton in this apartment several times. She stated that the address of this apartment was on an illuminated sign outside and she believes it to be 5240.

She states that Larue frequently remarked to her and to George Kelly that he was never going to give out the name of the town where his wife's folks reside, calling it "his Paradise," stating that it was a fine place to hide out. She believes however that evidently the address has been furnished by Larue to Frank Hayes, the proprietor of the HAYES MOTEL, which is believed to be 757 South State Street, Chicago, as Hayes is the contact man for this outfit. In this connection reference is had to my communication dated January 23, 1934.

She describes Doris Barton, who is well known to her,

34 years old  
Small build  
Decided platinum blond.

She states that Larue is a close associate of TOM BANKS of St. Paul, advising that frequently her husband, George Kelly, would locate Larue through Banks.

She also advised that following the visit to Cleveland, Ohio, on June 4, 1933, when George Kelly and she purchased the 16-cylinder Cadillac sedan, they proceeded to Chicago and there met Larue and his wife. Mrs. Kelly believes this was between June 5 and 9; that Larue's wife had her eight year old nephew along and that they were registered at the Stevens Hotel, where Larue, his wife and the nephew had a suite of rooms costing \$17 a day. She stated that she knows positively that Larue, his wife and nephew departed from Chicago directly for Maine. Although Larue is fond of airplanes it is very possible that on this occasion train transportation was used, and it is believed that perhaps tickets might have been secured through the porter at the Stevens Hotel. Through this source the name of the city in Maine where the trio went might be determined.

She also advised that it is known to her that Larue frequently stopped at the Harrison Hotel, Chicago, near the Stevens and Company on Michigan Avenue, and that he stored his golf clubs in this hotel for a long time. It is Mrs. Kelly's belief that he probably lived there under either the name of Lang or Fern.

She also advised that he is very fond of a brown CHOW dog which he owns and frequently was seen out walking with this dog, which dog is very closely attached to Larue.

Mrs. Kelly states that on one or two occasions they ate dinners with Larue in restaurants in AURORA, Illinois, in which city

she believes he is well acquainted. Along this line she further states that Larue told her several times that he had a sweetheart in the Women's Reformatory at ALDERSON, who was serving a sentence on a violation of the National Prohibition Act; that this girl's home was in Aurora, and he frequently remarked that he would marry this girl when she was released from the penitentiary, indicating that he would desert Doris Barton. Mrs. Kelly does not know the name of the Sweetheart in Alderson, who she thinks was scheduled to be released about October 1933. This fact is mentioned in the event there is any indication that a woman might be involved in the Bremer kidnaping.

She stated that she had often heard Larue remark that he did not care much about robbing banks in view of the danger involved and that in the future his racket was going to be kidnaping, where there was more money involved, with less danger to himself. He also frequently indicated that he would demand \$200,000 ransom, and in discussing kidnapings with George Kelly on several occasions Larue stated that a victim should be kept at least two weeks. Also he stated that the victim should be transported a considerable distance. In this connection he was comparing the distance traveled by the gang when robbing a bank, and stated that the same distance should be taken into consideration on a kidnaping, and indicated that he would run a kidnap victim as far as 600 miles if necessary. He also during his talks with George and Catherine Kelly stated that in perfecting a scheme to collect ransom without exposing himself he had arrived at the conclusion that he would never let the person paying the ransom deliver it to a designated spot. In this regard he had in mind the way the ransom was paid to Kelly and Bates in the Urechel case, further stating that he would instruct the person to drive on a somewhat deserted highway several miles from his home and at a rate of 15 or 20 miles an hour and that he would instruct him to drive up and down the road in a place where he would be able to observe all activities, and when he felt certain that no authorities or any other person were accompanying the individual with the ransom money, that person would either be approached on the road or he would be instructed to throw the money off to one side.

It occurs to me that a similar method was used in turning over the ransom money in the HAMM kidnaping case in St. Paul.

Mrs. Kelly also informed me that Larue always seems to drive CHEVROLET automobiles; that the last cars he had which she knew of were a red convertible Chevrolet coupe and a blue four door Chevrolet sedan. She stated that his wife Doris Barton usually drove the coupe. She also stated that she had observed Larue using her typewriter at El Paso, Texas, when he visited their home. She stated that with difficulty he could in a slight way operate the typewriter.

She further stated that Larue, who is a short individual but not well educated, makes several mistakes in his spelling and that she and her husband George Kelly frequently had big laughs over the spelling contained in some of his letters to them. She stated that they often jokingly remarked to him that evidently because of his misspelling he never used an alias containing several letters. She stated that the aliases used by Larue were usually very short names and easily spelled. In this connection it is interesting to note that there are several misspelled words in the original ransom note received by the Bremer family, as indicated in the letter from the St. Paul office dated January 28, 1934. The misspelled words were exhibited to Mrs. Kelly to determine if any of them registered with her as being words frequently used by Larue, and if the spelling in same would be similar to his.

Upon carefully going over these words she advised that the word "consecutive" (which it will be noted was spelled "consegutive" in the ransom note) was frequently used by Larue. She does not recall his spelling of this word. The other words did not mean much to Mrs. Kelly, but she stated that from her knowledge of Larue she felt that he would not be able to spell them correctly.

However she also advanced the theory that frequently in writing kidnap notes the perpetrator purposely misspells several words.

It occurred to me that perhaps if letters or telegrams sent by Larue could be secured, several misspellings might be observed, and in this connection Mrs. Kelly stated that they received many telegrams and letters from Larue, but that the only one which she might assist in finding would be the telegram which was sent from Sioux City, Iowa, to New Orleans, Louisiana; that the date could be determined through inquiry at the apartment house at 8000 St. Charles Avenue where they lived for a short time, and the records of the Western Union at New Orleans searched for that period. She has no idea of the dates telegrams were received and does not know where any old letters from Larue might be found.

Information also reached this office indirectly to the effect that one FRED BARKER was suspected in the Bremer kidnaping. This name was given to Catherine Kelly and she stated that she had a faint recollection of hearing George Kelly talk to Tom Banks about a Fred Barker but that she had never met such an individual.

With regard to the GETAWAY CHART found following the robbery of the Holland State Bank, Holland, Michigan, September 29, 1932, Mrs. Kelly advised upon viewing a copy of same that ED and TED BENTZ, who were very closely associated with Larue and Kelly, frequently wrote similar charts, as did Kelly, Bailey and others. She further advised that she



recalls that her husband Kelly, LEE TURNER, who is a product of St. Louis but who has spent a good deal of time in Chicago and has been arrested once or twice under that name in Chicago, and one "RED HOMER", originally proceeded to Holland, Michigan, to look over the bank for the purpose of robbing same; that when they returned to Chicago Kelly reported that it was too dangerous a job and that he abandoned the thought of same. Later however the bank was robbed and Mrs. Kelly believes that Lee Turner, Homer, perhaps Ed and Ted Bantz and perhaps Larue took part in the robbery. However, she has no direct information with regard to same. This is merely her suspicion and she makes that point very clear.

She states that Lee Turner, mentioned above, who is a very small man,

About 5 feet 8 inches  
Weight about 125 pounds  
Probably about 30 years old,

is a very close associate of Eddie Larue, and that he might be involved with Larue in the instant kidnaping case. It is her thought that Turner, who does not know very well, is acquainted in and around the Twin Cities.

She states that this man Homer, who usually was found loitering around The Island at BURNHAM, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, is

Very heavy set man  
About 5 feet 8 inches  
Weighing about 220 pounds  
Between 40 and 45 years of age  
Talks in low tenor;

and that he is also a very close friend of Larue.

Ed and Ted Bantz, who are mentioned in the Urachel kidnaping file, are also close friends of Turner, Larue and other members of the gang. The Bantzes, it will be noted, are bank robbers.

She stated that Homer usually drives a Cadillac four-door sedan, and that it is her thought that he has a wife and a baby about four years of age residing in Burnham. She does not know if Homer is his last name.

She further stated that about two years ago while she and her husband, George Kelly, were in St. Paul, Kelly, Bailey, KEATING, HOLDEN, VERN MILLER and one DUTCH WEINER robbed a bank at Ottumwa, Iowa. She stated that she observed this gang when they pulled away from the hotel

just prior to the robbery; that she read about the robbery in the paper the following day, and upon the return of Kelly he informed her regarding the affair.

In this connection it may be stated that upon communicating with Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni today at St. Paul, he informed me that one of the suspects in the Bremer case is alleged to be a short person, probably around 5 feet 5 inches. From the above it will be noted that Lee Turner is about that height, also Dutch Weiner, mentioned above, as being involved in the bank robbery in Iowa, and who operates a gambling table in The Boulevard and The Plantation in St. Paul, is about 5 feet 5 inches tall, and she states that Kelly has frequently informed her that he is very tough. This individual Mrs. Kelly believed is also well known to Larue and should be taken into consideration as a suspect in the Bremer Case. He is also well acquainted with Tom Banks and JACK PFENNER.

Mrs. Kelly was unable to advance any information as to what particular typewriter was used in preparing the getaway chart in the Holland bank robbery, this being the first time that she knew that such a chart existed. She stated that the different members of the gang, including her husband, had often mentioned the fact that a special keyboard could be secured so that authorities would be unable to trace the writer of ransom notes, but she never heard of any unusual typewriter being used to prepare charts or ransom notes in kidnaping.

She described Eddie Larue, whom she knows very well, as follows:

- About 6 feet
- Quite slender
- Very good looking
- Weight between 150 and 160
- Brown hair
- Wears glasses, not tortoise shell
- Very neat dresser
- Always smiling

She further states that his teeth are in bad condition and he frequently visits dentists.

Mrs. Kelly further informed me in regard to Frank Hayes of the Hayes Hotel mentioned in this communication that following the kidnaping of Charles Urschel, George Bates sent \$2700 of the ransom money to Hayes, that sum representing an amount loaned to Bates by Hayes. She stated that Bates in his communication transmitting the money informed Hayes



that it was hot and that Hayes evidently knew that it was the Urechel ransom money. In this respect she states that Hayes has the confidence of the gang so well established that they discuss kidnaping and other matters with him prior to the offense. She states that Hayes has also carried Larue along with cash on several occasions. It seems that when any member of the gang runs short of money, Hayes will help him along. She states that she is positive that Hayes will never reveal any information about the gang; that it has often been said that he would die before giving any information. Perhaps he could be reached under a pretext of some sort.

She further advised that Larue had frequently stated that after he gets away with one big kidnaping he is going to embark for South America; that he very often read books concerning that portion of the continent.

With regard to the \$2700 ransom money sent to Frank Hayes, Mrs. Kelly states that she was present when her husband George and Bates became engaged in an altercation because Kelly did not approve of Bates forwarding this money to Chicago. She also states that Frank Hayes has an unlisted telephone in his home, residence address unknown.

I feel very confident that Mrs. Kelly is very honest in the information which she has furnished, as there absolutely was no indication to think otherwise.

The substance of the above was telephonically communicated to Special Agent in Charge Hanni at St. Paul, and also to Mr. Clegg at Washington. The Chicago office was also requested to immediately contact the Woolverton family at South Bend, Indiana, and without divulging the names of Kelly or Larue ascertain if any ransom notes were received while Mr. Woolverton was held a victim, and if so, to immediately communicate with the St. Paul office for the purpose of comparing same with the note received in the Bremer matter. Also it was suggested that the photograph of Lee Turner with description be secured from the Chicago police and forwarded to St. Paul. In this respect the fingerprints should also be secured in comparing same with the fingerprints which may later develop in the spot where Bremer was held.

It was also suggested to the St. Paul office that steps be taken to have George Kelly at Leavenworth interviewed in an attempt to determine the exact location of the house between Chicago and Joliet, Illinois, where Woolverton was held, it being noted that he was kept in the basement of that house. It is also suggested that the Chicago office through the Stevens Hotel where Larue stayed during June 1932, and through the Harrison Hotel, and if possible, through Frank Hayes, determine the whereabouts of Larue, who perhaps is now hiding in the state of Maine.

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Special Agent in Charge Hanni informed me that Mr. Bremer had been held in a basement and for this reason it appears significant to secure the location of the house between Chicago and Joliet for the purpose of determining if Bremer possibly could have been held there.

At the present time inquiries are being made of the Michigan State Police and all authorities at Holland, Michigan, to secure the names of the suspects in the Holland Bank robbery with a view to determining if any of these suspects might possibly have been involved in the Bremer kidnaping. In this connection it is suggested that when George Kelly is interviewed at the penitentiary at Leavenworth, that such information as he might give concerning the Holland Bank robbery be secured. It will be noted in the body of this letter that he made a survey of this bank prior to the robbery and undoubtedly has a very good idea who committed the actual offense.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

WL:VSS  
cc Division  
Chicago  
Kansas City  
New Orleans

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1934.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I telephoned Mr. Nathan and inquired as to the amount of money paid. He stated the full \$200,000.00 was paid; that it was paid last Tuesday night about 9:00 P. M. near a small town about fifteen miles from St. Paul, the name of which was Zumbrota. The currency paid was the same as that for which we have numbers at the present time.

On the return of the victim they left the hiding place early in the morning and drove all day until about eight o'clock when the victim was let out of the car on the outskirts of Rochester.

After getting the information that Bremer had been returned, Mr. Nathan departed for the residence and got such preliminary information as was possible, telephoned the Chief of Police at Rochester, and then telephoned the Associated Press and got out the story about the three men in the small car. He then called the Director, after which he called Chief of Police Dahill. Both Dahill and Kinkaid arrived on the scene and the second battle royal occurred. The first one was in connection with his efforts to talk with the kidnaped victim and the second one was to try to keep Kinkaid from being present during the interview. He accused Kinkaid of being a publicity hound, which he denied. He also informed Kinkaid that they did not look upon a prosecutor as an investigator and that he had no place there, but that finally Kinkaid stayed. Mr. Nathan states that during the conversation he informed Kinkaid and Dahill both that it was our case and that we were in full charge. Mr. Nathan also stated that young Bremer, the victim, made the statement that he had no use for the Government in this case and that his attitude was one of evasion. I inquired why and Mr. Nathan stated he thought it was because the fear of God had been put into him and he thought that he could handle the police but that his difficulty would be with the Federal Government as he knew it would attempt to get all the facts. Mr. Nathan stated that young Bremer said this in a manner that could be interpreted as facetious, but Mr. Nathan thought there was a foundation of seriousness in the statement. Mr. Nathan stated that he had later gone to the attorneys, who were close to the family, and had informed them that if it became necessary the American public would be notified that they were avoiding aid; that it would, of course, hurt them financially and otherwise and that although he had not done this as yet he hoped that he would not have to, and he suggested that these attorneys advise the Bremer family that they must cooperate.

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February 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
570 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,  
New York City, New York.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your telephonic request there are returned herewith the original letters in the S X Murder Mystery Case submitted by your office.

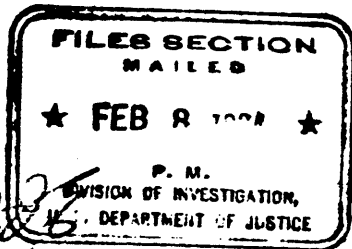
There is also transmitted herewith a photographic reproduction of the anonymous note addressed to the postmaster at Minneapolis in connection with the Bremer Case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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| Mr. Nathan.....  |
| Mr. Tolson.....  |
| Mr. Clegg.....   |
| Mr. Cowley.....  |
| Mr. Edwards..... |
| Mr. Egan.....    |
| Mr. Quinn.....   |
| Mr. Lester.....  |
| Mr. Locke.....   |
| Mr. Rorer.....   |

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In connection with the information which Pat Crowe claims to have concerning the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, Mr. Harvey called and advised that Crowe was in his office and had been for some time; that although his statement varied some from the one he originally gave, he still contended that he knew who the kidnapers were, but refused to submit information relative to same. He stated, however, that he would submit this information if the Division would stand his expense to Washington, permit him to give it directly to Mr. Hoover, who in turn would telephone same to Mr. Nathan in St. Paul in the presence of the private detective.

Mr. Harvey was later advised by Mr. Tolson that he should endeavor to obtain the information from Mr. Crowe but that he should advise him that Mr. Hoover was indisposed and not at his office, but that he, Mr. Harvey, would be glad to accept any information he had in connection with this case.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 3, 1934.

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

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Edward G. Bremer-Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with telephonic request of Mr. Cowley, Pat Crowe was contacted by Special Agent J. F. McDevitt and appeared at the Philadelphia office. Mr. Crowe was requested to advise the identity of the five individuals whom he alleged planned and executed the Bremer kidnaping as indicated in letter dated January 30, 1934, from this office, over the signature of Special Agent A. Schroeder.

Mr. Crowe first declined to divulge information as to the identity of these individuals unless he could contact Mr. M. F. Sweeney mentioned in letter of reference, who would in turn contact Bremer, Sr., and effect an understanding with the victim's father that Crowe would receive 5% of the ransom money recovered provided ransom is paid to effect the victim's release. After much discussion Crowe agreed that he would furnish the information in his possession as to the identity of the kidnapers to the Director, at the Director's office, providing that Mr. McIntyre, President Roosevelt's Secretary, was present. He claimed that he was acquainted with McIntyre and exhibited several letters to him over McIntyre's signature.

I informed Crowe that the Division would not tolerate the withholding of any information and that he was placing himself in a serious predicament by refusing to divulge information, inasmuch as a penalty is provided under the federal statutes for an individual failing to disclose information in connection with a federal offense. Crowe said that he did not care whether he lived another day and would welcome going to jail and this statement had no effect on him whatsoever.

I requested that he give definite advice as to the identity and reputation of the alleged five kidnapers and he said that one was an ex-deputy marshal from Missouri and a former convict. He refused to disclose to me what particular office this former deputy U. S. Marshal served with in Missouri.

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He said another member of the alleged kidnapers was an ex-policeman and saloon-keeper, formerly of Butte, Montana, who now operates a ranch across the Minnesota line in South Dakota. He said that he believed the victim was held at this ranch. He said the others were stick-up men, one a pimp, who was formerly in the automobile and real-estate business. The other two were automobile thieves and payroll robbers. He refused to divulge any further information as to their identity.

When requested to advise why he considered his information authoritative he recited that when the victim was about 12 years of age, while Crowe was residing in Chicago, some of the same mob contacted Crowe and requested that he enter a conspiracy with them to kidnap the Bremer boy. He claimed that he refused to go through with this plan, further stating that he believes anyone who would kidnap a child is a fool and stands a chance of being lynched. He stated also that when he was in Chicago about three years ago he met two members of this gang and they endeavored to get him to join them in other ventures of this nature. He said they were all desperate men and if there was a tip-off they would kill Bremer.

I informed him that the Division would not take Sweeney into its confidence and he stated that he had not seen Sweeney for a number of years although he always believed Sweeney was an honest and upright person and that is the reason he desired to take Sweeney in on the plan. He then advised that he would be willing to turn the information in his possession as to the identity of the kidnapers over to Mr. Nathan if Mr. Nathan would first approach the victim's father and obtain his assurance that Crowe, in the event ransom was paid, would receive 5% of any of the ransom money recovered. He said that he could put his fingers on some of the kidnapers in St. Paul, but that one arrest before the ransom money was paid would assure death to Bremer. He also informed me that if I would call Mr. Nathan and ask Mr. Nathan to contact Bremer, as stated above, he would then talk with Mr. Nathan over the telephone and give him the information in his possession.

Crowe said that he has no money and is living at the Salvation Headquarters in Philadelphia and does not receive enough food and that the quarters are improperly heated and ventilated. He said that he would not take a chance of giving out any information unless he was absolutely assured from Bremer, Sr. that he would receive 5% of the recovered ransom money. Further questioning failed to elicit any additional information about the alleged kidnapers, Crowe persistently refusing to furnish anymore information unless his terms as herein outlined have been complied with. The foregoing information was furnished to Inspector Clegg and Mr. Cowley of the Division.

I asked Crowe to think the matter over and to call at the Philadelphia office at 9:30 A. M., Monday, February 5, 1934. I will call the Division, in accordance with Mr. Clegg's request, when Mr. Crowe arrives.

Very truly yours,  
*R. G. Harvey*  
R. G. Harvey, Special Agent in Charge.

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**U. S. Bureau of Investigation**

Department of Justice  
P. O. Box # 987  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

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Dear Sir:

Confirming the information telephonically conveyed to Assistant Director H. H. Clegg today, relative to this case, you are advised that Mr. Monroe Lemon of 101 Edgecliff Drive, Carnegie, Pa., called the Pittsburgh Division Office by telephone and stated that he had just received information relative to this case, which he believed should be conveyed to the Division immediately.

Mr. Lemon was interviewed by Special Agent D. DiLillo of this office and stated that he has a daughter, a widow, Mrs. Mary Schlifer, who is an attorney employed by the University of Pittsburgh Law School, Chamber of Commerce Building, Pittsburgh, and who also does research work for the Rockefeller Foundation.

Mrs. Schlifer is friendly with one Robert Downie, also an attorney, Downie being associated in the practice of law with Edw. G. Bothwell, who maintains offices in the Commonwealth Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

On January 27, 1934 an attorney named Lynch of Des Moines, Iowa, called at Bothwell's office and retained Bothwell to appeal in the local courts in a case involving the contesting of a will. Bothwell did not know Lynch previously and had had no dealings with him.

Lynch remained in Pittsburgh for three days and during the course of his conversations with Bothwell, told him that he, Lynch, had some clients who were kidnapers but that the authorities would never "get anything on them". At this time he assured Bothwell that young BREMER was alive and in the hands of the kidnapers and further that he would be released as the kidnapers were carrying on negotiations.

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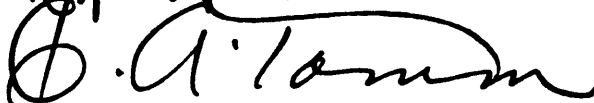


Bothwell is reported to have been worrying about this matter ever since but would not place it in the hands of proper authorities for the reason that he feared to so do would violate professional confidence.

Lynch's statements were conveyed to Mrs. Schlifer who today advised her father of this matter. It is not believed that this information has been conveyed to anyone other than the four persons named.

The substance of this information was conveyed by long distance telephone to Mr. Blake at the St. Paul Office today.

Very truly yours,



E. A. TAMM  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc:St. Paul

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February 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I have received telephonic advice from the St. Paul office of this Division that a representative of this Division was permitted to talk with Mr. Edward G. Bremer for a short time. They claimed that Mr. Bremer was rather exhausted and after the conversation he was permitted to rest for the remainder of the day.

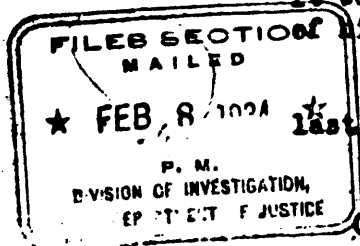
During the course of this conversation, Mr. Bremer claimed that after he was kidnaped he was driven all day in a small car and that the travel continued for two or three hours the following day. He was blindfolded at the time and also his ears were taped. They carried him to an unidentified destination and after two or three days they removed the blindfolds during the day provided he would sit facing a wall and look directly at the wall, which he claims he did.

He states that he saw no one whom he might identify. During the time he was held he advises that he could hear automobiles indicating that he was probably near a highway and could hear children's voices in the distance. He also heard an engine whistle and likewise heard a train stop. At night they would put tape on his ears again.

Last night they put him out of their car at about 8:00 P.M. on the outskirts of Rochester, Minnesota. They had left their hiding place early in the morning. The kidnapers obtained from Mr. Bremer a promise that he would not say or do anything that would get the story into the morning papers and he was required to stand without removing his blindfold for several minutes until the car disappeared. He then removed the bandage from his eyes.

He was told to take a bus to Minneapolis but there was no bus available so he rode by train part of the way to the town of Zumbrota between Rochester and St. Paul. He then rode from Zumbrota to Minneapolis where he arrived shortly after midnight. It was stated that he was somewhat sore and stiff as a result of his incarceration.

It has been learned that the ransom money was paid last Tuesday night, February 6, 1934, at about 9:00 P.M.



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Memo for the Attorney General

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Mr. Magee, the contact man, had been instructed to drive to a certain destination where another automobile would be waiting for him. He got into this second automobile and found that the side windows had been glazed so that he could see but little except directly ahead. He was given instructions to follow a bus to the town of Zumbrota, near where he received the headlight flash signal and he deposited the money along side the road.

I have issued instructions to the St. Paul office to pursue this matter vigorously and am keeping in close personal touch with developments although it was considered advisable, due to the alleged physical condition of Mr. Bremer, to permit him to sleep for the remainder of today.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 6, 1934

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| MR. RORER   | ..... |

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Mrs. McLean called again last night and stated that her informant Farrell had just called her from New York and advised that Bremer was being held between Montreal and Alberta, Canada, and that with him were the individuals Barbo and Morrissey who, he has previously stated, are involved in the Lindbergh case. He stated further that Mr. Magee, the contact man in the Bremer case, was keeping in touch with Alice, one of the Bremer kidnapers, at 931 Cecilia Street, Sioux Falls, Iowa. This information has previously been given to Mr. Nathan at St. Paul. She stated that the informant still contends that if the Bremers pay the ransom money Bremer will not be returned. Mrs. McLean stated that the informant was anxious to have all people visiting Montreal and Alberta and points in between during the last three weeks arrested as suspects in the Bremer case.

Mrs. McLean was anxious to have the Canadian Mounted Police notified in this case to conduct investigation at those points.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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In connection with the information submitted by Mrs. McLean to the effect that Gordon Alcorn was with Bremer in Montreal, Canada, and that Dr. Condon was also in Montreal to obtain possession of some of the ransom money in the Bremer case, Agent Sisk of the New York City office called and advised that Dr. Condon was in New York yesterday and today.

I have called Mrs. McLean's residence and was advised that she would not be in until 5:30, at which time I will call again and advise her of the fact that Alcorn has been in Chicago for a considerable length of time and that Dr. Condon is in New York City.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| TITLE:<br>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS<br>EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim   |                            | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br>Kidnaping  |                                |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:<br>Written documents of subjects at large contained in Cincinnati Division office files examined for similar words used in ransom notes in instant case, which were misspelled and none found that are similar.  |                            |  |                                |
| REFERENCE:<br>Letter from the St. Paul Division office dated 1-28-34.   |                            |  |                                |
| DETAILS:<br>AT CINCINNATI, OHIO<br>Careful examination was made of all written documents of subjects at large contained in Cincinnati Division files for words similar to those used in the ransom notes in this case, which were misspelled. These documents were closely examined and it was found that there is no such document or documents contained in the Cincinnati Division files containing misspelled words similar to those used in the ransom notes referred to in letter of reference.<br><br>PENDING. |                            |  |                                |
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February 8, 1934.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan telephoned and said he had just returned from the Bremer residence and had quite a battle to get a statement; that they had claimed that Bremer was too weak and exhausted but finally agreed for him to talk with Bremer for five minutes but in consideration of a promise to permit Bremer to sleep for the remainder of the day, he talked for about an hour but what he told does not seem to help very much.

The victim, Bremer, claims that he was driven all day in the kidnapers' car and for two or three hours later. He was blindfolded and also his ears were taped. After two or three days they would take the blindfolds off during the day, provided he would sit next to a wall and look directly at the wall, which he did. He claims that he heard an engine and whistles and a train stop. He heard automobiles, indicating he was near a highway and he heard childrens voices in the distance. His ears were taped at night. Last night they put him out of their car at 8:00 P. M. at Rochester, Minnesota, and obtained from him a promise not to say or do anything until he could count fifteen, and he obeyed this command, with plenty to spare. He also promised to say nothing that would get the story in the morning papers. After the automobile had had time to get out of sight he removed the bandage and threw it on the ground. He was told to take the bus, but there was no bus. He, therefore, took a train part of the way to a place called Lambrosa, or some similar name, and then took the bus the remainder of the way to Minneapolis and arrived at Minneapolis shortly after midnight.

Bremer is in pretty bad shape but not as bad as they are pretending. He is a little sore and stiff.

Agent in Charge Hanni, Agent in Charge Blake and the contact pay-off man, Magee, have driven to the town Lambrosa, about 50 miles away, with cameras to study all possible evidence and to get the bandage or whatever it was that was thrown away. All of the kidnaping letters have been gotten together and are being sent into the Laboratory.

From Magee it was learned that in the final instructions the contact man was required to drive to a certain destination where another automobile would be waiting. He got in that automobile but the side windows were glazed so that he could see but little. He was given instructions to follow the bus to this town of Lambrosa, where he was then signalled with headlights and he then deposited the money along the road.

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The car in which Magee rode until the money was deposited has been powdered for fingerprints and the local fingerprint man stated that they have obtained one pretty good latent print, which will be sent in.

Bremer will stay in bed the remainder of the day.

I have called Mr. Nathan's attention to the extortion note sent to the Fords and he stated that Conroy had telephoned him; that Special Agent Brennan had gone to Rochester, Minnesota and there had found that no one had called in person to attach the stamps to the letter; that they had been mailed and that the stamps had been sent with a typewritten note with instructions that the stamps be affixed to the letter, and they are sending in the note. The letter transmitting the stamps was mailed at a Railway Post Office. They are trying to locate the mail clerk on duty at that time.

Mr. Nathan said that nothing was needed in the way of equipment or men at the present time and that he will let the Division know if anything is needed; that they are working on everything that they have but are under obligations to permit Bremer to get some rest.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

February 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.....

SPC:CJ

*W. E. [unclear]*  
*W. E. [unclear]*  
Mrs. McLean called last night and stated that her informant had just called and advised that Bremer was being held by Gordon Alcorn in a lumber camp just outside of Montreal, Canada, and that there were two lumber camps in that vicinity but the informant did not know in which one Bremer was being held; that the woman who signs herself as "Alice" was located at 931 Cecelia Street, Sioux City, Iowa; that all communications are taking place between "Alice" and this house; that "Alice" is the name of the woman who signed the advertisement in one of the papers; that this house is located in a foreign part of the city and very dangerous location; that Condon has gone to Montreal to collect some of the ransom money in the Bremer case.

*W. E. [unclear]*  
Mrs. McLean was advised that Sankey had been located in Chicago and she stated that she so advised the informant who stated that he knew Sankey was traveling between Chicago and St. Paul. This information was conveyed to Mr. Nathan at St. Paul and New York was requested to discreetly determine where Condon is at the present time. It is recalled, however, that recent newspapers have indicated that Condon has been in Montreal where he has examined photographs of a number of criminals, in an effort to identify the kidnapers of the Lindbergh baby.

*W. E. [unclear]*  
I also talked with Agent Seery at New York yesterday afternoon for any information they had obtained concerning the statement which the informant Farrell had made to Mrs. McLean and was advised that John Barbo, who the informant claims is the principal kidnaper, was the caretaker of the Graylock Camp in Massachusetts for five years up until May, 1925; that he subsequently became janitor of a rooming house at 133 West 84th Street, where the informant Farrell lived at one time; that Barbo left this apartment house during the month of March, 1932, after having embezzled \$72.00 of the rent money. The informant claims that he cut the hair of the Lindbergh baby at Camp Graylock on March 16, 1932, in a cabin of Herman Mason.

The Boston office had determined that one Earl Scott, the caretaker, was living in this cottage at that time and denied that there were any children at the camp during that month. Scott is not caretaker at the present time and is considered a reliable and responsible person. The informant also stated that it was the caretaker's baby which was exhumed and left as the Lindbergh baby. It was developed that the caretaker had no children at that time.

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This information was also given to Mrs. McLean, who seemed very enthused over the fact that there was such an individual as Barbo and a Graylock Camp in Massachusetts. The New York City office was requested to locate Barbo and interview him carefully. Mrs. McLean is very concerned over the Bremer kidnaping case and wanted to know if there was anything possible she could do in the matter. She also wanted to know if I thought Gaston B. Means could help in this situation. I told her that, Means being in the penitentiary at the time, I did not believe he would be able to assist either her or the Division.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

AIR MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY

1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

February 10, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 218,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
EDWARD G. BRENNAN - FUGITIVE  
KIDNAPING  
Chicago File 27-28

FEB 12 1934

In an effort to secure information as to the perpetrators of the robbery of the First State Bank of Holland, Michigan which occurred in September, 1932, Special Agent J. C. Newman of this office, today, interviewed Julius A. "Babe" Jones at the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois. Jones is being held awaiting sentence in connection with the kidnaping sometime ago of James Hackett, a gambler of Blue Island, Illinois, who was not transported interstate. After pleading guilty to this charge in State Court a short time ago, he testified for the State in the recent trial of his two confederates, Frank Souder and Gail Swolley, who were convicted and sentenced to life terms in the Illinois State Penitentiary.

Upon being interviewed by Agent Newman, Jones, without solicitation, stated that he had been reading about the Bremer kidnaping, and that in his estimation, same was the work of Eddie LaRue, subject of I.O. #1214. Clarence "Doc" Eaton, John Waters, alias "go-about" Reilly (spelling uncertain), alias John Davis, "Frisco Dutch" and possibly others. Elaborating on this, Jones stated that he first met LaRue in the Spring of 1930 and last saw him in June or July, 1932 at Twin Lakes, Wisconsin, at which time he was in company with "Frisco Dutch". Soon after this, according to Jones, LaRue, "Frisco Dutch" and two other men, identity unknown, robbed a bank or held up a mail truck in South St. Paul, in connection with which offense the members of the Touky Gang are wrongfully suspected. Jones claimed his information relative to the implication of LaRue and "Frisco Dutch" on this offense came from "Doc" Eaton.

Further, according to Jones, LaRue, known by him as a bank robber, informed him on one occasion that he was only interested in kidnaping men who were in a legitimate business, making this statement in view of the fact that Jones and Souder had always selected, as their victims, men who were in illegitimate business. Jones further recalled that on several occasions "Doc" Eaton spoke of kidnaping and stated that there were at least five or six good "scores" (meaning victims) in St. Paul, Minnesota. According to Jones, LaRue, Eaton, Reilly and "Frisco Dutch" have always been very close associates.

He stated that sometime in the spring of 1932, Eaton and Reilly were arrested by the Police at Des Moines, Iowa for slugging a bootlegger. They were photographed here and later made bond. He does not know the disposition of this matter. On the same day or the next day LaRue and "Frisco Dutch" were arrested by the Des Moines Police in a hotel, the name of which begins with "O", possibly Clarion or some similar name. Four or five machine guns were found in their room on that occasion. Jones believes that LaRue and "Frisco Dutch" were photographed and forfeited their bonds in connection with this matter. He advised that his information concerning these arrests came from "Doc" Eaton.

Jones further stated that Eaton, Reilly and LaRue had friends, names not known, in Sioux City, Fort Dodge, Waterloo, Mason City and possibly in other cities in the State of Iowa. He stated that sometime ago Eaton and Reilly were wanted for the murder of a 16 or 17 year old daughter of a bootlegger at Ottumwa, Iowa; and that while they were being hunted by the Iowa authorities, they were in hiding in Chicago at the home of one, "Hank" Cardoni (spelling uncertain), an Italian who was then living in the 4700 block on North Mykerson Street. Cardoni, according to Jones, as a representative of the Capone syndicate, went to Des Moines, Iowa in 1932 to establish connections. He found that Reilly and Eaton were in control of the liquor racket and accordingly went in with them, continuing his operations there during 1932 and 1933. At the time Reilly and Eaton were in hiding at his residence in Chicago, according to Jones, Officers from the State of Iowa conferred with Officers of the Chicago Police Department, endeavoring to secure their cooperation in apprehending these individuals, whom the Iowa authorities believed to be at Cardoni's home. On that occasion, according to Jones, who claimed to have been later advised by "Doc" Eaton, some Chicago Police Officer tipped off Cardoni to the fact that Officers from the State of Iowa were coming out, and as a result Reilly and Eaton were able to make their getaway. Jones stated that Lieutenant Otto Earlson, of the Homicide Squad, Chicago Police Department, who he considers a reliable person, is acquainted with "Hank" Cardoni.

Jones further stated that sometime in the fall of 1931 or spring of 1932, Reilly, Eaton, "Frisco Dutch", LaRue and one, Floires (spelling uncertain), robbed a bank or mail truck somewhere in the State of Iowa

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and obtained a million dollars in receipts, this money having been deposited some place just prior to the time of the robbery. Fleires, according to Jones, was returned to the Minnesota State Penitentiary, Stillwater, Minnesota, in June or July, 1932 from somewhere as a parole violator, he, having previously been convicted on some bank robbery. Jones claims the above information was furnished him by "Doc" Eaton.

Outlining the further association of the persons mentioned, Jones stated that in the spring of 1932, while in the saloon of one, Harry Sawyer, in the main part of St. Paul, Minnesota, he observed the following individuals in that saloon, all of them being dressed in golf togs: Larus, Keating, Holden, Reilly, the two Benson Brothers and "Big Homer". This was a few weeks before the arrest of Keating and Holden in Kansas City. Jones stated that Terry Sawyer is a former partner of Dan Hogan, who is known to the police in St. Paul. He stated that when in St. Paul, the persons in question, usually contacted Sawyer.

Relating further his suspicions regarding the Bremer kidnaping, Jones stated that in his opinion the same persons staged the Hamm kidnaping in St. Paul. In connection with this contention, Jones stated that in July, 1932, Reilly appeared at the American Legion Convention at Dubuque, Iowa, having plenty of money in his possession, whereas two months prior to that he had no money whatever.

Jones stated that he had read in the newspapers of Bremer having been hit on the head at the time of his abduction. In this connection he stated that, being familiar with the previous activities of Reilly, Eaton and Larus, he knew this to be characteristic of these individuals, stating that Reilly was a quiet individual as a rule, but on going out on any "job" he always drank liquor beforehand and after doing so became tough and dangerous.

Jones described Eaton as follows:

Name: Clarence "Doc" Eaton  
Age: Between 40 and 50  
Height: 5 feet 10 or 11 inches  
Weight: 180-200 pounds  
Complexion: light  
Hair: Dirty blonde - gray  
Voice: Low and froggy  
Actions: Boisterous

Jones stated that Eaton was released from the Wisconsin State Penitentiary at Stillwater in 1931, after serving six years sentence for a robbery at Superior, Wisconsin. He advised that from about May, 1932 to November, 1933, the last he had heard of Eaton, the latter was frequenting a barbecue stand and road house located at the junction of Wisconsin State Route 120 and County Highway J, approximately five miles Southeast of Burlington, Wisconsin. Eaton was married last year to a girl who worked for the Chevrolet Company in Burlington and her brother (Eaton's brother-in-law) owns this barbecue stand and road house.

Jones described Reilly as follows:

Name: John Waters, alias "go-about" Reilly,  
alias John Davis  
Age: 40 - 50 years  
Height: 6 feet  
Weight: 210 pounds  
Hair: Gray  
Teeth: Tuck.

Jones advised that he had never heard of the Melvinton kidnaping although he had heard of George Kelly, he was not aware of any connection between this individual and Edy LaBue.

In connection with the robbery of the First State Bank of Holland, Michigan, Jones stated that although he had no positive information, he believed this robbery to have been perpetrated by Jack Klutas, Ernie Rossi, Earl McMahon, Adolph Anzoni and other persons, names unknown, who had associated with them. He had very little information about McMahon and Anzoni but stated that they were arrested with Walter Deltrick, an escape from the Indiana State Penitentiary, who was with Klutas at the time the latter was killed in Chicago not long ago. He was questioned about a "getaway" chart which was abandoned by the persons who robbed the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan, and expressed ignorance of having heard of any such chart. He was asked who, out of the ones mentioned, could have typed this chart and stated that it might have been the work of either Klutas or Rossi. He stated that he was not certain but that he believed both Klutas and Rossi had portable typewriters.

Since the interview with Julius A. "Babe" Jones, the Chicago Office is in receipt of a copy of the letter dated February 9, 1934 addressed to the St. Paul Office outlining the interview with Mrs. Catherine Kelly, wife of George "Machine Gun" Kelly.



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Jones is to be sentenced in State Court at Chicago on February 15, 1934 in connection with the kidnaping of James Earl Ray. He will be again interviewed by the Chicago Division office.

The Kansas City Office is requested to secure from the Police Department at Des Moines, Iowa, photographs of Eaton, Reilly, Lohme and "Trisco Dutch". Jones stated that Eaton and Reilly are believed to be well known to the police there and that although Lohme and "Trisco Dutch" undoubtedly gave fictitious names, their records could be checked inasmuch as they were arrested either the same day as the other two or the next day, at which time four or five machine guns were found in their hotel room. If successful in securing photographs of these individuals, copy should be immediately furnished the St. Paul and Chicago Division Offices.

Very truly yours,

W. A. MITH,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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February 9, 1934.

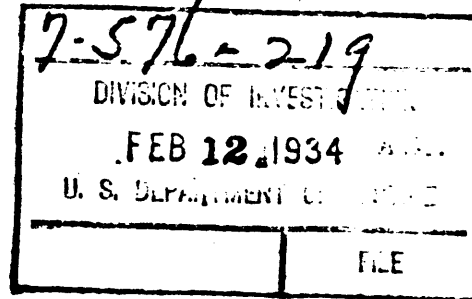
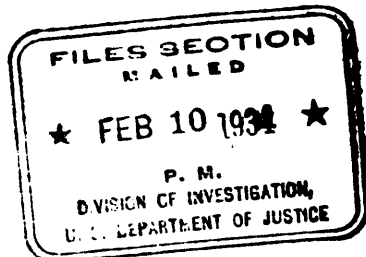
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

The Washington representative of the Fox-Bearst Metrotone News telephoned to advise of a wire received from their cameraman in St. Paul, requesting that this Division cooperate with him in getting pictures of Edward Bremer. I told him that we had no jurisdiction in this matter and that it is entirely up to the Bremer family.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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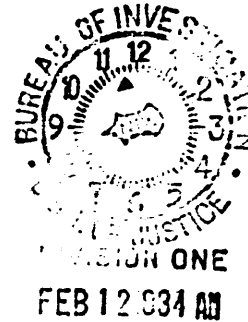
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New York, N.Y.

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February 9, 1934.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER — VICTIM.  
Kidnaping.



Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith original two-page letter and envelope postmarked Brooklyn, N.Y., January 31, 1934, 7:30 p.m., addressed to Adolph Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., on the letter head of the James L. Power Democratic Club, Inc., and signed James M. Powers, attempting to extort an unspecified sum of money from Bremer through an implied threat of danger to Edward G. Bremer.

This letter was forwarded to this office from the Division office at St. Paul with a request that Mr. Power be interviewed. It has undoubtedly been handled by many persons, it having been handled by Special Agents Bruce Nathan and George J. Starr of this office and presumably by various persons at St. Paul.

The letter is being submitted for a general laboratory examination. The investigation made by the New York office is being covered by an investigative report.

Very truly yours,

D. X. Day  
F. X. FAY

Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation

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| THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT <b>ST. PAUL, MINN.</b>  |                                 | REPORT MADE AT <b>ST. LOUIS, MO.</b>  |   |
| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>St. Louis, Mo.</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>2-8-34</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2/22 to 2/9/34</b>                                  | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>F. F. TRAMBLEY</b> |
| TITLE<br><b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.<br/>Edward D. Bremer - Victim</b>   |                                 | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>Kidnaping</b>   |   |
| <p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> 24 hour surveillance maintained Hotel Statler, agent Maynor being registered there under name Harold E. Harlan, from 8:30 A. M., 2-7-34 until 5:00 P. M., 2-8-34. At 12:00 noon, 2-8-34 headlines appeared St. Louis papers Bremer released and ransom paid. No one inquired personally or by telephone for Harold E. Harlan, Hotel Statler, Assistance of St. Louis, Mo. Metropolitan Police Dept. and Post Office Inspectors obtained. Father Schaff, Farmer City, Ill., destroyed original letter of instructions to him by alleged kidnapers. Doubtful that Father Schaff actually received such letter. Will advise St. Louis Office upon receipt of further information or letters. Original ransom letter transmitted to Division registered mail.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> St. Paul Division Office letter, dated 2-2-34.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> On January 22, 1934 Mr. L. F. Cole of the Alcoholic Beverage Unit, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, St. Louis, Mo., supplied this office with information to the effect that possibly the "Shelton Mob" of East St. Louis, Ill. might be involved in the kidnaping of the victim hereof. The letters emanating from this office under dates of January 23, 1934 and January 27, 1934 cover the above allegation, setting forth all investigation conducted to date.</p> <p>Upon receipt of the wire from the St. Paul Division office, dated January 28, 1934 requesting advice concerning the name of the owner and</p> |                                 |   |   |
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the description of the car carrying 1933 Illinois license #410-523, this information was immediately obtained and wired to the St. Paul Division office on January 5, 1934, the same being confirmed by letter of the same date.

Upon receipt of the wire from the St. Paul, Minn. Division office, dated January 29, 1934, requesting a check be made of the ownership of 1933 Missouri license #29-365, the Kansas City Division Office was likewise on the same date requested, by wire, to ascertain the necessary information from the Automobile Registration Bureau of the State of Missouri at Jefferson City, Mo. and instructed to advise the St. Paul Division office direct, however, the information obtained indicated this license had been issued to Rose Breuggenmann, 8819 1/2 Hartford St., St. Louis, Mo., on February 15, 1933 for an Oldsmobile Sedan, motor #E-6015.

Special Agent E. L. Darnon of this office immediately conducted detailed investigation concerning the issuance of said license plate to Rose Breuggenmann, as reflected in a letter directed by this office to the St. Paul Division office on January 31, 1934.

Upon receipt of the letter from the St. Paul Division Office under date of January 28, 1934, requesting that various incorrectly spelled words set forth therein be checked with any written documents of subjects at large who might be involved with any notorious gang or any kidnaping cases, the St. Louis Division office files, particularly extortion and kidnaping cases, were checked in detail, the substance of which is also set forth in the letter directed to the St. Paul Division Office by the St. Louis office under date of January 31, 1934.

Upon receipt of the reference letter on February 7, 1934, arrangements were immediately made for the receipt of any instructions from the alleged kidnapers in this case, as follows:

It is noted that the original ransom note signed "Gang Leader", postmarked at St. Louis, Mo. on January 30, 1934 addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, St. Paul, Minn. instructed that Mr. Adolph Bremer register at the Hotel Statler, St. Louis, Mo., under the name of Harold E. Harlan and await instructions, he also being requested to have in his possession the \$200,000.00 in currency, as reflected by said letter. It is further noted that Mr. Adolph Bremer was instructed to be at the Hotel Statler on Washington Avenue in St. Louis on Tuesday, February 6, 1934, at which time he would receive a telephone call.

Inasmuch as the reference letter was not received until February 7, 1934 investigation was immediately made at the Hotel Statler by Special Agent H. G. Maynor of this office using the name of Harold E. Harlan for the purpose of ascertaining whether any telephone calls had been received for such an individual at that hotel. At this time, which was about 9:30 A. M. on February 7, 1934, Special Agent H. G. Maynor registered at the Hotel Statler under the name of Harold E. Harlan, being assigned to room #1227. At the time of agent Maynor's registration he carried the necessary luggage, arriving at said hotel by taxicab. Agent Maynor was instructed that should he receive a call that the individuals communicating with him should be advised he was not Mr. Adolph Bremer but that he was a personal friend and representative of Mr. Bremer and was willing to meet the alleged kidnapers, as stated by them, and was also in a position to meet any agreement which they desired to effect. Agent Maynor was also instructed to advise the alleged kidnapers, in the event they communicated with him, that no one other than himself and Mr. Adolph Bremer were aware of the negotiations then pending in this connection.

At the time agent Maynor registered at the Hotel Statler, Special Agent George J. Gross of this office caused to be placed in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch newspaper the following item in the Personal column:

"PERSONAL-In St. Louis. Phone no. MR. HARLAN."

This item was placed for a period of two days and a copy of that appearing in the paper on February 8, 1934 is attached to the copies of this report directed to the Division.

Simultaneously with the registration of Agent Maynor at this hotel, arrangements were made with Chief of Detectives Carroll, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Dept., to assist this office in the instant investigation whereupon he assigned detectives Lieut. Murphy and Albert Detert, Sergt. Kenneth Maguire and Martin Cliffe, with whom this office has worked on previous occasions and found to be highly competent and satisfactory. Two officers concealed themselves in a room across the hall of that occupied by Special Agent H. G. Maynor and awaited a communication from the alleged kidnapers. Special Agent Maynor of this office and two detectives of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Dept. were on duty at the Hotel Statler twenty-four hours a day and the agents assigned to the St. Louis Division office kept in close touch with headquarters for the purpose of being available should any word from the alleged kidnapers be received.

Upon the receipt of the reference letter the writer contacted the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. of St. Louis for the purpose of having any and all telephone calls made to the Hotel Statler, particularly room #1237, immediately traced. However, inasmuch as the two individuals having the sole power to offer this cooperation were in Little Rock, Ark. such an arrangement was not possible, the return of these individuals being contemplated to be about February 10, 1934.

At the time of agent Maynor's registry at said hotel the officers from the Metropolitan Police Dept. were also placed in the lobby of the hotel for the purpose of effecting the apprehension of anyone who might call at the Clerk's desk making inquiry for a Mr. Harold E. Harlan.

Constant contact was maintained with the Telephone Company for the purpose of ascertaining immediately when either of the individuals possessing the authority to check all telephone calls to the Hotel Statler might return to the city.

The above activities were continued on a twenty-four hour per day basis until 3:00 P. M. on February 8, 1934 at which time the same was discontinued inasmuch as the noon edition of all of the St. Louis papers carried headlines to the effect that the victim of this case had been released at Rochester, Minn. at about 8:00 P. M., February 7, 1934, it being apparent that in the event the extortionists responsible for the letter which gave rise to this investigation noted the release of victim Bremer no further efforts would be made to contact Harold E. Harlan at the Hotel Statler in St. Louis.

At the time of the discontinuance of the twenty-four hour watch at this hotel arrangements were made with the hotel authorities to immediately notify the St. Louis Division office and also the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Dept. in the event anyone thereafter inquired or called for Mr. Harold E. Harlan, also instructing said hotel authorities to advise any such individuals who might call that Harold E. Harlan was registered at the hotel but was not at that time in his room, however, he was expected to return soon. To date no one has inquired either personally or by phone at Hotel Statler for Mr. Harold E. Harlan.

The original ransom note forwarded to this office by the St. Paul Division office attached to the reference letter was "dusted" and subjected to iodine fumes in an effort to bring out any latent fingerprints, however, this process was unproductive. It is probable that the

St. Paul Division Office likewise subjected this document to the above process for the purpose of bringing out latent fingerprints, but inasmuch as the letter was postmarked St. Louis, Mo. it was believed that in the event fingerprints could be obtained therefrom a check of the St. Louis Police Department might develop the identity of the writer of said extortion note.

Immediately after the appearance in the St. Louis papers of the release of victim Bremer, Special Agent George J. Gross of this office conferred with Acting Post Office Inspector in Charge Fred Mayer, advised him of the receipt of the ransom note from the alleged kidnapers, seeking his aid in an effort to ascertain the identity of the writer thereof, at which time Mr. Mayer advised that it was impossible to ascertain the writer thereof from any source, but that his office would advise this office immediately should they obtain any information which might possibly indicate the writer of the said extortion note.

The original extortion letter, together with the envelope as forwarded to the St. Louis Division office by the St. Paul Division office, is herewith transmitted to the Division, as requested in the reference letter.

The handwriting appearing in this letter has been checked with written documents generally appearing in the St. Louis Division office files, however, the same was not found to correspond with the handwriting in any such documents.

Again referring to the reference letter and particularly to that portion thereof requesting detailed investigation at Farmer City, Ill., in connection with an original letter dated January 31, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, St. Paul, Minn. by Rev. F. J. Schaff, the same being postmarked Farmer City, Ill., February 1, 1934, Special Agent G. B. Norris of this office on February 8, 1934 interviewed Father F. J. Schaff, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, phone 155, Farmer City, Ill. at which time Father Schaff stated that on January 30, 1934 at about 10:00 P. M. while he was occupied in the second floor study of his home the front doorbell rang and immediately he endeavored to talk with the individual ringing the doorbell through a speaking tube, however, no one answered him whereupon he immediately went to the front door of his home and opened the screen door in order to ascertain whether anyone was on the front porch of his home, at which time a letter dropped from the screen door.



Father Schaff then stated that the only words appearing on the envelope of this letter were "Father Schaff" and that the envelope was made of ordinary white paper of average size and the letter contained therein was written on a typewriter on white paper with a lined finish consisting of a single sheet. Father Schaff then stated to Agent Norris that about two days after the receipt of the letter he burned the same in his furnace, in view of which it was not available for the examination of Agent Norris, however, he recalls exactly the contents of said letter. Father Schaff gave as his reason for destroying the letter that he feared for his own safety.

Agent Norris was then advised by Father Schaff that he had written a letter to Mr. Adolph Bremer to console him, however, that he, Father Schaff, did not desire to go to St. Paul but would gladly go if his trip would in any way help in the return of the victim of this case. Father Schaff stated further that he told Mr. Adolph Bremer in this letter not to reveal the fact that he had received the letter from Father Schaff to the police. From the observation and interview of Agent Norris with Father Schaff the latter appeared to be very much disturbed because of the fact this information had come into the hands of this Division.

Upon further questioning of Father Schaff by Agent Norris he dictated the following letter which he alleged had been received by him, as indicated above:

"Do as I tell you. Go to St. Paul. I know you from Hartshorne, Oklahoma. You buried my father. You know about the Bremer case. We make you go-between. Warn you not notify police.

(Signed) NICK"

Father Schaff then stated that the letter did not contain instructions as to the time and place where he was to meet the kidnapers, however, at first Father Schaff refused to reveal this information. After considerable discussion he stated he was to meet the kidnapers at the Cathedral in St. Paul; that the exact meeting place was to be in one of the chapels of the Cathedral and the meeting was to take place within two weeks. Thereafter Father Schaff stated to agent Norris that the above quoted letter also contained the following:

"Will tell you what to do when you get there. Must go in two weeks"

Father Schaff then related that the letter was signed with a lead pencil; that no one other than himself had seen the letter and no one other than Mr. Adolph Bremer and this Division knew that he had received the letter.

Upon further questioning by Agent Morris, Father Schaff advised he has no idea as to who wrote this letter; that there were about 2000 families in his Hartshorne, Okla. parish, together with the six missions he operated in Oklahoma, and, therefore, the reference of the writer of the above quoted letter to the burial of his father does not refresh the memory of Father Schaff.

After a discussion of the contents of the letter Father Schaff appeared to Agent Morris to be very much confused and repeatedly made changes in his original dictation of said letter. He also stated he had become ill as a result of the receipt of the letter and felt he was in great danger and feared he might be kidnaped and killed if anyone else learned of this matter; further, if he were not required to go to St. Paul it would be less dangerous for him and the alleged kidnapers would know that he had not informed the police.

Continued questioning of Father Schaff developed he is not acquainted with any members of the Bremer family and has no one in mind who he would suspect of the crime of kidnaping; that he has gone through St. Paul on several occasions but has never stopped there over night and no mention was made in the letter as to where he should stay in St. Paul; that he does not know the address of the Cathedral in St. Paul.

Father Schaff expressed to Agent Morris a desire to cooperate with this Division in this matter and stated he would immediately advise the St. Louis Division office in the event he received further information, adding that if he received a letter or note regarding this matter he would set it aside pending advices of the St. Louis Division office in order that he may first be examined by a Division agent without being handled by anyone else.

Father Schaff is 63 years of age, born in Germany on February 7, 1871, and immigrated to the United States at the age of 18, being ordained as a Catholic priest at St. Louis, Mo. in 1899 when he was assigned to the Hartshorne, Okla. parish. He remained in Hartshorne for ten years, at which time he came to Illinois and has served in many towns in Illinois, coming to Farmer City, Ill. in March of 1932 from Springvalley, Ill. He stated that his parishoners at Hartshorne, Okla. were Italians, Polish, Russian and Americans.



It should be noted that it has been some twenty-five years since Father Schaff left Hartshorne, Okla. Father Schaff also stated that the occupation of his parishioners in Hartshorne, Okla. and Springvalley, Ill. was that of miners and that many of the families went back and forth between these two points. It should be noted that Farmer City, Ill. is a small town having a population of 1881 persons; that Father Schaff has about fifty families in his Farmer City parish, practically all of whom are farmers.

Father Schaff further advised Agent Norris that on February 4, 1934 he noted two automobiles, one Dodge and one Buick, both sedans, parked in front of his home and that there were three men in one car and four men in the other, however, he did not obtain the license number on either car or a description of any one of the men. He insisted that these automobiles remained where parked for a short time and then departed, since which time he has not seen either. It would be well to note that Father Schaff is deeply concerned about his own well being and during his questioning by agent Norris his hesitation was very noticeable.

At the time it is questionable as to whether Father Schaff actually received such a letter as quoted by him early in this report.

As requested in the reference letter, the original letter of Father Schaff directed to Mr. Adolph Bremer is being transmitted to the Division with their copies of this report.

Reference is also made at this time to the letter emanating from the St. Louis Division office on January 27, 1934 wherein information supplied by Mr. Paul Laidley, 3820 Washington Ave., St. Louis, concerning one Frank Robinson, alias Frank Johnson, and wife, Mildred Johnson, nee Mildred Jarva, formerly of St. Paul, Minn., is set forth and in addition thereto it is stated that Mr. Laidley has again called at the St. Louis Division office and advised that on January 28, 1934 he made inquiry at the home of Frank Robinson and ascertained he was not there. Mr. Laidley has now advised that it has developed that Frank Robinson is not from St. Paul, Minn. but from Minneapolis, Minn. and is probably well-known at that point.

Mr. Laidley advised that he resides at 3820 Washington Ave., is an insurance broker, and real estate operator, and was formerly associated with the American National Insurance Co. and now with the Central States Insurance Co., adding he was acquainted with Mr. Roderick of the Internal Revenue Bureau, St. Louis, and also Mr. Joe Schrader, a deputy sheriff, Belleville, Ill.

Upon communicating with Mr. Roderick's office agent ascertained that Laidley was known to them and had supplied information concerning alleged violations on several occasions, however, little credence was placed in the information supplied by him, he apparently possessing a great degree of imagination.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

ST. LOUIS OFFICE will keep in touch with the officers at the Hotel Statler, St. Louis, Mo., and also with Father Scheff of Farmer City, Ill. in an effort to obtain any additional information developed.

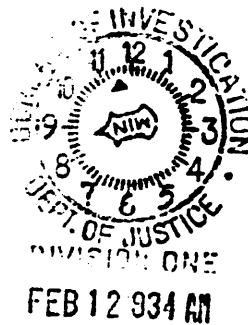
The Division is being requested, by letter, to forward photostatic copies of the original extortion letter directed to Mr. Adolph Bremer to the St. Louis Division office in order that the handwriting therein may be checked further with records of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Room 1403, 370 Lexington Ave.,  
New York City, N.Y.



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

Dear Sir: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
Kidnaping

Reference is made to my letter dated January 29th, 1934 addressed to the Division concerning the 3 X letters referred to by Lou Wedemar, Reporter for the NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM as being identical with the handwriting in the letter addressed to the Postmaster at Minneapolis, Minn. in connection with the above entitled matter.

I advised Mr. Wedemar today as to the report, of the handwriting expert in our Criminal Laboratory, informing him that the handwriting in the 3 X letters was not found to be identical with the handwriting in the letter addressed on the Union Mission stationery.

Mr. Wedemar stated that he had submitted the handwriting to an allegedly competent and well-known handwriting expert who, as related heretofore, had found a similarity in the handwriting. Mr. Wedemar inferred, however, that our expert who examined the handwriting was evidently not very good; though he did state that the letters in the Mozinski murder case at Queens reflected five or six different types of handwriting and it is possible that all types had not been referred to the Division.

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter received this morning from Lou Wedemar dated February 8, 1934 reflecting the similarity which he finds in the 3 X murder letters and the letters in the Lindbergh Kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,

D. X. Fay 7-576-222  
F. X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge  
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*Charles J. ...  
3 X murder letters*

February 8, 1934

Frank X. Fay  
U. S. D. I.  
370 Lexington Ave.  
New York City

Dear Frank:---

By telephone I have given you haphazard information on the Bremer, Lindbergh and 3-X cases, which must have sounded like trying to solve a crime by telepathy. This is to make it a little clearer.

On March 14, 1933, two weeks after the Lindbergh baby was kidnaped, I wrote to Lindbergh, sending samples of the 3-X writing, and calling his attention to what I believed a similarity. They were returned almost instantly, with a card of thanks. Later I had Schwarzkopf in my power long enough to insist that he make a comparison of the 3-X and Lindbergh notes, and I was given to understand eventually that the comparison had shown that the writer of the L. notes could not have written the 3-X notes. I begged him check the writing on every letter rec'd.

The sharpest similarity is in the 3-X letter of September 1, 1930, where the writer uses a circular symbol as his signature. The circle is perfectly round, and has a diameter roughly 1 1/8 inches. This is exactly the inner diameter of the Lindbergh signature circles. The Lindbergh signature circles, however, are about 1/8 of an inch thick, which makes them appear larger. There is a similar vestige of type or other irregularity on the inside of the circles used in both cases. I understand that there are very few other cases on record in which a circle is used as a signature symbol.

When I saw the Bremer photostat I believed at once I recognized the 3-X writer, not only in the penmanship but also in the phraseology. The purpose of the letter to the Postmaster at Minneapolis, which said Bremer had been killed, might have been this: To attempt to convince the federal authorities he was dead, so negotiations with the family might continue safely.

You may remember a similar note was sent within 24 hours of the Lindbergh kidnaping, a postcard saying, "Baby is dying". It had been erased and changed from, "Baby is dead". This postcard was dismissed as a crank note, but it was pretty fast work for a crank. This card might have had the same purpose as I ascribe to the Bremer "A 1" note.

These similarities exist between the unknown personality 3-X and the

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writer of the Lindbergh notes: Both attempt to give the impression they are German, 3-X by stating he is a former German officer and the Lindbergh writer by using semi-German words unnecessarily, and what he fancies are German spellings. Both writers disguise their writing with much skill. Both use symbol signatures, of similar type. etc.

Best regards,

Lou Wedemar (S)

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February 9, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
322 Federal Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

ALL Field Offices

Dear Sir:

There are being forwarded to you under separate cover lists of the numbers on the bank notes which were paid as ransom to the kidnapers for the release of Mr. Edward G. Bremer of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

It is desired that immediately upon receipt of these lists they be distributed to the banks in the territory covered by your office together with the notices of instructions which will be attached to these lists. These instructions will acquaint the banks with the action to be taken.

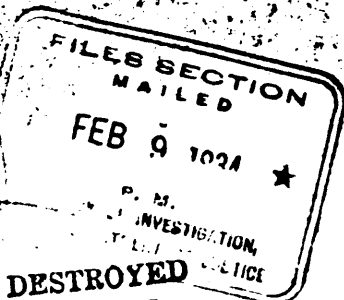
Preparation should be made in advance for the expeditious transmittal of these lists to the banks and upon receipt of any information as a result of this distribution, prompt action should be taken.

Subsequently there will be forwarded to your office an additional quantity of these lists which will be for use in distributing them to the law enforcement officials whose names appear on your peace officers' mailing list and likewise there should be a prompt distribution of this data to such peace officers.

Very truly yours,

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February 3, 1934.

MR. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. Cowley \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. Edwards \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. Quinn \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. Lester \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. Locke \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. Rorer \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked to Mr. Nathan and gave him the information about the Pat Crowe matter concerning which Mr. Harvey telephoned and which is contained in the attached copy of the memorandum. Mr. Nathan stated that he had just left Mr. Bremer, but would see him again before Monday with this story, and we could give Crowe an affirmative answer Monday. He personally thinks that if Bremer pays \$200,000 he will then be broke. This afternoon at 4 o'clock Mr. Bremer issued a story to the press in effect as follows: That it is addressed to the kidnapers and to Edward J. Bremer; that his only interest is to obtain the safe return of his son; frankly, his phones at his residence are being watched, and this is mentioned to prove his sincerity. He cannot publish his case for obvious reasons, but the one way which he suggests is for Edward Bremer to select some one somewhere in the United States with whom he is acquainted and write a letter in young Bremer's own handwriting, referring to these instructions, so that it would be known that the victim had read them, and accompanying that letter should be the kidnapers' instructions; that sufficient time should then be allowed Mr. Bremer to comply with the instructions; that this offer would hold good for three days and nights, after which he considered his obligation as ended; that he has asked the State and Federal police to withdraw to allow this negotiation to transpire.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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The information that he has furnished is as follows: That an Ex-Deputy Marshal of Missouri and an Ex-Policeman and saloon keeper of Montana are now operating a ranch just over the line in South Dakota. These two are joined by three stick-up men, one of whom is a pimp, and former automobile and real estate dealer. The other two are automobile thieves and pay roll robbers. According to Grove, when the victim Bremer was twelve years old this same mob had him in mind as a kidnap victim. Three years ago Pat Grove contacted this mob in Chicago. They spoke to him about kidnaping Bremer and wanted Grove to be the contact man. He declined. I asked Mr. Harvey if he had threatened to have Grove thrown in jail if he refused to talk and furnish the authorities full information, and he stated that he had, but that Grove in each instance became hard-headed, stood up, and said he would die and go to hell before he would talk unless his terms were complied with. Grove is now at the Salvation Army. He claims to be cold and not being given enough food. His attitude is hard-boiled. I told Mr. Harvey to get word to Grove that we were contacting Mr. Nathan immediately, and Mr. Harvey stated Grove would return for his answer Monday morning. (I see no reason in presenting this to Bremer, for obviously Grove would be rewarded if his information is correct.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
February 7, 1934.

MR. NATHAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. CLEGG \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. COWLEY \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. EDWARDS \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. GAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. QUINN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. LESTER \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. LOCKE \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. RORER \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan called during my absence and left the following message:

He stated that he had been advised by a local newspaper at St. Paul about thirty minutes ago (12:30 P. M.) to the effect that Adolph Bremer had issued a statement that he has arranged with the law enforcement authorities to hold off until Thursday night in order to give the kidnapers additional time in which to make contacts. Mr. Nathan said the first he heard about it was from the newspaper and that the family has not informed him of any such statement; that, in fact it does not mean anything to them as they are working on every lead, regardless of any statement that they may be holding off.

Mr. Nathan advised that the United Press had just called him and advised that they have information that Mr. Hoover is in St. Paul or that he is coming to St. Paul. Mr. Nathan stated that he denied the alleged information.

Mr. Nathan advised that outside of the above everything is very quiet.

Respectfully,

*H. H. Clegg*  
H. H. Clegg



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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February 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG.

While talking to Mr. Fay of the New York office on the telephone yesterday evening on other matters, he stated that he had talked to Mr. Coffey earlier in the day with reference to specimens of handwriting obtained in connection with the "Three-X" murder in Queens, which were forwarded to the Division for comparison with the three kidnaping notes submitted in the Bremer kidnaping case at St. Paul.

Mr. Fay stated that, when talking to Lou Wedemar, a newspaper man and handwriting authority, Wedemar called Fay's attention to the fact that he was also checking the writing in the Lindbergh kidnaping note with the writing in the "Three-X" murder case, although he had previously communicated with the New Jersey State Police, who advised that nothing of importance could be determined therefrom.

Wedemar claims that he has found a similarity in the secret signatures on the Lindbergh note and in the "Three-X" murder notes. On the edges of the secret signatures there appears to be a notching that is almost identical and possibly used by the same man. Fay said nothing to Wedemar in connection with the Lindbergh case.

This information was communicated to Mr. Coffey by telephone.

Respectfully,

*John B. Little*  
John B. Little.

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Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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THOMAS E. DAHILL,  
Police  
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H. Officer

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Fire Chief  
JOSEPH A. MACALLAY,  
Supt. Police and Fire Alarm

**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

February 10th, 1934.

John Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Division of Investigation, (AIR MAIL)  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a single finger-  
print that was taken off the Chevrolet coupe that  
was supposed to have been used in the Edward G.  
Bremer kidnapping case.

Will you kindly search your single fin-  
ger print files to see if you have any information  
relative to this print?

Thanking you for your most hearty co-op-  
eration you are giving us in this case, I am

Yours very truly,

*Thomas E. Dahill*

Thomas E. Dahill  
Chief of Police

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February 21, 1934.

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Mr. Thomas E. Dahill,  
Chief of Police,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 10, 1934, transmitting the photograph of a latent fingerprint found on a Chevrolet coupe reported to have been used in connection with the kidnapping case entitled EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.

This latent print has been carefully searched through the single fingerprint file maintained in the Division which contains the finger impressions of kidnappers and extortionists as well as many known gangsters, but no identification has been effected. It has also been directly compared with the fingerprints of a number of suspects who have been named, at various times, as being possibly connected with the case, but no identification was effected.

The latent print will be classified and placed in the unidentified section of the single fingerprint file with a view to possible identification at a subsequent time as additional fingerprints are added thereto.

Very truly yours,

Director.

AIR MAIL

CC-SAC, St. Paul, Minn.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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Division of Investigation  
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Washington, D. C.  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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Mr. Nathan telephoned. A contact was made by the kidnapers last night shortly after midnight. Mr. Nathan was communicated with at his hotel. He went down the fire escape so that the porters at the hotel would not know that he had been aroused and the family informs him that they have heard from the kidnapers unmistakably; that the Division's function last night was to see that the money got out of the bank since the time lock was off, and the money is going out of the bank and is going to some place unknown to Mr. Nathan, but it is believed that it is going to the Bremer residence. No letter was shown to Mr. Nathan. How the contact was made is not known, but the kidnapers have informed Mr. Bremer that they will communicate with him again in a day or two and the Bremer family state that positively the son is alive. Mr. Nathan stated that this is a matter that must be kept absolutely secret since they had confided this much in him.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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**Gentlemen:**

We are enclosing herewith three bill straps and if it so happens that the bank furnishing the money for the Bremer ransom, St. Paul, strapped it, we suggest that you ascertain whether these straps can be identified as the same kind used.

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Yours very truly

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February 15, 1934

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Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 10, 1934, with which you enclosed three bill straps for examination due to the likelihood that these straps may have been attached to the money paid as ransom for the return of Mr. Edward B. Bremer, of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Immediately upon receipt of your letter the Special Agents of this Division assigned to the conduct of the investigation of this case were advised as to the description of the bill straps which you furnished. Information has been received from them to the effect that the bill straps which were used on the ransom money were those on which was printed the name "Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota". They, too, were small colored straps with red borders, similar to the ones forwarded by you, but it likewise appears that the bill straps used on the ransom money were manufactured by a concern using a trademark different from the trademark appearing on the straps which you submitted.

I desire to take this occasion, however, to express to you my sincere appreciation for your cooperation and thoughtfulness. It is indicative of the real wholesome attitude on the part of our citizens who are determined to lend every assistance in the warfare against crime and criminals.

In the event you receive any additional information which you believe warrants an investigation I hope you will not hesitate to call the matter to my attention immediately. The field office of this Division having investigative jurisdiction over the Northern Judicial District of Mississippi is located

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at Birmingham, Alabama, and in the event there is any information which you desire to impart confidentially to a Special Agent of this organization I hope you will feel free to communicate with the Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 322 Federal Building, Birmingham, Alabama.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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



February 10, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
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Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.

EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.

St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Attached hereto is the form partially completed attempting to describe the individual who gave to Father Deere of Prior Lake, Minnesota, one of the contact notes in this case.

Father Deere has been interviewed by Mr. Nathan and Special Agent O. G. Hall, and the form as prepared sets forth the description of the individual as given to Mr. Nathan and Mr. Hall. With reference to the color of the hair of this person, Father Deere stated to Mr. Nathan that his hair had no color and to Agent Hall that he did not notice the color of the hair. As to whether or not this person was bald Father Deere could not state, nor could he tell the color of the eyes or any physical defects. He did state that this person's eyes were sunken and the person looked as if he were a narcotic addict and had dissipated very heavily. To Mr. Nathan he stated that the person was light like a Swede; however, when questioned by Agent Hall regarding this, he stated that he could not state that person's apparent nationality. He recalled that the individual walked briskly.

On February 10, 1934, he was shown photographs of numerous suspects by Agent Hall and he made the following statement: that the photograph of Alvin Karpis depicted somewhat the shape of this man's face, but that he thought the eyes of Fred Barker looked more like the eyes of the person who had left the note.

This is being submitted to the Division for proper treatment in the kidnaping and extortionists file.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI  
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1934.

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MR. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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MR. Rorer \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

While talking with Mr. Carson about another matter, he referred to the Holland, Michigan, bank robbery case notes which were left by the robbers and stated that in a recent conversation with Kathryn Kelly she indicated that she knew where more such notes could be found. He suggested that he might interview her profitably. I told him to go ahead and reported this personally to the Director, who approved.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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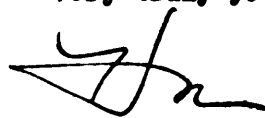
Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
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Washington,D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
St.Paul File No.7-30

Referring to teletype message of February 1, 1934,  
there is forwarded herewith by air mail, special delivery, the  
sheet 2 of page 17, which lists an entirely different series of  
\$10.00 denomination bills. The bank made a mistake in attaching  
the page 1 sheets together and the page 2 sheets together. There-  
fore page A of page 17, now in your possession, should be disre-  
garded and the enclosed page used.

Very truly yours,



H. NATHAN,  
Assistant Director.

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

Joint memorandum of Special Agents Frank Blake and O. G. Hall regarding interview with WALTER W. MAGEE, payoff man in this case, on February 8, 1934 at the St. Paul Division Office. At the interview he related the following story to Agents:

On January 17th, 1934, MAGEE was at his office, 118 Central Avenue, West, St. Paul, Minnesota. He received a telephone call from an unknown person. This person calling stated "This is McKee calling" and ED. PENSCHUCK, who answered the 'phone gave the 'phone to MAGEE. The party calling said, "Hello, we've snatched your friend Ed. Bremer. We want 200 grand". MAGEE tried to delay the party calling in order to have Ed Penschnuck trace the call but this proved unsuccessful. MAGEE fixes the time of this call at about 10:30 A.M. The party calling stated a note would be found giving instructions near a stairway on the premises, 118 W. Central Ave.

MAGEE found the note, which is in the possession of this office, at the place specified.

MAGEE after finding the note called the Commercial State Bank, speaking to Miss Dickman, she informing him that ED BREMER was not at the bank and had not communicated with it. MAGEE then telephoned MR. NEWCOMB at the JACOB SCHMIDT BREWERY, telling him to have OTTO and ADOLF BREMER and himself come to a room in the Ryan Hotel.

The police in the meantime had also been notified of the kidnaping and when OTTO and ADOLF BREMER, NEWCOMB and MAGEE arrived at the Ryan Hotel, there was also present Special Agent in Charge Warner Hanni, Chief Police Tom Dahill, Detectives Tom Brown and Chas. Tierney.

After a short conference, ADOLF BREMER and MAGEE went to the place where the party who had called stated ED. BREMER's car could be found. After about a thirty minute search they found the car near the Snelling Tower on Edgemoor Road. MAGEE got into the car, a Lincoln, but was unable to find the starter and having noticed a quantity of blood in the front seat, and being desirous that ADOLF BREMER not see this, he quit trying to start the car and he and ADOLF returned to the Ryan Hotel. The Lincoln car was taken to MAGEE's Third Street Garage where he left instructions that no one should touch same.

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At 8:00 P.M. the same day, January 17th, another conference was held at the Ryan Hotel at which time OTTO and ADOLF BREMER and MR. NEWCOME were there.

Because of the blood found in the car, notes were written that ransom would not be paid unless evidence was submitted that ED BREMER was alive. Phony packages, approximating the package in which the ransom was to be paid were also prepared in which to place the notes in case a contact could be made with the kidnapers.

For the next few days there was no activity of importance except that Detectives Chas. Tierney and Tom Brown spent evenings at his house.

The next activity was when Mr. Nippert got the notes in ED BREMER's handwriting. A conference was held at which the Division of Investigation and the Police were present and then the fact of NIPPERT getting the notes became known in the newspaper. On the following Monday morning, EDDIE LAWLER brought a note to ADOLF BREMER which had been found under a doorway at home of one MAX \_\_\_\_\_ nearby neighbor.

MAGEE then held a conference with Governor Floyd Olson and in accordance with the demands of the kidnapers that two N.R.A. signs be placed in the window of MAGEE's office when the family was ready to pay. The Governor suggested that one of the signs or more be torn in two and ADOLF BREMER, JR., got several small signs which were placed in the windows.

The next activity occurred when JOHN MILLER came to the BREMER residence with a letter which had been delivered to his home. MAGEE was present at ADOLF BREMER's home when this letter was brought by MILLER. It was opened and in it was a note of instructions stating that the enclosed claim check was for a package at the St. Paul Union Bus Depot.

MAGEE got the package, which was a small black bag containing a pillow and a note. The note stated MAGEE should get on an 8:45 P.M. Bus bound for Des Moines, Iowa; should get to Des Moines and register at the Fort Des Moines Hotel and await a call from BRAKEHAND, or some similar name. No one went on this trip.

Then MISS DICKMAN got a note at her home which she gave to ADOLF BREMER. As MAGEE understands it this note told to wait for further instructions.

Then FATHER DEERE of Prior Lake received instructions. The note which A - -



that MAGEE should take the ransom money to 969 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, where he would see, at the curb, a 1935 Chevrolet Coupe bearing Shell Oil Company signs on each side. At this place he should transfer the money to the Chevrolet Coupe and in this car he would find the keys in the left hand door pocket and also a note of instructions. He was to arrive at this point on University Avenue at 8:00 P.M., February 5, 1934.

Prior to going there MAGEE stated the possibility of a stickup was discussed so he drove his own Ford Coupe to his home left it by the back door of his home and took his wife's Ford Sedan to ADOLF BREMER's, parking same in back of the brewery. ADOLF BREMER, Jr., then took a car and the money and the money was transferred to MAGEE's car near St. Clair and 9th Streets. MAGEE then drove in a circuitous route to 969 University Avenue, where he got into the park Chevrolet Coupe. The windows of the car had been clouded with something and he could scarcely see out of it. In the left hand door pocket he found the keys to the car and a note which, as he recalls, read something as follows: "Go to Farmington, Minn. The Rochester Bus will arrive there 9:15 P.M. and leaves at 9:25 P.M. Follow 100 yards in back of this bus when it leaves Farmington until you come to four red lights on the left of the road. Turn on the first road to the left and proceed at 15 miles per hour until you see five flashes of lights. Then stop and deposit packages of money on right hand side of road. Leave the two notes, get in car and go straight ahead". These instructions were typewritten. MAGEE can't say as to the spelling. There was a Western Union card in the envelope of instructions belonging to ED BREMER, but no note from BREMER.

(At this point MAGEE was taken by Agents to ADOLF BREMER's residence where the remainder of the interview was conducted by Agent Blake, only.)

MR. MAGEE said he proceeded to Farmington and from there followed the bus to Cannon Falls where the bus stopped and he, in order not to attract suspicion proceeded slowly on the highway leading to Rochester and in a short time the bus again passed him and he followed it to Zumbrota where the bus stopped on the left side of the street and a number of passengers, he believed about five alighted and crossed the street. Just outside of Zumbrota the highway forks, the left hand road leading to Rochester. The bus stopped at this junction and waited, what appeared to MR. MAGEE, about four or five minutes, and when the driver started again, he proceeded very slowly for approximately one thousand feet and then he speeded up, MAGEE following. When about four or five miles out of Zumbrota, MAGEE said he saw four red lights on the left side of the road



on the banks of a hill, through which the road had been cut. He said he immediately applied his brakes and about 300 feet beyond the point where he saw the lights, he came to a gravel road leading to the left and he turned into this road, proceeding slowly.

He had proceeded along this gravel road only a short distance, not more than 1/8 mile when a car pulled in behind him and he saw the headlights flash five times. He stopped his car, got out on the left side, walked around the rear of the car he was driving, opened the door on the right side, took out the two suit boxes and placed them on the right hand side of the road. He also left the note of instructions, the envelope which contained the instructions and a note written by MR. ADOLPH BREMER to the kidnapers. He said the kidnapers car stopped when he stopped and they were only a short distance away and kept the headlights, which were very bright, shining on him, all the while. He said he could not tell what class of car the kidnapers were using, nor did he see anything that would assist in an identification.

He said while following the bus from Farmington to Zumbrota that he noticed only one car that appeared suspicious and to the best of his opinion it was a wine colored Chevrolet Sedan. This car passed him several times on the journey, sometimes it would take a position between him and the bus and sometimes it would drop back to a position in his rear. He said he believed there were at least three men in this sedan as he thought he could see two men looking out from the rear windows when this car was in front of him. He said that in his opinion he deposited the package at about 11:15 P.M.

He said after leaving the packages he re-entered his car from the left side and drove straight ahead, arriving in a short time at a small town the name of which he did not know. He did not stop or make inquiry at this town (it developed that this town is Mazeppa) but proceeded on to Goodhue where he inquired the road to St. Paul. He took the road designated and arrived at Zumbrota and 'phoned to the Adolph Bremer residence in St. Paul. He said he placed this call at about 11:55 P.M. He proceeded thence to St. Paul arriving at 1:15 A.M.

He said that after leaving Zumbrota on the outward trip he did not see the wine colored Chevrolet or any other car other than the bus. He said the reason for leaving the note of instructions with the package was that he was so ordered by the instructions he found in the Chevrolet which also instructed that the prior set of instructions be left with the package but he could not comply with this demand because he did not have them.

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F. J. Blake, Special Agent in Charge.

St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 7, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WENGER HANSEN:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-30.

Acting on information received from MR. VOLLMER, Minneapolis, Agent interviewed MR. PETER BERG in his office, 801 Metropolitan Life Building, Minneapolis, and was advised that his brother, CYRUS BERG, who lives on the old PETER BERG farm near Champlain, Minnesota, had reported to him that on the afternoon of January 17, 1934, a Pontiac car stopped near the above mentioned farm and remained parked from approximately 2:30 to 5:30 in the afternoon. CYRUS BERG became suspicious and walked near the car and noticed a heavy set man sitting in the driver's seat and beside him was what he was sure was a man with a blanket over his head. CYRUS BERG stated that the car was a Pontiac Sedan and MR. PETER BERG is not sure as to whether or not CYRUS took the license number.

PETER BERG further stated that he believed it would be advisable for an agent of this Division to interview his brother CYRUS BERG at the above mentioned farm in the near future.

Very truly yours,

T. J. BODD,  
Special Agent.

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MEMORANDUM:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.  
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FATHER DEERE of Prior Lake, Minnesota, called at this office at my request. He insisted that no newspaper publicity be given to any statement given by him and he was assured that if there were any publicity, he could rest assured that it had not emanated from this office.

He stated that at 4:30 P.M., on Tuesday, February 6, 1934, a man came to his door in Prior Lake, and asked him if he were FATHER DEERE. He answered in the affirmative. The man asked him if he knew a family by the name of BREMER. FATHER DEERE answered in the affirmative. The man then asked him if he could get to St. Paul by 8:00 o'clock and Father Deere said, "Yes". The man had the door of Father Deere's residence open about six inches. The man had a cap on which came down over his forehead, covering his eyes and covering his ears. He wore a cloth jacket similar to that worn by railroad men, with pockets in the side. Father Deere described this man as being about 28 to 30 years of age. Father Deere said that the man was of the dissipated type and he, Father Deere, at first took him to be a bum; that the man's hair was of no color at all, being of a dirty colored hue, somewhat straw colored; that his features were expressionless with the exception that he had deep sunken eyes of a dissipated type; that he was "light like a Swede", and there was no strength at all in his face; that he weighed about 150 pounds; that he was not as tall as I am, and I am 5'9 1/2"; that Father Deere stated he bore all the aspects of being a "dope fiend". He said that in talking to him, as above, he clipped his words shortly and curtly; that, after the foregoing colloquy, he thrust an envelope into Father Deere's hands, which envelope contained notes to himself telling him to deliver the notes within to ADOLPH BREMER and to EDWARD BREMER'S wife. The man then walked rapidly about 100 or 150 yards away and got into a "brown sedan with wire wheels" and drove away. Father Deere said that the man had a thin face, with apparently no blood in it. He could give no further description except that he, Father Deere, is certain that he could identify the man if he were brought in as a suspect. Father Deere stated that he had seen the BREMER family before coming to this office.

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Very truly yours,  
H. NATHAN.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

February 7, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. CLEGG \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. COWLEY \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. EDWARDS \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. EGAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. QUINN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. LESTER \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. LOCKE \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. ROBER \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Edwards telephoned and advised that Mr. Appel had found seven points of identical comparison between the Bremer kidnaping notes and the "get away road charts left by the Holland, Michigan, bank robbers; that this was not enough to cause Mr. Appel to feel positive about the identification but that it was felt reasonably safe. Mr. Edwards asked for the names of the Holland, Michigan, suspects and a telegram is hereto attached to the Chicago office asking for the names and descriptions of the suspects in that case. Mr. Edwards inquired if I thought it would be a good idea to have Dr. Souder check the notes, and I told him I thought that it would.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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February 3, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I telephoned Mr. Foster, at the White House, concerning the request of Mr. Nathan for the record of employment of Mrs. Mary A. Stinson and A. J. Lincomb by the White House. Mr. Foster informed me that he never heard of either of them but said he could check the records. Subsequently Colonel Stafling called advising that there was no one attached to the staff there by either name, nor had there been. I did not furnish him any of the details.

I telephoned Mr. Nathan concerning this angle. Mr. Nathan advised that a woman had had a note left in her car, that the police at Minneapolis brought her in; that she had stated that she was on the staff of the White House and gave the name of her superior, as stated; that the woman appeared to be rather intelligent and refined. They will check up to see if there is any possibility of an impersonation case existing.

Mr. Nathan advised that they had obtained from the police out there all the information they had concerning the Lindbergh case, including two clippings relative to the Lindbergh case, a true detective story and some clippings concerning Babe Ruth, although there was not a statement as to Ruth's earnings in the clippings.

That concerning the call to New Jersey they had checked up on the filling station in Minneapolis and he is now informed that the manager of the filling station will be brought in at once but that the former Chief of Police mentioned had for some time been in California.

That concerning a lead out in Iowa, Cedar Rapids or Sioux Falls, they had determined that there was no such number on the street given and also that there was no such street in the town given, although further inquiries are being made in that vicinity.

He advised that Mr. Corn, Editor of the St. Paul News, according to the Chief of Police at St. Paul, had gone to Washington and the Chief of Police thought that he would try to make it hot in Washington for the Chief of Police who had promised to notify the Division concerning the prospective arrival of Mr. Corn and by this message the promise was being kept.

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Respectfully,

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Edw. J. Bremer

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Investigation into the activities of Golder disclosed that he and one Jack Howard were closely associated at Reno, Nevada, from 1932 to March, 1934. Golder was employed by Graham at the Cal-Neva Lodge, a gambling house. Graham is also reported to have been a frequent visitor at the apartment of Golder located in the Belmont Apartments at Reno, Nevada. Golder has been identified as a regular customer of the barber shop in the Riverside Hotel, in which building the Riverside Bank is also located and, according to information furnished by the barbers, Golder frequently made inquiries concerning Frisch.

Under date of May 4, 1935 the New York Office directed a letter to the San Francisco Office inclosing photographs of William Weisman, who was suspected of being identical with William Golder. The photographs of Weisman were identified as the photographs of William Golder. Jack Howard, reported as an associate of Golder, was identified as Nick Delmore.

A review of the Bureau files discloses considerable information concerning Weisman and Delmore. They were both members of the Waxie Gordon gang and during July, 1930, they, together with Albert I. Silverberg, John Newman, and other New Jersey members of the Waxie Gordon mob, took a lease on the Rising Sun Brewery, Elizabeth, New Jersey. On September 15, 1930 six Prohibition Agents entered the brewery to make a search. Weisman and Delmore held up two of the Agents, took their guns from them, and killed Agent John G. Finiello. One Goebel, the fireman at the brewery made a true statement as to what occurred and undoubtedly would have identified Weisman and Delmore as the persons who fired the fatal shots. Goebel, however, was murdered in 1932.

After the murder of Prohibition Agent Finiello, Weisman and Delmore and the other members of the mob fled. On June 16, 1931 two indictments were returned in the United States District Court, District of New Jersey. One charged Weisman, Delmore, Silverberg, Newman, and five others with resisting United States Government officers with dangerous weapons, and the second indictment charged Weisman, Delmore, and nineteen others with conspiracy to violate the National Prohibition Act. An indictment was returned by the State of New Jersey charging Weisman, Delmore and several others with murder in the first degree.

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Weisman and his associates apparently fled to St. Paul, Minnesota, where they established themselves with underworld interests in that city. During the search for Keating and Holden in St. Paul, Minnesota, a Cadillac Sedan bearing 1932 Georgia license plates was observed in the vicinity of an apartment where Keating and Holden were believed to be residing. This Cadillac Sedan was traced to the possession of William Weisman. On July 25, 1932, Abie Wagner, a New York City Gangster, was shot and killed at St. Paul, Minnesota. Silverberg and Newman were apprehended and their identity was established through fingerprints submitted to the Bureau as fugitives from New Jersey. They were tried at St. Paul, Minnesota, on charges of murder, were convicted, and sentenced to life imprisonment at the Minnesota State Penitentiary. Weisman and Delmore were suspected of having participated in this murder but no evidence could be obtained to substantiate the charges. They were never apprehended or tried.

Weisman and Delmore then proceeded to Reno, Nevada, where they took up residence and became associated with the Graham and McKay interests, using the names of William Golder and Jack Howard, respectively. Long distance telephonic calls traced from the residence occupied by Weisman and Delmore definitely linked them with the Waxie Gordon and the Louis Buckhalter mobs of New Jersey and New York respectively.

On October 18, 1933 Delmore surrendered to the authorities at New Jersey, was tried on the State indictment for murder, and acquitted. He was then tried on the Federal indictment and also acquitted. It appears that Weisman accompanied Delmore to the East, inasmuch as Weisman, under the name of William Golder, purchased a Buick Sedan, Motor No. 2856884, from the Glidden Buick Corporation, 1743 Broadway, New York City, on September 10, 1933. After the trial of Delmore, Weisman returned to California, where he registered the Buick Sedan on November 23, 1933 and received license plates No. 7-J-7709. Three days prior to the registration of this car, Samuel Dougherty, a Philadelphia gangster, was shot five times and his body was dumped from an automobile on a boulevard about one mile south of San Francisco. Dougherty had been residing at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco, California, and the car owned by him was registered in the name of Courtland Howard, 315 Granite Avenue, Reno, Nevada. Ben Greengrass and Jack Kirschner, two

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San Francisco underworld characters, were arrested and charged with the murder of Dougherty. They were defended by John ~~Waffs~~, the attorney who is representing Graham and McKay in the trial of the mail fraud case. Jack Adler, New York City attorney for Graham and McKay, also proceeded to San Francisco to assist in the defense of Greengrass and Kirschner.

The Buick Sedan of William Golder has figured prominently in the investigation into the disappearance of Frisch. "Fatso" Negri has furnished information to the effect that around April 24, 1934 he met John Paul Chase in San Francisco at the Bank Buffet, around noon time, and as he was conversing with Chase, placed his foot on the bumper of a dark colored Buick Sedan parked in front of the Bank Buffet. Chase is quoted to have said "Get away from that car, there is plenty of heat on it." Two or three weeks later Negri was advised by someone, he believes it was Louis Tambini, that the dark colored Buick Sedan which Chase had referred to as being "hot" had blood on the seat, and that they were even so careless as to leave the rope in it. Negri was also advised that Joe Moreno was going to get everyone in trouble by driving the Buick around San Francisco. Moreno made inquiries of the Southern Pacific Railroad and other companies as to the amount of freight which would be charged to ship the sedan to New York City. The freight, however, was prohibitive. Moreno has been identified as the individual who attempted to dispose of the Buick Sedan by sale through the Buick Agency at San Francisco. The Buick, however, was never sold and was subsequently found in a charred condition on Sky-Line Boulevard near Daly City, a few miles south of San Francisco, on October 1, 1934. The investigation does not disclose that a claim has been made for insurance on the car.

On November 7, 1934 Weisman surrendered to the authorities in New Jersey. His trial has not yet been held. He is represented by Frederick M. ~~Pearse~~, 744 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey, who also represented Delmore. Weisman was released under \$25,000.00 bond.

Arrangements were made through his attorney for an interview with Weisman which was conducted on July 6, 1935. The information furnished by Weisman during the interview was totally negative. He explains his departure from Reno, Nevada, by saying

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that he departed around two or three o'clock on the morning of March 21, 1934 and drove to San Francisco because he was a fugitive and had received information that officers were in Reno seeking his apprehension. He admits that he attempted to dispose of his Buick Sedan by sale, through Joe Moreno, in order to obtain funds with which he could return to New Jersey to stand trial on the indictments pending against him there.

Under date of May 1, 1935 the San Francisco Office requested authority to interview John Paul Chase at the Alcatraz Penitentiary, relative to this case. The authority was granted in Bureau letter dated May 11, 1935 and the results of the interview were set forth in the report of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, Jr., dated at San Francisco, California, June 25, 1935. Chase was interviewed on June 18, 1935 and admitted that he accompanied Gillis when they encountered Frisch on the streets of Reno on the evening of March 22, 1934, and Gillis engaged in an argument which resulted in an altercation between the two. Gillis rendered Frisch unconscious by striking him over the head with an automatic pistol, placed him in the back of the car, and carried him from one hundred to one hundred and fifty miles east of Reno, Nevada, through Virginia City, to a point about one-half mile from the main highway, where Frisch was shot several times and then buried in a shallow grave. Chase denied, however, having any information linking Graham and McKay to the case.

Under date of June 21, 1935 Acting Special Agent in Charge L. D. Wine of the Salt Lake City Office directed a letter to the Bureau suggesting that Chase be taken from the Penitentiary, under heavy guard, for the purpose of pointing out the spot where the body of Frisch had been buried. The Bureau replied under date of July 6, 1935 that it was not deemed advisable to remove Chase from the Penitentiary, but that the directions indicated by Chase, as set forth in the report of Special Agent Ramsey, should be given consideration with a view to possibly locating the grave.

Special Agent Ramsey, after completing his interview with Chase at Alcatraz Penitentiary, proceeded to Washington, D. C., under transfer, June 21, 1935, and on July 13, 1935 returned to San Francisco to conduct a further interview with Chase with a view to possibly obtaining a more detailed description of the place where the body of Frisch was buried.

Respectfully,

*R. E. Newby*  
R. E. Newby.

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## MEMORANDUM

Ray John Frisch, formerly cashier of the Riverside (State) Bank, Reno, Nevada, and subsequently Assistant to the Receiver of that bank, disappeared on the evening of March 22, 1934, from Reno, Nevada. On March 20, 1934, a subpoena had been issued by the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for the appearance of Frisch in that district as an important Government witness in connection with a mail fraud case involving William J. Graham and James C. McKay, prominent residents of Reno, Nevada, as defendants.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, entered the investigation into the disappearance of Frisch, inasmuch as it appeared that there had been a possible kidnaping in violation of the Federal Kidnaping Statute. During the course of an investigation looking to the location and apprehension of Lester M. Gillis, information was obtained indicating the implication of Gillis and John Paul Chase in the disappearance of Frisch. Gillis, after his escape from guards of the Illinois State Penitentiary on February 17, 1932, is reported to have proceeded to Reno, Nevada, and was subsequently employed by William J. Graham as a chauffeur.

After obtaining information from various witnesses in Reno, Nevada, John Paul Chase, who is serving a life sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, was thoroughly questioned and admitted that he accompanied Gillis on the evening of March 22, 1934, when Frisch was encountered on the streets of Reno, Nevada, and was engaged by Gillis in an altercation which led up to the shooting of Frisch.

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February 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO S.A.C. WERNER HANNT:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File 7-501

On this date, WALTER NELSON, Manager of the Ballard Lamp Garage, St. Paul, Minnesota, telephoned this office and advised that he had information which he believed might be of value in the solution of the BREMER case.

MR. NELSON, Manager of the above mentioned garage, when interviewed produced a transit parking ticket, #71-00, which revealed that on January 22, 1934, at 11:18 A.M., a Chrysler Deluxe Coupe, 1932 model, bearing 1933 Iowa license plates, #214-257, was left at the garage for repairs. MR. NELSON stated further that the following individuals, who are in his employ, could give information regarding the car in question and the occupants of same: EDWARD HECKMAN, PAUL SEVERSON, and A. L. PARSONS.

EDWARD HECKMAN, 1682 Margaret Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, service man at the Ballard Garage, when interviewed stated that the car above described was delivered to the garage by three men; that all of these men were rather suspicious looking and that he had a conversation with the driver of said car, who had told him that the motor was missing and requested that repairs be made on same. HECKMAN stated further that about 1:30 P.M. on January 22, 1934, the same three individuals above referred to called at the garage for the car in question; that the car was delivered to them in the garage and that the driver made a complaint, claiming that the proper repairs had not been made on the car. MR. HECKMAN stated that he then communicated with A. L. PARSONS, the shop foreman at this garage, and told him of the complaint; that PARSONS then attended to the automobile in person, and had the three individuals above mentioned accompany him (PARSONS) with the automobile to the service department in the garage.

HECKMAN stated that he had no conversation with any of the occupants of the car; that all of his conversation was confined to the driver, who appeared to be the ringleader of the three. HECKMAN described this "ringleader" as follows: Age, 36-38; six feet; 200 pounds; heavy build; black hair; dark eyes, believed to be brown; swarthy complexion; full face; clean-shaven, no apparent physical disabilities; no marks or scars noticed; wore a brown suit, blue overcoat, with velvet collar; and a snap-brim gray hat. HECKMAN stated that this individual appeared to be of the gangster type, and was somewhat abrupt in his manner.

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A. L. PARSONS, shop foreman, Ballard Ramp Garage, when interviewed corroborated HECKMAN's statement and added that he personally examined the automobile in question after its owners or occupants had made the complaint, and found that the car was in perfect running condition, and requested the individuals in question to drive with him a few blocks so as to demonstrate to them that the car was in good running condition. PARSONS stated that these individuals declined to ride in the automobile with him, stating that they would take a chance with it. PARSONS stated that these three men were very suspicious in their actions; that they all appeared to be afraid of one another; that the individual whom he believed to be the ringleader and whom HECKMAN also identified as the apparent ringleader appeared to be unusually suspicious of his two companions. PARSONS stated that this apparent ringleader was also the driver of the car. PARSONS gave the same description of the ringleader as that given by HECKMAN, however, the descriptions given by PARSONS of the other two individuals in the car did not tally with those given by PAUL SEVERSON, the cashier at the garage.

PAUL SEVERSON, above mentioned, when interviewed, stated that two of the individuals in question asked him where they could secure a map of South America; that he referred them to the St. Marie Cigar & News Company and to the St. Paul Book and Stationery Company. SEVERSON stated that he had a conversation with these two individuals while the ringleader was engaged in a conversation with HECKMAN. He also stated that the bill of \$4.80 for repairs was paid in cash by the ringleader.

The following descriptions were given by A. L. PARSONS, previously mentioned in this memorandum:

|                 | First Individual                    | Second Individual       |
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| Age             | 40                                  | 30                      |
| Height          | 5 feet, 5 inches                    | 5 feet, 10 inches       |
| Weight          | 160 pounds                          | 145 pounds              |
| Hair            | Believed to be light brown          | ?                       |
| Complexion      | Medium                              | Medium                  |
| Eyes            | ?                                   | ?                       |
| Characteristics | Large nose; full face; clean shaven | Thin face; clean shaven |
| Clothing        | ?                                   | ?                       |

The description given by PAUL SEVERSON did not in any way tally with the above descriptions, however, PARSONS appeared to be the more reliable and accurate of the two employees, therefore his descriptions are noted herein.

The photographs of ALVIN KARPIS and FRED BARKER were exhibited to the employees interviewed at the Ballard Garage, and all of the said

employees failed to identify said photographs as anybody known by them.

Very truly yours,

M. F. GLENN,  
Special Agent

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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July 15, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
ROY JOHN FRISCH, VICTIM,  
KIDNAPING.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Keith .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Schmidt .....  
Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Smith .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Miss Gandy .....

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Roy John Frisch, formerly Cashier of the Riverside (State) Bank, Reno, Nevada, and subsequently Assistant to the Receiver of that bank, disappeared on the evening of March 22, 1934. The Riverside (State) Bank was one of a chain of banks operated by George Wingfield, an associate of William J. Graham and James C. McKay, who controlled the night clubs, gambling resorts, and other rackets at Reno, Nevada. Graham and McKay were indicted in Federal Court in New York City early in 1934 on charges of conspiracy to use the mails to defraud. On March 20, 1934 a subpoena was issued at New York City calling for the appearance of Roy John Frisch as a witness in this case. Testimony was expected of Frisch to prove the connection of the activities of Graham and McKay with the Riverside Bank and to describe the manner in which victims were defrauded of large sums of money.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation entered the investigation into the disappearance of Frisch inasmuch as it appeared there was a possible kidnaping. During the course of the investigation looking to the location and apprehension of Lester M. Gillis, information was obtained indicating the implication of Gillis and John Paul Chase in the disappearance of Frisch. Gillis, after his escape from guards of the Illinois State Penitentiary on February 17, 1932, is reported to have proceeded to Reno, Nevada, and was subsequently employed by William J. Graham as a chauffeur. During an interview conducted by Special Agent V. E. Criss with Joseph Raymond Negri, as set forth in the report of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, Jr., dated at San Francisco, California, April 25, 1935 Negri furnished information to the effect that when Gillis and Chase were at Walley Hot Springs, Nevada, during the fall of 1934, Gillis was observing the number of the license plate of the Bureau Hudson, which he had written on the wall of the cabin, and remarked to Chase in the presence of Negri, "We ought to go in there single-handed."

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(meaning Reno) and do away with a couple of those G's, watch for their car, see it parked, hi-jack the men, do away with them and take them out and bury them the same as we did with Frisch; that will keep them out of here and we would have clear sailing, as they would be afraid to come down here around Reno then." Negri also advised that the day following the disappearance of Frisch he was instructed by Chase at San Francisco, California, to return to Reno, Nevada, and obtain the clothes left there by Chase. Negri, on this occasion, obtained the assistance of Henry O. "Tex" Hall in locating the place where the clothes of Chase were recovered. Investigation at Reno also established the fact that Gillis and Chase were in Reno, Nevada, the day Frisch disappeared and were identified as visiting a gas station for the purpose of refueling their car.

Early in the investigation of this case a person known as William Golder, living at the Belmont Apartments, Reno, Nevada, was considered as a suspect. Golder had paid his rent at the apartment house in advance to April 16, 1934 but hurriedly disappeared from the apartment on March 22, 1934, explaining to the manager of the apartment that his wife was ill and was about to be operated upon at San Francisco, California. It appears, however, that Golder registered at the William Taylor Hotel on March 21, 1934, and on the following day his alleged wife, Nellie Connors Golder registered at the same hotel at San Francisco. On March 23, 1934 Golder made a long distance telephonic call to New York City to the telephone of Harry Newman, 203 West 54th Street. Investigation at the William Taylor Hotel further disclosed that Golder sent a package containing old clothes, sweaters, overalls, an old bathrobe, and some soiled women's clothes to Mrs. C. D. Leonard, Estelline, South Dakota, the return address on the package being "N. O'Connor, 34 Hyde Street, San Francisco." This latter address was formerly a bootlegging "joint" prior to the repeal of Prohibition. The records of the garage of the William Taylor Hotel reflect that storage was paid on a Buick Sedan owned by Golder for March 22, 23 and 24, 1934 but it further appears that it was the practice of the garage to have the night man, at about six o'clock each morning, make up a list of all cars in the garage. The car of Golder does not appear on this list.

The records of the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco, California, reflect that William J. Graham and his wife registered there on March 19, 1934 and proceeded from San Francisco on March 25, 1934 to New York City to stand trial on the mail fraud case.

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1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

February 9, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subjects; Edward G.  
Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping.

Reference is made to letter from this office to the Director, dated February 8, 1934, a copy of which was sent to you, in which names of various suspects in the Holland, Michigan, Bank Robbery were set forth. As indicated in that letter, there are transmitted, herewith, two group photographs of the following individuals: Andrew Youpal, alias Berkson; Julius Schreiber; Ben Cross. As indicated in reference letter, these three individuals were arrested in Chicago, Illinois, on November 9, 1932, in possession of a number of the bonds stolen from the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan, in September, 1932.

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There are also transmitted, herewith, photographs of Grover Constock, Robert Schmidt and Michael De Laurentis.

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These are being forwarded to you for exhibition to various witnesses in this case, in an effort to determine whether any of these individuals may have been involved in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

This morning Special Agent in Charge William Larson of the Detroit Office, called advising that there was a possibility that instant kidnaping may have been committed by Eddie La Rue, Identification Order #1214. Mr. Larson also stated that he had been informed that one Lee Turner of St. Louis, who has been arrested in Chicago, is an associate of La Rue and that Lee Turner is a small man, apparently fitting somewhat the description of one of the kidnapers of Bremer. In this connection the Chicago Office has advised that Lee Turner is a small man, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and is apparently the Lee Turner to whom Mr. Larson referred, inasmuch as his description shows him to be 5 feet 3 1/4 inches tall and weighing 150 pounds. The Chicago File on this case reflects that Lee Turner was sentenced at Cairo, Illinois, on October 18, 1933, to a year and a day in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. In view of this fact, Turner would now be incarcerated in Leavenworth and could not have been one of the kidnapers of Mr. Bremer.

To date this office has not been successful in locating any of the suspects in the Holland, Michigan, Bank Robbery, for questioning to determine whether any information might be obtained which would be helpful in the Bremer Case. Efforts are being continued to locate these individuals for questioning.

Reference is made to telephone conversation with Mr. Hanni of this afternoon, in which he was advised that the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Police had arrested one Ben Larson, of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, and Gust Roddy, with aliases. Roddy is one of the subjects of a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act Case, File #26-5428, St. Paul File #100-1000. At the time of their arrest they were in possession of a Ford V8 Coach, Motor Number 831883, bearing 1934 Minnesota License Plates B474-682. Communication with the Sheriff at Grand Rapids, Minnesota, by the Milwaukee Police Department, elicited information that this car was not stolen. There is no record of it being stolen with the Automobile Protective & Information Bureau in Chicago. At the time of the arrest of these individuals, Larson had in his possession \$890.00 in five, ten and twenty dollar bills and Roddy had in his possession \$960.00 in five, ten and twenty dollar bills. Special Agent V. W. Peterson of this office has made a list of the serial numbers of all of these bills, which he is forwarding direct from Milwaukee by Air Mail, Special Delivery, to be checked against the numbers of the ransom bills in this case.

Agent Peterson advises that the Milwaukee Police will be unable to hold Larson any longer than some time tomorrow forenoon, but that they have a charge of carrying concealed weapons against Roddy, and there is also a possibility that Roddy can be held on the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act Case mentioned above, in which your office is the Office of Origin.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH, Acting,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. CLEGG \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. COWLEY \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. EDWARDS \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. GOAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. QUINN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. LESTER \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. LOCKE \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. RORER \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I telephoned Mr. Nathan and informed him that he should see the Bremer physician to inquire as to the advisability of interviewing Bremer and when he might be interviewed.

I told him he should question Bremer as to the meaning of his statement that he had no use for the Government. Mr. Nathan said he might have been facetious in this statement. He was advised that the facts should be obtained and if the physician states it is O.K. to interview Bremer and there is then any objection, to call the Division at once so that the Attorney General could issue a statement to that effect and similarly that the Attorney General would be prepared to issue a statement concerning Kincaid or police authorities or any person interfering or refusing to cooperate.

He stated he would certainly do this and as far as Kincaid was concerned he positively would not be present at any of the other interviews which Mr. Nathan attended and further that no other officer would be.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Concerning bloodstains in the Bremer car, Mr. Nathan stated that Magee had had the car washed the first day so that the father of Bremer would not see the blood in the car, and that some time later the Police Department found three stains which they turned over to the local toxicologist and he stated that it was blood but that the quantity was insufficient to determine if it was human blood.

I explained to Mr. Nathan that according to the Division's scientists, if there were enough of the specimen to determine that it was blood, there would be enough to determine that it was human blood; that since newspaper reports had indicated that the blood had soaked through the seats and upholstery and since portions of the blood might not easily dissolve in water, they should make a new effort to obtain bloodstains from the car, and as a second resort they might see if the specimen analyzed by the toxicologist was still available so that the specimen could be sent in to the Division's laboratory for further analysis.

Respectfully,

H. N. Clegg.

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 7, 1934

MEMORANDUM:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

Supplementing my memorandum of February 6, 1934, I wish to advise that today I interviewed MR. H. B. WHITTIER, Superintendent, St. Cloud Reformatory, St. Cloud, Minnesota, who instructed CHARLES CATER, Clerk, in the office of the records, to supply any information contained in their files which might prove of assistance to this Division. Listed below you will find names of former inmates of the St. Cloud Reformatory with information concerning them furnished from the records by MR. CATER. b7c

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WILLIAM CHRISTIANSON (also spelled CHRISTIANSEN)

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LOUIS SHERMAN alias HOLY GHOST

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FRED SPEAKMAN

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ARTHUR STETSON

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PAUL V. JOHNSON

[REDACTED]

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LLOYD FINGER

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LLOYD OUTLER alias JOHN BARNES alias SPUD.

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cause injury to the officers who might be unfortunate enough to be using the cars. MR. POTTER further stated that he considered this man most revengeful, a very nasty sort and a person who would not stop at anything. MR. POTTER was unable to furnish photographs and descriptive data on the man listed above today but explained that he would immediately get the photographs together, assemble the necessary descriptive data and criminal records and forward same to this office at his earliest convenience. Attached to this memorandum will be found specimens of the handwriting of each of the inmates mentioned.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Halls, Special Agent.

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✓ LLOYD FINGER [REDACTED]

✓ LLOYD CUTLER, [REDACTED]

✓ WILLIAM CHRISTIANSON, [REDACTED]

✓ DALLAS RAY PHILLIPS [REDACTED]

✓ LESLIE VAREST [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

R. L. Halls,  
Special Agent.

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| MR. Nathan | _____ |
| MR. Tolson | _____ |
| MR. Clegg  | _____ |
| MR. Cowley | _____ |
| MR. Egan   | _____ |
| MR. Quinn  | _____ |
| MR. Lester | _____ |
| MR. Locke  | _____ |
| MR. Rorer  | _____ |

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Halliberg, Manager of the United Press, St. Paul, telephoned and stated Mr. Bremer, the victim, was not in a condition apparently to be interviewed and the newspapers therefore were not interviewing him. Likewise he had been unable to get any statement from the Special Agents in St. Paul.

He inquired as to whether the Division might authorize the Special Agents to give them the substance of the story as he had a report that the substance of this story was being published in New York papers and he felt they too should be entitled to it. He stated he was calling from the St. Paul Division office and there was a Special Agent standing by him in the event instructions could be issued.

I told him that the Division was not issuing any instructions in connection with this case and no instructions of that sort could be issued; further the Division had not and was not issuing any information in connection with this case. Therefore, it would be impossible to comment concerning it and there was no authority for the Special Agents to do so.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WERNER HANDEL:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-30.

GEORGE WILLIE, residing at 3841 Humboldt Avenue North, Minneapolis, and a bus driver for the Jefferson Transportation Company, was interviewed by this agent at his residence February 8th and he advised that on the night of February 6th he took his usual run from St. Paul to Rochester, Minnesota, leaving St. Paul at 8:40 p.m.; that at Cannon Falls, Minnesota, on highway 55 he noticed an automobile apparently following his bus. He endeavored to make this car pass him by slowing up but was unable to do so. This car, according to MR. WILLIE, had plain lens in the headlights and dimmer lights were used instead of the regular headlight bulbs. This car continued to follow the Jefferson Bus all the way to Zumbrota, Minnesota, where MR. WILLIE endeavored to leave this automobile by coming in to town on a round-about route instead of the regular route and stopped, not at the bus company but some distance from the bus depot.

MR. WILLIE stated that he stopped the bus, went into a store building, obtained some cigarettes, came back out again, and the car which had been following him was still there. He then drove the bus to the regular bus depot and when he left Zumbrota, the car was still close behind. Shortly after leaving Zumbrota, MR. WILLIE noted a Ford Sedan following the car with the dim lights a hundred yards or so behind the bus; that this Ford Sedan speeded up and passed the bus and then came almost to a stop, allowing the bus and the car with dim lights to pass it.

The above occurrence, according to MR. WILLIE, happened several times between Zumbrota and the town of Hader. At Hader, according to MR. WILLIE'S recollection, a man left the bus and he (MR. WILLIE) believes that this man got into the Ford Sedan, which Ford Sedan continued to follow the bus and the car with the dim lights and on several occasions, passed the bus and then was again passed by the bus.

On road No. 55, near a road sign which marks the cut-off to the town of Mazeppa, MR. WILLIE noted two red lights and a white light on a bank near the road. He believes that these lights were placed there by the power company and that some construction of power lines was in progress.

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He noted that after passing these lights he saw nothing further of either the car with the dim lights or the Ford Sedan. MR. WILLIE believes that the car with the dim lights turned off on the Haxey road although he is not positive of this conclusion.

To the best of MR. WILLIE'S recollection, there were two people in the rear of the Ford Sedan and a man driving. MR. WILLIE believes that one of the people in the rear of the sedan was a woman although he is not certain. He endeavored to take the license number of the Ford car and thinks that it was a 1933 Minnesota license, No. 178-578. The Ford, he believes, was dark blue or black.

Concerning the man who left the bus at Hader, which is about twelve miles south of Cannon Falls, he stated that he had no distinct recollection of this man's appearance nor was he able to give any description of the persons in the Ford Sedan.

Concerning the car with the dim lights, MR. WILLIE stated that it was his impression that it was a Chevrolet or some car about that size and that it was black in color; that because this car never passed him, he was unable to obtain an accurate description. He estimated that the Ford car, on the occasions on which it passed the bus, was travelling about 60 miles an hour. As to the model of the Ford car, it is his impression that it was a model "A". MR. WILLIE was questioned closely in this connection and apparently has no distinct knowledge as to the difference between a model "A" and a model V-8 Ford, and later stated that he was not certain that the car was a model "A" but that that was his conclusion in spite of the fact that his regular speed on the road is in the neighborhood of 30 miles an hour and this Ford apparently passed him with ease.

The lights which MR. WILLIE observed on the bank near the road, he believed, were signal lights and stated that he did not think that they were lanterns because of the fact that they appeared to be too bright for the regular oil lantern which is used to mark construction projects.

During the rest of the trip to Rochester no unusual event occurred and to the best of MR. WILLIE'S recollection, a woman left the bus at Cannon Falls and a man left the bus at Hader, all other passengers making a through trip from St. Paul to Rochester.

MR. WILLIE takes the bus every night to Rochester and is available for interview at his residence in North Minneapolis from noon until 7:00 p.m. every day.

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The license number furnished by MR. WILLIE, No. 174-874, was checked at the office of the Secretary of State, St. Paul, and found to be registered in the name of FRANK WILLIAMS, St. Albans Street, St. Paul. It was ascertained that FRANK WILLIAMS had moved from 98 North St. Albans Street to 1250 Thomas Street, St. Paul, and is now employed at the Tri-State Telephone & Telegraph Company where he was interviewed. MR. WILLIAMS advised that the 1932 Ford Sedan in question carrying the above license number was sold by him last year to his brother-in-law, one IRWIN OSTROM of the Ostrom Grocery Company, Faribault, Minnesota.

MR. IRWIN OSTROM was contacted by long distance telephone and he advised that he had loaned this car about December 25, 1933, to his brother-in-law, one EVERETT FAIRBANKS, who is presently employed on the Federal dam near Cass Lake, Minnesota.

Sheriff MERRY was contacted by long distance telephone and he advised that he knew FAIRBANKS; that he would ascertain whether or not FAIRBANKS was using the car in question with the above license plates and also whether FAIRBANKS had been in the vicinity of Embrota and Rochester on the night of February 8, 1934. MR. MERRY will transmit the required information to the St. Paul Division office by telephone.

Very truly yours,

E. M. NOTESTEEN,  
Special Agent.

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2 - St. Paul



DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 344

Laboratory Report

February 7, 1934.

Case: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer,  
Victim; Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576

Specimens: Road Chart used in connection with robbery of the First  
State Bank at Holland, Michigan.

Examination requested by: Chicago Office.

Date received: February 6, 1934.

Examination requested: Typewriter.

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February 7. The specimens of typing on the road chart are all carbon copies, except the first two pages. Similarly, the extortion letters in both the Bremer and the Hamm Kidnaping Cases were written with ribbons which smudged the impressions. This was probably done deliberately but the clear outlines of the type face were not revealed except in certain instances where the type slipped off the ribbon and made impressions imbedded in the paper.

Notwithstanding the above close examination did not indicate any material differences or any defects which would preclude the specimens from being the work of one machine. There were found a number of points of similarity, particularly, the shape of the type and the manner in which the impression in the paper is emphasized at points where the type is higher than the others. These points of similarity lead to the conclusion that the same typewriter was used in preparing the road chart that was used in writing the Hamm and the Bremer extortion letters. Owing to the condition of the specimens and the limited number of letters or words which may be compared, it is believed that testimony proving conclusively the similarity of the specimens may not be offered until such time as the typewriter itself is found. When this is done an examination may be made of the type and additional specimens may be prepared to match those with which a comparison is to be made. At that time it may be possible to make a conclusive determination and offer conclusive proof. While this opinion is qualified as indicated it is believed that its basis is sufficiently definite to warrant exhaustive investigation, particularly in an effort to find the typewriter.

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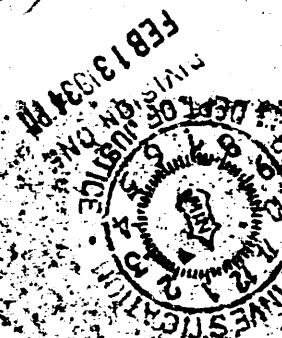
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Special Agent in Charge,  
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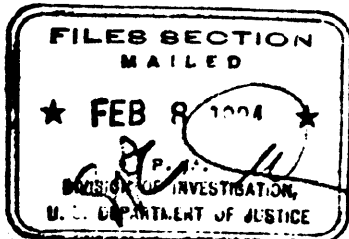
Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim, KIDNAPING.

There are enclosed herewith copies of a laboratory report which indicates that the typewriter used in the above entitled case is identical with that used in typing the road charts which were found in connection with the robbery of the First State Bank, at Holland, Michigan.

On September 9, 1933, the Chicago Office addressed a letter to Honorable Arthur H. Vandenberg, United States Senator, Grand Rapids, Michigan, advising him of the arrest of three individuals, namely, Ben Koupel, alias Berkson, 6811 Claremont Avenue, Julius Schreiber, 2644 Winnetka Avenue, and Harry Gross, Y. M. C. A., on the west side of Chicago, in connection with this bank robbery. It appears that the above named individuals were negotiating some of the bonds stolen from the above bank.

It is requested that the Chicago Office immediately contact these individuals and thoroughly question them concerning the perpetrators of the Holland Bank Robbery, as the laboratory report indicates that the same individuals are involved in the Bremer Kidnaping case.

It is also requested that immediate contacts be made with all known friends, relatives and associates of Rossi, who was recently killed in Chicago for information in this same connection, especially with his sister who has previously refused to give information, but since the murder of her brother may, at this time, disclose some information in this connection.



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This matter should be given immediate and vigorous attention.

The Detroit Office should also exert every effort to determine the identities, and obtain the names and descriptive data of all suspects in this bank robbery.

Very truly yours,

Director,

Incl. #683297

cc-St. Paul  
Detroit

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. S. WERNER HANBY:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD S. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-50.

MRS. SAM BAKOL, wife of the proprietor of the Brass Hall, 414 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, came to the office on February 8th and stated that at about 10:15 p.m., on February 7th, two men had entered her husband's place of business and remarked that they were "out to get Walter, Bremer". She described one man as being 6 feet tall, 275 pounds, and the other as being a smaller man with a gold tooth. These men appeared to be drunk and dropped a couple of letters which appeared to be of no importance and a \$20 bill No. 100223325A of the Ninth Federal Reserve.

Briefly, BAKOLS are in a dispute with the BREMER family regarding the liquor license and she endeavored to have me see one of the BREMER boys to settle the dispute. I refused.

Very truly yours,

O. S. HALL,  
Special Agent.

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MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. S. WERNER HANKE:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
HOWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-30.

With reference to your request that I interview MR. HUMBLE of Doherty, Humble, Dunn & Butler, attorneys, First National Bank, St. Paul, please be advised that I interviewed ELAINE HUMBLE and he informed me that he knew nothing regarding the story to the effect that MARTIN WUNDERLICH, St. Paul contractor, had lost \$200,000 in a race horse "con" game and that possibly it was his brother, WILFRED E. HUMBLE, who at that time was in Washington, D. C., who knew of the affair. The index cards of the firm were searched but no file was found relating to any business the firm had done for WUNDERLICH.

Since the original information regarding this rumor had come from Washington, it appeared that it was WILFRED HUMBLE who could possibly know the story rather than ELAINE HUMBLE, and the following day PIERCE BUTLER, JR., a member of the same firm, communicated with me and I interviewed him. He stated that the firm knows nothing regarding the rumor; that it was common talk in the city for some months past that MARTIN WUNDERLICH had been taken in on a "con" game in the sum of \$200,000. He advised that MICHAEL KINKAD, County Attorney, would undoubtedly know the full details concerning the matter as there was some talk that the case would be presented to the Ramsey County Grand Jury.

As I understand, one rumor was current to the effect that EDWARD BREMER had cashed the checks involved in the \$200,000 fraud and would possibly know of the identity of the confidence men.

PIERCE BUTLER, JR., stated his firm had never been employed by WUNDERLICH; that WILFRED HUMBLE had only such information as he heard as result of gossip. In view of the fact that WILFRED HUMBLE was out of the city and because of later developments, no further inquiries were made. PIERCE BUTLER, JR., on request, was informed that our information came from Washington, D. C., but the name of the informant was not given.

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Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,  
Special Agent

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801 Title Guaranty Bldg.  
Saint Louis, Missouri  
February 10, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter emanating from this office on February 7, 1934, directed to the Kansas City Division Office, in the case entitled RICHARD TALIMAN SALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1201, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, a copy of which is being attached to the St. Paul Division office copy of this communication.

It is noted from the February 9, 1934 issue of the St. Louis Star-Times newspaper that Inspector Charles Tierney of the St. Paul Police Department was seeking the apprehension of Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker in connection with the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Edward G. Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping.

On February 10, 1934 Captain Sheppard of the Missouri State Police, located at Sikeston, Missouri, communicated with this office by telephone, referring to the above noted statement appearing in the St. Louis Star-Times newspaper, and stated that Captain Eslick, B. Troop, Missouri State Police, Springfield, Missouri, and Sergeant Kessie, Missouri State Police, Willow Springs, Missouri, had been conducting detailed investigation in an effort to apprehend Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker who, they allege, have recently been in the Southern part of Kansas and the Northern part of the State of Oklahoma. It is the opinion of Captain Sheppard that both of these individuals may be located in that vicinity in the event the local state authorities are not advised of the institution of the investigation, adding that they were, in his opinion, protecting both of the above named individuals.

In view of the information set forth in the reference letter to the effect that known associates of the Subjects of the instant case will be in Oklahoma on February 10 and 11, 1934, it is thought advisable to contact Captain Eslick and Sergeant Kessie for any

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information they may have at this time in their possession,  
and take such action as the facts developed may warrant.

Very truly yours,

F. P. YERSELEY, Acting,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc St. Paul (encl.)  
cc St. Louis file 7-43.

Room 1805  
270 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

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February 9, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box No. 818,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
(EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim)  
Kidnaping - Extortion

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephonic conversation with you today, Inspector John Griffith, Chief of Staff, Detective Division, New York Police Department, informed me today that they had received information which suggested that a woman named Syret or Syrob may be implicated in the above entitled case. Likewise, information had been received from the same source indicating that the following locations might have some connection with this case:

Bearidge Creek  
Bouridge Creek  
Pauridge Creek

Inspector Griffith related that if these names had not already entered into the case, to forget about it. He did not, of course, indicate the source of his information, but informed me that it had been relayed to him in memorandum form from the "front office", meaning either the Chief Inspector's Office or the Police Commissioner's office.

Very truly yours,

F. I. FAY  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

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February 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan telephoned and advised that Special Agents in Charge Hanni and Blake had just returned and located on the bank of Highway 55, near the town of Mazeppa, Minnesota, four red lights which had been used to signal Magee; three of them were very heavy brass lamps with a red glass and one was a swinging red light. They were all comparatively new and he suggested the advisability of calling this to the attention of the Associated Press and United Press so that leads as to where such lights were purchased or stolen might be forthcoming.

I subsequently telephoned Mr. Nathan that in view of the fact there was to be no further publicity from the Department at all in view of the uncertain status as to the interstate character of the case and, therefore, the lack of Federal jurisdiction, and in view of the fact that these leads were important, which might be studied for fingerprints and other latent evidence and as trade marks or manufacturer's names might appear to help identify them, it was not desired that any publicity be given to the same.

He stated that Mr. Ladd was in Des Moines and he wondered what the Division's desires were about Mr. Ladd. I told Mr. Nathan, until further notice, Mr. Ladd was available to aid him on the case if he was needed. Mr. Nathan indicated he was needed and he was asking him to come to St. Paul immediately.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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| MR. Cowley  | ✓ |
| MR. Edwards | ✓ |
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Edward L. Brennan  
Signal lights

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

Plankinton Hotel  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping - Chicago file # 7-22

Dear Sir:

As you have been advised, BEN LARSON, Grand Rapids, Minnesota and GUST CHIAVEROTTI alias GUST RODDY were arrested in Milwaukee, Wisconsin last night. At the time of the arrest of said individuals there were found in their possession numerous notes in the denominations of \$20., \$10 and \$5.00 respectively. It was thought possible that the currency in the possession of Ben Larson and Gust Chiaverotti might be part of the ransom money in the instant case. The writer made a complete list of the bills found in the possession of Chiaverotti and Larson, and same is transmitted herewith in order that the bills listed may be compared with the ransom notes in the Bremer Kidnaping case. It is imperative that the results of your comparison be furnished the Chicago office immediately inasmuch as Captain Frank Prohaska, Milwaukee Wisconsin Police Department, Detective Bureau advised that he will be unable to hold Chiaverotti and Ben Larson subsequent to Saturday morning, February 10, 1934.

Your attention is also respectively directed to the case entitled Charlie Succi et al, Your file #26-2343. The file in this case reflects that Gust Chiaverotti, Charlie Succi and Joe Massey were in possession of Cadillac Sedan, Motor number 802,679, which was stolen from H.R. Graves, Bemidji, Minnesota and that Chiaverotti and associates instructed that this automobile be placed in the Three Corners Service Station near Medford Wisconsin. Please be advised that Chiaverotti denies any knowledge concerning the Cadillac Sedan and refuses to admit that he was in possession of this car at any time. It is requested that you advise immediately whether prosecution is authorized against Chiaverotti in order that steps may be taken to have him held in the event is the desire of the U.S. Attorney. Chiaverotti will probably be released by the Milwaukee Police Department on Saturday morning unless a Federal complaint is filed against him.

The above information is forwarded to you direct on the authorization of Acting Special Agent in Charge, W.A. Smith, Chicago in order that the necessary investigation may be expedited.

Very truly yours,

C.C. Chicago  
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V.W. Peterson, Special Agent

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**SPECIAL MAIL**

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled **UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM**. Four signal lights were used to establish contact with the kidnapers in this case and are described as follows:

Three were of the search-light type, 9 1/2 inches long, two with black gun-metal stocks and one nickel plated. These three lights bore the trade name "A Merit Product". They were equipped with three cells each, Ever-Ready batteries and bulbs, marked 3.5v Japan.

The fourth light was a red electric lantern bearing the trade name "Light Master Lantern". This electric lantern carried four "sure light" battery cells and was equipped with a bulb marked 2.5v Mazda. All four lights were especially equipped with red lens which appeared to have been originally designed for automobile tail lights and bore the trade name "Filmo Lens". The Ever-Ready batteries all bore the date—put into service before October 1934. All batteries and all lights were exhausted.

To assist in the identification of these lights, there are transmitted herewith seven photographs of the same. The New York office has been requested to ascertain the distributors of these lights and upon receipt of advice from that office, your office is instructed to expedite a canvass of the dealers in this product in your district with a view to locating the place where the lights were bought.

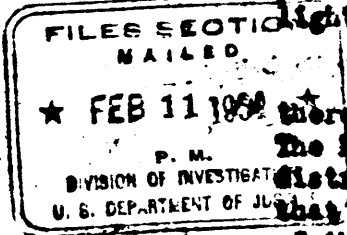
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St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. S. WHEMER HARRY:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD S. WHEMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-30.

On the above date, FRANK DeFORGE, a bus driver for the Twin City Rapid Transit Lines, living at 159 West Rose Street, St. Paul, called the St. Paul Division office and advised that he had some information which he believed might be of value in the WHEMER kidnaping case.

This agent, together with Special Agent GLENN, interviewed DeFORGE at his residence, MR. DeFORGE presenting the following information: That at about 12:55 a.m., February 8, while he was driving a bus from Minneapolis to St. Paul, he noticed a large dark maroon colored Lincoln Sedan with five or six men occupants on University Avenue headed towards St. Paul. He passed this car and endeavored to observe the occupants and noted that each of the five men had a week's growth of beard and that they all looked like "yeggs" to him. During the course of his trip to St. Paul, he endeavored to go alongside enough so that this car would pass him and give him an opportunity to take the license number. According to his statement, when the bus was slowed down the car behind would slow down and refused to pass. DeFORGE did note, however, that the Lincoln Sedan carried a 1933 Michigan license; that the first number of this license was "4" and that in so far as he could see, the next two numbers were also "3's". He believes the license number carried six digits and that the first three numbers were "333".

He described the Lincoln Sedan as being probably a 1932 automobile with a trunk rack on the rear. He noted a man in the back seat who was slumped over the front seat or was leaning forward talking to the occupant of the front seat. This man had a light gray hat with a narrow black band.

The Lincoln car followed the bus until the bus turned right on University to come down town, at which time the sedan proceeded on at his speed.

In the bus at the time MR. DeFORGE made this trip was another driver by the name of CHAPIN, who resides at 897 Holton Street, St. Paul.

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Very truly yours,

E. H. NOTESTEEN  
Special Agent

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MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WERNER HANKE

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-30.

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In accordance with your instructions, I boarded the Jefferson Transportation Company bus at the Union Bus Depot, St. Paul, Minnesota, at 8:40 p.m., February 6, 1934, and remained on this bus as a passenger until its arrival at Des Moines, Iowa, at 5:40 a.m., February 7, 1934. Prior to boarding the bus, I observed the various persons who entered same in St. Paul, but I failed to notice anyone I knew to be connected with the instant matter in any way, neither could I observe any packages of the approximate size or description of the packages which contained the ransom money at the time it was withdrawn from the American National Bank. None of the persons on this bus aroused my suspicion except one man who got on at Faribault, Minnesota, and he left the bus at Owatonna, Minnesota. This man appeared to be about 40 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches in height, of dark complexion, with black hair, wore a black overcoat and soft green felt hat, and appeared to be of either Jewish or Italian extraction. He did not carry baggage of any description.

I took particular pains to observe the various people who traveled on this bus and feel that I can identify any of them.

At the time this bus arrived at Des Moines, Iowa, there were nine passengers in addition to myself, as follows: a white woman and baby, an Indian woman and young boy, a negro woman and young boy, two white men, and one white woman.

Upon my arrival at Des Moines, I noted Special Agent in Charge D. M. LADD, St. Louis, Missouri, in the bus depot. In view of the fact that nothing of a suspicious character had occurred on the bus and at the depot was deserted at the time the bus arrived, we recognized each other.

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I returned to St. Paul, Minnesota, via G. R. I. & P. Railroad leaving Des Moines at 8:15 and arriving in St. Paul at 4:45 p.m.

On the evening of February 7, 1934, I observed the departure of the Jefferson Transportation Bus at 8:40 p.m., and at this time I did not notice any person who appeared to be connected with this matter or any packages which might have contained the ransom money.

During the above trip, I did not carry any official credentials or any paper which would identify me as being connected in any way with a Governmental agency, all such documents having been left with you prior to my departure. Both my bus and my railroad fares were paid in cash.

Very truly yours,

S. K. McKee,  
Special Agent.

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9-St. Paul

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. S. WERNER HARRI:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-50.

With reference to the 1933 Chevrolet Coupe which WALTER MAUER, payoff man in this case, used in making the payoff, and which was found by him as directed by the kidnapers on the street at 969 University Avenue, please be advised that I examined this car in ADOLPH BREMER'S garage and found same to be bearing Minnesota 1933 license tags No. B-199876, front and rear of the car, and to have motor number 3536203.

The car was searched by CHARLES TIERNEY, JOHN TIERNEY, and myself and in the rear of the car was found an extra license tag, 1933 Minnesota No. B-327634. There was also an old brown blanket and a metal tire carrier. JOHN TIERNEY found at the rear of the front seat a small bottle of colorless fluid which had evidently been purchased from a druggist as the impressions of a druggist's label were on the bottle although the label had been removed. This fluid had a peculiar odor and it is possible that it might be the fluid used to cloud the windows of the car. Tomorrow I shall find out from JOHN TIERNEY what the bottle contained and make a further memorandum.

JOHN TIERNEY contacted the Auto Theft Bureau, St. Paul Police Department, and was informed that the car was stolen on December 22, 1933, at St. Clair and Snelling, St. Paul, Minnesota. Tomorrow I will get the full details of the theft of the car.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,  
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 7, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

This morning I called upon [redacted] at his request. He stated that the following information came, originally, from [redacted]. He did not reveal the name [redacted] and he does not want the fact [redacted] furnished the information made public. He also does not want his own name mentioned in connection with said information.

The information in question is to the effect that the proprietor of the Euclid Hotel, a small hotel in St. Paul, located on St. Peter Street, is named GEORGE BOLAND. Recently, there came to the Euclid Hotel, an individual whose name is unknown but who was referred to as a "Big Shot" from Pittsburgh. He stayed at the Euclid Hotel for some time and ran up a bill of approximately \$100.00. At about that time, ED BERMAN, said to be a former Chief of Police, now on the detective force, came to the proprietor of the Euclid Hotel and told him that he had better get the aforesaid "BIG SHOT" out of town. The "BIG SHOT" in the mean time had endeavored to dispose of five uncut diamonds to the proprietor of the Euclid Hotel. The "BIG SHOT" went out of town. A little later, detectives from a theft insurance concern in Pittsburgh, called at the Euclid Hotel and stated they were interested in a jewel robbery in Pittsburgh. Before the "BIG SHOT" went out of town, he went to BERMAN. The robbery in Pittsburgh was said to amount to about \$70,000.00. The "BIG SHOT" from Pittsburgh was said to have gone to and to be now at Ogden, Utah. The said "BIG SHOT", while in St. Paul, is said to have sold \$70,000.00 worth of uncut diamonds to EDWARD BREMER. Said "BIG SHOT" is said to have written a letter to the proprietor of the Euclid Hotel saying that BREMER had double-crossed him and the S.O.B. had better watch his step. It is further said that the "BIG SHOT", in this letter, said something like, "Watch what happens to Bremer".

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was in Pittsburgh, recently, on his way to Washington and stopped in to police headquarters, and Inspector Byrd was very much interested in his information as to the "BIG SHOT" from Pittsburgh, inasmuch as he referred to a large diamond robbery there recently.

The proprietor of the Euclid Hotel should be seen for whatever information he may have bearing on this story and particularly for information bearing upon the identity of the "BIG SHOT" from Pittsburgh. No information should be given to him relative to the identity, or name, of any informants.

Very truly yours,

H. NATHAN,  
Assistant Director.

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SUITE L - FEDERAL BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Relative to the telephone conversation had with you today, I have to advise that John "Slim" Kelly, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, register No. 44381, was interviewed today concerning future details of the plot to kidnap Mr. Lilly, brother of the President of the First National Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota. Kelly refused to reveal the names of the two individuals who were to be associated with him in this crime, but did advise that the proposed kidnaping was to have taken place during the latter week of August, 1933, but that the kidnaping did not take place due to the fact that his (Kelly's) associates were too intoxicated to go through with the plans, and he withdrew.

He stated that prior arrangements had been made with one John Dillon, a well known bootlegger at Sioux City, Iowa, to use a joint operated by Dillon as the "hideout" to hold Victim Lilly; that Anna May Dillon, sister of John Dillon, was to prepare the meals, etc., for Lilly. He stated that he did not know the exact address of this joint, which is located on the water front, two blocks west of the joint operated by Jim Dillon, John's brother, known as the "red front". He further stated that Jim Dillon had no knowledge of the proposed kidnaping. Kelly refused to divulge the names of his associates, for the reason that a Secret Service Agent had promised him an eighteen months sentence to a plea of guilty on a charge of counterfeiting in the Southern District of Iowa, but that he (Kelly) had received a three year sentence.

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The only information he did furnish concerning his associates was that they were about 59 years of age, which is about his own age. Kelly furnished information to the effect that he had served time at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, about twenty-five years ago, and had also served time at the Iowa State Penitentiary and the Missouri State Penitentiary, and, of course, is again confined at Leavenworth.

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Reference is made to letter from this office under date of January 17, 1934, to your office in the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL, CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER, in which

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mention is made of John Dillon, and wherein it is stated that John and Emmitt Dillon of Sioux City, Iowa were alleged to be harboring Charles Arthur Floyd, alias "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and wherein it is further alleged that the Dillons are bootleggers and have the protection of the Sioux City, Iowa Police Department.

This information is being submitted to you at the present time for whatever action you deem advisable.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR  
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 7, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WERNER HARRY

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-30.

[REDACTED] presently employed as [REDACTED] called at the Division office today and stated that last Monday in Hall's Barber Shop in St. Paul, the barber in the second chair remarked to him that a current rumor is that BREMER had not been kidnaped but had been taken because of his dealings with the liquor syndicate in the Twin Cities. No elaborations on this rumor.

In connection therewith, [REDACTED] recalled that one ROMAN LACH and two other men had resided at the Embassy Apartments, second floor, and disappeared about a day or two prior to the kidnaping of BREMER. He stated that ROMAN LACH is well known to the police in this city, having been arrested a number of times for hijacking and stick-ups.

ROMAN LACH is described as being 25 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches, light complexion, 225 pounds, occupation alcohol peddler.

One of his companions is described as 5 feet 8 inches, 28 years of age, 155 pounds, olive skin, probably an Italian.

The name and description of the second companion of LACH is unknown.

LACH has a 1930 green Buick Sedan. He was once said to be married, but the whereabouts of his wife is unknown. When they departed from St. Paul, it was rumored they went to Kansas City, Missouri.

The informant believed that some check might be made regarding LACH and his two companions. He has no other information.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,  
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WERNER HANDEL:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim,  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File 7-30.

The St. Paul Division office was in receipt of information to the effect that an airplane had been reported as having landed or been in the vicinity of Little Bemidji Lake in Northern Minnesota about two weeks ago.

It was also believed possible that in view of the fact that LEON GLECKMAN, underworld character, maintains a lake cabin on Little Bemidji Lake, the kidnapers might possibly be operating in that locality.

On Sunday, February 4th, agent accompanied Assistant Inspector WILLIAM McMULLEN of the St. Paul Police Department to Detroit Lakes where contact was made with Deputy Sheriff KERKNESS, who accompanied agent and MR. McMULLEN to Little Bemidji Lake on the morning of February 5th.

The lake in question was practically inaccessible to automobile travel and the GLECKMAN cabin was located on the south side of the lake and same was entered, it appearing that no one had occupied this cabin since sometime in the early fall. A circuit of the lake was made and it was noted that there are no other cabins or habitations of any kind on this lake. Two trappers were contacted in the woods who stated that there had been no strangers in the locality since the late fall. "DOC PETE" LARSON was interviewed at his cabin on Round Lake, MR. LARSON being a year-round resident and a trapper; and agent was advised that there had been no strangers in the area since the tourist season, but that about two or three weeks ago LARSON had heard an airplane in the air in the vicinity of Round Lake but had neither seen this airplane nor noted the direction which it took.

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Investigation at Shell Lake developed the same information, that no stranger had been in the locality and no persons were noted in the few cabins on this lake with the exception of the Wolk residence, which is a year-round home and is now occupied only by a caretaker. It may be noted that the Wolk property belongs to a man by the name of Wolk connected with the Wolk Transfer Company and previously investigated in the Twin Cities in connection with the URSCHEL kidnaping matter.

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Deputy Sheriff KERKNESS of Detroit Lakes stated that he also had heard the rumor concerning the airplane but that he had been unable to gain any first-hand information as to the exact location of this plane.

Persons interviewed were all well known to KERKNESS and very friendly and it is believed that any information which they might have had would have been promptly presented.

Very truly yours,

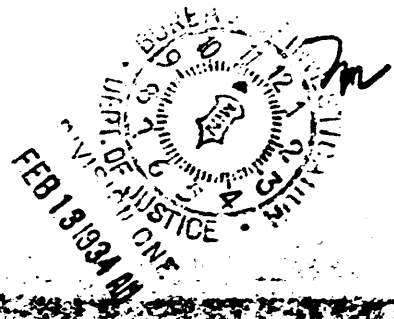
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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 4, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WERNER HARRY:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-30.

Agent was advised by Assistant Inspector WILLIAM McMULLEN of the St. Paul Police Department that the department had a rumor to the effect that approximately a year ago EDWARD BREMER and WALTER HAGER had a race track near New Orleans, won \$50,000, and later returning to the track, lost the sum of \$200,000, the payment for which was made by check by BREMER and the check subsequently stopped at the American National Bank in St. Paul; that the book makers who sustained the \$200,000 loss were back of the plan to kidnap BREMER in an effort to regain the lost moneys.

Very truly yours,

E. H. NOTESTEEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANKE:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-30.

The information contained in this memorandum was obtained as result of Special Agent E. L. Walls, who resides at the St. Paul Hotel, being interviewed by "TIP" MILLER, wealthy resident of the St. Paul Hotel. Mr. MILLER approached Agent Walls and advised that the confidential informant desired to interview Walls. Such an interview took place and at that interview, at the suggestion of Agent Walls, Special Agent Hall, the writer of this memorandum, was invited to attend the next interview. The first interview with Mr. Walls took place at the St. Francis Hotel. The information secured by him at that time will be reported in memorandum by Agent Walls.

The second interview, at which time Agent Hall was present, also took place in the suite of rooms of the confidential informant at the St. Francis Hotel on February 4th. The third interview took place in the suite of rooms of "TIP" MILLER, MILLER not being present.

The confidential informant who supplied the information contained herein is [redacted] and is [redacted]

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At the second interview, the confidential informant advised that on the evening of February 2nd, [redacted]

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As a point of information, the Sheridan Hotel is a 20-minute drive at a fairly rapid rate of speed from the Hollyhocks Club.

Therefore, it appears that whoever took the purse immediately went to the Sheridan Hotel and got rid of it. Nothing was missing from the purse and the owner, while telephoning [REDACTED] had inquired of HILL, the clerk, what was in it and he had described the contents, which indicates that he must have had the purse in his possession.

At the Hollyhocks club that night, although this is not certain, it appears that the cigar counter clerk at the Sheridan Hotel was there with an individual who poses as a chauffeur.

The memorandum by Agent Walls regarding this matter will show that TOM FILBIN returned to St. Paul a few days ago and on his return to the hotel requested the clerk to give him a room [REDACTED]

The confidential informant is in fear of being kidnaped. He is not convinced in his own mind whether he is to be kidnaped or his younger brother. He strongly suspects TOM FILBIN of being implicated in this assumed attempt to kidnap him but has not any very definite grounds for his suspicions.

[REDACTED] I brought up the subject of the occupants of 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, during the period of HAMM'S abduction and the Kansas City massacre. It had previously been definitely determined that FRED BARKER, DOC BARKER, and ALVIN KARPIS were the occupants of that house. It had also been established that FRANK NASH, deceased, visited that house on June 10, 1933. One report in the file 62-838 recites an interview with a penitentiary inmate to the effect that the two BARKER boys, KARPIS, and others were the ones actually in the Kansas City killing. My reason for bringing up the subject with the confidential informant was that while I was investigating this affair it developed that one of the automobiles seen at 204 Vernon Avenue had been registered to one DAVIS, the tags having been sent to the St. Francis Hotel.

In spite of continued inquiries in a direct and in a round-about way, I was never able to ascertain the identity of the DAVIS, for certain. I requested the informant's cooperation in this.

At the third interview he informed me that the man DAVIS is actually BOB WILLIAMS, former employee of the Holt Motor Car Company.

At the second interview, after bringing up the subject of 204 Vernon Avenue, the names BARKER and KARPIS were mentioned; whereupon the informant advised me [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] learned that DOC BARKER, FRED BARKER, and ALVIN KARPIS, whom he knows under the name of RAY KARPIS, used the back pass and on one occasion at least went shooting with TOM BROWN, former Chief of Police and now Detective of the St. Paul Police Department. In that connection you will recall that it is more or less definitely known that when the two BARKER boys and KARPIS were living in West St. Paul and were recognized by a neighbor as being wanted for murder, it was TOM BROWN who made it possible (at that time being Chief of Police) for these fugitives to escape before the officers came to their house. You will also recall that Deputy Commissioner of Police O'CONNELL, on being informed by the St. Paul Dispatch that suspiciously behaving persons were residing at 204 Vernon Avenue, probably connected with the HARM kidnapping, O'CONNELL went to that address and returned, reporting that there was nothing to the rumor. It later developed from a confidential source that TOM BROWN had again warned the two BARKERS and KARPIS of the approach of officers. This is mentioned to illustrate that it is entirely possible that TOM BROWN did go shooting with the two BARKER boys and KARPIS.

During the second interview, the confidential informant advised me that [REDACTED] the two BARKERS and KARPIS were in St. Paul sometime shortly after the first of this year. In that connection, your attention is invited to the shooting of McCORD, the radio operator at the Northwest Airways, when he was conducting a personal investigation to locate some alleged prowlers near his house. That shooting took place somewhat as follows:

McCORD and a friend, in McCORD'S car, were endeavoring to locate some prowlers. They saw a coupe drive down the alley near their home, followed it, and later they drove abreast of the coupe; and as soon as their car was stopped, one or more occupants of the coupe fired into McCORD'S car with one or more machine guns, seriously injuring McCORD. However, his friend was not struck and as the gun men's car drove away, he got the license number on it. This license number was traced to one DAVIS. DAVIS was traced to White Bear Lake, Minnesota, where he had a Post Office Box. At the time I conducted the investigation regarding the possible identity of McCORD'S assailants, you will remember, we reached the conclusion that it was the two BARKERS and KARPIS and the person DAVIS who was previously involved in the 204 Vernon Avenue affair.

Because of the coincidence of the BARKER gang in St. Paul during the HARM kidnapping, as well as shortly before the BREMER kidnapping, I requested that the confidential informant, who is personally interested because of his fear of kidnapping, to endeavor to learn from SAM McLENNAN the present whereabouts of the two BARKER boys and KARPIS and also the full details concerning their occupancy of 304 Vernon Avenue.

At the third interview, which took place on February 4th, the confidential informant advised me that he had been informed as follows by [REDACTED]

The occupants of 304 Vernon Avenue were the two BARKER boys and KARPIS. On the 16th of June, the morning following the kidnapping of HARM, at about eleven o'clock in the morning, the two BARKER boys and KARPIS ate breakfast at the Hollyhocks.

On the 17th of June, JACK PFEIFFER instructed one of the BARKER boys to go to Chicago, which BARKER boy [REDACTED] was unable to recall. On the 19th or 20th of June, the three were again at the Hollyhocks. According to [REDACTED] statement to the confidential informant, one of the BARKER boys was sent to Chicago to find out something regarding the HARM kidnapping and returned with no information. The informant then asked [REDACTED] where the two BARKERS and KARPIS were now located; and [REDACTED] then stated that after they shot McCORD, they left White Bear where they were living.

[REDACTED] described the shooting as follows: McCORD followed the car of BARKER and KARPIS and they stopped their car in an alley. Whereupon McCORD also stopped his car some distance to the rear of the gun men's car. When the gun men's car started, McCORD started to follow them and drove abreast of them at the point where the shooting took place. McCORD was wearing a radio dispatcher's uniform of the Northwest Airways and was mistaken for a policeman. [REDACTED] claims that shortly after this, the two BARKERS and KARPIS gave up their place at White Bear and have since moved to a point unknown.

The confidential informant feels that [REDACTED] has given him sufficient information so that there is no need for concern about [REDACTED] as he is in a position where he can not afford to have the informant disclose that [REDACTED] had given the information. [REDACTED] is deathly afraid of the two BARKERS and KARPIS.

The informant advised that a few days ago, LEON GLECKMAN visited ADOLPH BREMER, SR. Two days ago, ADOLPH BREMER informed the informant that he would like to have LEON GLECKMAN see him again. It is the informant's understanding that LEON GLECKMAN and MORRIS ROISNER will contact ADOLPH BREMER sometime on February 6th.

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The informant also told me that he believed, reasons not given, that WILLIAM HAMM, JR., was held some place in the vicinity of Moose Lake, Minnesota, and that the story of WILLIAM HAMM, JR., to the effect that he had gone to southern Wisconsin was manufactured.

I intend to maintain contact with the informant daily as I believe this to be a very valuable source of information.

I have given you the name and address of the confidential informant verbally and the Division will be informed when the information contained in these memoranda is compiled in report form.

Very truly yours,

D. E. HALL,  
Special Agent.

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625 Lafayette Bldg.,  
Detroit, Mich.

February 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 518,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re - UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING (St. Paul #7-20)

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to letter dated 2-7-34 addressed to the Birmingham Office, copy of which was received by this office requesting that any handwriting specimens available of Basil Hugh Banghart, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1205, be forwarded to your office.

Please be advised that there are three files in this office relating to Basil Hugh Banghart. A careful review of same developed that the only available specimen of Banghart's handwriting, exclusive of his signature, is a one page undated letter captioned "Dearest Pinkie", signed "Basil." This letter which was found in Detroit along with a letter signed "Basil Hugh Banghart" with aliases, known as the "National Motor Vehicle Theft Act", is being forwarded herewith to the St. Paul office, as requested.

Very truly yours,

WM. LARSON,  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 518,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 9, 1934.

Mr. E. E. Conroy,  
Book-Cadillac Hotel,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim,  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul File # 20

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting attached hereto copy of a memo-  
randum left for me by Jack Brennan relative to the Rochester  
matter, also the letter in question which Brennan picked up.  
Brennan will probably be back in St. Paul tonight and may  
have more information for you.

Respectfully,

HAROLD NATHAN,  
Assistant Director.

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Salt Lake City, Utah,  
February 7, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Unknown subjects  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping  
St. Paul file No. 7-37

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of the 28th ultimo in the above entitled matter, in which it is requested that this office examine all written instruments, the work of subjects at large, particularly any who might be involved with notorious gangs or in kidnaping cases.

Please be advised that I have examined all written documents in this office of that nature, with particular reference to the incorrectly spelled words in your letter above mentioned and I have been unable to find a duplicate of such incorrectly spelled words in any of the written documents in this office.

As stated in my letter of January 23, 1934, ~~you please inform me of any information received in your office concerning the period of time for which you desire to have such cover maintained. Will you kindly indicate your pleasure in the matter.~~ However, no information has been furnished this office by you concerning the period of time for which you desire to have such cover maintained. Will you kindly indicate your pleasure in the matter.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD  
Special Agent in Charge

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222 Federal Building  
Birmingham, Alabama  
February 10, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Further reference is made to the letter from the St. Paul office dated February 7, 1934, requesting specimens of the handwriting of Hugh Basil Banghart, with aliases, I. O. #1205.

Special Agent Chapman Fletcher of this office has obtained from Mr. B. V. Bates, Record Clerk, U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, the specimens of Banghart's handwriting which are attached hereto, appearing on the following papers.

1. Record military service, bearing Banghart's signature.
2. Request of Warden to be permitted freedom of prison yard, signed by Banghart.
3. Note dated June 14, 1926, requesting interview with Deputy Warden, signed by Banghart.
4. Request of Warden to be permitted freedom of yard, signed by Banghart, dated November 9, 1928.
5. Same as No. 4, dated April 10, 1930.
6. Note signed by Banghart, addressed to Record Clerk, asking to be informed if any detainers had been filed against him, dated September 9, 1931.
7. Copy of Western Union Message, dated Jan. 2, 1931, addressed to Mrs. Alice Stuart, 124 Ormond Ave., Oaklyn, N. J., signed by Banghart, correct date not shown.

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As to the writing on the Western Union telegram blank, Mr. B.F. Bates, Record Clerk, is of the opinion that this is Banghart's handwriting, but he is not positive, saying that frequently prisoners have other prisoners write letters for them, which might be the case in this instance.

The St. Paul Office is requested to RETURN THESE SPECIMENS TO THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE as soon as they have served their purpose, as the Penitentiary Officials at Atlanta desire their return. Due to the exigencies of this situation it was deemed not advisable to have photostats made of these specimens, for which reason the originals are being forwarded to the St. Paul Office.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois

February 10, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer,  
Victim, Kidnaping.

The writer today received an anonymous telephone call from a man who stated that he believed that there was a possibility that one Mel Woldenberg, of Madison, Wisconsin, and who also occasionally resides some place on the south side of Chicago, may have been involved in the kidnaping of Bremer.

He stated that to his knowledge, Woldenberg is closely associated with numerous politicians in St. Paul and Minneapolis and that recently he had a group of politicians from St. Paul and Minneapolis in Chicago, where he entertained them. The informant further stated that on numerous occasions he has heard Woldenberg and politicians discussing methods of obtaining easy money by various forms of racketeering. The informant stated that for one week just prior to the kidnaping of Bremer, Woldenberg was in St. Paul, and that he has also been there for several days subsequent to the kidnaping of Bremer.

The informant said he had no definite knowledge that this individual had any connection with the Bremer Case, but that he thought he would supply what information he had. He further stated that in the event he obtained any further information, that he would call at the Chicago Division Office some time next week and at that time reveal his identity. He described Woldenberg as follows:

Age - 37 years  
Height - 5 feet 8 inches  
Weight - 160 pounds  
Complexion - Dark  
At one time had an office at 71 North La Salle Street  
Chicago, Illinois.

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This information is being supplied to you for such value as it  
may have in the instant case.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH, Acting,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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SUITE L - FEDERAL BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.  
FEBRUARY 9, 1934.



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

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Assistant Director Harold Nathan telephoned the Kansas City Office from St. Paul today and advised that Special Agent in Charge, Larson, of the Detroit Office, interviewed Katherine Kelly last night. Mrs. Kelly told Larson that Eddie LaRue, alias Eddie Doll, who participated in the kidnaping of one Wolverton of the Studebaker Company sometime in the past, had held the latter captive in a house somewhere between Chicago and Joliet, Illinois; further that George Kelly, her husband, who is now in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, has knowledge of the location of the house in question. The Kansas City Office was requested to interview Kelly.

George Kelly, true name George Kelly Barnes, who is now serving life sentence at the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas for his connection in the Urachel kidnaping case, was interviewed on February 9, 1934 by Special Agent H. E. Andersen. He stated that in March of 1932, as he recollected, he and Eddie LaRue decided to kidnap Clyde Wolverton of South Bend, Indiana and hold him for \$50,000.00 ransom. Pursuant to their plan, LaRue borrowed Kelly's Chrysler sedan and drove to a farm house owned by a Swede, name unknown, about halfway between Joliet and Aurora, Illinois. LaRue told the farmer that he and a friend were going to kidnap a witness, who was under subpoena to appear on a liquor conspiracy trial, and asked the farmer if they might hide this kidnaped Victim in his house for a day. The farmer agreed to permit LaRue to use his home to hold the Victim captive and was paid \$100.00 by LaRue.

The next night LaRue and Kelly observed that Clyde Wolverton and his wife went to a show with Mr. Studebaker, of the Studebaker Corporation at South Bend, Indiana. These persons went to town in Wolverton's Pierce Arrow car and drove the Studebakers home that night. As the Wolverton family was leaving the Studebaker driveway Kelly and LaRue accosted them and forced the Wolvertons to drive their car into the country, and either Kelly or LaRue rode with them and was followed by one or the other in the Chrysler car. Wolverton was informed that he was being kidnaped and that \$50,000.00 ransom would be demanded. Mrs. Wolverton was told that her husband would be killed, unless the ransom were paid, and was given a letter to deliver to her father-in-law. This letter gave notice of the

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kidnaping and set forth the demands of the kidnapers. Mrs. Wolverton was then permitted to leave in the Pierce Arrow automobile.

Kelly and LaRue then carried Clyde Wolverton in the Chrysler car to the farm house operated by the Swedish farmer, arriving at the latter place about 8:00 AM the next morning. The farmer did not ask any questions, but at their request prepared breakfast for the trio.

Later that day the farmer drove to Aurora for supplies, and while there purchased a newspaper, which gave notice of the kidnaping of Wolverton and bore a photograph of the Victim. He immediately drove back to his farm and told Kelly and LaRue that he would have nothing to do with the kidnaping and requested that they leave his home immediately. Incidentally, the newspaper article in question mentioned that the father-in-law of the Victim would not pay one cent ransom, but stated that he would pay a reward of \$25,000.00 for the arrest of the kidnapers. In view of the farmer's attitude and the statement of the elder Wolverton in the press, the kidnapers conferred with their Victim. He promised to pay them \$10,000.00 for his release, saying he had that much to his credit in the bank. Certain instructions were given him with reference to the payment of this money, and he was driven to Chicago, Illinois where he was furnished with \$10.00 for railroad fare and released.

In the event that it is deemed advisable at a later date, full particulars regarding the entire kidnaping scheme can probably be obtained from Kelly. It was not deemed expedient to press him too much for details, because, as indicated in the first paragraph of this letter, the location of the Swede's farm house is desired, and Agent Andersen was loath to request details regarding the kidnaping, which might cause Kelly to withhold information regarding the location of the house in question.

Kelly maintained that he had never been to the farm house but once, and that he had never talked to the farm owner for more than a total of five minutes. He said that he did not know the farmer's name, but did know that he spoke with a decidedly Swedish accent. He stated that this individual has about seven children, but did not see them or the farmer's wife, because they had been sent to Chicago before Wolverton was brought to the farm. He stated that the farmer owned an old Chandler four passenger automobile, describing it as a "clover leaf" model, manufactured in 1918 or 1919. He said that as he recollected, the farm is situated about one-half way between Joliet and Aurora, Illinois, on a paved cross county highway, the house being located about 100 feet off the road on the right hand side to one driving south from Aurora. He stated that the farm is situated approximately 20 minutes drive from Aurora at the speed of 35 miles an hour.

The farm house he described as a one story six room structure with out a porch, a large dairy barn is situated behind and to the right of the home. Kelly asserted that he was unable to furnish more definite information regarding the farmer or the location of the farmer, but facetiously remarked that he would be glad to endeavor to locate the place should the Government so desire.

Kelly was questioned as to the probability of the farm house in question being used as a "hide out" for kidnaped Victims, but gave his opinion that the farmer would not for one minute knowingly hide a kidnaped Victim.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR  
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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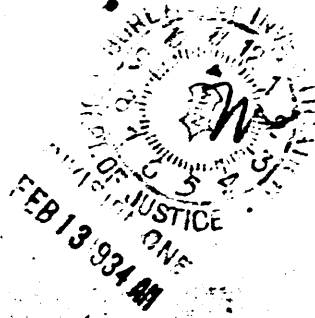
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322 Federal Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
February 7, 1934.



Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter dated January 28, 1934 addressed to the Chicago Office, wherein it is requested that original ransom and extortion notes in cases in this office be checked for comparison with certain peculiarities noted in ransom notes received in the above entitled case.

This is to advise that a check of such cases does not reveal that there are in this office any ransom notes having words similarly misspelled to those in your letter.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

I am in receipt of a copy of your decoded wire to the St. Paul Office on January 31st, in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, wherein you indicate that you received a wire addressed by the writer to St. Louis, and found it necessary to relay this wire to the St. Paul Office.

Owing to the fact that our wire was properly addressed to the St. Paul Office from this point, I took this matter up with the Manager of the Postal Telegraph Company this morning, and he ascertained that it was their error in sending this wire to St. Louis instead of St. Paul. However, they advised me that they corrected this matter after the first wire was sent to St. Louis, and sent the same wire to the St. Paul Office. I have conversed with the Postal Telegraph Company in regard to their carelessness in the transmission of this wire, and I believe you should delete your message to the St. Paul Office on the 31st, from your bill, when it is submitted, owing to the fact that this was an error of the Postal Telegraph Company.

Very truly yours,

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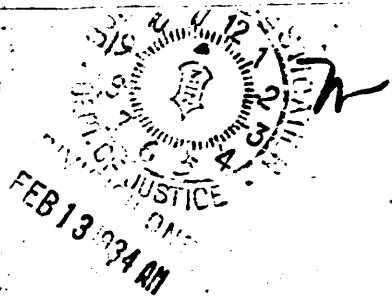
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P O Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.

There is quoted herewith a memorandum submitted by  
Special Agent C. C. Dewey from Davenport, Iowa:

In conversation with Sheriff Frank Martin, Davenport, today, he advises me that a middle-aged German woman called at his office two days ago and appeared to be very frightened. She spoke very little English and would not permit Martin to call in one of his deputies who speaks German to act as an interpreter. This woman, Mrs. Mary Kroll, residing at 2340 East High Street, Davenport, states that two doors from her house lives what she describes as a bad family; that several weeks ago, she was at the window of her house looking out, when she saw a car stop in front of the house referred to, and saw the occupants carry a man out of the car into the house. She frequently referred to the man being carried from the car as a "gentleman," and further claimed that she noticed a bandage around his head, and it appeared to have blood on it. Mrs. Kroll stated that she told her husband about it, and he told her to mind her own business, and that she likewise told the people for whom she works, and they advised her against reporting it to the Sheriff. However, it has troubled her so much, that she just had to report it. She claims to be frightened to death, and if these people find out, they will kill her.

Sheriff Martin and I drove by the place that Mrs. Kroll indicated, and it is 2326 High High Street, the property of Joseph Cerney, no employment, nor has he a telephone. This place is located near

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2. the edge of town. In a long block, there are but 14 houses. This place is a two-story wooden house. Mrs. Kroll states the only time the people at this house come in and go out is at night time. Due to the fact that she speaks very little English, Martin had considerable trouble understanding her. She particularly asked that no officers call on her because she is afraid, for this reason, the Sheriff advised against trying to interview her right at this time.

This woman's story may be part of her imagination, and, while she made no reference to the Bremer case, and the period when she saw this man carried into the house is before Bremer disappeared, there is a chance that she is in error on her time, and this may be of some importance. Davenport is 325 miles from St. Paul by auto.

In the event you have any information to indicate Bremer might possibly have been taken to the vicinity of Davenport, Iowa, please furnish this office appropriate information, and the desired investigation will be made.

Very truly yours,

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

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

February 12, 1934.

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT SAINT PAUL  
RE EDWARD G. BREWER FOUR PERSONAL LETTERS WRITTEN BY BREWER TO FAMILY  
WHILE HIDDEN BY KIDNAPERS ON NOTE PAPER STATIONERY WOVEN FINISH SIZE  
TEN POINT EIGHTEEN BY SIX POINT FORTYTWO INCHES FORTYNINE TEN THOUSANDTHS  
INCHES THICK WEIGHT THIS SIZE FOUR POINT NINE GRAMS WATERMARK EATON  
HIGHLAND LINEN MANUFACTURED EATON PAPER COMPANY PITTSFIELD MASSACHUSETTS  
INQUIRY WHOLESALE SHOPS SHOULD DEVELOP RETAIL SOURCE OTHERWISE WIRE BOSTON

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
February 10, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR CLEGG

SAC Harvey called at 10:55PM to get authority to call several fieldoffices regarding the BREMER CASE.

I contacted Mr. Cowley and advised him of the above call. Mr. Cowley called Mr. Harvey and gave him authority to make the calls.

Respectfully,

*R. L. Moore*  
R. L. Moore

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St. Paul, Minn. January 22, 1934.

MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. DW. ROSS  
MR. HANCOCK  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. FORER

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

Dear Sir:

Complying with telegraphic request enclosed find list of  
money in readiness in the Edw. G. Bremer, victim, kidnapping case  
for assembly in accordance with telephonic request of Mr. Nathan.  
Very truly yours

Werner Hanni,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Mr. Frank Blake telephoned from St. Paul. He stated that at that time Mr. Nathan and Mr. Hanni were at the home of the elder Bremer, where the victim was also; that he, Mr. Blake, and Mr. Hall had just gone into the story with Mr. Magee when Mr. Nathan called for Mr. Magee to proceed to the Bremer home.

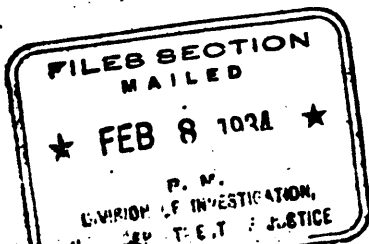
Mr. Blake stated that this morning the Chief of Police found a blood-stained piece of gauze about three-quarters of a mile south of Rochester. An Agent was sent to Rochester immediately. I instructed Mr. Blake to caution this Chief of Police not to give the information to the press; to take every precaution to see that any similar evidence is not given to the press; and to make certain that statements given by Mr. Bremer and Mr. Magee are not disclosed.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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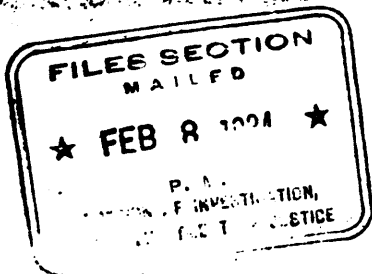
Mr. Nathan telephoned this morning from the Bremer home in St. Paul. He stated that the only information which they had obtained from Mr. Edward G. Bremer is as follows: That on the day he was kidnaped they travelled all day and about three hours after dark, and the same amount of time when he was returned; that he was blindfolded during the entire time; that when he wrote the letters he was placed in a corner with the paper in front of him; that the trip was made in a small sedan containing three men, and on a travelled highway; that he was released at Rochester, Minnesota, and returned home by train and by bus. The ransom of \$200,000 was paid by Magee in or near St. Paul on the night of February 6th. Mr. Nathan stated that he had called the Associated Press and the United Press to request that they broadcast a notice for a small sedan containing three men.

Mr. Nathan will call back later when he can give additional information.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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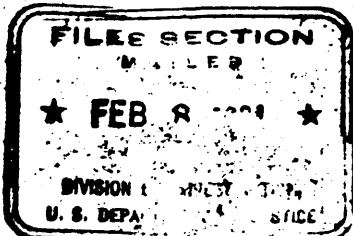
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

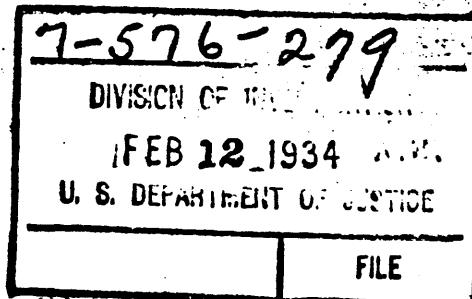
Mr. Glendon telephoned to inquire how many days elapsed between the time Edward G. Bremer was kidnaped and his return. He also wanted to know how this compared with other kidnaping cases upon which we had worked, as to time for return of the victim. I informed Mr. Glendon that Mr. Bremer was kidnaped on January 17th, making a period of 22 days before his return, and that the only other case which consumed as much time was the O'Connell case in New York. The period of time which elapsed between the date of the kidnaping and the victim's return was also 22 days in this case.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

On the evening of February 3, 1934, Mrs. McLean called and advised that she had just had a conference with the informant Farrell; that Farrell had advised her that he had noticed in the newspaper the Gordon Alcorn arrested by the Division in Chicago was only twenty-seven years of age, and that the Gordon Alcorn he had in mind, when he advised that Bremer was being held by Alcorn near Montreal, was a man about forty years of age and was Sankey's chief assistant. He had previously told Mrs. McLean that Alcorn had been arrested in Chicago and consequently could not have been in Montreal with Bremer at the time her informant had so advised. Mrs. McLean then stated that her informant probably meant that Bremer was being held in Montreal by him, but that he might not be there himself; that he, Alcorn, was holding Bremer in Montreal through other persons, but when she called Saturday night she stated that the informant meant that Alcorn was actually near Montreal, but that it was a different Alcorn. She also stated that the informant advised that he could readily identify photographs of the Alcorn he had in mind if they were shown to him; that the Alcorn he had in mind was a close associate and first lieutenant of Sankey. She stated further that the informant told her he was with Sankey in Chicago on January 27, 1934, at 4823 Damon Avenue, where Sankey was living at that time. I told Mrs. McLean that this could not be a fact as the Division's investigation had disclosed positively that Sankey was living on Kenmore Street when arrested, and had done so for some time. She thereupon stated that probably the informant did not mean that Sankey was living at this particular address, but that he had seen him there.

She stated further that the informant when with Sankey in Chicago on January 27, 1934 tried to contact herself and the writer by telephone, but was unsuccessful in doing so; that he thereupon called the police department at Chicago; told them that the place was full of guns, just like an arsenal; that he would go out and wait in a flower shop or barber shop; that the officers should not enter the house as there was certain to be a lot of bloodshed if they did; that in this house were numerous pictures of Doris Duke. The informant has previously told Mrs. McLean that kidnapers were planning to kidnap

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Doris Duke, who, according to Mrs. McLean, is a personal friend of hers. Mrs. McLean stated that she advised the informant that Doris Duke had four guards with her all the time; whereupon the informant stated that she should have six.

I informed Mrs. McLean that Dr. Condon was in New York City on the day that the informant had advised he was in Montreal. She then stated that she was not sure that the informant meant Condon was in Montreal at that time, but that he might have meant he had been in Montreal.

Mrs. McLean stated further that her informant had just advised that Sankey's right-hand woman was sometimes known as "Promise", and is at the present time at 931 Cecelia Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

She stated that the informant had requested that the following questions be asked Sankey while upon trial:

"What were you doing around Martin's vineyard or Wood's Hole? - and

"Isn't it a fact that you were in company with Suede Henderson running run at the time the Deacon was putting through his negotiations?"

Mrs. McLean stated that the informant now states that Sankey may be connected with the Lindbergh kidnaping; that he knows he is a friend of Henderson, which makes it look suspicious.

The informant advised further that Dutch Schultz hangs out at 68 Oliver Street; that Ferrell called the police department in Chicago, Friday, January 27, 1934, but did not give his name. She inquired of the informant if he was not afraid to associate with these criminals; whereupon he advised that he was not because he is one of Waxy Gordon's men and is protected by him, and that one Squire looks out for Gordon's interests.

Mrs. McLean stated that Squire has a very lovely estate on Long Island, and the Government wants him for a million dollar tax violation.

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Mrs. McLean stated that the informant advised that the ransom money in the Bremer case should not be paid because Senkey and his men only wanted expenses, and that if the ransom is not paid Bremer will soon be released. He stated further that the Harcey woman, whom he had previously referred to as being involved in the Lindbergh Kidnaping was with Senkey at 4823 Damon Avenue, on January 27, 1934.

Mrs. McLean stated that the informant stressed the importance of making arrests at 931 Cecelia Street, Sioux City, Iowa, and that he, at her request, is continuing his efforts to solve both the Lindbergh and Bremer Kidnaping cases.

She stated that he did not ask for any money but that she gave him \$20.00 for expenses.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 11, 1934,

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

Re: Unknown Subjects,  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephonic conversations of February 10, 1934, between Mr. Clegg and Mr. Cowley, of the Division, and the writer in reference to the above entitled case, I beg to inform that comprehensive information concerning the wallpaper industry was obtained from Mr. Justin P. Allman, President of the National Wallpaper Wholesalers Association, of Philadelphia, as indicated in the attached memorandum. There is also transmitted a complete list of the wallpaper manufacturing companies located in the United States which was furnished by Mr. Allman.

Under date of February 11 I contacted by telephone the Chicago, Cincinnati, New York, St. Louis, Boston and Detroit offices furnishing these offices all information necessary to conduct an investigation and requesting that samples of all wallpaper in any way approximating the design in question be obtained and forwarded to the St. Paul office, together with list of all of the customers of said manufacturing companies.

Communications were directed on this date to the interested offices confirming data furnished.

Very truly yours,

*R. G. Harvey*

R. G. Harvey,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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January 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Re: Unknown Subjects,  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping

In response to telephone call from Mr. Cowley, of the Division, Agent Schroeder and the writer located Justin P. Allman, of the firm of Kaiser & Allman, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa., at his home, 1508 Oxford St., telephone Stevenson 0493.

Mr. Allman is president of the National Wallpaper Wholesalers Association and an expert in the wallpaper business. Mr. Cowley having requested that samples of wallpaper consisting of a pattern of a tree and some blossoms be obtained through the National Wallpaper Wholesalers Association and requested that it be ascertained if this association maintains samples of all wholesalers and retailers wallpaper, limiting the examination to designs of trees and flowers, it being requested that the designs of the various wholesalers be identified by number and manufacturer.

Mr. Allman stated that the design of flowers and trees appeared on a large percentage of wallpaper patterns. He estimated that there were approximately 50,000 patterns of that wallpaper distributed by approximately 36 manufacturers located in this country and in each pattern there are approximately 10 or 12 different color effects. He stated that each of the manufacturers would sell to approximately 150 wholesalers and innumerable retailers. The manufacturer would make a record of the sale to the wholesaler by name and pattern.

He stated that there are over 4000 wholesalers in the United States and he maintains a list of approximately 2100 wholesalers. There are around 60,000 paperhangers and retailers. If given a definite name and pattern number the wholesaler could check back on his records and determine whether he sold the particular pattern to that party. He stated, however, that it would be impossible to obtain any information from the majority of the wholesalers as to sales of particular patterns without the above information, it being noted that the wholesalers kept no accurate records of sales except by name of purchaser and pattern number.

Allman advised that 70% of the paper sold by the manufacturers was sold direct to the wholesalers, 15% was sold to retailers and 15% to mail order houses. Each year there are numerous new patterns and each manufacturer would have on an average of 100 new patterns a year. The manufacturers would, no doubt, keep accurate records on the various patterns or designs for some few years back, although the wholesalers would not. Each of the larger wholesalers would probably put out 5000 samples of a certain design. He stated that a good deal of paper is hung by the purchasers themselves and a great amount is sold, particularly through the Middle West, by Sears Roebuck and Montgomery Ward. He stated that these mail order houses would not have over 5 new designs a year.

He suggested that in view of the meagre information furnished concerning the design and the flower and tree design being rather popular in the wallpaper business, that the easiest way to develop information, assuming that the investigation referred to a recent kidnaping case, would be to obtain a list of the retailers and paperhangers within a reasonable distance of where the alleged confinement took place and endeavor to check by a process of elimination. He stated that a list of the

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wholesalers could be obtained direct from the manufacturers. Referring to the rather meagre description of the patterns Mr. Allman said that he could pick out 200 designs that would answer the description of the paper we are endeavoring to identify. Mr. Allman said that one of the most important things to determine was the age of the wallpaper, the average usefulness thereof being between 6 and 10 years.

Subsequent thereto Mr. Clegg advised by telephone that Bremer has furnished additional information as to the design of the wallpaper, stating that the paper was neither new nor old, but was a little closer to new. He stated that the paper contained a design made up of a group of two posts each separated by a dash, resembling the figure 11-11 etc. The first 9 groups of 2 posts were separated by a tree, the leaves of which resembled a four-leaf clover in shape and possibly flowers, followed by a limb or branch not growing out of the tree, being more or less of a decorative scheme. Followed by 10 groups of 2 posts each separated by a dash, followed by a tree and a branch as above noted, followed by eleven groups of 2 posts each separated by a dash, and followed by a tree and a branch.

Mr. Allman subsequently accompanied Agent Schroeder to the office and the writer telephoned Special Agent in Charge Hanni, who stated that Bremer had informed that the posts resembled a wooden fence surrounding a garden, in other words similar to a picket fence. Bremer referred to the leaves growing from the tree as resembling the shape of a four-leaf clover. Mr. Hanni stated that Bremer also referred to the leaves as flowers. He stated that Bremer's observation of the wall was from a distance of not less than 2' or more than 4' and the fence and tree design ran horizontally. He did not notice the border nor the ceiling but did note that the fence and design appeared in rows an equal distance apart across the wall. Bremer also advised that the pattern resembled somewhat the letter H and that the groups mentioned herein as 9-10 and 11 groups of posts apparently did not run in sequence. Mr. Allman stated that the design of paper could very well resemble a fence enclosing a garden, as noted by victim, inasmuch as the tree and branch might be set back indicating a sort of picket fence surrounding the foliage.

Mr. Allman asked that we specifically determine the approximate size of the posts and distance apart as well as the size of the tree and branch designs. When Agent Schroeder and the writer accompanied Allman to the office they obtained a list which Mr. Allman stated were all the manufacturers of wallpaper in the United States. Copy of this list is attached.

It will be noted that all of the wallpaper manufacturers are segregated in the territories of the following offices: Chicago, New York, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Boston and Detroit. Mr. Allman also furnished his list of wholesalers in the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wisconsin. He stated that this was a fairly complete list of the principal wholesalers. Agents and Mr. Allman examined several thousand samples of wallpaper in Allman's office without locating any that approximated the design mentioned herein. Mr. Allman stated this was a rather unusual design and that in contacting the manufacturers it was very essential to obtain samples of any designs which in any manner resembled the description given by Bremer. He said that it would be advisable to request the manufacturers to produce for examination not only their current samples but to go back for a reasonable period of about 6 to 8 years. He stated that in conjunction with a check of the wholesale manufacturers who as noted will be able to furnish a list of their wholesalers, a thorough check should be made of the two large mail order houses,

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Sears Roebuck and Montgomery Ward. He stated that certain employees of the factories are experts and would perhaps be able to recall whether that design has been manufactured by the concern.

R. G. Harvey,  
Special Agent in Charge.

703 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building  
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 11, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Unknown Subjects,  
Edward Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith copy of self-explanatory memorandum outlining information submitted by Mr. Justin P. Allman, President of the National Wallpaper Wholesalers Association of Philadelphia, together with a list of all of the wallpaper manufacturing companies located in the United States. Interested offices have been contacted and requested to conduct an investigation at the manufacturing firms in their district and furnish samples of wallpaper in any way approximating the design in question, together with a list of the manufacturers' customers.

It is kindly requested, in accordance with Mr. Allman's suggestion, that the Victim be interviewed in order to determine the approximate size of the posts and distance apart, as well as the size of the tree and branch design, together with any other specific information that might be useful in identifying the wallpaper.

Under separate cover I am transmitting a list of the wholesale distributors of wallpaper located in the States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Attention is invited to the fact that this is a fairly complete list of principal wholesalers in these states, although there may be some wholesalers missing therefrom, not listed therein.

Very truly yours,

RCH:APG  
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cc Division

R. G. Harvey,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building  
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 11, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1002 Post Office & Court House,  
Boston, Mass.

Re: Unknown Subjects,  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephone conversation of even date there is attached hereto a memorandum outlining information which will be of value in checking the wallpaper manufacturing concern located in your district, being

Thomas Strahan Company,  
Chelsea, Mass.

In conducting investigation the agent should confer with the president of the concern, or other individual in authority, and impress upon him the importance of obtaining this information.

Samples should be obtained of all designs of wallpaper in any way approximating the design mentioned and forwarded to the St. Paul office.

A complete list of the customers should also be obtained and forwarded to the St. Paul office.

You should examine not only the current samples but go back for a reasonable period of time, approximately 10 years.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Harvey,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RCH:APG  
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cc Division  
cc St. Paul

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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 11, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
325 Lafayette Building,  
Detroit, Mich.

Re: Unknown Subjects,  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephonic conversation of even date there  
is attached hereto memorandum outlining information which will be  
valuable in connection with check of the wallpaper manufacturing com-  
panies located in your district. The following manufacturing com-  
panies operate in the Detroit district:

Valley Wall Paper Co.,  
4001 West 25th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Schmitz-Hornung Co.,  
777 East 82nd Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

As suggested it is requested that Agents call at these  
concerns and obtain the co-operation of the head of the firm. A com-  
plete examination should be made of all samples of wallpaper, not only  
current samples, but back for approximately 10 years.

Samples should be obtained of all designs in any way  
approximating the design mentioned and forwarded to the St. Paul office.

You should also obtain a complete list of all customers  
of these manufacturing concerns transmitting a copy thereof to the St.  
Paul office and Division.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Harvey,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RGH:APG  
7-45  
cc Division  
cc St. Paul

7-576-281

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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 11, 1934.

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

Re: Unknown Subjects,  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephonic conversation of even date there is attached hereto memorandum outlining information which will be of value in conducting an investigation at the various wallpaper manufacturing concerns in your district, together with a list of the manufacturing firms located in the Chicago territory.

As suggested it is requested that all samples be obtained of all wallpaper in any way approximating the design listed in the attached memorandum and forwarded to the St. Paul office. It is also requested that a complete list of the customers of said manufacturing companies be obtained and forwarded to the St. Paul office.

Mr. J. P. Allman, President of the National Wallpaper Wholesalers Association, stated that it is very probable that the wallpaper in question was manufactured by one of the companies operating in the Chicago territory, inasmuch as these concerns furnish a large percentage of the wallpaper utilized in the States of Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska.

As suggested an agent should call personally at each of the manufacturing companies and be present during the examination of their samples. The examination should take in not only their current samples but back for approximately 10 years.

This case should receive expeditious attention.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Harvey,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RGH:APG  
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cc Division  
cc St. Paul

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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 11, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
426 U. S. Custom House & P. O.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: Unknown Subjects,  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephonic conversation of even date I  
am transmitting herewith copy of memorandum outlining information  
which will be of value in checking the wallpaper manufacturing  
firms in your district. The following firms are located in the  
Cincinnati territory:

The Chicago Wall Paper Mfg. Co.,  
Steubenville, Ohio.

Columbus Coated Fabric Corp.,  
Columbus, Ohio.  
(Manufacturers of "Walltex")

As suggested it is requested that an agent contact  
these firms and obtain samples of all wallpaper in any way approx-  
imating the design listed in the attached memorandum and forward  
same to the St. Paul office. In addition thereto a complete list  
of all of the customers of said manufacturing firms should be ob-  
tained and copies of the list forwarded to the St. Paul office and  
the Division.

This investigation should receive expeditious attention.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Harvey,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RGH:APG  
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cc Division-St. Paul

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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 11, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Ave., Room 1408,  
New York, N. Y.

Re: Unknown Subjects,  
Edward Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith self-explanatory memorandum outlining information which will be of value in conducting an investigation at the various firms manufacturing wallpaper in your district. This confirms telephonic conversation with Assistant Special Agent in Charge Bruce Nathan of even date. I am also transmitting a list of the manufacturers of wallpaper located in your district.

As suggested it is requested that a very thorough check be made through the various manufacturers in order to obtain all samples which in any way approximate the design set forth in the attached memorandum. These wallpaper samples should be furnished direct to the St. Paul office.

In addition it is requested that a complete list of all customers of each manufacturing firm be obtained.

This investigation should be expedited.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Harvey,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division  
cc St. Paul

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LIST OF WALLPAPER MANUFACTURING COMPANIES IN THE PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

Vornhold Wall Paper Co., Hdrville, Penna.

York Wall Paper Co., York, Pa.

United Wall Paper Factories, Inc., York, Pa.

San Wall Paper Manufacturing Co., Reading, Pa.

Haffelfinger Company, E. E. Hanover, Pa.

Gilbert Wall Paper Company, York, Pa.

Farlong Wall Paper Mills, Inc., Baker St. & Leverington Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

Enterprise Wall Paper Mfg. Co., South Langhorne, Pa.

Becker, Smith & Page, Inc., Water St. & Snyder Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

Barnes Wall Paper Co., York, Pa.

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LIST OF WALLPAPER MANUFACTURING COMPANIES IN THE NEW YORK

DISTRICT

George J. Bunker Co., Inc., Bush Terminal Bldg. No. 3, 27 - 35th Street,  
Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. George J. Bunker.

The Frager Company, Inc., 3th Floor, Bush Building No. 1, 225 - 37th  
Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

M. H. Birge & Sons Co., Niagara & 7th Sts., Buffalo, N. Y.

Gledhill & Sons, Inc., James E. Saratoga Street, Cohoes, N. Y.

Beaudry Wall Paper Corporation, Cortland, N. Y.

Imperial Paper & Color Corp., Glens Falls, New York.

Niagara Wall Paper Co., Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Stanford Wall Paper Co., Stamford, Conn.

United Wall Paper Factories, Inc., 151 West Side Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

U. S. Varnished Felt Co., 245 Crocks Ave., Paterson, N. J.

Hon-Kon-Ko-Ma Wall Paper Co., Inc., Ronkonkoma, L. I.

Standard Textile Products Co., 320 Broadway, New York.

LIST OF WALLPAPER MANUFACTURING COMPANIES IN THE CHICAGO DISTRICT

United Wall Paper Factories, Inc., Illinois Mill Division, 1017 S. Roman Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Superior Wall Paper Co., Joliet, Ill.

Statler Wall Paper Co., Chicago, Ill.

Star Peerless Wall Paper Co., Joliet, Ill.

Mid-West Wall Paper Mills, P. O. Box 515, Joliet, Ill.

Lennon Wall Paper Co., 1007 Fourth Ave., Joliet, Ill.

Joliet Wall Paper Mills, Joliet, Ill.

Commercial Wall Paper Mill, Hoffman St. & Calumet Ave., Hammond, Indiana.

Henry Bosch Co., 525 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Atlas Wall Paper Mills, Inc., Coal City, Ill.

Sears Roebuck & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago, Ill.

LIST OF PULP AND PAPER MANUFACTURING COMPANIES IN THE CINCINNATI DISTRICT

The Chicago Mill Paper Co., Steubenville, Ohio

Columbus Coated Fabric Corp., Columbus, Ohio



LIST OF WALLPAPER MANUFACTURING COMPANIES IN THE DETROIT DISTRICT

Schmitt-Waring Co., 877 East 82nd St., Cleveland, Ohio.

Valley Wall Paper Co., 4001 East 85th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

LIST OF WALLPAPER MANUFACTURING COMPANIES IN THE ST. LOUIS DISTRICT

Century Wall Paper Company, Decatur, Illinois.



LIST OF WALLPAPER MANUFACTURING COMPANIES IN THE BOSTON DISTRICT

Thomas Strahan Co., Chelsea, Mass.

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February 11, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,  
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

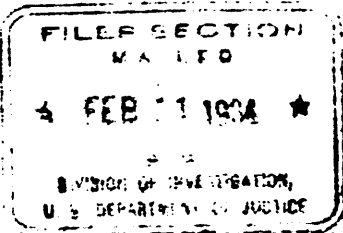
Confirming instructions issued by telephone to  
Mr. Bruce Nathan of your office, it is desired that immediate  
efforts be made to identify the manufacturer and prepare a  
list of distributors and subsequently dealers who handle the  
"A Merit Product" search-light and the "Light Master Lantern"  
which were used as signal lights in connection with the Bremer  
case.

To assist in the identification of these lights,  
there are transmitted herewith 3 photographs of the material  
described. Your office is instructed to set out leads by  
telegram listing the distributors and dealers in the following  
areas:

North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Michigan,  
Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

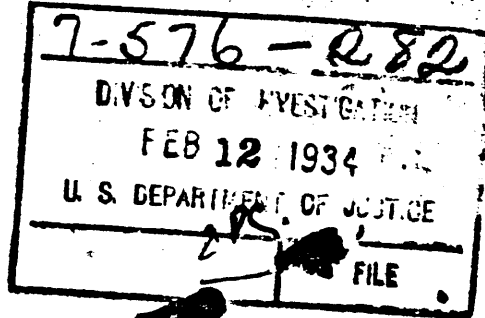
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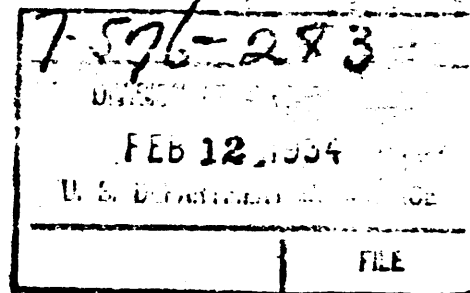
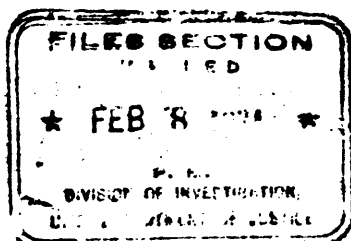
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

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Senator Shipstead of Minnesota telephoned  
to inquire concerning the Bremer kidnapping case.  
I informed him that Mr. Edward G. Bremer was  
returned last night.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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TO ALL FIELD OFFICES:

REVIEW ALL FILES YOUR OFFICE CONCERNING NO TWELVE FOURTEEN GIVE IMMEDIATE  
VIGOROUS ATTENTION ALL LEADS YOUR DISTRICT PRINCIPAL SUSPECT EDDIE  
KIDNAPING IMPORTANT URGENT

ROOVER

*Edward D. Bremer*  
*Eddie Walsh*

*MR*

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The attached telegram to the following:

J. S. Hansen,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
322 Federal Building,  
Birmingham, Ala.

C. S. McKean,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1002 Post Office & Court House Bldg.,  
Boston, Mass.

D. S. Michelson,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
302 Federal Building,  
Butte, Mont.

L. S. Reed,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1806 First National Bank Bldg.,  
Charlotte, N. C.

M. S. Parvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Ill.

H. J. Connolly,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
125 U. S. Custom House & Post Office Bldg.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

F. J. Blake,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

William Larson,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
625 Lafayette Bldg.,  
Rich.

R. E. Calvin,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1321 First National Bank Bldg.,  
El Paso, Texas

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R. A. Alt,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
412 U. S. Court House & Post Office  
Building,  
Jacksonville, Fla.

R. E. Courcy,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Federal Building, Suite 2,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

J. E. P. Dunn,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
617 Federal Building,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

R. Whitley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
326 Post Office Bldg.,  
New Orleans, La.

F. I. Faye,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,  
New York City

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

R. G. Harvey,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Portland, Me.

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Salt Lake City, Utah

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San Antonio, Texas

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Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515.

St. Paul, Minn. February 10, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDW.G.

○ BREMER, victim, kidnapping, I enclose photograph of stringer print taken off the Chevrolet coupe which was used by the pay off man, furnished by the kidnapers and previously stolen. For elimination purposes the pattern of Agent Fortenberry and Walter Magee should be searched.

I feel it advisable to compare prints of  
Alvin Karpis #1539 KSP Lansing  
Harry Campbell #9420 S O Tulsa Okl.  
Fred Barker #9836 KSP Lansing  
Arthur R. Barker # 11906 O S P McAlister  
Volney Davis #12808 SPO McAlister.

Very truly yours

*Werner Hanni*  
Werner Hanni,

Special Agent in Charge.

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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Room 1403, 370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Supplementing my letter dated February 11, 1934, in the above  
entitled case, you are advised that there is located in your district  
an additional manufacturer of wall paper in Beverly, New Jersey,  
trading as the Beverly Paper Company.

R. S. HARVEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc. Division

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Room 1405, 200 Lexington Ave.,  
New York City, N.Y.

February 12, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephone conversation with Special Agent J. E. Martin of your office yesterday afternoon, in connection with the flashlight known as the LIGHTMASTER POCKET LANTERN, which was used in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim, Kidnaping, you are advised that our information obtained from the Niagara Searchlight Company is to the effect that this light is exclusively distributed by Sears-Roebuck & Company. This particular light has been carried in the Sears-Roebuck & Company's catalog since May of 1933, under No. 30 3 1781.

The Division desires that the distributors and dealers who may have handled the light in the states given you over the telephone, be obtained and followed out by appropriate leads in order to determine where the particular light was purchased.

Attention is called to the fact that the flashlight in question was equipped with a special red lens bearing the name FILMOLENS. Inquiry has developed that this lens was probably manufactured by the FILMOLENS SALES COMPANY of Detroit, Michigan and the Detroit Division Office is making inquiries in this regard.

The manufacturers of the flashlight advise that lights are never equipped by them with a red lens and it is accordingly assumed that the lenses were installed in the lights after their purchase.

REN:VC  
cc:St. Paul  
Division  
AIR MAIL

FEB 14 1934

Very truly yours,  
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F. L. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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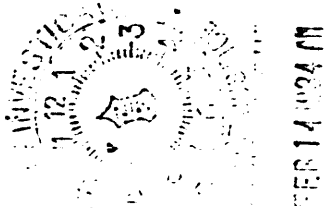
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WERNER HANNI,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING,  
ST. PAUL, MINN.

RE: BREYER CASE THOMAS STRAHAN COMPANY CHELSEA MASS REPORTS NEVER MADE WALLPAPER OF DESIGN DESCRIBED STOP TRANSMITTING AIRMAIL THIRTY NINE WALLPAPER MANUFACTURERS NAMES STOP FURTHER INQUIRY BY THIS OFFICE PRAGER COMPANY WORCESTER MASS

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February 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

✓ Mr. Fay telephoned and stated that, in connection with the "Three-X" case in which Mr. Lou Wedemar was interested, a report had been received from the laboratory that the handwriting in the "Three-X" murder was found not identical with the note written from the Union Mission in connection with the Bremer case.

He inquired whether Wedemar should be informed that this was the case and I advised him that it would be O.K. to do so.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

HHC:DSS

February 10, 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.

During a conversation with Mr. Larson by telephone he advised that he had learned from the Sergeant of State Police in Michigan that the Holland, Michigan, bank robbery get-away charts were prepared by Jack Davenport, well-known in St. Paul and Minneapolis, who prepared these notes on a Corona Typewriter at either the Admiral or the West Hotel in Minneapolis. This information has been telephonically made known to Mr. Appel.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

memo Mr. Clegg

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DIRECTOR

Edward Bremer

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February 12, 1934.

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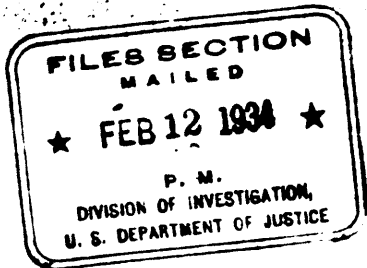
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FEB 16 1934

With reference to your memorandum of February 10th, concerning a conversation had by you with Mr. Larson of our Detroit Office, giving the identity of the writer or preparer of the charts in the Holland, Michigan bank robbery as Jack Davenport, I believe that this should be immediately relayed to our St. Paul Office if it has not already been done.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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

Re: Known Subjects  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Supplementing my letter of February 11, 1934, in the above entitled case, there is attached hereto, in triplicate, a list of the wholesale wallpaper distributors in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin, and South Dakota. As you were informed previously, this list was obtained from Mr. Justin P. Allman, president of the National Wallpaper Wholesalers Association of Philadelphia, and, according to Mr. Allman, contains the names of the majority of the wholesalers in those states.

There are transmitted herewith, also, three copies of the list of members of the National Wallpaper Wholesalers Association. You will note that there are members of this association listed in the pamphlet in the states aforementioned, and Mr. Allman advises that the names of several of these wholesalers who are members of the National Wallpaper Wholesalers Association are not listed in the typed list transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

J. G. Harvey  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Division  
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725 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 12, 1934.

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

Re: Unknown Subject,  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephone conversation of even date  
there is attached hereto memorandum outlining information which  
will be of value in conducting investigation at the

Century Wallpaper Company,  
Decatur, Illinois

which is the only wallpaper manufacturing company in your district.

As suggested it is requested that samples be obtained  
of all wallpaper in any way approximating the design listed in the  
attached memorandum and same be forwarded to the St. Paul office. It  
is also requested that a complete list of the customers of said man-  
ufacturing company be obtained and forwarded to the St. Paul office,  
and the Division.

An agent should call personally at this concern and  
be present during the examination of their samples. The examination  
should take in not only their current samples but back for approxi-  
mately 10 years.

This should receive expeditious attention.

Very truly yours,

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RGH:APG  
cc Division  
cc Stl Paul

R. G. Harvey, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
Special Agent in Charge

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| NIGHT LETTER             | WEEK END LETTER |

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted at a full-rate communication.

# WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

REM:TEM  
FEBRUARY 11, 1934  
7:30 P.M.

Official Business: Government &  
Tax Exempt: Charge to Division of  
Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice  
New York City

WERNER HANNI  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
ST. PAUL, MINN.

DECODE COPY TO DIVISION

BREMER MATTER INFORMATION OBTAINED AMERICAN ELECTROCHEMICAL COMPANY  
MINNEAPOLIS MAKES BATTERIES UNDER NAME MERIT POSSIBLY ALSO MAKES FLASHLIGHTS

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

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February 12, 1934

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Rorer telephoned from St. Paul. He has talked with Edward G. Bremer. He presents a perfect example of a man who is filled with fear. On one occasion he cried and left the room. He stated that his daughter had been threatened with death if he talked and he was not going to talk. Previous to that he claims that he had told everything. Rorer told him that since he was not going to talk that this statement was not consistent. Rorer believes that fear is the only thing that will make him talk again.

He was told that Rorer would keep coming back for more information; that the Attorney General and Mr. Hoover had sent him there personally and it was not believed that Bremer had told everything he knew or had not told the truth. He asked - "Who said I have not told the truth?" Rorer claims that he told him that he believed he had not told the truth because he claims that he had not told everything on one occasion and on another he stated that he was not going to talk. Rorer stated he was not antagonistic especially toward Mr. Nathan, or anyone else; that he was antagonistic toward all who sought to solve the case. Mr. Nathan believes that it is O.K. to release the statement by the Attorney General.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

*Clegg states to hold up Rorer has talked to him later.*

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Room 1403, 370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York City, New York

February 12, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
625 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephone call to Special Agent J. L. Murray yesterday afternoon with reference to the flashlights used in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim, Kidnaping, you are advised that information has been received from the Division to the effect that the four lights in question were all equipped with red lenses with the name, "FILMOLENS".

From information developed here it appears that these lenses were probably made by the FilmoLens Sales Company of Detroit, Michigan. The Division desires that the names of distributors and dealers handling this product in the states enumerated in the telephone conversation be obtained and followed out by appropriate leads.

For your information, the manufacturer of one of the flashlights used, has advised that these flashlights are never equipped with red lenses and it, accordingly, appears that the lenses were obtained and attached after the flashlights were purchased. It is possible that the FilmoLens Sales Company can give information which would indicate that flashlights are so equipped with red lenses by certain distributors. All leads developed in this connection should be promptly followed out.

Very truly yours,

REM:VC  
cc:St. Paul  
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F.X.FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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February 10, 1934

MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. RORER

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Holland of Pathe News telephoned me this afternoon to state that the Chicago representative of the organization, Mr. Caputo, was at the St. Paul Hotel in St. Paul endeavoring to secure photographs in connection with the Bremer case. He stated that apparently Mr. Nathan was not cooperative with the News Service and was keeping the photographers from taking pictures.

I told him that although Mr. Nathan doubtless would not authorize photographs of persons being interrogated or of Agents of the Division of Investigation, I felt sure that he was not preventing the taking of any pictures of members of the Bremer family.

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February 12, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled Unknown Subjects,  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim. Four signal lights were used by the kidnapers  
to establish contact in this case and are described as follows:

Three were of the search-light type, 9 1/2 inches long, two with  
black gun-metal stocks and one nickel plated. These three lights bore  
the trade name "A Marit Product". They were equipped with three cells  
each, Ever-Ready batteries and bulbs, marked 3.5v Japan.

The fourth light was a red electric lantern bearing the trade  
name "Light Master Lantern". This electric lantern carried four "pure  
light" battery cells and was equipped with a bulb marked 2.5v Mazda.  
All four lights were especially equipped with red lens which appeared  
to have been originally designed for automobile tail lights and bore the  
trade name "Filmolens". The Ever-Ready batteries all bore the date --  
put into service before October 1934. All batteries in all lights were  
exhausted.

To assist in the identification of these lights, there are  
transmitted herewith to the St. Louis and Cincinnati Offices seven photo-  
graphs of the same. The New York Office has been requested to ascertain  
the distributors of these lights and upon receipt of advice from that  
office, your office is instructed to expedite a canvass of the dealers  
in this product in your district with a view to locating the place where  
the lights were bought.

The St. Paul, Kansas City, and Chicago Division Offices have  
been previously furnished with the above information.

Very truly yours,

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P. O. Box 7708  
Cincinnati, Ohio

February 12, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 7515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:-

Confirming my telegram of February 10, 1934 directed to your office, in connection with the above entitled matter, please be advised that Special Agent E. D. Harris of the Cincinnati office talked with Mr. C. M. Lewis, 10984 Sanbury Pike, on the evening of February 10, 1934 and ascertained that Mr. Lewis is an engineer with the Gas Company at Columbus, Ohio. He referred Agent Harris to his wife, Mrs. Naomi Lewis. When interviewed by Agent Harris, Mrs. Lewis stated she would furnish no information unless assured that she would receive a reward of at least as much as was paid the kidnapers. She finally stated that the two men named "JUSTICE" and "CUSTER" were the ones involved and that they are now on the fifth floor of the Mexico Hotel, Mexico City, Mexico. Upon pressing her for further details she stated that this was all the information she had and that she was passing it on just as it had come to her.

Upon requesting the source of her information, Mrs. Lewis at first declined, stating that she could not divulge the source, but she finally advised that she is a "medium"; that she has only learned within the past weeks of her supernatural powers; that the information furnished to agent had been received by her as a direct message from God. Upon further questioning it was developed that she has no information of any kind aside from the so-called "message".

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Very truly yours,

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W. B. KLEIN, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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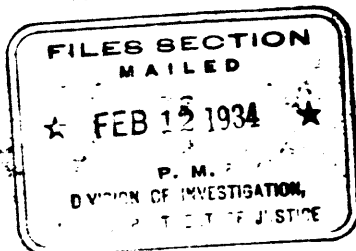
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

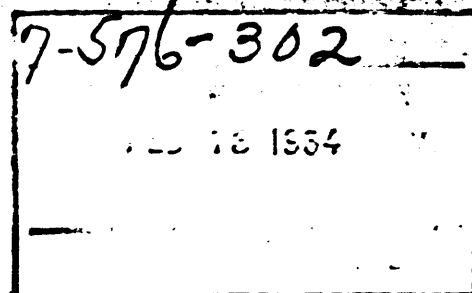
Miss Flora G. Orr, of the St. Paul News, telephoned. She stated she had received a wire from St. Paul to the effect that neither the Police nor our Agents are releasing anything on the Bremer case, but that any information would have to be given out by this office. I explained to Miss Orr our policy of not giving out information on such cases until they are solved. I told Miss Orr, however, that we would be glad to communicate with her should there be developments for release. Her office telephone number is District 6040.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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February 12, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
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1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

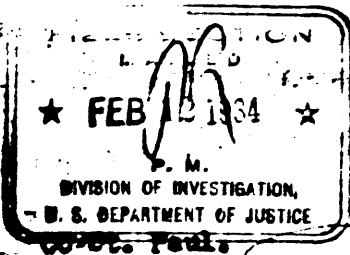
Dear Sir:

In connection with the investigation being conducted in your district with regard to the above entitled case, your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent ~~W. J. Sullivan~~, dated at Chicago, Illinois, December 11, 1933 in the case entitled ~~JOHN~~ ~~WILLIAMS~~, with aliases, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, wherein it is noted that considerable information was obtained from ~~Sol Goldstein~~ also known as ~~Sol Gold~~, concerning the activities of Ernest Rossi, one of the suspects in the Holland, Michigan bank robbery.

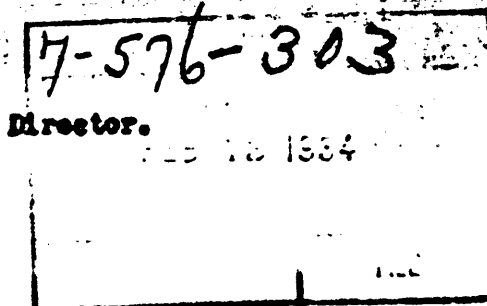
In this connection, in view of the fact that the suspects in this case are possibly involved in the above entitled case, you are instructed to reinterview Goldstein and obtain from him all the information he has relative to the associates of Rossi, giving consideration to the possible suspects in the Holland, Michigan bank robbery case.

You are also instructed to interview the relatives of Rossi, who will probably furnish valuable information in view of the fact that Rossi was recently murdered by unknown individuals. The relatives are referred to in the statement made by ~~W. J. Sullivan~~ to Special Agent ~~W. J. Sullivan~~, which statement is attached to the report of that Agent, referred to above.

Very truly yours,



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Cleveland, Ohio  
February 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
801 Title Guaranty Bldg.  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Edward G. Bremer-victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herein find catalogue of The Schmitz-Morning Co. 877 East 82nd Street, Cleveland, Ohio furnished by Mrs. E. Huntley Thompson, secretary and treasurer of the company who referred attention to page 25 of the catalogue as being possibly the picket fence design seen by victim Bremer. This particular catalogue incidentally is entitled "San-kro-mura", wall decorations.

Mrs. Thompson stated that this picket fence design may be broken up into various patterns by "applique" methods, that of pasting in flower, tree or other designs or cutting part of the border off. The F. Birchfield Company 824 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn. should have similar copies of this booklet and can properly explain the various designs possible. The latter named company will also have sample designs of the other three "scenic wall paper" companies in the United States.

At the Bailey Wall Paper Company 4002 West 25th Street, Mr. C.H. Bailey, vice president, Mr. J.H. Messenthaler and Mr. R.S. Wolfkammer advised that the Bailey company had never made a design such as described by Mr. Bremer, but Mr. Messenthaler referred Agent to Mr. Cochrane of the Union Wall Paper Company 751 St Clair Avenue, West for information on a design believed similar to the one described by victim Bremer.

Mr. Cochrane aforementioned exhibited the design referred to by Mr. Messenthaler which did in any manner approach the design described. However, Mr. Cochrane stated that he had a mental picture of a pattern believed similar or identical to the one seen by victim Bremer and believed it was made by Imperial Paper and Color Corp. Glen Falls, N.Y. but suggested that the Imperial Campbell Branch at 8801 Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Ill. be contacted and Colonel Humphries of that company interviewed, Humphries being in the wall paper business for years and might be able to name the origin of the design in question.

It is stated that Mrs. Thompson made the suggestion that if victim Bremer observed the design repeated within a space of twenty (20) inches then he was observing wall paper, otherwise he was observing scenic wall paper which is much more expensive than ordinary wall paper. She further stated that a stripe of the sort described is believed to be wall paper six or seven years of age as stripes have not been popular for some time.

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Mr. Neeseenthaler aforementioned suggested that in addition to contacting the F. Hornfield Company in Minneapolis, other companies who should be contacted were E.W. Baker Company and Kayser & Company both of Minneapolis, Minn. He also suggested contacting S.A. Maxwell Company, distributor and James Davis, distributor both of Chicago, Ill., further suggesting both Sears & Roebuck and Montgomery Ward in Chicago, Ill.

Upon instructions of William Larnen, Special Agent in Charge, this matter is being handled direct with your office. No leads are being set forth in this letter, it being presumed that much of the above suggested investigation has been covered.

Very truly yours,

R. C. Chapman  
Special Agent.

CC Division  
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.  
FEBRUARY 11, 1934.

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

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of EDWARD G. BREMER  
dated at St. Paul, Minnesota February 8, 1934,  
in the above captioned matter, requesting that Martin Anderson  
be interviewed in this matter.

There are being transmitted herewith two copies of a  
memorandum submitted by Special Agent E. G. Reed of this office  
covering his interview with Martin Anderson at Jefferson City, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

VIA AIR MAIL

February 8, 1934

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

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Upon receipt of your letter of February 5, 1934, I beg to advise that Special Agent Charles Jenkins of this office proceeded to the Atlantic Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, where he met Amos A. Dean, as suggested in your letter. Agent Jenkins introduced himself as John J. McDonough of St. Paul, Minnesota and at no time disclosed the fact that he was other than McDonough. Dean asked Agent if he was attorney for Bremer, and without waiting for reply proceeded to state that he (McDonough) was a well known character in St. Paul, and that he had heard many favorable comments regarding him.

Dean advised Agent Jenkins that he had no information regarding the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, but that he felt that he could be of assistance in this matter if he went to St. Paul and St. Cloud, Minnesota, and made contacts with one Hackmaster and Bill Reno; that Hackmaster is a gambler and confidence man, who is well known to the St. Paul police department; that Hackmaster formerly operated as a gambler at the saloon of Bill Smith, located at Austin, Minnesota; that in some way he has partially lost the use of his left arm and cannot handle the cards as dexterously as in former days; that he is in poor circumstances at the present time; that Hackmaster would not furnish any information to any representative of the St. Paul police department, or other law enforcement agencies.

Dean informed Agent Jenkins that Bill Reno is a bar tender and hoodlum who hangs around St. Cloud, Minnesota, and he, like Hackmaster, would not disclose any information which he might possess to any of the offices of the law.

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If authorized to do so, Dean stated that if his expenses were guaranteed, he would proceed to St. Paul, Minnesota via the "See" Railroad, as this road follows a round-about route and is not used by many travelers from Chicago; that upon arriving at St. Paul, he would register at the St. Paul Hotel and wait for John J. McDonough to get in touch with him; that it would be necessary to furnish him with a car bearing a license plate which would in no way suggest ownership by Bremer or any of his relatives; that he would get in touch with Hackmaster and Bill Reno at St. Paul and St. Cloud, Minnesota, and after telling them that he had been fortunate enough to make a couple of "scores", which is the name designated for victims in confidence games, he would thus establish himself as an active confidence man, which so far as they know is his "racket"; that he is personally known to both of the above named persons and has associated with various persons with whom they are on friendly terms.

Dean stated that he did not expect to be paid for his services, but would, however, be pleased to receive anything that might be given him if he succeeded in developing any information which would aid in clearing up this kidnaping case. He did not want to be brought in contact with any members of the St. Cloud or St. Paul police departments, although he had in his letter to John J. McDonough advised that it would be proper for McDonough to bring Chief of Police Dehill of St. Paul with him to Chicago.

Dean informed Agent that he would leave Chicago for Kansas City Wednesday evening, and that after he had left Chicago, there would be no way in which he could be communicated with; that if his assistance in this matter was desired he would have to be advised before that time. He told Agent that a telegram to him, Western Union, similar to the one outlined in the letter which he addressed to John J. McDonough, would reach him, and he would be prepared to leave for St. Paul at once; also that if any telephone call was made to him at the Atlantic Hotel, he would ask the person the date of his birth, and the answer would be January 29th.

As Agent was leaving, Dean informed him that on December 1, 1933, "Pretty Boy" Floyd arrived at St. Cloud, Minnesota with \$90,000.00 in cash; that he visited Mrs. Covell (could not spell the name, and suggested that it may be an abbreviation of some such name as Covelesky or Covellinsky, that she is Jewish) that Mrs. Covell is a widow who apparently had loaned or sold a car to Floyd as the latter is alleged to have paid her \$1500.00 to compensate her for the said car, the make of which is unknown to him.



It is to be noted that Dean does not claim to have any definite information concerning the Bremer Kidnapping, but that he merely feels that if he were placed in the proper position, he might be able to obtain information concerning this case from certain of his contacts in St. Paul and St. Cloud, Minnesota. It is suggested that if any of the information supplied by Dean fits in with any information which you may now have in your possession with reference to this case, so that you might desire to make any arrangements with Dean, you should immediately advise this office so that he may be contacted by Special Agent Perkins before he, Dean, leaves for Kansas City Wednesday afternoon.

The letter addressed to Mr. McDonough from Dean is being returned to you herewith in accordance with your request.

Very truly yours,

W.A. SMITH

Acting Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box # 987  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

February 7, 1934

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

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Predicated upon your communication of January 28, 1934, addressed to the Chicago Division Office, a copy of which letter was transmitted for this office, an examination has been made of all written instruments appearing in kidnaping and extortion cases in this district, without the obtaining of any information indicating a similarity in the misspelling of the words appearing in the above entitled case and cases existing in this district.

Very truly yours,

E. A. TAMM  
Special Agent in Charge

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625 Lafayette Bldg.  
Detroit Michigan  
February 6, 1934

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

With further reference to my communication dated February 2, 1934 directed to the Division, of which your office received a copy, concerning the chart showing directions of roads which was dropped by the bank robbers following the robbery of the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan on September 20, 1932, please be advised that following my telephone communication with Lieutenant Loomis of the Michigan State Police, as indicated in my letter of the second instant, Special Agent R. B. Donaldson of this office was requested to personally contact members of the State Police at Lansing and to put forth every effort in an attempt to obtain information which would lead to the recovery of the original chart.

Agent Donaldson, following a further conference with Lieutenant Loomis, came in contact with Detective Hutson of the Michigan State Police and learned that a C. M. Stewart, who was a member of the Burns Detective Agency, Chicago, appeared at Holland following the robbery and that he, Mr. Stewart, had the original chart in his possession. Mr. Hutson borrowed the chart, which consisted of ten or eleven pages, from Mr. Stewart and prepared another chart from the original. The original was then turned back to Stewart. Following this Mr. Stewart called Hutson's attention to alleged fingerprints on two of the pages of the chart and Hutson borrowed these two pages, took them to Lansing where they were photographed and the two original pages were turned back by Hutson to Mr. Stewart.

Hutson states that Stewart also had a .45 cal. machine-gun bullet in his possession which was found in the vicinity of the robbery and had been dropped by the perpetrators. Agent Donaldson was further informed that Stewart, who was alleged to have an unsavory reputation, was dismissed by the Burns Detective Agency and his present whereabouts is unknown to the State Police at Lansing.

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The above information was immediately telephoned to the Chicago Division office.

Lieutenant Ericson of the Michigan State Identification Bureau, informed me that he would immediately transmit by air mail to the Division at Washington, the negatives of the original two sheets of the chart which were photographed in his Bureau.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

WL:MD

cc - Division  
St. Paul

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

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February 8, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Enclosed find, wrapped in cellophane, letter received by Mr. Dickman of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, mailed at Chicago, Illinois, February 6, 1934, which letter reads as follows:

Give this to A. Bremer

Ed. Bremer is out of mind now, cant get sign his name. he been shot on top of his head. has sick and have lots of trouble with him.

I, have to stent to him myself as the two what brought him here did not show up for 6 days, dont know, the may beat it, if the did I would turn him over to you for twenty five Grand.

Adv. in Chicago Tribune Personal give your address and name Gary in Chicago and I will communicate and get over with, dont know if the return it might be to come.

L.P.

It is suggested that you undertake to complete the assignment suggested in this letter with a view to determine the facts relative to this writer. It is also suggested that the original letter be then forwarded to the Division.

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Very truly yours,

WENNER HANWY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

FEB 9 1934 AM

February 6, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER,  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

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With reference to the recent kidnaping of EDWARD G. BREMER of St. Paul, the following report is current:

One, [redacted] of St. Paul, Minnesota, has been in the confidence of [redacted] business. He is said to have been the victim of a confidence man, whereby he was swindled of the sum of \$200,000.00. It is reported that the scene of this confidence game was originally placed at St. Louis, Missouri, in connection with bets laid on horse races. There are two reports as to the manner in which this \$200,000.00 was secured, one being that WUNDERLICH had this money on deposit in the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul, of which EDWARD G. BREMER is president; that he went to EDWARD G. BREMER and upon his earnest solicitation secured this sum from the bank. It is said that this occurred at the time when the bank was closed either in connection with the country-wide moratorium, or was open on a restricted basis, but that EDWARD G. BREMER permitted him to withdraw the amount in question in view of WUNDERLICH's statement to the effect that he needed it as a bond deposit on a [redacted] which he was to secure. The other story in connection with this \$200,000.00 was that BREMER loaned him that sum; that BREMER retained \$200,000.00 of it from his safety deposit box. It has been intimated that the confidence men apparently were informed, possibly through BREMER, of the amount of money [redacted] had on deposit, or could secure. BREMER'S connection with the matter is variously and, at times, vaguely described. In any event, reports are certain to the effect [redacted] lost the \$200,000.00 and that BREMER knew, at least, of the episode.

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In January of this year, WUNDERLICH is said to have visited at the Chicago Identification Bureau in order to look at the photographs and with a view to locating the confidence man, or men, responsible for his loss. He is said to have identified the picture of one, [REDACTED] Chicago Police [REDACTED] as one of the men in question.

Among the reports current is one to the effect that the kidnapping of EDWARD G. BRUMER had some connection with the perpetration of this confidence game and that motives of revenge as well as pecuniary profit were possibly connected therewith. WUNDERLICH is said to be now located in St. Joseph, Missouri, and to be in the contracting business there. It is desired that WUNDERLICH be discreetly but comprehensively interviewed. The background set forth in the foregoing should be borne in mind in order that any information, which might assist in the solution of the kidnapping of BRUMER, may be elicited. WUNDERLICH is said to be a somewhat "tough" individual and he should, of course, be questioned alone as to his recent movements and location, particularly on or about January 17, 1934, the date of the BRUMER kidnapping.

A number of reports in St. Paul have connected the police with this affair in the matter of allegations that a settlement was made, or attempted, through certain police officials.

There was also indicated that the entire matter, including possible police complicity, might be presented to the local grand jury here.

Your prompt investigative attention to this matter is desired and, in the event any information of seeming importance is elicited, telegraphic, or telephonic, advices should be forwarded.

Very truly yours,

H. NATHAN,  
Assistant Director.

HN:TC  
CC Division



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

February 2, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

DIVISION ONE  
FEB 9 1934

I am transmitting herewith a letter addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, dated at St. Louis, Missouri, January 30, 1934, signed: "Gang Leader", in which Mr. Bremer is instructed to go to the Hotel Statler in St. Louis and register under the name of Harold E. Hurian, after which he will receive telephone instructions as to where to take the money to be paid for the release of his son. You will note that the postscript of the letter provides that a personal add be placed in the St. Louis Post Dispatch, as follows: "In St. Louis. Phone me. Mr. Hurian".

You are requested to take appropriate steps to bring about the apprehension of the writer of this letter and when the original letter, which is forwarded herewith, has served its purpose in St. Louis, it should be forwarded to the Division for further analysis.

I am also enclosing an original letter dated at Farmer City, Illinois, January 31, 1934, addressed to Mr. Bremer, from Rev. F.J. Schaeff, wherein he states that he has been designated as contact man. You are requested to have an agent interview Rev. Schaeff and ascertain, confidentially, from him what information he has concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANDEL,  
Special Agent in Charge

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P.O. Box 815, St. Paul, Minn.

February 5, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-50.

In the above matter, I enclose herewith letter addressed to John J. McDonough of St. Paul, which is self-explanatory. A telegram, care of the Western Union was sent to Amos A. Dean, as suggested in this letter, advising that he would be met at 10:00 o'clock, Tuesday morning, at Hotel Atlantic.

It is requested that an Agent proceed to the Hotel Atlantic and register under the name of J.J. McDonough of St. Paul in order that the writer of the letter may contact said McDonough and, thereafter, interview him relative to any information he may have in his possession relative to this case, or what he believes he would be able to do if he were to proceed to St. Paul and mingle with the so-called underworld. It is requested that if he ascertained just what places and what persons, connected with the underworld in the Twin Cities, the writer of the letter may have information on.

Please return the original letter immediately after it has served its purpose.

Very truly yours,

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Enc.  
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CC Division ✓

WERNER HANGL,  
Special Agent in Charge.

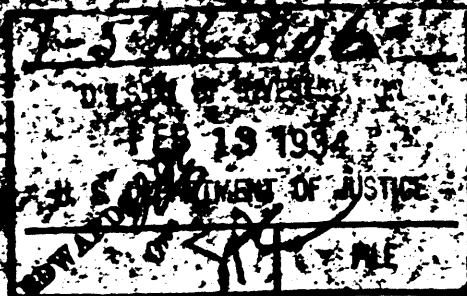
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625 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan  
February 18  
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AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

Re: EDWARD G. BENTZ - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING



Dear Sir:

Confirming my wire of February 8, the following names were furnished this office by the Michigan State Police of suspects in the Holland, Michigan bank robbery:

No. 1 John Kirtas, with aliases (deceased), Subject of S. C. 1197.

No. 2 Ernest J. Rossi, alias J. J. Russell, alias John Ross, alias John Ross, alias E. J. Russell (deceased) - Michigan State Penitentiary #22700. It will be noted that this individual was recently killed in Chicago while out on bond awaiting extradition to Michigan to be tried on the Holland State Bank robbery.

No. 3 Edward Bents, alias Red E. Dewey - Seattle, Washington, Police #2004. Age 32, height 5 feet, weight 175 pounds, build stout, hair light brown, eyes blue, complexion medium, nationality American.

No. 4 Theodore Bents, alias Ed Bryon, alias E. Brown, alias Ted E. Richards, alias Red Bush, alias Ted Bents - Michigan State Bureau of Identification #2000; Tacoma, Washington, Police #2000. Age 25 years, 5 feet 11 1/2 inches, weight 110 pounds, eyes light blue, hair light chestnut, complexion fair, born in Minnesota.

Note: Both Edward and Theodore Bents it will be noted are mentioned in the Urachel kidnaping case, as reflected in Division letter in that file dated August 14, 1933, directed to the Oklahoma City office, and also in report of Special Agent Albert Miller, San Francisco, dated August 21, 1933. It is noted that Theodore Bents is also reported wanted by the American Express Company at Chicago, Illinois, for passing fraudulent travelers' checks.

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No. 3

Ray Nolan, alias James T. Chandler, alias John Paul Burke, alias Phil Wilson (deceased, killed near Joliet, Illinois, about February, 1933) - Michigan State Identification #103879. Age 30, height 5 feet 8 inches, weight 155 pounds, hair dark chestnut, eyes blue.

No. 6

"Big Mack" - Age 30, complexion dark, weight 170 pounds, hair bushy, parted on right side; wound scars on left side of face. No other data known.

No. 7

Unknown Party - Age 35, height 5 feet 8 inches, weight 181 pounds. No further available descriptive data.

Note: It is very possible that this individual might be Lee Turner who was mentioned in my letter of February 9, 1934, it being noted that Lee Turner, who has a record in Chicago, originally proceeded to Holland, Michigan, with George (Machine Gun) Kelly and one "Big Homer" for the purpose of making a survey of that institution. Turner answers the description of No. 7. His name has been furnished to the Chicago office.

Captain I. H. Marmon of the Michigan State Police further advised that Rossi and Klutas were the only suspects who have been positively identified as participating in this robbery. In a further conference with Captain Marmon this morning he also has now informed this office that about two or three months ago while in Chicago he came in contact with an informant, Harry Evans alias Rubin Bass, through Post Office Inspector McWhorter, and in an attempt to secure some information regarding the perpetrators of the Holland Bank robbery he stated that Bass advised him that Jack Davenport who lives at either the Admiral or West Hotels in Minneapolis was in on this robbery, together with one Frisco Dutch alias Harry Schmidt. Bass at that time also informed Captain Marmon that Ernest Rossi mentioned in this communication was one of the party. An interesting point in this connection is the fact that Rossi was subsequently identified as a member of the gang that robbed the Holland Bank.

Captain Marmon states that it is his information that Frisco Dutch alias Schmidt is well known in the Twin Cities.

The informant also advised Captain Marmon that the getaway chart used in the Holland Bank robbery and which has recently been recovered by the Chicago office was prepared by Jack Davenport on a Corona Portable typewriter, located in either the West or Admiral Hotels, Minneapolis.

The above information regarding the typewriter was telephonically communicated this morning to the Chicago office with the request that the informant Evans alias Bass be immediately contacted for the purpose of securing all possible information which he has in his possession concerning Jack Davenport and the Corona typewriter in question. The St. Paul office was also furnished this information by telephone. Captain Harmon had no details concerning the matter.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

W. L. Vee  
cc Division  
Chicago

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

February 13, 1934.

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT SAINT PAUL.

SUBMIT FOR PURPOSES OF ELIMINATION FINGERPRINTS OF LILLIAN L. JACKMAN AND  
FATHER. DESIRE STOP ASCERTAIN FROM SAINT PAUL POLICE EXACT EXTENT OF  
ENLARGEMENT IN PHOTOGRAPH OF LATENT PRINT SUBMITTED BY THEM TAKEN FROM  
CHEVROLET CAR

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*Edward G. Bremer*

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*[Signature]*

Wednesday, February 1934

# GANG HUNT PLANNED BY U. S. AGENTS

Serial Numbers of \$5 and \$10  
Notes Paid Thugs Listed  
Escape Effort Detailed

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 8 (I.N.S.).—A ransom of \$200,000 was paid to the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker, the victim's father, Adolph Bremer, declared today.

The elder Mr. Bremer said the ransom was paid in notes and bills, \$85,000 of which were \$5 notes and the remainder in \$10 bills, as demanded. The money was paid Tuesday night.

Elated over the conclusion of the ordeal experienced by him since his son was kidnaped on January 17, the owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewery said he greatly appreciated the personal interest of President Roosevelt and the governor in the return of his son.

## Bill Numbers Listed

Serial numbers of the bills constituting the \$200,000 have been listed by agents of the United States Department of Justice, and will be broadcast to the banks of the country as an aid in apprehending the kidnapers.

The younger Mr. Bremer returned to his father's home early today in good physical condition, despite the fact that a physician attended him for minor injuries incurred when he struggled with the kidnapers at the time of the "snatching."

Adolph Bremer's statement follows:

"I am so happy to tell you that my boy is back, at last after his terrible experience. The hideous hours of suspense have been almost unbearable for all of us. I greatly appreciate the personal interest of the President, the Governor, the State and Federal law en-

MR. Nathan.....  
MR. Tolson.....  
MR. Clegg.....  
MR. Cowley.....  
MR. Edwards.....  
MR. Egan.....  
MR. Quinn.....  
MR. Lester.....  
MR. Locke.....  
MR. Rorer.....

Freed by Gang



EDWARD G. BREMER  
ST. PAUL BANKER, who was kidnaped almost a month ago, was safe at his home today. He was released last night at Rochester, Minn. Photo by International News Photographing Service.

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# Kidnapers Restore Bremer To His Overjoyed Family

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vinced them that Edward's life was in serious jeopardy.

"No sacrifice has been too great for my brother, too; Walter Magee (the contact man), Clarence Newcome (brewery official), and others who at great risk have done their part.

"It is my earnest prayer that other fathers and mothers will be spared the agony of a similar ordeal."

Edward Bremer was released on a dark street in the residential section of Rochester, Minn., after a ride he estimated as from 10 to 12 hours.

## Greeted by Sister

From there, the victim went to downtown Rochester, boarded a train and got off in a town near St. Paul. At this point, he took a bus which brought him to St. Paul a little after midnight.

At home, he was greeted by his sister, Louise.

Mr. Bremer had been taken to Rochester in a small car in which there were three men.

The kidnap victim's return to safety was followed immediately by a visit from Federal agents who questioned him at length. As soon as he had given an outline of his experiences, he went to bed, leaving orders not to be disturbed until this afternoon.

## "I've Done My Part"

Payment of the ransom was accompanied by a note signed by Adolph Bremer. It read:

"To parties holding Edward: I've done my part and kept my word 100 per cent, just as I said I would. This money is not marked and is the full amount asked for. Now, boys, I am counting on your honor. Be sports and do the square thing by turning Edward loose at once, and tell him to come to my house at once."

The banker was beaten when he attempted to resist his kidnapers when first they "snatched" him.

However, although he bled freely, he was not severely hurt.

He was driven about for 18 hours in an automobile immediately after he was kidnaped.

## Escape Effort Futile

As soon as he learned the object of his kidnapers, he tried to escape, but found the force of numbers too much for him.

The kidnapers inflicted injuries which accounted for the blood stains found on the front seat of his car. It was these stains which led to reports that he might have been slain.

Following the 15-hour ride, the kidnapers stopped in front of a house, believed somewhere near Rochester. Here Mr. Bremer was held until last night.

Except for a few scratches, he was y

naped last spring, paid \$100,000 ransom.

Upon hearing of the banker's return, authorities sent immediately to the residence to question him and members of the family. Closeted with Mr. Bremer this morning were Warner Hani, chief of the United States Bureau of Investigation here; Chief of Police Thomas Dahill, and County Attorney M. S. Kinkaid.

## Close Guard Maintained

A close guard was being maintained at the residence and anyone who sought entrance to the house was searched and questioned at length. The residence to which Mr. Bremer went upon his release is located across the street from the brewery of his father.

Until yesterday it was believed nothing had been heard from the kidnapers since the day Mr. Bremer was "snatched" after taking his daughter to school.

Members of the family and authorities had announced that yesterday would be the deadline for opening of negotiations with the kidnapers. Late yesterday, however, it was announced the deadline had been extended 24 hours.

## Million-dollar motor deal.

Plans of a group of persons, said to be close to the War Department, to form a pool whereby the .0 million dollar motorization program would be split up—the pool lobbyists to get a 15 per cent fee—among certain manufacturers.

Witnesses from Detroit, Chicago, Indianapolis and Buffalo were summoned before the Grand Jury today to testify in the case.

## Six Auto Men Testify

Six unnamed representatives of automobile manufacturers were in the list.

Meanwhile the United States Bureau of Investigation started to carry out President Roosevelt's order to investigate all lobbying complaints received from all Government departments.

Agitated over the whispered claims of lobbyists that they have "influence with the Administration" and for a fee can secure various contracts, the President initiated the current inquiry. He had the Department of Justice investigate the activities of lobbyists in the War Department long before Assistant Secretary of War Woodring made the fact public and stated Silverman was barred from doing further business with the department.

## Legion Men Called

Expressing confidence that the Grand Jury will return a conspiracy indictment against the men involved District Attorney Barnett said today that the probe will be continued until next week to allow other witnesses to come here.

Among the witnesses summoned to appear today before the investigating body were Lieut. Col. Weir Cook, of the American Legion aviation committee; S. B. Plummer, of Indianapolis, former Legion officer; Lieut. Col. A. O. Seaman, of the War Department Militia Bureau; Col. B. F. Miller, of the War Department; Bert D. ... vice president of the Marmon-Herrington Company, and D. C. Glosabroner, motor company executive.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

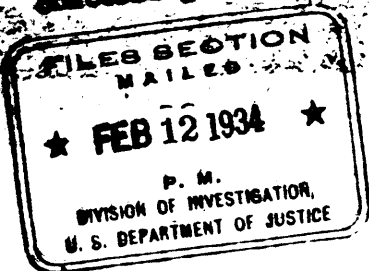
As you have seen every effort was being made to keep confidential the fact that the Division is publishing a list of numbers of the currency delivered as ransom for the return of Bremer, and was preparing to distribute these numbers through the field offices to all banks. You are advised, in this connection, that under date of February 8, 1934, a dispatch appearing in the Washington Times contained the following:

"Serial numbers of the bills constituting the \$200,000 have been listed by Agents of the Department of Justice, and will be presented to the banks of the country as aid in apprehending the kidnapers."

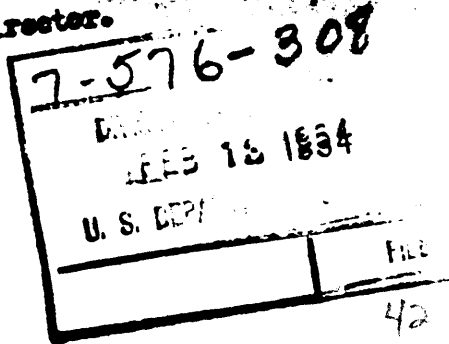
I am transmitting this information so that every precaution can be taken hereafter to see that no information concerning the plans of the Division might reach the press nor obviously the result of this portion of the Division's investigation will be handicapped by the publication of this information. Please warn all Special Agents attached to your office that they are to give out no publicity whatsoever concerning this case.

Very truly yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

February 13, 1934

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT SAINT PAUL

REGARDS DESCRIPTION FURNISHED BY FATHER ~~KERR~~ TRANSMITTED THIRTEEN  
PHOTOGRAPHS REPORTED KIDNAPERS AND GANG LEADERS WHO CLOSELY ANSWER  
DESCRIPTION GIVEN INCLUDING WALTER OMALEY DO NUMBER TWELVE NUMBER

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February 12, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

An individual using variously the names of [redacted], has called at the Division with information which he feels might be valuable in connection with the investigation of kidnapping cases, particularly the Bremer kidnapping case. He has stated that he has a friend serving forty years in the State Penitentiary and he desires to get the influence of the Division to have this friend released, but he has been promised absolutely no assistance whatever.

He stated that there was a restaurant in St. Paul operated by Harry Sawyer, telephone Emerson 2020, which is a hide-out for seven gangsters; that the Hollyhocks Inn, telephone Emerson 2121, St. Paul, is operated by a man by the name of Pfeiffer, who is a flinger man and is always out of town whenever anything happens. This inn is located opposite a park which is at the bottom of a hill in St. Paul territory. He is the banker for gangsters and they keep in touch with him.

He advised that outside the city of Chicago, in the town of Maywood, Illinois, is a place called the O-P Inn, a restaurant of which Doctor Stacy, an Italian, is owner, and is a gangsters' hide-out; the telephone number is Melrose Park 645; that at Crystal Lake, on route 19 out of Chicago, is a place called Louis's Inn; that it, too, is a hide-out, and the telephone number is Carey 65.

He stated that Harry Schneewiss, 1343 Greenleaf Avenue, Chicago, telephone Briarcliff 5356, operates a transient stopping place for gangsters en route from New York to St. Paul; that the St. Paul mobsters are a part of the New York gang which operates a coast to coast syndicate. One of the "big shots" of these gangs is Lucky Luciano, in New York; He stated that Louis "Dutch" Goldberg is a member of the mob and he lives at either the St. Paul or Leary Hotel in St. Paul; that one of the headquarters of this syndicate is operated by individuals by the name of Myer and Buck, who have taken over the entire fourth floor of the Clifridge Hotel in New York; that another one of the leaders is named Lupki; he has an office in the basement of the clothing store at 38th and Broadway, opposite the Automat; he stated that probably some of

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the individuals directly connected with the Bremer kidnapping are two brothers by the name of Dick and Freddy, who have an only old woman with them who poses as their mother, and who wears glasses. They drive a Hudson coach and likewise are frequently associated with two men known as Gus and Ray who have a western dress.

The informant states that it would be fatal to let the New York police or the Chief of Police in St. Paul in on this matter and it is his belief that Dutch Schultz, wanted in New York, is employed by this syndicate and that this syndicate had "dumped off" Judge Crater of New York, and that they were also responsible for the kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby.

The informant telegraphed the Division Friday, advising he would call Saturday, and his wire was transmitted from New York. He was advised that hereafter, if he desired to save expense, he could call on the Division's confidential man in New York City, who would handle everything in strictest confidence, which would save the informant travel expense to Washington, and the name and address of Special Agent in Charge Fay at the Division New York office was furnished him. He will call there hereafter, he states, using the name of [redacted].

Of course, it is impossible to promise that any action will be taken in connection with any one serving a sentence in a state penitentiary, and this is the objective which the informant states he is seeking. A copy of this letter is being sent to the Chicago and New York offices for their information.

The informant advised, upon his departure, that the gang uses Rome as a vacation point when they are hiding. He requests that the wires not be used between here and St. Paul, and indicated that at St. Paul everything is under the control of the syndicate and that it would probably be very unwise to use either the telephone or telegraph between Washington and St. Paul. He claims he has no proof of anything and merely furnished this information for what it is worth.

Very truly yours,

Director,

cc New York  
Chicago.

**UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-20

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| THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT<br><b>Chicago, Ill.</b>  |  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>2/12/34</b>  | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2/9, 10/34</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>E. W. BARTIN</b>  |
| TITLE<br><b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;<br/>HOWARD G. BREMER - Victim</b>  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>KIDNAPING</b>   |  |  |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:<br><br>Circumstances and facts surrounding the kidnaping of Howard A. Woolverton, South Bend, Indiana, on 1/24/32 obtained and set out herein. Two unknown Subjects involved in the Woolverton kidnaping thought to be identical with unknown Subjects involved in instant kidnaping. Further investigation to be conducted here. |  |   |  |  |
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| REFERENCE:   |  | Letter from Detroit office to St. Paul office, dated 2/9/34, and letter from Kansas City office to St. Paul office, dated 2/10/34.  |  |  |
| DETAILS:   |  | As indicated in reference letters, it is believed that Eddie LaRue alias Eddie Doll, Identification Order No. 1814, and George (machine gun) Kelly were the persons who kidnaped Howard A. Woolverton, and it is also believed that Eddie Doll was implicated in the instant kidnaping. |  |  |
| In accordance with instructions contained in the above mentioned reference letters, investigation was conducted by this agent at South Bend, Indiana, in an effort to determine the identity of Mr. Woolverton's kidnapers.  |  |   |  |  |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED<br><br><i>[Signature]</i><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  |  | 7-576-311<br>UNITED STATES<br>FEB 14 1934 AM<br>BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION<br>ROUTED TO: SAC   |  | RECORDED AND INDEXED:<br>FEB 16 1934<br>CHECKED OFF:<br>FEB 15 1934<br>JACKETED: |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:<br>3-Division<br>3-St. Paul<br>2-Detroit<br>2-Kansas City<br>2-Cincinnati<br>Encs. 3<br>72-Chicago<br>DO NOT WRITE ON THESE SPACES   |  |   |  |  |

It may be noted that the wife of Eddie LaRue alias Eddie Doll is now employed at the Triangle Restaurant as the night head waitress. Her name is Agnes LaRue, and this restaurant is located directly opposite the Morrison Hotel on Clark and Madison Streets, Chicago, Illinois.

At the South Bend, Indiana Police Department agent obtained the record of the Woolverton kidnaping, and a transcript of the same is being set out hereunder.

Time of occurrence - 11:00 P. M. January 26, 1934.

Name of complainant - Mrs. Howard Woolverton.

Address - 1244 E. Jefferson St., South Bend, Ind.

Investigating officers - Chief Kuespert.

Report made by Hamilton.

Report received by Assistant Chief Raymond at about 12:00 midnight.

Weapon used - Revolver.

Place of occurrence - Esther and Jefferson Streets.

Witness - Mrs. Woolverton.

Details of the complaint: The above named woman came to the police station and stated that she and Mr. Woolverton were returning home, and at the corner of Esther and Jefferson Streets a car crowded their car to the curb, a man jumped out of the car and pointing a gun, said, "this is a hold-up", got in the Woolverton car and told Mr. Woolverton to drive on, making him drive up through town and stop for red lights and street corners, the other car following close behind. Woolverton made to go out Lincoln Way West and through Ardmore to Country Club Road, where they stopped and made Mr. Woolverton get out and get in their car and told Mrs. Woolverton that they would hold Mr. Woolverton for \$50,000.00 ransom. They instructed her to take her car and drive back home and gave her a note and told her not to read it until she got back in town and also warned her not to notify the police. Mrs. Woolverton could not give any description of the men, only that one was about 35 years old. They had a five-passenger car (make unknown). Chief Kuespert has this note.

Description of Mr. Woolverton: 32 years old, 5'10", 210 lb., gray hair, and he wore a gray overcoat, gray hat and a gray suit with belt in back. Chicago police notified.

This agent was advised by the Police Officer in charge of the records at the South Bend Police Station that Chief Kuespert is now on a vacation trip with his wife somewhere in Florida (address unknown) and will not return to South Bend until the first part of April, 1934. This officer stated that he was unable to locate the original ransom note furnished Chief Kuespert by Mrs. Woolverton when she entered the complaint about this kidnaping, and that it would be necessary to ascertain its present whereabouts from Chief Kuespert. He also stated that the Police Department

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at South Bend does not have the address of Chief Kuespert, and will not be able to locate him until he returns from his vacation on April 1, 1932, at which time this original ransom note will be obtained from him.

Agent ascertained through this officer that Mr. Woolverton resided at 1246 East Jefferson Boulevard, South Bend, Indiana, and that Mr. Woolverton's attorney, G. A. Farabaugh, with offices at the Union Trust and Trust Building, corner of Jefferson and Michigan Streets, South Bend, undoubtedly would be able to furnish all information concerning the surrounding circumstances of this kidnaping, as he, together with other State Department officials and Alexander Jamie, formerly of the Secret Six, Chicago, Illinois, had investigated this case.

Agent contacted Mr. G. A. Farabaugh, attorney for Mr. Woolverton, at his offices, and when informed as to the desired information, he called Mr. Howard A. Woolverton on the telephone and made an appointment with him to be interviewed by this agent.

Agent interviewed Mr. Howard A. Woolverton at the offices of the Malleable Steel Range Co., Cherry Street, South Bend, Indiana, of which concern Mr. Woolverton is the Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. Woolverton discussed his kidnaping with this agent at length and suggested that agent visit his home with him and interview his wife, who was with him at the time he was kidnaped.

At the home of Mr. Howard A. Woolverton, 1246 East Jefferson Boulevard, South Bend, Indiana, agent discussed Mr. Woolverton's kidnaping with Mr. and Mrs. Woolverton. Mrs. Woolverton furnished practically the same information as that contained in the statement of Mr. Woolverton, copies of which are being attached to all copies of this report. Agent exhibited to Mr. and Mrs. Woolverton the photographs of various criminals set out in Chicago Police Department Bulletin, and both Mr. and Mrs. Woolverton seemed to think that the photograph of Eddie LaRue alias Eddie Bell, Identification Order No. 1214, resembled the taller man mentioned in Mr. Woolverton's statement.

Mr. Woolverton then obtained an envelope containing ransom notes and other data pertaining to his kidnaping. An examination of this envelope revealed that it contained the following:

One ransom note and two photostatic copies of two others.

A telegram, dated February 3, 1932, directed to G. A. Farabaugh, Union Trust Building, South Bend, Indiana, signed "Jim", containing the following message: "Everything fine see you tonight".

This telegram, Mr. Woolverton explained, was from his nephew, James Woolverton, Jr., the man who delivered the ransom money to the kidnapers. Mr. Woolverton also explained that one of the original ransom notes is in the possession of Chief Kuespert of the South Bend Police Department, and the other two originals are in the possession of Alexander Jamie, the man at that time was associated with the Secret Six of Chicago. It was ascertained that Alexander Jamie is now at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., and an effort will be made to contact him and obtain from him these notes at a later date. The above ransom notes obtained from Mr. Woolverton were forwarded to the Division and photostatic copies of same were forwarded to the St. Paul Division office.

Mr. Woolverton also furnished this agent with a registration sheet, dated Sunday, January 17, 1932, from the register of the Robertson Hotel, 121 East Wayne Street, South Bend, and he stated that the names, John Cook and Mike Davies, were of men who registered from Saginaw and occupied Room 205, who were suspected of his kidnaping by Alexander Jamie at this time. Consequently this sheet was obtained from the hotel register.

In connection with the above registration sheet, Mr. Woolverton stated that these men appeared at a parking lot at 215 South St. Joseph Street, South Bend, about a week before his kidnaping, contacting Leon Hart and Milford Price, both attendants at this parking lot, requesting these men to point out to them the car of Mrs. Woolverton, which they assumed was parked there. They were informed by Hart that Mrs. Woolverton's car was not there and they did not have any further conversation with Hart. Mr. Woolverton stated that Milford Price told him about these men coming to the parking lot and stated that they came there in a green Chrysler coupe, bearing Illinois license plates, on January 18, 1932. Mr. Woolverton states that Price told him that he believed these men were registered at the Robertson Hotel, and that an investigation at the Robertson Hotel through J. Matthews, Room Clerk, developed that John Cook and Mike Davies registered in there from Saginaw, Michigan, on January 18, 1932, were thought to be the men who made this inquiry.

This envelope also contained memoranda as to telephone calls, numbers of the ransom bills, dates, newspaper clippings, etc., which Mr. Woolverton stated were all pertaining to this kidnaping.

Mr. Woolverton also stated that Alexander Jamie, formerly with the Secret Six at Chicago, Illinois, Charles Bolte, now operating a private detective agency at the Circle Tower Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Frank Mayr, now Secretary of State of Indiana, residence 1017 East Jefferson Street, South Bend, could undoubtedly furnish all pertinent information relative to his kidnaping.

All of the above mentioned data furnished by Mr. Woolverton is being attached to the Chicago file.

It was agreed at this time between this agent and Mr. Woolverton that he would contact his nephew, John J. Woolverton, Jr., and have him make a statement relative to recording his delivery of the ransom money, and it was also agreed that evening that Mr. Woolverton would meet agent on the following morning and make a complete statement relating all details concerning his kidnapping.

In accordance with the above arrangement, on the following morning Mr. Woolverton contacted this agent at the Oliver Hotel. Mr. Woolverton was driving his Pierce-Arrow car and took this agent to the St. Joseph Loan and Trust Co., South Bend, Indiana, where he met his nephew, John J. Woolverton, Jr., who furnished this agent with the following signed statement relative to his delivery of the ransom money. The original statement is being attached to the Chicago copies of this report and the statement is being incorporated herein:

Feb. 10, 1934

Statement of John J. Woolverton, Jr.  
Mar-Main Arms Apts., So. Bend, Indiana

On February 2, 1932 at 5:00 P. M. the ransom package was given me at which time I left South Bend in H. A. Woolverton's Pierce Arrow car bearing license #18 Indiana 1932. The ransom package was about eight inches square by four inches thick wrapped up in brown wrapping paper tied with heavy twine.

Following the instructions of the last letter I proceeded toward St. Louis, Mo. The first night drove to Crawfordville and stayed at the Crawford Hotel. Starting again at five o'clock Feb. 3, 1932 drove on through Terre Haute, Indiana. After crossing the Illinois-Indiana State line discovered that I could drive much slower to be in St. Charles, Mo. at six o'clock in the evening, so proceeded at the rate of about 35 miles per hour.

Approaching a small town in Illinois was stopped by a signal or traffic light and noticed an olive green, tudor, 1929 or 1930 model A Ford pull up beside me - the two men glanced at me but I did not think much of it because most anyone who looked at me at that time looked suspicious. Going on into the town this Ford, after passing me at that traffic light, stopped suddenly in the middle of the street forcing me to stop, the driver leaned out, looked back at my car, license plate, and me, and started on his way. I followed still at the rate of about 35 miles per hour.

Going on out into the country this same Ford stayed ahead but never far enough so that I could not see them. Finally they slowed down and I passed - upon arriving at the next town I stopped in a hamburger shop for a sandwich and watched out the window for them to come by, which they soon did. When they passed seemed to carefully study my car; and at the same time I noticed them - one wore a red slip over sweater and a grey cap - the other a blue jacket or coat and a cap resembling a chauffeur's. The driver, the one in the red sweater, was light complected - the other dark. The rear license plate, the only one I could see at all, was partly covered with mud but was quite certain it was a 1931 Ohio plate.

While driving I might add, my rear window would keep smeared with mud thrown up by the rear wheels, so while I was in the lead could never see them in my rear-view mirror. Each time I bought gasoline I had this glass cleaned (twice this was done) and each time the Ford and I would change places on the road.

Finally about four miles west of St. Jacob, Illinois on a highway surrounded by swamp the Ford stopped just ahead of me giving me ten flashes with the tail or stop light. Rather than stop behind them whirled around and stopped about 50 yards in front, leaned out setting the package on the pavement and went on west for 10 miles at the rate they demanded, 25 or 30 miles per hour (tells in letter of instructions), turned around and headed for home.

Driving about three miles toward home met the same Ford, both men turned their heads as we met and as I went on to where I had placed the package. At this particular spot noticed the wrapping paper on the edge of the road. From this point on I stepped up my speed and only once noticed what may have been one of their gang - parked at the top of a hill, on the highway, a sedan with only one man who wore a black hat pulled down well over his eyes - but that was all I noticed going as fast as I was. He, by the way, seemed to attempt a good look at me passing.

At the next town I wired home to expect me that night, the wire will show the town; so I arrived about 9:30 P. M. Feb. 2, 1932, after having driven the last 45 miles in a sleet storm and all the way down in rain.

(Signed) JOHN J. WOOLVERTON, JR.  
Mar-Main Arms Apts., So. Bend

Witness: J. T. Hartin,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice.

Mr. Howard A. Woolverton obtained a stenographer at a bank, namely Kathryn Allen, to whom he dictated a lengthy statement regarding the circumstances surrounding his kidnaping. She transcribed the same and made four copies, one of which Mr. Woolverton retained for himself, and this agent was furnished with the original and two carbon copies. The original and two carbon copies are being retained by the Chicago Division office in its file, and photostatic copies of the same are being furnished with this report to all interested offices.

Questioned as to how the ransom money was obtained by him, Mr. Woolverton stated that the \$8,000.00 ransom money was withdrawn from the St. Joseph Loan and Trust Co., South Bend, Indiana, on the morning of February 2, 1932 and was delivered to his home by R. E. Stephenson, President of the above named bank; that at the time this money was delivered, the following persons were present at his home: John T. Woolverton, Jr., E. J. Parabaugh, attorney mentioned above, Mr. Howard A. Woolverton, Mr. Alexander Jamie, and R. E. Stephenson. He stated that all persons present assisted him in counting this money and listing the serial numbers of all the bills. He cannot definitely state the denomination of these bills but believes them to have been twenty dollar bills. He stated that these serial numbers are now in the possession of Alexander Jamie, formerly with the Secret Six, Chicago, Illinois.

Agent called on Frank Mayr, Secretary of the State of Indiana, at 1017 East Jefferson Street, South Bend, Indiana, and he stated that at the time of this kidnaping he was the head of the State Police at Indiana, and Charles Bolte, who is now operating a private detective agency in the Circle-Tower Building at Indianapolis, Indiana, was the investigator assigned by him to work on the Woolverton kidnaping case. Mr. Mayr states that Charles Bolte can bring this agent to the house where Mr. Woolverton was held. Asked as to why Mr. Woolverton was never brought to the house by Mr. Bolte to determine whether or not he could identify it, Mr. Mayr stated that before this investigation was completed, by Mr. Bolte, a different political administration came into power, and that he, together with Bolte, was turned out of his position, and for that reason the investigation of this kidnaping matter was discontinued. According to Mr. Mayr, Mr. Jamie and Mr. Bolte, if contacted, will be able to furnish a lot of valuable information concerning developments in the kidnaping of Mr. Woolverton. If it is desired that Mr. Bolte be contacted, Mr. Mayr suggested that agent contact him at the State Department at Indianapolis, Indiana, and he in turn would locate Bolte and see that he co-operated in every possible manner.

Mr. Woolverton then brought this agent to a parking lot owned and operated by David P. Moore at 215 South St. Joseph Street, South Bend, at which place agent contacted Leon Hart, an attendant there, who stated that



he was employed at this parking space in January, 1932, and he observed two men come to this parking lot and make inquiries regarding the car of Mrs. Woolverton. Mr. Hart stated that these men did not talk to him personally but talked to the other attendant, Milford Price, who is now employed at the Phillips 66 Gas Station opposite the Bendix Corporation plant, South Bend, Indiana. The photographs of the Chicago Police Department Bulletin mentioned above were exhibited to Mr. Hart, but he was unable to identify any of these men as being the parties who called at the gas station. Mr. Hart stated that in his opinion Mr. Price would undoubtedly be able to identify both of these men if he were shown their photographs. Mr. Hart described these men as follows:

No. 1 - 5'10", build slim, complexion medium, well dressed, wearing light fedora hat.

No. 2 - 5'4", build stocky, complexion swarthy, well dressed, wearing light fedora hat.

Mr. Hart is a hunchback and is the son-in-law of the owner of this parking lot.

Agent next called at the Phillips 66 Gas Station opposite the Bendix Corporation plant, and was informed by the attendant there that Milford Price is not working there at this time but would be there on the following afternoon at about 4:00 P. M. Arrangements were made between Mr. Woolverton and the attendant employed there to notify Milford Price to contact Mr. Woolverton and Mr. Woolverton stated he would obtain from Price his present address and also information concerning the men who called on Price and made inquiries regarding Mrs. Woolverton's car.

Agent next contacted J. G. Matthews, Room Clerk, Robertson Hotel, 121 East Wayne Street, South Bend, and exhibited to him the photographs of the criminals contained in the Chicago Police Department Bulletin, but he was unable to identify any of these men as being the men who registered at this hotel on January 17, 1932. He stated, however, that about one week preceding the kidnaping of Mr. Woolverton, two men who were total strangers to him and who appeared to be suspicious characters registered at the hotel, Saginaw, Michigan and occupied Room 205. He stated that these men registered on Monday, January 18, 1932, and checked out of the hotel on Tuesday, January 19, 1932; he does not recall the exact hour. The registration sheet furnished this agent by Mr. Woolverton was exhibited to Mr. Matthews, and he identified the names of these two men as being John Cook and Mike Davies. His initials appear in the left column of this registration sheet opposite the names of these men, together with the initials of this agent. He furnished practically the same descriptions of these men as those furnished by Leon Hart, referred to above.

Mr. Howard A. Woolverton, owner of the Willard Hotel, Chicago, is secretary and treasurer, and John J. Woolverton, president and vice president, both of whom are also owners of the Willard Hotel.

Mr. Woolverton's residence address is 1200 East Superior Boulevard, residence telephone 8300, business office telephone 8300. Mr. Woolverton also stated that if it is desired to contact him at any time, he may be notified at either of the above telephones, and will be willing to come to Chicago or go any other place desired in an effort to cooperate with this division and apprehend the men who were responsible for his kidnaping.

Mr. Woolverton and all of the persons contacted were advised to keep this investigation in strict confidence, and they all advised they would do so.

Special Agent W. A. Smith called the Washington Field office by long distance telephone and advised that office that Mr. Jamie is now located at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D. C. and requested it to contact him in an effort to obtain from him the original ransom notes and any other pertinent data that he may have in his possession.

The Cincinnati office also was contacted by telephone and advised to contact Charles Bolte through Frank Mayr, Secretary of State of Indiana, and obtain from him information as to the location of the house in which Mr. Woolverton was held for ransom, and all other information that may be considered of value in establishing the identity of the individuals who were responsible for the kidnaping of Mr. Woolverton.

Following are the descriptions of the men who kidnaped Mr. Woolverton, as furnished by him:

- No. 1: 6' tall, weight 180-90 lb., build medium, dark hair, dark complexion, neat dresser, spoke with a very soft voice and is well educated.
- No. 2: 5' 8" tall, weight 180 lb., stocky build, fair complexion, neat dresser.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Earl Van Wageningen:



On February 10, 1934 Acting Special Agent in Charge Smith advised the writer that Mr. Nathan, Assistant Director of the Division, called from St. Paul, Minnesota and advised that he received a letter from Mr. Larson of the Detroit Office, in which Mr. Larson set forth the results of an interview with Catherine Kelly in which she alleged that Mr. Woolverton, South Bend, Indiana, was kidnaped by Eddie LaRue, I.O.No. 1214, and George Kelly. Mr. Nathan further stated that the Kansas City Office had advised that George Kelly was interviewed at the Leavenworth Penitentiary, at which time he advised that the house in which Mr. Woolverton was kept was owned by a Swede with seven children; that this house is located on a farm between Joliet and Aurora Illinois, on a paved County Highway about 100 feet off the right side of the road; that it is about twenty minutes out of Aurora, driving at 25 miles per hour, and was a six room house with no porch and a large dairy barn; that the owner of this farm saw the picture of Woolverton in the papers which showed that he, Woolverton, was kidnaped, and the farmer forced the kidnapers to remove Woolverton from the farm, saying he would not keep a kidnaped man, and as a result of this Woolverton was taken to Chicago and released, no ransom being paid although \$10,000.00 was promised.

Mr. Nathan further advised that there was little possibility that this is the farm at which Mr. Bremer was held, but advised that it should be inspected and all details and descriptions obtained of the location, occupants, etc.

The writer, accompanied by Special Agents F. E. Miller and Charles Jenkins proceeded to Aurora, Illinois, and there interviewed Mr. D. S. Bjorseth, Rural Carrier No. 5, who advised that he went as far as State Highway No. 30 and 18, which is the highway between Aurora and Joliet, as Cassville, Illinois; that he knew of a family by the name of De Fauth who lived just beyond Wolf's Crossing, the second house after a gravel road, and that Fauth was living with his father-in-law, Westphal. He further stated that he knew of no Swedish family on his route.

Agents proceeded out of Aurora, driving at 25 miles an hour and after 19 minutes of driving at this speed arrived at the farm house of C. F. Chaplin, R.F.D.#1, Plainfield, Illinois. This farm was about 9 miles from Aurora, contained more than six rooms, white in color with a green roof and had a cupola over the front entrance of the house and a built-in side porch. There were a

number of large dairy farms near the house. Agents interviewed Mr. Chaplin, who was not a Swede, who advised that he had no children and that he had lived on this farm for a considerable length of time and that he knew of the families between his place and Plainfield and was familiar with the farmers between his place and Aurora. That he did not know of any family on the highway with more than one child. He was questioned if he had heard anything about the kidnaping of Mr. Woolverton from Indiana and was supposed to have been in custody between Aurora and Joliet on a farm, and he said that he had never heard of the kidnaping and felt sure that if the victim had been held at a farm near the vicinity of his place that he and his neighbors would have heard about it.

A short distance from Mr. Chaplin's farm on the way to Aurora, Agents interviewed Mr. William D. King, who advised that he was a Deputy Sheriff and that he knew of no Swedes or Swedish families on the highway between Aurora and Joliet and that he had not heard of the kidnaping of Woolverton from South Bend and the subsequent holding of him in custody on a farm between Aurora and Joliet.

Agents called on Mr. William Westphal, Route 2, Oswego, Illinois, who advised that he was a German and had lived on this farm since 1871; that he was familiar with all the farmers in the immediate vicinity but knew of no large Swedish family living on the highway between Aurora and Joliet. He further stated that he had not heard of the kidnaping of Woolverton and the subsequent holding of him in custody on a farm in that vicinity. Mr. Westphal advised that there was a highway No. 50, which was a mile or so to the East of him, but that this highway did not originate at Aurora but did run into highway No. 30 at Plainfield and continue on to Joliet.

Agents proceeded on to highway No. 50, almost due East of the Westphal farm and Agent interviewed Mr. M. Santoy, M.F.D., Plainfield, Illinois, who advised that he had lived on this farm for five years and in the neighborhood for over fifteen years; that he knew of no Swedish family on that highway and had never heard of the kidnaping of Woolverton and his subsequent retention on a farm on a County highway between Aurora and Joliet.

Agents proceeded to Plainfield, where Mr. J. P. Lamon, Postmaster, and Mrs. Morrell, Assistant Postmaster, were interviewed regarding the alleged Swedish family who was supposed to have held Woolverton in custody on a farm between Aurora and Joliet. They advised that they had never even heard of the incident and could

throw no light on any family answering the description.

Agents called at the farm house of E. J. [redacted] Plainfield, Illinois, who advised that he had lived on his farm for thirty-five years and had never heard of a Swedish family or of no Swedish family in the vicinity and had never heard of the kidnaping incident.

Agents called on Edward Geigel, R.F.D. #1, who advised that he had lived on the farm 17 years and knew of no large Swedish family and had never heard of the kidnaping incident.

Mrs. C. A. Rowley, R.F.D. #1, Plainfield, Illinois, was contacted by the writer, who advised that she had lived on the farm for two years and that her husband had lived in the vicinity practically all of his life and they knew of no Swedish family in the vicinity and had never heard of the kidnaping incident.

At Joliet Agent Mullin contacted Mr. H. H. [redacted] Postmaster, by telephone, who advised that he never heard of anyone being held on a farm in that section of Illinois and could throw no light upon a Swedish family which might answer the description set out above. Agent Mullin also interviewed Mr. J. [redacted] Superintendent of Mails, Joliet Post Office, who advised that he knew nothing of the kidnaping matter but would have the rural carrier who delivers mail towards Rockport and the connects with the rural carrier out of Rockport, see if he has heard about the kidnaping incident. He advised that if the carrier found out anything he would know by Monday afternoon and would forward the same to the Chicago Office, but in the event that he did not develop any information and the Chicago Office did not hear from him by Monday night, that it would be understood that there was nothing to it.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY OFFICE: is respectfully requested to again contact and interview George (Machine Gun) Kelly at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, in an effort to ascertain from him the location of the house in which Mr. Woolverton was held for ransom. Note: Attached to the Kansas City copies of this report is a diagram of the room in which Mr. Woolverton was held, drawn by him. This probably should be exhibited to Kelly without disclosing its source, in an effort to ascertain if this corresponds in any way with the basement room in which Mr. Woolverton was held.

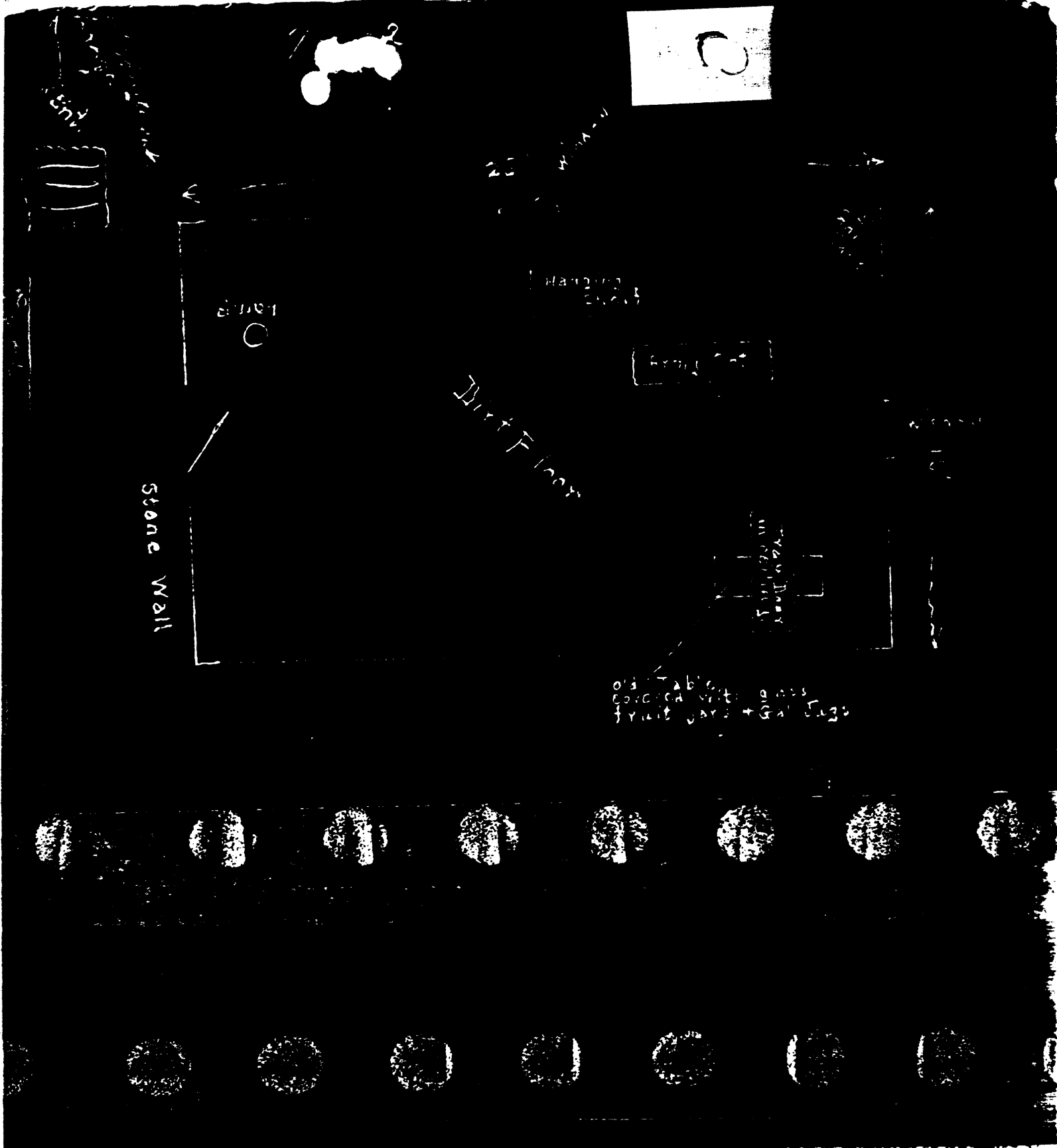
**INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE:** At Indianapolis, Indiana, is requested to contact Mr. Frank Mayr, Jr., Secretary of State of Indiana, and through him ascertain the address of Charles Polte, the now operator of a detective agency in the Circle Tower Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Mayr will cooperate with the agent contacting him and will contact Mr. Polte and advise him as to the information desired so that Mr. Polte will cooperate in every possible manner.

**CHICAGO OFFICE:** Will endeavor to obtain the original ransom notes from Chief Kuespert of the South Bend, Indiana Police Department, and from Alexander Jamie, formerly of the Secret Six, Chicago.

Will also make arrangements with Charles Polte and Mr. Woolverton to identify the house and basement room in which Mr. Woolverton was held for ransom. Will also obtain from Messrs. Jamie and Polte all pertinent details surrounding the kidnaping of Mr. Woolverton, the serial numbers of the ransom bills, and any other pertinent data that may be considered helpful in establishing the identity of the individuals responsible for the kidnaping of Mr. Woolverton.

Will also, in a discreet manner, try to obtain the home address of Mrs. Agnes LaRue, and conduct appropriate investigation in an effort to determine the present location of Eddie LaRue alias Eddie Boll.

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As we were speaking, the driver of the car, who was sitting in the front of the car, stopped the car and stepped out of the car slightly and replied saying "No, I will not get out of the car." The driver possibly a mile or two beyond this intersection, the car was on a paved highway to a one track narrow gauge railroad. The car was rough, proceeded approximately half the length of the car, and a deep ditch on the left to a point where the car was stopped. The car was fenced in. The car was stopped, I was ordered to get out of the car and the man in the back of the car, who was sitting in the back of the car, this incident took place about five or six miles from the town of January. The driver had considered the condition of the road and the road condition and was stuck for a time with the car. The car headed down in the ditch. He waited for a time and then he got out with the car. I was ordered to put a light colored sweater over my sweater, glasses and my eyes, which one of the men removed from me, being the taller of the two. They removed the sweater and glasses where I was being taken. I was then taken to a room in the car, where the driver, the other man in the back, and possibly another man, possibly another mile more or less to a point where the car was stopped on the left and drove but a short distance to a point where the car was open garage or one with the doors open, and the car was driven through the left side under the wheel. The car was driven through the left side, and my right hand struck another car, which was parked on either side, took my arms and legs and I was taken to a basement apparently in an old farm house. I then stepped down about five or six steps and was told to stop down in the basement head when entering the basement. My reason for believing that the house was because of the surrounding condition of the road. I did see that it was distant from the garage or shed to the house and that I was taken to a basement room, still blindfolded with my hands and feet, and there was a cot for me to lie on and was ordered to lie on the cot and goggles until I was told to. They then looked the door in the room, men leaving and ~~XXXX~~ want to the first floor where I could see directly above ~~XX~~ me and I could hear them talking with others and I heard once I heard a woman's voice but I did not believe and did not hear anything talking from then on. I could then hear something tearing like a carpet with considerable noise, moving chairs or some other furniture, then, finally they tore open a trap door above a room with considerable litter and other particles and I saw several empty glass fruit jars and glass plates and immediately under the trap door. After this of which I was ordered to the trap door to remove the sweater and if I saw anything, I was not to touch anything in the basement or examine anything. I was immediately at my left near the door there was a small table with a lamp sitting on the dirt floor, lighted ~~XXXX~~ with. There was a double hanging shelf extending lengthwise of the room, with empty fruit jars, plates, glasses, etc., and I saw several empty fruit or something. In the far left of the room, there was a floor with oil finished stone foundation and at least eight to nine feet high and shelves. The shelves were covered with empty fruit jars, plates, glasses, etc., and I saw several empty fruit or something. 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weighing approximately 150 pounds. I recall that the taller man was wearing overcoats with light mufflers, the taller one a black one and the shorter one a gray Telora, and I believe both wore a hat, in fact, the taller man was dressed. The shorter man did very little talking but I did hear him say. I have never determined where I was held but was told by Mr. Polte that he mentioned that he knew the house at which I was held. If I was ever brought to this place I am positive that I would be able to find it, ~~xxxxxx~~ basement room in which I was held with the four stone walls, dirt floor, and rat holes around the foundation. From the ~~xxx~~ different operators including Mr. Polte with ~~xx~~ whom I have talked and described, the only I believe the place was located some where near Madison, Illinois, possibly to the South and East. Mr. Martin has advised me that it is absolutely necessary that the investigation of this matter be held in strict confidence and I have advised my relatives to ~~xx~~ keep this matter quiet and not to divulge any information to anybody concerning this investigation. The above statement is given by me to Special Agent, J. T. Martin, Division of Investigation United States Department of Justice, and transcribed by Kathryn Allen. The same is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Howard Alworth

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota



February 11, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Enclosed please find copies of memorandums on above  
titled case, which were written by Agents connected with the St. Paul  
office.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hanni*

WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
February 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

MR. THOMPSON of the Dispatch inquired concerning one, EDWIN BERGSTROM, and wife, whom he states were questioned by Agents of this office at the time the kidnaping first occurred. He says that BERGSTROM and wife rented the place where they are now living on December 7, 1933, paying \$50.00 rent in advance for one month. They paid another month's rent on January 7, 1934, with a \$50.00 bill. BERGSTROM is said to have sandy hair and to be about the same height as Chief of Detectives Tierney. His wife is said to be about the same size, quite dark, and apparently of Celtic extraction. BERGSTROM represented himself to be a representative of the Associated Press, which representation is incorrect. BERGSTROM drove a Ford V-8 Coupe. BERGSTROM and his wife apparently disappeared from the apartment on the 17th of January, 1934. The caretaker, a man by the name of OLSON, who lived next door, went into their place on the morning of the 18th, and found that they had vanished, taking with them some of their own clothes and some of the paraphernalia in the apartment. While there, they spent money freely, according to the manager of the National Tea Company Store.

A check made by the newspaper representative shows that BERGSTROM'S car was purchased from the Ford Motor Sales Company, 117 North University Avenue, June, 1933. He states that this was the same date upon which a car was turned in by one of the occupants of the Vernon Avenue address. The car purchased on September 10, 1933, was registered in the name of EDWIN BERGSTROM, 408 University Avenue. The salesman was H.V. EKHOLT. EKHOLT is now at the Auto Show. On January 8, 1934, this car was transferred to E. R. MURREY of White Bear Lake, Box 345. The newspaper representative says that this is the car that figured in the McCord shooting. The license number on this car is B455099.

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Assistant Director.

MEMORANDUM FOR M. A. D. WIGGINS HANDEL

St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 10, 1934  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-50.

In accordance with the memorandum of Assistant Director Nathan dated February 7, 1934, in which it is stated that he had received information to the effect that the proprietor of the Euclid Hotel in St. Paul, one GEORGE BOLAND, had, through information from the Police Department, advised a tenant known as the "Big Shot from Pittsburgh" to leave the city, etc., etc., it may be noted that the proprietor, MR. J. M. JOHNSON of the Euclid Hotel, was interviewed by agent and also a MR. JOHNSON who is night clerk, and the day clerk. MR. JOHNSON advised that he has operated the Euclid Hotel for the past 24 years and that never at any time during this period has anyone endeavored to offer diamonds for sale to him; that he has no recollection of anyone referred to as the "Big Shot from Pittsburgh"; further, that no one has ever been allowed to run up a hundred-dollar bill for accommodations at the hotel.

Neither the day clerk nor the night clerk had any information of value to offer in this connection.

MR. JOHNSON further stated that there has never been a party by the name of GEORGE BOLAND or GEORGE BOWLIN employed at the hotel.

MR. JOHNSON further stated that he has never received any letter at any time making any threats relative to a deal in jewelry or other such merchandise.

MR. JOHNSON was questioned for some time by agent and appears to be straight-forward in his answers, and he assured agent that although at times persons of questionable character reside at his hotel, he has never had any desire to protect people of this type and has cooperated to the fullest extent with law enforcing authorities to assist in the apprehension of wanted persons. In this connection, MR. JOHNSON cited the fact that just recently, two parties had taken a room overlooking the bank across the street; that he became suspicious of them and they were taken into custody by the St. Paul Police Department and later released.

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Concerning the call at the Euclid Hotel by Detective from  
Pittsburgh, MR. JOHNSON advised that there never had been any such contact  
and that at no time during his operation of the hotel has any detective  
or representative of the law outside the city of St. Paul come to his hotel  
seeking the apprehension of any party.

Very truly yours,

E. N. HONESTER,  
Special Agent.

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MEMORANDUM FOR S.J.C. WERNER HANLEY

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT

HOWARD G. BREMER, Victim

KIDNAPING

St. Paul File No. 7-56

BREMER was first seen at Rochester at 7:55 P.M., on February 7, 1934, near the Carlton Hotel, about two blocks south and one block east of the bus station, when he made inquiry as to the location of the bus station. HOWARD MCGOON, who was to relieve MRS. FRANKIE F. HAIGHT, ticket agent at the bus station, is of the opinion that the man who called at the bus station at about 8:00 P.M., and inquired about a bus for the Twin Cities was BREMER; MRS. HAIGHT is also of that opinion, although her description varies from the others in that she noticed a man with a mustache, while the rest relate that he appeared not to have shaved for some time. MRS. HAIGHT called a cab for this man when MCGOON informed him that the last bus had left at 7:30 P.M., but that he could take a C&NW train to Owatonna and a bus from there which would get him in St. Paul at 11:30 P.M., wherefor MERRITT HORN, cab driver, drove a man from the bus station to the C&NW station to catch the train leaving at 8:15 P.M., and believes his fare to have been BREMER.

E.R. TERREY, Star Baggage Line, Rochester, saw BREMER at the railroad station at Rochester.

WILES OSTROM, Cook Hotel, Rochester, states that at about 8:30 P.M., on February 7, 1934, he was walking down town and two men, riding in a LaSalle Coupe, headed him off and asked him the way to Highway 7 and 14. They were both young men, and the car was light. He gave them the directions and they drove away.

DR. M.F. HUSTONMAN, dentist, who is very closely connected with the BREMER family, has a brother in the clinic, is alleged to have made a remark two weeks ago at a chamber of commerce meeting that he could solve the case in two minutes if he had the permission of the BREMER family. Chief Claude saw him today about this and he denied it but stated that the LaCrosse police department might get something.

Several guests of the local hotels have been investigated but no connection established with instant matter.

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Regarding the bandages alleged to have been disturbed by BRENNAN at a point six blocks from the bus station and about a block before crossing a bridge, Chief of Police L.J. Glende, of the Rochester Police Department and his men conducted a search for the bandages immediately upon receipt of information from S.A.J. Hanni, telephoned to him early this morning. Upon arrival at Rochester and having obtained the above information indicating that BRENNAN had come to the bus station from a southeast direction, the undersigned accompanied Chief Glende and his men to the only bridges in that direction that would come anywhere near being in the locality described and searched for several blocks in all directions but no bandages were observed. It should be noted that there is a bridge about every two blocks crossing a stream passing through the town, and if some information could possibly be obtained as to whether it was a concrete or structural iron bridge, approximate relation to some other structure he may have observed, a more concentrated search may be conducted; for, as it now stands, there are about a dozen or more bridges within "six blocks" of the bus station.

Two vacant houses, which have been regarded with suspicion, were searched but no dust was found to be disturbed.

A woman, who desires that her identity be not known unless the information furnished by her is found to have some bearing in this matter, sent the following to Chief Glende: On the evening of February 6, 1934, a man came to her rooming house in Rochester and rented a room. He had three bags and a large metal box. She heard him moving about his room during the night and at 2:00 A.M., on February 7, 1934, saw him emerge from his room with a hat and coat on and wearing a pair of white canvas gloves. He went back into the room but left the house at 4:00 A.M. and returned at 8:00 A.M., remained in the room until the evening of the 7th, when he left stating that he was going to Swanton, but when he went out of the house a car drove up, which this man got into, and drove away.

Very truly yours,

J.E. BRENNAN Special Agent.

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9-St. Paul

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HARRY:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD S. BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-50.

JOHN MILLER, residence 1209 Hague Avenue, St. Paul, proprietor of the recreation parlor in the basement of the Hama Building, was interviewed by Special Agent S. J. Podd and myself.

Sometime between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. on January 25, 1934, JOHN MILLER at the recreation parlor received a telephone call from an employee named SULLY who informed MILLER that someone wanted to talk to him on the telephone. MILLER answered the phone, saying, "Hello", and the party calling, in a hearty, friendly tone said, "Hello. Is this you John. Say, I left a Hills Bros. tobacco can on your front porch. Take a cab out there immediately and take it to ADOLPH BREMER'S home." MILLER asked, "Is ADOLPH home?" The man replied, "I don't know but take it there anyway. I know you will find him." MILLER stated that he has been trying since that time to place the voice, it being his impression that he has talked to this person before, although he is not certain of that.

MILLER took a taxicab to his home. He did not find a Hills Bros. tobacco can on his porch as his wife had previously found it. According to JOHN MILLER, MRS. MILLER had seen a man come to the front of the house and leave the tobacco can. JOHN MILLER took the note, which was in the tobacco can, directly to ADOLPH BREMER'S house and gave it to ADOLPH BREMER in the presence of WALTER MAGEE. He did not see the contents of the note and he did not open it.

MILLER claimed he received no other telephone calls which appeared to have any connection with the BREMER kidnaping, nor did he deliver or receive any other note. However, he volunteered the following additional information:

About the 20th of January, a man about 30 years of age, about 6 feet tall, wearing hunting boots, came to the MILLER residence at 1209 Hague Avenue and inquired of MRS. MILLER where 1193 Hague Avenue was. She told him to go about four doors to the left. Instead, the man wheeled and on a dead run, ran to the next street intersection to the right, that is, he ran in the opposite direction.

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JOHN MILLER stated that many years ago he was saloon keeper in the Red River Valley and came to know quite well one OLLIE HAMILTON, a woman connected with carnivals; that at frequent intervals he has seen her since those days and she is now proprietress of the Canary Inn, which is located on the third lake at Forest Lake, Minnesota. During the period that ED BREMER was held, she came to him and stated that in view of their long friendship, she had some information which might prove of some interest. It seemed that there is a trapper residing in one of OLLIE HAMILTON's cottages, and two or three days after the kidnaping of BREMER, this trapper reported to her that he had seen a large dark colored sedan go into a little-used road at Half-breed Lake, which is a dry lake. MILLER inquired of OLLIE how anyone could live in a summer cottage in the winter. She pointed out that if they had oil stoves, they could comfortably heat a house and no smoke be seen from the chimney. MILLER said that he gave her \$20 as she is poor; and at a later date she informed him that Half-breed Lake can be reached by going to the third lake at Forest Lake and while on the automobile road there will be seen a store and gas station on the right-hand side, the lake being on the left-hand side. One should drive by the store to a road that intersects, at which intersection there are three mail boxes on the left-hand side. One should continue on the same road beyond the three mail boxes and take the next left turn. There will be found on this second road four or five cottages, these being the cottages to which the trapper believed the men in the black sedan were going on the day he saw them.

In that connection, I invite your attention to the fact that it appears that KARPIS and the two BARKERS, and others receiving mail at White Bear Lake early in January of this year, were living at or near a lake. I believe this should be investigated.

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I informed MR. NATHAN of the letter and I also informed you, and it was understood that MRS. MILLER would not be interviewed for a few days as I think to interview her would cause JOHN MILLER to be reluctant to give any further information as I understand his wife is very excitable and does not want to be involved in this matter. I intend to see MR. MILLER either January 9th or 10th at a room in the St. Paul hotel at which time I will endeavor to get further information from him.

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Very truly yours,

D. G. HALL,  
Special Agent

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MEMO E. A. C. BREMER HANDEL

On the night of Feb. 7 the last of the company left the Bremer home at 835 W. Seventh St. at approximately twelve o'clock. After everyone had gone, Mr. Bremer and Miss Wilshusen went over to the office of the Bremer across the street. Miss Louise Bremer and the author were sitting on the side porch talking, and the victim, Edward G. Bremer, came to the door of the back porch. I opened the door after recognizing that the man was Bremer. I left him with his sister Louise and went across the street to call Mr. Bremer. I found Mr. Bremer and Miss Wilshusen at the bottling house of the Bremer. I told Mr. Bremer of his son's arrival and escorted him back, and then went upstairs and called his brother Adolph, Jr. Upon my return, Mr. Bremer asked me not to call anyone for a few moments. After talking to Edward for a few moments, I asked for the privilege of calling the office or Mr. Hanni or Mr. Nathan. Edward insisted that I not do so as he had promised the kidnapers that nothing would come out in the morning paper, and that he must keep his word. Edward and his father then decided that the best thing to do would be wait until morning and call Mr. Nathan, Hanni and the Police Department for a conference at 9 o'clock. This I had to agree to do. Then after Edward had taken a glass or two of beer he sat down to tell the family his story.

He stated that as he stopped for a stop sign at the corner of Lexington and Goodrich on the morning of Jan. 17, someone opened the door of his car and stuck a gun in his side and demanded that he slip over, which he refused to do, and at that instance another person entered from the other side and hit him over the head several times with something he thought was a blackjack. He stated that he was pushed down in the foot of the car but was never unconscious. The car refused to start, according to his statement, and that he was in hopes that someone would come before the car started, but they continued to beat him over the head so furiously that he decided that he had best start the car, which he did with the starter button on the dash, which they were unable to locate.

According to his statement, he was driven for a while his head bleeding all over his clothes and then he changed cars, and at the time the change was made, he asked that his family not be allowed to see his car with the blood on it. He was then pushed down in the floor of the car he was changed to and the people started driving. He stated that another car was along and at frequent intervals all during the day the cars would pull up side of each other and carry on conversation which he could not understand. He stated that the accompanying car would stop for gas and get some in cans for the one in which he was riding, and that occasionally they would stop and put gas in the car he was riding in in a lonely place as he could never hear any sounds while the gas was being put into the car.

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As near as he could determine, he reached the destination around nine o'clock that night, and was marched out of the car down into a basement, the number of steps he could not remember, and there he was seated in a chair where he remained for 21 days with the exception of the time he was in bed, which was each night from around 10 o'clock until in the morning around seven or eight. After the first few days, they took the blindfold off his eyes, and he faced a bare wall for days at the time with guns resting against his side. He first stated that he was blindfolded the entire time, but later changed his statement to the effect that he was not blindfolded after the first few days with the exception of the time he was sleeping. He stated that he was fed regularly, his food consisting mostly of eggs and sausage, and sausage and eggs.

He stated that he wrote many, many letters, the number he could not estimate, and that he named several people to be contacted, most of which were objected to. He stated that he never signed any typewritten sheet with more than two lines on it, and that notes containing more than that written on a typewriter were written after he had signed the sheet. The letters he always wrote in long hand. Each time they took a letter after he had written it, he could hear them leave and it would take them approximately twenty-four hours to return. He stated that this procedure was kept almost daily and that they informed him that the attempted contacts had failed. Finally, on Sunday morning, Feb. 4, they read to him the article appearing in the paper over the signature of his father and told him that it would be his last chance, and that at this time he indicated Miss Dickman and wrote her a letter and one to his father and wife, and at the same time or the next day, he does not remember, he wrote one to Father Deere. He stated that the cars left early Monday morning, and returned Tuesday, and then left again the same day and returned Wednesday morning a very short time before they started with him.

When he left the house where he was kept, he was blindfolded and instructed to hold a handkerchief over his nose and to walk with his other hand by his side. He walked out and got into a small roadster, so near as he could tell, and one person got in on each side of him. He was driven a short distance on a very crooked road in this car when another pulled up side of them and he was taken from the roadster and put into the foot of the other car, which he thought was a small car, the make of which he could not say. Down on the floor of this car he lay between two cans and rode all day, according to his statement.

One time they ran out of gasoline and he was unloaded and two men walked with him in a corn field with guns in his sides until the other person could go after the gasoline. After dark, he stated he was pulled upon the rear seat beside one fellow and rode there until he was instructed to get out, and remain blindfolded until he counted fifteen, after they had gone, and then to remove the blindfold and go to the bus station, take a bus to St.

Paul, and not to let anyone know he was going to reach St. Paul until he arrived, and by all means not to have anything in the morning paper, which he promised them, according to his statement. After walking up in town he realized that he was in Rochester and when he reached the bus station, there was no bus to St. Paul, but they informed him he could take a train over to Owatonna and get a bus out of there to St. Paul, which he did. Upon arriving in St. Paul, he got off two blocks from the bus station and took a taxi to the West End Club and walked from there to his father's house, which he reached at 12:10 a.m., on the morning of Feb. 8.

After he finally got this story told, I asked him several questions relative to the personnel of the gang. He stated that it sounded rather unreasonable but that they kept him for 22 days and that he never got a look at one of the persons, but that he estimated that there must have been eight or ten of them, and that he could recognize several different voices which led him to believe that there were that number of people. He stated that one person sat with him the first few days he was taken and that he was rather harsh in his talk, but after a few days he left and did not reappear so far as he knew, and that he asked about him, and the other gangsters stated that he would not be around any more as he went to the wrong barber shop. After that he stated that a person was with him that talked rather kindly, and that he considered him a good fellow of his kind. He insisted that he could not recognize any one of them and that he would not make any effort to apprehend them as they had threatened his father and daughter if he did.

As to the place he was kept, he stated that he knew it was in a basement and that it was in a city for he could hear the traffic passing almost constantly, and that on Saturday he heard a church bell ringing. He had absolutely no idea as to the place he was held and stated that he had no idea of the direction he was traveling when he was being carried out or returned.

He repeatedly said to his father that they would not have any thing to do with prosecution, as their lives were at stake, and that it was not worth while. He further stated that the gangsters informed him that the so-called "finger man" was in Minneapolis. He also stated to his father that he knew plenty that he would never tell about banks and politics which caused the kidnaping. He insisted that the gang said that they were not afraid of the St. Paul police, but that they were afraid of Federal officials and warned him to take no steps to assist them or his family would be endangered.

With these statements and others relative to his wife and child, he finally decided to go to bed at three o'clock and talk to the Federal authorities at nine o'clock today, Feb. 8, as soon as they were upstairs and settled, I called Mr. Hanni and reported the findings thus far.

Very truly yours,

S. L. FORTENBERRY,  
Special Agent.

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

Re: EDWARD G. BREWSTER.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated February 11, 1934, and memorandum attached thereto.

I advise you that Special Agent A. Schreyer ascertained from the Enterprise Wall Paper Manufacturing Company, South Plainfield, N.J., that they recently purchased a design resembling that described by Brewster from the Superior Wall Paper Company, Peoria, Illinois. Inasmuch as the pattern is the original it was not possible to obtain it from the Enterprise Wall Paper Manufacturing Company. In view of the similarity of the pattern it is requested that when your office contacts the Superior Wall Paper Company that they obtain a sample of this particular pattern which is their property and appear in their sample book several years ago.

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601 Title Guaranty Bldg.  
Saint Louis, Missouri  
February 12, 1934

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

In Re: UNKNOWN PERSON,  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephonic conversation with your office of February 12, 1934 relative to the wallpaper design found in the house where Edward Bremer was held by the kidnapers, I desire to advise that Special Agent G. E. Morris of this office contacted Mr. Taylor, Vice-President of the Century Wallpaper Company of Decatur, Illinois, at which time Mr. Taylor advised that his concern made only a cheap grade of paper; that they had no design similar to the one described by Mr. Bremer; however, he stated that he believed such a design was made by the Schmitz Morning Company of Cleveland, Ohio; that same was lithographed and a high class of paper; further, that this design was known as the Hollyhock Garden Scene, and that the Minneapolis distributor for the Schmitz Morning Company was Frank Hirschfeld and Company.

Mr. Taylor further advised that hotels did not use this expensive grade of wallpaper, likewise that it would not be very apt to be found in a farmhouse; that the paper came in sheets, rather than in rolls, inasmuch as it was necessary to match the pattern in applying same to the wall; that he did not believe that more than fifty people in the State of Minnesota would have purchased this particular style of wallpaper.

As noted above, this information was immediately telephoned to the St. Paul Office, and was later telephoned to the Detroit Office, upon instructions of the Division.

Very truly yours,

E. W. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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625 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan

February 12

1934

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith a memorandum prepared by Special Agent J. L. Murphy of this office showing the result of inquiry at the Filmelens Sales Company in Detroit. It will be noted that this particular company does not manufacture lenses used for flashlights nor any lenses made of glass; that their products are made of a composition known as pyralin which resembles transparent celluloid.

It will be noted however on the second page of the memorandum that a firm known as Bell & Howell Company, 1801 Larchmont, Chicago, Illinois, are the manufacturers of the Film Cameras and Film Projectors. It appears that the above named Chicago company evidently manufactures certain lenses for cameras and therefore it appears quite probable that their lenses were used in the flashlights in question, rather than the Filmelens of Detroit.

Hence it is requested that the Chicago office conduct the necessary inquiry in that city and get out the names of all dealers and distributors in the states of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana.

As it appears quite remote that the product manufactured by the Filmelens in Detroit would be used in a flashlight it is suggested that the matter be held in abeyance by the office covering the territory in which distributors of the Filmelens are located as set out in the memorandum, awaiting further request from the St. Paul office.

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Samples of the three lenses mentioned in the memo-  
randum secured from the Filmless Company are being transmitted  
herewith to the St. Paul Office in order to compare same with  
the lenses used in the flashlights.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

W. L. Vee  
cc Division  
Chicago  
New York  
Kansas City  
Cincinnati  
St. Louis

625 Lafayette Bldg.  
Detroit, Michigan  
February 12 1934

MEMORANDUM

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
BRIKID KIDNAPING CASE

Assistant Special Agent in Charge Bruce Nathan of the New York City office called here yesterday, Sunday, stating that four flashlights used in making the contact in the above entitled case were equipped with a red lens on which the name Filmolens appeared. These lenses, it has been determined, are distributed by the Filmolens Sales Company of Detroit, which company, we were advised, makes devices for diffusing lights such as lenses for automobiles, etc. It is the Division's instruction that we ascertain if any of the products of the above company could be used in a flashlight and what the names of all dealers and distributors of the Filmolens Sales Company of Detroit be ascertained in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana.

Immediately upon receipt of this information it was determined that Mr. S. J. Mackenshira is Vice-President and Treasurer of the Filmolens Sales Company, which is located at 1921 Ford Building, telephone Cadillac 9461. The home residence of Mr. Mackenshira is 432 Chalmers, telephone Lower 5145. Mr. Mackenshira appeared at this office upon request and stated that his company does not make lenses for flashlights but only lenses for automobile tail-lights and stop-lights. He stated, however, that they do have a lens approximately 3" in diameter which might be used in a flashlight and he advised that he would furnish this office a sample of every lens manufactured.

On Monday, February 12, this Agent called at the office of the Filmolens Sales Corporation in the Ford Building and personally examined a sample of each lens made by that company. It should be stated here that the Filmolens Sales Company does not manufacture any lenses made of glass; that all of their lenses are made of a composition known as "Formalin" which resembles a transparent celluloid. Mr. Mackenshira advised that of the lenses made by their company, only three have ever been manufactured on which the name "Filmolens" appeared. These lenses are known as,

1. Universal size, which is 3 3/8 inches in diameter.
2. S.A.E. Standard size which is three inches in diameter.
3. Universal Stop Filmolens which is 4 1/8 inches in diameter, in the center of the lens is the word "Stop."

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A sample of each of the lenses above referred to as well as a folder describing each of the lenses manufactured by the Filmolens Sales Company of Detroit were furnished to Agent.

It should be noted with reference to lens #3 that this lens can be turned down to about a 3 5/8 inch lens. However, in doing so the name "Filmolens" would be cut off. Mr. Mackenhirn advised Agent that all three of these lenses have been manufactured by their company since approximately 1934. However, at the present time they are considered obsolete inasmuch as these lenses were made for stop-lights and tail-lights and the present light used by automobile manufacturers is a combination stop-light and tail-light combined and requires a different shape of lens. He stated that the only sale they have for these at the present time is for replacements and that the company has not manufactured any of these three patterns since 1936, but that orders are filled from stock they have had on hand since that time. Mr. Mackenhirn advised that their company did not have a list of the firms to whom they sell. However, the invoices of the Filmolens Sales Company for the past two years were checked and a list made of every firm to whom any of the above three lenses have been shipped during that period of time. Mr. Mackenhirn advised that he did not believe it would be necessary to go back any farther than that, as he felt the firms to whom they have been selling these particular lenses during the last two years are the only ones to whom they were sold during the past five years. The list as obtained from an examination of sales invoices will be set out later in this memorandum under the offices covering the particular territory in which each is located. It was noted from an examination of these invoices that Reinhard Brothers Company, Inc. of Minneapolis, Minn. ordered 40 of the 3" lenses and 75 of the 3 5/8" lenses on January 8, 1934. Mr. Mackenhirn advised that Reinhard Brothers Company probably used more of these lenses than any other company. Mr. Mackenhirn further advised Agent that at different times in the past they have received mail which was intended for a company manufacturing Film Cameras. He was unable to advise where this particular company was located or what the name of the manufacturer of these cameras was. Through the Eastman Kodak Company, Detroit, Michigan it was ascertained that the firm of Bell & Howell Company, 1801 Larchmont, Chicago, Illinois manufactures the Film camera and Film projectors. It is possible that this company also makes or sells a lens that might be used in a flashlight and which bears the name of Film lens. It is felt that inquiry should be made of this company concerning this matter.

The list of firms to whom lenses bearing the name Filmolens have been shipped within the past two years is as follows:

**ST. PAUL OFFICE:**

Nicola Dean & Gregg, St. Paul, Minnesota.  
 Farwell O'Brien & Kirk, St. Paul, Minnesota.  
 Western Auto Supply Company, St. Paul, Minnesota.  
 Central Organization, 115 Hennepin, Minneapolis, Minnesota.  
 Topynotch Tire Company, 187 E. Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.  
 Reinhard Brothers Co., Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota.  
 Minneapolis Iron Store Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota.  
 West End Auto Body Company, 2224 W. Michigan St., Duluth, Minnesota.  
 Marshall-Wells Company, Duluth, Minnesota.  
 Kelley-Hew-Thompson Company, Duluth, Minnesota.  
 Auto Electric Supply Company, Redwood Falls, Minnesota.  
 Wm. Hornock & Company, Sioux City, Iowa.  
 Hatfield Motor Supply Company, Aberdeen, South Dakota.  
 Aberdeen Supply Company, Aberdeen, South Dakota.  
 Cave Supply Company, Watertown, South Dakota.  
 Graff Motor Supply Company, 122 W. 7th Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

**CHICAGO OFFICE:**

E. D. Kimball & Company, 19th & Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
 (A. W. Saxsmith, assignee)  
 Universal Parts Mfg. Corporation, 1434 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.  
 Lion Auto Accessories Company, Inc. 1420 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago.  
 Conrad Mandel, 1206 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
 J & E Motor Supply Company, 20th Street & Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Loterstone Sales Company, 2515 S. Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
 Safe-T-Lite Company, 1434 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
 Continental Products Company, 1206 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Sturgis Auto Supply Company, Sturgis, Michigan.  
 Northern Auto Parts Company, 224 E. Front Street, Traverse City, Mich.  
 Hart Supply Company, 27 State Street, Oskosh, Wisconsin.  
 Gordon, Inc., Racine, Wisconsin.  
 Standard Auto Parts Company, 222 Broadway, Logansport, Indiana.  
 Coffing Hoist Company, 227 E. VanBuren Street, Danville, Illinois.  
 Robinson Auto Supply Company, 124 S. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois.

**CINCINNATI OFFICE:**

John S. Cox & Son, 222 S. 7th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana.  
 The H. J. Shraeder & Company, Inc., Kokomo, Indiana.

**KANSAS CITY OFFICE:**

Eagle Auto Parts Company, 212 Scott Street, Davenport, Iowa.  
 Western Auto Supply Company, Des Moines, Iowa.

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ST. LOUIS OFFICE:

National Auto Supply Company, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.  
Gebhardt Motor Supply Company, 828 N. Water St., Decatur, Ill.

DETROIT OFFICE:

Perfection Auto Products Corp., 1433 Franklin, Detroit, Michigan.  
Russell Electric Company, 1917 N. Michigan Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan.  
The Bostwick-Braun Company, Toledo, Ohio. (Although this company is not listed in any of the states which we were requested to cover, it is felt that because this company does a wholesale business that they might have shipped some of the lenses purchased by them to dealers located in one of the eight states mentioned above.)

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MURPHY - SPECIAL AGENT

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Cincinnati - 1  
St. Louis - 1  
Detroit - 1

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

February 15, 1934

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
Kidnaping.  
St. Paul File 7-30

Dear Sir:

Very truly yours,

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WERNER HADY.  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

February 22, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
322 Federal Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM,  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

With reference to the above entitled matter, and your letter of February 10, 1934, I am returning to you the documents which you forwarded with the above letter for the purpose of their being returned to the prison authorities at Atlanta, Georgia. These documents contain signatures and handwriting of BASIL HUGH BANCROFT.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANSEL,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

February 12, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

There are being mailed under separate cover two copper plates bearing the word, "STERIL" which, according to the officials of the Shell Petroleum Company of Minneapolis, are bogus plates. These plates were taken from the Chevrolet Coupe, a stolen car, which was used to make the pay-off in this case.

It is requested that the Division examine the unpainted side of both these plates for fingerprints, it being believed that this office may be able to determine who put the plates on the car. It is desired that photographs of whatever prints are secured be forwarded to this office for comparison at a future date with fingerprints of garage men, and garage employees, and others, who may have been employed to do this work. There are also being transmitted bolts used in fastening these prints to the doors of the car.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hanni*

WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois.

February 12, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re-UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to the Division telegram dated February 12, 1934, requesting copies of fingerprints of Andrew Youpel, Julius Schreiber and Ben Gross, who handled certain stolen bonds obtained in the Holland, Michigan, bank robbery in September, 1932.

The Bureau of Identification, Chicago Police Department advised Agent Charles Jenkins that no fingerprints were taken of the three men mentioned. Further efforts will be made to locate fingerprints of Schreiber and Gross at the Chicago Police Department.

Three copies of the fingerprints of Andrew Youpel, alias Andrew Berkson, are attached to this letter. These fingerprints were obtained today at the Chicago Division Office where Youpel was questioned by Agent Baum after being located at his parent's home in Chicago. Youpel denied any knowledge of the perpetrators of the Holland bank robbery stating that Schreiber was in possession of the bonds when there disposal was first discussed with him.

Efforts to locate Gross and Schreiber have not been successful but will be continued. All information will be set forth in a report. It will be noted that Youpel freely consented to the taking of his fingerprints.

Very truly yours,

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, there are transmitted herewith two shields purporting to be those of the Shell Gasolene Company, which were used as a signal designation in connection with the above entitled case. The St. Paul office has advised that Shell officials in the vicinity of St. Paul have stated these shields are not genuine Shell trade-marks in that vicinity. It is therefore possible that the signs were made for Shell dealers located in your district and every consideration should be given to determining their origin.

For the completion of their records photographs of these shields are being forwarded to the St. Paul office. The fingerprints appearing thereon were those caused by a grubby finger and were photographed in their original condition. Attempts were made to develop additional fingerprints by the use of powders with negative results. These fingerprints have been compared with the prints of Agent Fortenberry as suggested in the St. Paul letter of transmittal but are not found to be identical.

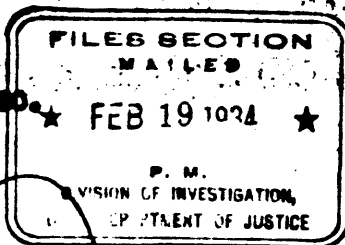
A further report as to the fingerprints will be subsequently submitted.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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February 13, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

MR. NATHAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. CLEGG \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. COWLEY \_\_\_\_\_  
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MR. LOCKE \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. HOBBS \_\_\_\_\_

At 1:25 AM, The Herald Examiner of Chicago called and asked to be connected with Mr. Hoover. This call was transferred to Mr. Clegg.

Mr. Nathan called from St. Paul at 1:35 AM, stating that Mr. Clegg had called relative to an alleged hide-out in Iowa which had been found by Brigadier General Findlay. Mr. Findlay was contacted but denied that there was any truth to this report. Mr. Nathan asked that this information be conveyed to Mr. Clegg.

At Mr. Clegg's request, I telephoned Special Agent Trainor at Kansas City, informing him that the kidnaped (Bremer) had been at Preston, Iowa. I also told Mr. Trainor what Mr. Nathan had said - that Findlay denied that there was any truth to the alleged hide-out in Iowa.

Mr. Trainor stated that he had telephoned Special Agent Dewey, who reported that he was in touch with Findlay today and that Findlay is under the influence of liquor and is unable to give any definite information. However, Mr. Dewey got the information from the Sheriff at Des Moines that the Sheriff had reported to the press that he had under observation two farms close to Des Moines, and Findlay, who is sort of a political opponent of the Sheriff, then went him one better and reported to the press that he had under observation a farm down near Preston, Iowa. Mr. Trainor stated that there seems to be a political contest between the Chief of the State Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Findlay, and the Sheriff at Des Moines. Mr. Dewey reported to Mr. Trainor that Findlay is intoxicated tonight and that prevented a very good interview.

Mr. Trainor asked Mr. Dewey to get in touch with Mr. Findlay the first thing in the morning and ascertain the full basis of Findlay's interview with the press, and furnish Mr. Trainor, by telephone, the facts, whatever they might be. Mr. Trainor said he would give the Division every bit of information that Findlay has to-morrow, and also advise Mr. Nathan by telephone.

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Respectfully,

*CR Vogel*

Night Clerk

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

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February 13, 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 —

About 1:30 A.M. today Chicago called. I waited about ten minutes for the connection to be clear and it was a Mr. Traboni of the Chicago Herald Examiner. He wanted verification of the rumor that the kidnaping hide-out place for Bremer had been located at Preston, Iowa, and that two suspects were being held. I asked him for additional details and he stated that this report is rumored to have come from Mr. Park Findlay, of Iowa, and he also inquired if Special Agent O. C. Dewey was connected with this Division. I informed him that Dewey was.

Concerning the rumor that this place had been located, I told him the Division was not in a position to comment. Upon his insistence, I told him I had not been at the office in several hours and was naturally out of touch with recent developments but that I had heard nothing of this rumor.

I immediately telephoned the St. Paul office; no answer. I then telephoned Mr. Hanni's residence; no answer. I then telephoned Mr. Nathan, who answered and stated he had received three telephone calls from newspapers already and had been trying to get a telephone message through to Park Findlay, of Des Moines, but had been unsuccessful. He knew of no details to substantiate the rumor.

I telephoned Mr. Conroy at the Kansas City office but he was not there. I telephoned Mr. Conroy at his residence number; no answer. I learned that Mr. Trainor was Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Kansas City office and talked with him. He had heard nothing of the rumor. I told him to get in touch with Agent Dewey and if he could not locate Dewey, to get in touch with Findlay or some one in Iowa by telephone to see what this was all about, and to call me back if there was any affirmative information.

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Shortly after 2:00 A.M. the night clerk called. He informed me he had given the Chicago newspaper my number. He stated that Mr. Nathan called and claims he had been in touch with Park Findlay and that there was no basis for the rumor.

The attached memorandum prepared by night clerk Vogel shows that Agent Dewey, according to Trainor, ~~was in touch with Findlay~~ and that he and some Sheriff were trying to find out who could tell the biggest yarn about this case, apparently.

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Respectfully,

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H. E. Clegg.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Harvey telephoned from Philadelphia. He has conferred with Mr. Allman, President of the National Wallpaper Wholesalers Association. He has in his place 3500 samples of wallpaper and states there are about 36 manufacturers in the United States, about 4000 wholesalers and 60,000 paper hangers and retailers; that the life of wallpaper is from six to ten years; that when new patterns are brought out the old patterns are destroyed; that there are about 50,000 types of wallpaper in the United States and each type is printed in six different hues and shades, making a total of 250,000 to 300,000 samples, all told. I gave Mr. Harvey the description of the wallpaper as furnished today and suggested that he return and insist upon Mr. Allman coming to his office and furnishing him with the list of manufacturers so that undeveloped leads could be sent to all offices in which these 36 manufacturers were located in an endeavor to identify the pattern described so that it may then be exhibited to Bremer for identification and then we could begin our circularization. He said he would do this.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

// See that this is pressed.  
J. R. H.

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Bureau of Investigation  
735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

February 13, 1934

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

Re: Unknown Subjects  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir

Reference is made to your telegram dated February 12, 1934  
in the above entitled case.

b7c Please be advised that this office maintains no file on Edward  
Doll, subject of I.O.#1214, with the exception of the Identifi-  
cation Order file. A thorough review was made of the files in  
this office containing any of the aliases used by Doll. It  
appears that Philadelphia file entitled [REDACTED]  
with aliases, impersonation, is the only one including any of  
Doll's aliases, i.e., J. E. JACKSON. However, [REDACTED] bears no  
connection with Doll.

Very truly yours

*R. G. Harvey*  
R. G. Harvey  
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

memo Mr. Clegg  
2-12-34  
8:15

Mr. Larson telephoned from Detroit. He had talked with Kathryn Kelly until about 1:00 o'clock this morning. He had some information which he believed of vital importance in the Bremer case, which he gives as follows:

According to Kathryn Kelly, about two or three years ago a prominent and wealthy man of South Bend, Indiana named Woolverton, was kidnaped at South Bend, Indiana. He was picked up on the street at night. Kathryn Kelly states that George (Machine Gun) Kelly and Eddie LaRue, alias Doll, I. O. 1214, were the two who had kidnaped Woolverton. This information is given credence by Larson because when Larson and Mr. Nathan talked with Kathryn Kelly on a previous occasion, she asked specifically what the penalty was in Indiana on kidnaping charges and he feels that this is what she had in mind at that time.

Kathryn Kelly further believes that LaRue is involved in the Bremer kidnaping and she cites the following reasons for her belief:

Woolverton was held in the basement of LaRue's brother's house between Chicago and Joliet and LaRue's brother goes by the name of Doll LaRue. In this particular case, no ransom was paid. The police began searching all residences, so they gave up the victim, releasing him on the outskirts of a town and giving Woolverton \$10.00 to get home on.

He further states that Kathryn Kelly is of the opinion that through a clever arrangement, Machine Gun Kelly at Leavenworth might be induced to tell where this house was located between Chicago and Joliet and if Bremer was held in the basement of a house, as Larson understands is the case, this may be the same house that was involved.

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Immediately after they had set Woolverton free, LaRue and Kelly proceeded to Kansas City the following day and wired Kathryn Kelly to join them there at the Phillips Hotel 13 1934

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where they registered under the name of R. G. Shannon and wife and she believes that LaRue at that time used the name of Lang when registering. A few days after Kathryn Kelly joined them at the Phillips Hotel, Kelly told Kathryn about the kidnaping and when LaRue found out about this, he became very angry and his anger was occasioned by the fact that he had stated his next kidnaping job was going to be one where \$200,000 would be the ransom obtained.

He had been heretofore engaged in bank robberies but he claimed that this was too dangerous so he was going into the kidnaping business as a racket. LaRue had talked with Kelly about the Urschel kidnaping. He was supposed to have been in on it but LaRue failed to meet Kelly and Bates in Texas at the appointed time, so Kelly and Bates went ahead with the kidnaping by themselves.

LaRue has also stated in the presence of Kathryn Kelly that the proper way to handle a kidnaped victim was to hold him for a period of two weeks or longer and to have the person making the "pay off" drive along a road back and forth several times until he was signaled to throw the money out of the car and that one of the kidnaped group would be watching the car to see that the authorities were not around and could flash the signal under such circumstances.

She further believes that if Bremer was held in a basement, this would be a further indication that LaRue might be connected with it because Woolverton was held in a basement.

Concerning the Sioux City, Iowa angle, Kathryn stated that LaRue was once at Sioux City, Iowa and sent George and Kathryn Kelly a telegram to New Orleans asking them to meet him. They subsequently suggested that they return to Sioux City but LaRue did not want to do so because he was too well known there and, in fact, had an ex-wife living there. LaRue has been married, according to Kathryn Kelly, nine times. About two years ago he married a woman in Maine. He went from Kathryn Kelly's home to Maine to be married but on the occasion of his departure, he refused to tell Kathryn the exact location to which he was going because he had always said when he got "hot" he was going there to cool off.

Shannon F. (Lang) X

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Kathryn also advised that Frank Hayes, Manager of the Hayes Hotel in Chicago, is the contact man for all mobsters in that section and he has the addresses of all of this bunch at all times. She, on one occasion, called Hayes asking for Kelly's address and Hayes told her she could reach Kelly at Tupelo, Mississippi and she found him there; that Hayes received \$2700 of the Urschel kidnaping money from Bates, who sent it to Hayes from Denver, Bates being indebted to Hayes in that sum. Hayes has the addresses of all mobsters and, if forced to talk, could locate any of them promptly.

In connection with the ransom note, Mr. Larson had received a lead from the St. Paul office some time ago with reference to twelve or fifteen words misspelled in the Bremer notes. He talked with Kathryn about this. She stated that LaRue was quite a joke among his friends because he always used big words and never knew how to spell them. Larson asked about the word "consecutive." She stated that was a word he used very frequently and she doubted if he knew how to spell it; that she had received letters from LaRue herself and many big words appeared in the letters and most of them were misspelled.

Mr. Larson commented on the fact that he discussed with Kathryn also a story which she had previously related to Larson and Mr. Nathan and she repeated in minute detail the same story in exactly the same detail, which adds further credence to the information which she gave.

Kathryn stated that associated with LaRue is Lee Turner, formerly from St. Louis but a Chicago gangster who has been arrested in Chicago on two occasions. (Mr. Cowley advises that Turner was sentenced October 22, 1933 at Danville, Illinois to serve one year and one day at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and is there at the present time.)

Turner is a short man 5' 5" in height, weight 125 pounds and, according to Mr. Larson, some information has been received at the St. Paul office to the effect that a short man was involved in the case.

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In connection with the Holland, Michigan bank robbery, she advised that George Kelly had a friend known as "Big" Homer. No other name is known, and he weighs about 220 pounds, is about 45 years of age and talks in a low toned voice; that Kelly, LaRue and Turner went to Holland, Michigan to look the bank over there on one occasion.

She also stated that LaRue and one Ted Bentz frequently would make charts of different methods of approaching and getting away from towns and LaRue is likewise a friend of Tom Banks in St. Paul who figured in the money handling transaction in the Urschel case and when Kelly wanted to locate LaRue, he would get in touch with Tom Banks for this purpose; that in connection with the Woolverton kidnaping, a Chrysler four door sedan was used.

Mr. Larson stated that Chicago had been furnished with a part of the information in that he had asked that office to go to South Bend and get any ransom notes sent to the Woolvertons, for transmission to the Division's laboratory. Kathryn incidentally advises that LaRue uses a typewriter but not expertly, that he had frequently used her own machine but he could not write a neat letter and again she mentioned his habit of misspelling big words.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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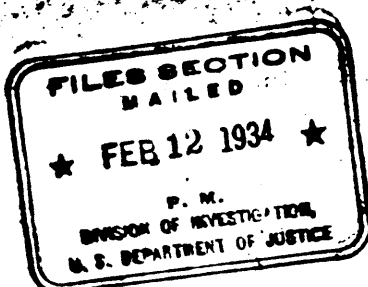
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

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With reference to your memorandum of February 9, 1934, reporting the conversation had with Special Agent in Charge Larson at Detroit, covering an interview with Kathryn Kelly, I wish you would see that the various matters referred to in this report of Mr. Larson are given very prompt and careful attention. I think every effort should be exerted by our Division to bring about the apprehension of Lakoe, who is already a fugitive from justice, wanted by us. All other matters referred to by Kathryn Kelly should be definitely checked, as I am of the opinion that there are some very good leads in this material.

Very truly yours,

Director.





JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1934

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| MR. ROPER   | _____ |

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In connection with the attached letter, I called Mr. V. A. Smith, Acting Special Agent in Charge, of the Chicago Office, and requested that they immediately locate the three individuals who were arrested in Chicago negotiating bonds stolen from the Holland State Bank, as possible suspects in this case.

I advised Mr. Smith that the same typewriter was used in that as was used in the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

He was also instructed to endeavor to locate relatives, and friends of Rossi, who was indicted for the Holland Bank Robbery, and recently killed in Chicago.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

*I understand that  
Dr. Dunder doesn't  
share this view.*

*2/8/34 J. C. H.*

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U. S. Department of Justice  
P.O.Box 515, St.Paul,Minn.

February 12, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
St.Paul File No.7-30.

In the above entitled matter, there are enclosed  
herewith memoranda of various agents of the St.Paul Division  
Office, together with original letters referred to in memoran-  
dum of Special Agent J.E.Brennan, dated February 8, 1934, copies  
of which have been made for the St.Paul Division Office files.

Very truly yours,

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WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 3, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WENNER HANKE:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-20.

Referring to the attached anonymous letter received by ABOLIN BREMER, SR., Reverend E. J. WILKE was interviewed and he stated that on February 2nd, he received an anonymous letter in the same handwriting as that referred to above, which letter was received through the United States Mails bearing postmark Minneapolis, February 2, 1934, and contained descriptions as to the manner in which he should dispose of \$9,000 asked by the writer; that he tore the letter up and threw it in the waste basket. It was recovered and pasted together and is attached hereto. Reverend WILKE further stated that on February 6th he received another letter postmarked Minneapolis, February 5th, which is attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

J. E. BREMER,  
Special Agent.

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MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.C. WERNER HANDEL

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file No. 7-576

MR. Enoch Nozem, City Editor, Mason City Globe Gazette, Mason City, Iowa, residing at 3 Willow Drive, advised that the information in his possession, upon which he had called the Ramsey County Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, was all obtained by him from FORD LEE, Clerk in the Post Office at Clear Lake, Iowa. Arrangements were made whereby LEE came to Mason City, Iowa, and was interviewed at the Hanford Hotel. MR. LEE stated that one WILBUR HUGHSON now resides at 415 North Vincent Street, Clear Lake, Iowa, and that he has been there about a year and one-half. It is believed that his mother-in-law also lives there and that she is the owner of this house. HUGHSON married a woman by the name of ZORHEL, said to be a daughter of the woman who owned the place. LEE has observed mail received by HUGHSON, and gathers the information that HUGHSON's father resides at Manistique, Michigan, and is a barber there. About two or three weeks ago, not over three weeks, three cars showed up at this place, one being an old dilapidated Dodge sedan bearing Wisconsin license plates. The number of these plates was taken by the postmistress but LEE had not informed her of his suspicions and therefore had not the number at the time of the interview. One of the other cars was a Chevrolet, about a 1932 model, not a coupe and not a sedan, but believed to be what is called a four passenger coupe. This car had a Minnesota license number and also had a tag with the word "Midway." The third car, make not known, was believed to be a roadster. This car also had Minnesota license plates. LEE had obtained much of his information from EVERETT WOOLRIDGE, local rural mail carrier, and WOOLRIDGE advised him that everytime these cars were parked at this house a blanket would be casually thrown over the car so as to cover the license plate. LEE stated that these cars were gone the morning after BREMER's release, and he believes that the day was Thursday. They had been observed by WOOLRIDGE about 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, and could perhaps have disappeared unnoticed anytime shortly thereafter. WOOLRIDGE observed the Chevrolet back at this place either Thursday or Friday morning about 10:00 or 10:30 A.M. It was driven away from this house up to U. S. Highway #18, one and one-half blocks south, and was seen to turn west. These parties have not been seen around Clear Lake, Iowa, since that date. The Dodge sedan was there at that time, but has since disappeared.

HUGHSON is described as follows: Age, 28 to 30; Height, 5 feet, 6 inches; Weight, 180 pounds; Hair, dark brown; Medium-ruddy complexion; usually wears lumber jacket around place; when last seen, about February 8, had not shaved for about three days.

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One of the parties who called for mail under the name of HUGHSON is described as follows: Age, 25-26; Height, 5 feet; Weight, 175 pounds; sunken eyes; lantern jaw; long neck and prominent "Adam's apple."

Another party whom LEE had never seen, was merely described by him as being a big burly fellow, weighing well over 300 pounds and "real tough looking."

Upon further thought, LEE feels sure that there must have been three men there besides HUGHSON, but he could not recall definitely enough to give a description. One of these men had a big scar on his face, and one has a sort of pasty complexion, someone having remarked that he looked as if he had just got out of jail.

With reference to the house at 415 North Vincent Street, Clear Lake, Iowa, a minute description was not obtained, but LEE stated that it is a very old house, white, frame, not a full two story house, the upper story apparently being only about a half story; in other words, it was not believed that full rooms composed the upper story without being cut off by the roof. It is located about a block and a half from the Milwaukee Railroad Station in Clear Lake, and also about the same distance north of U. S. Highway #16, which is a well traveled highway. A Milwaukee Railroad passenger train leaves the station going east at 9:55 P.M. each night, and as it is usually a heavy train it makes considerable noise in starting off. Regularly, thirty to forty-five minutes thereafter, a meat train goes through at a high rate of speed and does not stop. It is known to whistle long and loudly at a nearby crossing, called the creamery crossing, because recently a party was killed by this Milwaukee train at that crossing. The house is believed to have modern improvements.

Since the above parties have been at this address, some mail has been received, merely sent to the street address, there being no name on the letter. HUGHSON also mailed two letters recently to the same party or to two different parties, and had a different return addresses on the two letters. HUGHSON gets an average of possibly six letters a week. He has left forwarding addresses on a few occasions to General Delivery, St. Paul and also Minneapolis. On one instance, he left a similar address for Des Moines, Iowa.

With further reference to HUGHSON, LEE stated that a man from Clear Lake, Iowa, by the name of WES HILL, who is considered reliable, told of an experience a short time ago, while in either St. Paul or Minneapolis. HILL was in a bawdy house (as LEE inferred from their conversation) and while there went into a back room, looking for a lavatory, and noticed a number of men who had guns lying out on a table, and some of the men were cleaning guns. HILL overheard enough of their conversation before being observed to

conclude that they had held up a drug store and had not been very successful. When they discovered him, one of them quickly covered him with a gun and it developed that HUGHSON was present among this gang and identified HILL as being from Iowa and as being alright, and he was permitted to proceed.

Very truly yours,

R. T. MOONAN,  
Special Agent.

RTM:RM  
3 Division  
St. Paul

February 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.C. WERNER

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file 7-576-334

MR. STUCH, Post Office Inspector, St. Paul, Minnesota, was interviewed and advised that since October 1, 1933, a gang, which he believes originated in the Twin Cities and apparently operating entirely in the State of South Dakota, has been responsible for twelve bank and post office robberies.

The first burglary by this gang occurred on October 1, 1933, and three burglaries in January, since the Kidnaping of EDWARD G. BREMER; on January 24, 1934, at Strandburg, South Dakota; on January 30, 1934, at Sinai, South Dakota; on February 7, 1934, at Seneca, South Dakota. In all of these operations the burglars had used equipment consisting of acetylene torches, drills, and nitro-glycerine.

Some of the equipment used was stolen from the North Star Hardware Company at Owatonna, Minnesota. In each instance after the burglary the materials used were cached and two sacks of such equipment have been found by Post Office Inspectors.

It appears that the burglaries in question, although the North Star Hardware Store in Owatonna was robbed the same night as license plates were stolen in that city which were later used by the Kidnapers, have no direct connection with the Kidnaping. The fact that three of the burglaries have taken place while BREMER was being held by the Kidnapers would indicate that there is no connection between the activities of this gang and the instant case.

The materials recovered by MR. STUCH include several old army pistols, obsolete in type, and which have been discarded by the Ordnance Department and sold to the public. These guns were traced by MR. STUCH. The drills and torches used were stolen at Owatonna and points in South Dakota.

Very truly yours,

E. M. NOTESTERN,  
Special Agent.

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3 Division  
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St. Paul, Minn.,  
February 11, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Edward G. Bremer; KIDNAPING;  
File # 7-30.

In connection with the telephone call received from Erwin Steiner, phone Colfax 5365, Minneapolis, Minn., to the effect that one Henry Miller, 2610 Emerson Ave., South, Minneapolis, had seen a small coupe south of Rochester, Minn. waiting on the evening the victim was released, and was afraid to talk, Miller was interviewed at his home on Feb. 10, 1934 at which time he related the following: That around 9:30 am on Wednesday, Feb. 7th, he was in Decorah, Iowa waiting for a bus to take him to Minneapolis when he noticed a late model Ford Coach covered with mud; that he wanted to hitch-hike a ride to Minneapolis and accordingly approached two men who were in the car and asked them if they were driving toward Minneapolis, to which they replied in the negative; that the Ford Coach was parked at this time about three blocks from the Hotel Winneshik; that during the next forty-five minutes the same car was seen parked at two additional places in Decorah, namely in front of the Hotel Winneshik and at a spot located on the avenue about one block from the hotel; that the license plates on this car were not noticed nor was the color of same for the reason that the car was almost totally covered with mud. Miller said he rode a Jefferson Transportation Co. bus into Minneapolis, leaving Decorah at 11:25 am and arriving Minneapolis at 4:40 pm; that his mind had not returned to the two men in the Ford Coach until the evening of Feb. 8th when he noticed the photographs of Freddie Barker and Alvin Karpis in the Minneapolis Journal and noticed that the photographs resembled the two men he had seen in Decorah. The following descriptions of the two men were furnished by Miller: Ages- about 35 to 40 years each; Heights- described as tall, possibly 5 ft. 10 in.; Coloring- dark; Dress- both seemed to be fairly well dressed and wore overcoats and felt hats.

Miller stated that he did not intend to be making an identification of the two men as Barker and Karpis as he was not positive that the photos were those of the men in question; stating further that he might recognize the men if he saw them again, while on the other hand he might not be able to do so. He said that he was furnishing this data for what it might be worth; but, advised that whoever stated he was afraid to tell same to the authorities was in error.

Miller stated, further, that the only reason in his opinion that he noticed the men in the first place was the fact that both of them were hanging around the car at all times.

Henry Miller is unemployed and has no telephone.

Very truly yours,

*S. E. McKee*  
S. E. McKee,  
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minn.  
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MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.C. WERNER HANKE:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM,  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

ON FEBRUARY 9, 1934, about 9:15 A.M., one, JOHN MILLER, appeared at the EDWARD G. BREMER home at 92 North Mississippi River Boulevard. JOHN MILLER is EDWARD G. BREMER'S hunting partner and a very close personal friend. EDWARD G. BREMER, at the time, stated that JOHN MILLER was one of his contact men and asked MILLER whether he got the letter. MILLER did not give a definite answer but went on to relate that some time after the reception of this letter in a Hills Brothers Coffee Can, he received a telephone call through his desk man at his place of business. At this time, MILLER appeared to be laboring under the impression that EDWARD BREMER possibly knew who his abductors were and stated whether he, BREMER, had seen the tall man with the fur cap; that such an individual appeared at his, MILLER'S home, one evening and asked where 1193 Hague Avenue was; that he, MILLER, gave him the directions, this address being only a few doors away; that immediately this man ran to the right to Griggs Street and then to Selby Avenue; that he, MILLER, observed a car drive up and down the street, several times, in front of his home; that this was very unusual to him because there were very few cars on this particular street. MILLER also spoke of a little fellow and spoke about his having some connection with a race track or something of that sort. EDWARD BREMER denied any knowledge of either of the two individuals. At this time, MILLER said to BREMER, something to the effect that, "You must have seen the man that accosted you". BREMER spoke up and said that he had seen no one. The only thing he saw was a gun when he opened the door and immediately there was a car in front and that another "guy" cracked him from the side and that another "guy" started cracking him over the head and that they kept on pounding him. He said he, "Didn't see a darn soul". It appeared apparent to Agent that BREMER and MILLER were reluctant about speaking about the abduction in this Agent's presence. Agent, however, overheard some of the following conversations:

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20.6 MAR 18 1965 BREMER stated that he tried to think of somebody who would make a good contact man as the gang was pretty sore at MAGEE; that they threatened to kill him, MAGEE, and that he, BREMER, wanted to change

contact men so that he could pull MAGER out of the picture. He stated that at the time he thought that they were serious and meant business when they said they would kill MAGER and he did not want to save his own life and MAGER killed. He also stated that until he got home he was under the impression that the contact was made through JOHN MILLER. At this time, Agent overheard a conversation and a statement made by JOHN MILLER to the effect that "You know your telephone is tapped". BREMER also denied to MILLER, at least in a tone of voice so Agent could hear, that he had no idea as to where the kidnap hideout was. During the above conversation, and subsequent conversation, which Agent could not overhear, on three or four occasions, JOHN MILLER would make the statement so that Agent could hear, that he was glad that he, EDWARD BREMER, was taking the attitude that he was taking. This particular remark was made at times when EDWARD BREMER stated that he could not identify any of his kidnapers, or knew anything concerning the hideout.

Subsequent to the release of EDWARD G. BREMER there was considerable discussion around the BREMER home about hunting trips. The name, JOHN MILLER, was brought into the conversation several times. There was some conversation at one time that possibly a contact would be made through JOHN MILLER, but there was considerable dissenting opinion in this regard as statements were made to the effect that JOHN MILLER operated the HAMM RECREATION PARLOR in the Hamm Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, and was more or less associated with the underworld and had various sorts of people coming to his place of business and he was more or less playing both ends against the middle and for this reason they doubted whether contact would ever be made through MILLER.

The St. Paul Telephone Directory discloses that there is a JOHN MILLER residing at 1239 Hague Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. Apparently this is the correct address as the tall individual in the fur cap, who allegedly appeared at the MILLER home, asked for the address 1193 Hague Avenue, which was a few doors away.

GERTRUDE KOPEK, maid at the EDWARD G. BREMER home, 92 North Mississippi River Road, advised Agent that the day following the return of Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD G. BREMER from Chicago, which would be the day preceding the abduction of EDWARD G. BREMER, she saw a man walking around the adjoining residence, which is vacant. This particular residence is a large home and has no tenants. She stated that she was watching this individual, as she was washing dishes, and could see him through the kitchen window; that he kept looking toward the EDWARD G. BREMER home all the time; that she observed that he had a bundle on one of his shoulders; that he was, possibly, 35 or 40 years of age and medium size. She could give no further information.

MARGARET KOPIA, sister of VERTHUNE KOPIA, maid at the BREMER home, who visited the BREMER home on several occasions during the absence of EDWARD G. BREMER, advised that on about Thursday, February 1, 1934, about 11:15 P.M., when she left the BREMER home, she noticed a dark colored four door sedan following her as she got to the alley at the rear of the BREMER home. The car went up the incline, passed her, and after she got on another street, name unknown, the car passed her very slowly; that she noticed two men in the car; that she saw this same car again on Summit Avenue near the St. Thomas College Library; that one of the men got out and walked towards her and, in fact, walked in front of her and brushed against her as he went by; that he apparently was looking her over; that he had a flashlight in his hand and one hand in his pocket. She stated that, after this incident, he walked to the corner and got in the waiting car; that she was positive that she saw this same car meet another car at Snelling and Grand Avenues, as she passed this corner. She was going to 1577 Osceola Avenue where she is employed as maid. She described this individual as being about 30 years of age, of medium height and medium build, and wearing a worn dark overcoat and cap. She stated that on Sunday, February 4, 1934, when she left the above address, 1577 Osceola Street, to visit her sister at the BREMER home, she noticed another car following her but she was so afraid she could not remember much about it.

VERTHUNE KOPIA, above, advised that she has another sister, staying at the home of O.A. ANDERSON, Room 9, (on 36th & Lynn Avenue), St. Louis Park, and that the St. Louis Park Police were watching a home about one-half block distant from the O.A. ANDERSON home and that this same car had followed her sister, MARGARET, on February 2, 1934, and was possibly the same car that was seen in the vicinity of this home that the St. Louis Park Police were watching. She stated that the description given by the people at the O.A. ANDERSON residence, St. Louis Park, somewhat coincided with the information that MARGARET KOPIA subsequently gave. She stated that she understood that this particular place was rented a few days before the EDWARD G. BREMER kidnapping; that the curtains were all pulled down in the place and there was considerable veiled activity.

MRS. W.H. VON der WEYER, sister of MRS. EDWARD G. BREMER, as well as her husband, DR. W.H. VON der WEYER, advised Agent that on Saturday night, February 3, 1934, they went home from the BREMER home and stopped at the home of DR. CARL LARSON, a physician of the EDWARD G. BREMER family, and they noticed a car pull up and observe their car when they went into the LARSON home. The description given of the car was that it was a dirty colored, or old, sedan. They could not give any information as to the description, or number of occupants in the car.

Very truly yours,

JOHN V. ANDERSON? SPECIAL AGENT.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
February 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO S.A.C. WERNER HANKE:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

At 8:00 P.M., February 10, 1934, I interviewed JOHN MILLER, one of the contact men in this case, at the St. Paul Hotel. He informed me that he had talked to EDWARD BREMER and EDWARD BREMER had told him that, while BREMER was held by the kidnapers, a trapper had visited the abductors one day and spent about two hours at the house. He stated that EDWARD BREMER had mentioned he heard two switch engines; that there was a family living upstairs and that there were children playing upstairs; that the kidnapers informed him the finger man was a Minneapolis resident; that he had gone north and not south from St. Paul to the hideout; that EDWARD BREMER had an idea who the man was that called JOHN MILLER regarding the note found in the tobacco can found on MILLER'S front porch.

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Very truly yours,

G. G. HALL, SPECIAL AGENT.

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St. Paul Hotel, St. Paul,  
February 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO S.A.C. WERNER HANDEL:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

With reference to J.L. WOLF, who was LEON GLECKMAN'S guest at the St. Paul Hotel, on February 5, 1934, please be advised that WOLF called the following numbers while a guest at the hotel:

[REDACTED]

WOLF was at the hotel on January 8, 1934, also. LEON GLECKMAN pays his bills at the hotel.

Very truly yours,

D.G. HALL, SPECIAL AGENT.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
February 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO S.A.C. HERMAN HANDEL:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM,  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

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With reference to J.L. WOLF, who was LEON GLENNAN's guest at the St. Paul Hotel, on February 5, 1934, please be advised that WOLF called the following numbers while a guest at the hotel:

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WOLF was at the hotel on January 8, 1934, also. LEON GLENNAN pays his bills at the hotel.

Very truly yours,

O.C. HALL, SPECIAL AGENT.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
February 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO S.A.C. WERNER HANNI:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

On February 10, 1934, I interviewed County Attorney Goff, Minneapolis, Minnesota, regarding the KARPIS and BARKER gangs. He advised that investigation made by his office after this gang had robbed the bank in Minneapolis and killed two police officers had resulted in learning that on November 11, 1930, B.E. HARRIS shipped a trunk from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to MRS. P.H. NEWBALD, 1141 North Francisco Street, Chicago, rear apartments, which trunk was valued at \$50.00 and weighed 54 pounds. The charges for carrying were \$1.75. On the reverse side of the receipt of the Railroad Express Company, written in pencil, is the following: "727 West Jessie, 8:30 P.M.". B.E. HARRIS is LAWRENCE DEVOLD. His mother is EMMA DEVOLD, 720 Richmond Street, Morgantown, Virginia. LAWRENCE DEVOLD is doing a life sentence at Stillwater, Minnesota, for the murder of a policeman at Minneapolis, Minnesota. This gang used to frequent the Kanesaw Hotel at Minneapolis, Minnesota. COMMON and COMMON, attorneys at law, represented them at Miami, Oklahoma. This gang also frequents the Beckshire Arms Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri. MRS. P.H. NEWBALD is EMILY NEWBALD. She is the sister of RAYMOND HADLEY, who is Alvin Karpis. The Chicago Police Department arrested the NEWBALDS on November 17, 1930, when the trunk, mentioned above, reached its destination.

Attorney Goff believes that the KARPIS and BARKER gang may have kidnaped EDWARD G. BREMER. He stated that one member of the gang is CLARENCE COLTON, who divides his time between Des Moines, Iowa, and St. Paul, Minnesota. COLTON was arrested August 3, 1932, at St. Paul, Minnesota, as a result of a raid at 545 Wabasha. At that time, he gave a \$500.00 bond for gun toting. His companion, at that arrest, was DONALD FELIX, who furnished a similar bond. Both jumped their bonds and there was quite a scandal about it.

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In Minneapolis, Minnesota, this gang has the following friends:

GLEE JORDAN, 209 East 16th Street;  
MYRTLE PARTRIDGE, patient at Glenn Lake Sanitarium;  
VIOLET NELSON, nurse at Abbott Hospital.

The chief of detectives at Tulsa, Oklahoma, from a communication dated April 10, 1933, at Tulsa, mentions that he knows CLARENCE COLTON and the rest of the gang.

At the Identification Division, Minneapolis Police Department, RAY HARRINGTON furnished the following information:

WILLIAM WEAVER is St. Paul Police Department #23452;  
CLARENCE COLTON is St. Paul Police Department #23451, under the alias GEORGE MARSHALL;  
Other members of this gang are:

DAGO FRANK HOWARD; JACK ORA KILBURN, who has a Kansas City, Missouri, number; and COWBOY JAMES M. HAYES, who is Kansas City #13312.

I am writing a letter special delivery, air mail, to the Division requesting that large photographs be furnished of the above named.

Very truly yours,

O. C. HALL, SPECIAL AGENT.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
February 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO S.A.C. WERNER HANNI:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

With further reference to the 1933 Chevrolet Coupe, which was used in the pay-off, please be advised that the automobile bureau of the St. Paul Police Department shows that this car is the property of DR. J. L. TOMASEK, 1914 Lincoln Avenue, with offices at 300 Bremer Avenue. This car was stolen at St. Clair and Snelling Avenues, December 22, 1933.

The owner was interviewed at the St. Paul Division Office on February 11, 1934, and he advised that about 8:30 P.M., while enroute to his home, he stopped his car on Snelling Avenue, near St. Clair, for the purpose of buying a Christmas tree. He got out of the car and walked about 75' to the Christmas trees that were for sale. About five minutes later, he returned to the place where he had parked his car and same was gone. He saw no one at the scene of the theft of the car and has no idea whatever who stole same.

This car, when examined at BREMER'S garage, here Minnesota, license tags #B199876. This license was issued to E. J. PETRANEK, 515 East 9th Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, for a 1931 Chevrolet Coupe, motor #2882760. I understand that Agent Hotesteen has made investigation regarding these plates.

In the rear of this Chevrolet Coupe was found 1933 license #B327634. This was issued to ED. BELL, 114 1/2 South Sixth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for a 1929 Ford Roadster.

A number of articles were taken from this Chevrolet Coupe and brought to the St. Paul Division Office for DR. J. L. TOMASEK to identify. DR. TOMASEK identified the following articles as his property:

- 1 box-type kodak;
- 2 umbrellas;
- 1 pair of amber glasses;
- 1 dome light lens;

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1 hatchet;  
1 windshield wiper blade;  
2 old army blankets;  
1 pair of pliers;  
a quantity of old newspapers bearing dates of April, 1935. These, according to the owner, were used to wrap an outboard motor which he carried in the rear of his car;

There was found in the car a railroad man's dark blue cap. DR. TOMASEK said this was not his cap.

He advised that he purchased this car in April, 1935, from the Midway Chevrolet Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, and that same was insured.

Regarding the Shell signs on each door panel of the car, I interviewed MR. BORESON of the Shell Petroleum Corporation, 2400 Minnehaha Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and he advised, after having the signs described to him, that same were not the signs of his company. I intend to have MR. BORESON examine the signs in an effort to determine how the kidnappers could have come into possession of such signs.

Very truly yours,

O. C. HALL, SPECIAL AGENT.

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

February 12, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-35.

As per telephone conversation, I am sending you copy  
of memorandum of Special Agent J.K. Brennan, dated at St. Paul,  
Minnesota, February 10, 1934, in the matter of the investigation  
conducted by him at Rochester, Minnesota.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

H. NATHAN  
Assistant Director.

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St. Paul, Minnesota

February 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
EDWARD G. BRENNAN, VICTIM,  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Referring to previous memorandum relative to letter mailed at Rochester, Minnesota:

It was ascertained that three railway mail clerks were on the mail car passing through Rochester at 8:30 AM, C & NW train, east bound for Chicago, on February 5, 1934.

ADOLPH LORREN, H. L. RINHOEN, and WALLACE KNIGHT, all of Winona, Minnesota.

Interview with these clerks developed that ADOLPH LORREN was the clerk who picked up the mail at Rochester, on February 5, 1934, and he remembers distinctly that the mail box at the east end of the railroad station contained a letter addressed to the postmaster at Rochester, the address being typewritten; that it is his practice to immediately examine the mail in the station letter boxes to see if it is east or west bound, prior to taking it on the mail car, and that in this case, upon noticing that this letter was for the local postmaster at Rochester, he gave it to the messenger who called for the train mail for Rochester. He further stated that he did not see anyone place any mail in the above referred to box; that it could not have been placed there by anyone on the train.

Very truly yours,

J. E. BRENNAN, SPECIAL AGENT.

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DIRECTOR

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Rorer telephoned. He has had Bremer at the St. Paul Office. He advises that it is better to talk to him there. Bremer is now having lunch and keeping an appointment which he had made, but is coming back this afternoon. Rorer explained to him that the Attorney General was prepared to issue a statement if Bremer did not talk and he began furnishing more details.

He now advises that he remembers having seen the ceiling and there were two dogs at the place where he was kept when he first arrived. He thought one was large and one was small, judging from their bark. A man, a woman and a child were upstairs, he judged, by the footsteps of those walking above, and he heard the child crying. While he was being carried away after the kidnaping they passed through a city in which there were street cars. One hour before they reached Rochester he heard one of the men in the car say "We can now see the lights of St. Paul". There appeared to be a kitchen in the basement. There seemed to be a coal stove or burner in the room adjoining the room in which Bremer was kept because he heard coal scuttles being emptied and moved about. The oilcloth on the table in the room where he was imprisoned had written in pencil on it the name "Miss Blondell". There was also a dirty spot in the middle of this oilcloth. The oilcloth did not hang over the sides, but was tacked at the edge. There was an ashtray near the table, which came up from the floor, and a match tray alongside. In the toilet there was no enamel or wood handle to the toilet chain, as this had been broken off, and only a screen appeared at the end of the chain. There was a roll of toilet paper on the right, affixed by a cheap wire paper roll holder. He claims that he heard children while incarcerated.

Mr. Rorer stated that as long as they are getting such details as this they seemed to be going along slowly, but he believed that it would be inadvisable for the Attorney General to make a statement unless his attitude changed. Bremer did state that on one occasion he asked the kidnapers whether the man who first took him was wearing a hat or cap and they laughed at him about this. This point indicates to Mr. Rorer that he probably did see the men and could give some sort of description. Also Rorer does not believe his statement that on the return to Rochester they left the place of imprisonment in the

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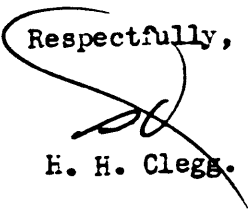
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day time and at that time the prisoner was blindfolded and had his ears taped up. Rorer does not believe this, but he advised against the issuance of a statement by the Attorney General. He stated that he had read the transcript of the statement dictated by me to Mr. Nathan and that he approved it with the changes suggested by Mr. Nathan.

Respectfully,

  
H. H. Clegg.

ENCLOSURE

February 13, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Concerning the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, Minnesota, I desire to advise you of the following circumstances that have been reported to me by the Special Agents at St. Paul.

A Special Agent was stationed in the home of the father of Edward G. Bremer, and on the night that Mr. Bremer was released by the kidnapers upon his arrival at his father's home, the Special Agent in this home advises that one of his first inquiries was whether the serial numbers of the currency delivered as ransom had been turned over to the Federal investigators. He became highly indignant upon learning that these had been delivered to our Special Agents, indicating that the kidnapers had threatened that members of Mr. Bremer's family would be killed or injured should this information become known.

An employee of Mr. Bremer's bank by the name of Miss Hickman, who occupies a position similar to that of Secretary to Mr. Edward G. Bremer, received one of the ransom notes, but when Special Agents questioned her she claimed that she could not tell whether the individual delivering the note was tall or short, fat or thin, because it was too dark. Special Agents have examined the premises and have found that there is, even at night, sufficient illumination for an identification to be made on the porch where the note was delivered.

As recently as February 12, 1934, the Mr. Bremer who had been kidnaped cried during the course of the questioning of him and expressed fear that his daughter would be killed in the event he talked and he indicated that he would not make a positive identification, but shortly thereafter he tried to convince the Special Agent that he had told him everything that he knew. He admits not being blindfolded for several days during the course of his incarceration but he continues to claim that he cannot identify any one of his kidnapers and to represent that he did not even see their shoes or any part of their bodies. It was in the daytime that he was kidnaped but he denies that he can give any description of the individuals who participated in this kidnaping.

Mr. Bremer has, during the past few days, given some details concerning the description of the place where he was held. Due to his

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attitude, however, the Special Agents are unable to conclude whether these details are true or false. He gives the appearance of being a thoroughly frightened individual. Of course, his attitude is not one which is very helpful to the Special Agents of this Division who are attempting to identify and cause the apprehension of the kidnappers.

With reference to our recent conversations concerning this situation, I desired to advise you of these additional facts. In the event you consider it advisable to issue any statement concerning this matter I am submitting, attached hereto, a suggested draft of such a statement for your consideration.

The most recent reports from Special Agents at St. Paul are to the effect that the apparent hostility of Mr. Bremer is not believed to be personal but is thought to be a hostility that is general toward all those who would seek the solution of this crime.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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The Department of Justice has from time to time, by means of the radio and the press, announced that kidnappings should be immediately reported to the Division of Investigation. The telephone number of the office of the Director of the Division in Washington, National 7117, was likewise announced, and full cooperation on the part of the kidnaped victim's family, friends and relatives was urged. The promise was made that our first concern would be the safe return of the individual who was kidnaped. The Department's Division of Investigation has not and will not break faith with the victim's family in this attitude.

In giving this consideration to the victim, as well as the family and relatives of the victim, the Department's operations are obviously handicapped in such a way that it is imperative that upon the return of the victim the fullest cooperation must be afforded the Special Agents of the Division of Investigation in order that the identification and apprehension of the kidnapers might be accomplished. When the victim refuses to offer such cooperation, the problem of enforcing the law is obviously made increasingly difficult of accomplishment.

In those cases where the family, relatives and victim have offered their cooperation, the Division of Investigation has brought the case to a successful conclusion. The duty of the family and of the victim to so cooperate is a duty which the American people insist be complied

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with, and this necessary responsibility is for the protection of all our citizens. The Department accepts the full responsibility for the detection and prosecution of such crimes when this cooperation is offered. The responsibility on the part of the kidnaped victim and his relatives and family is important and essential. The great mass of citizens demand such cooperation. The Department expects it. It is to be regretted, therefore, that in connection with the recent kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer, in St. Paul, Minnesota, in spite of the cooperation of the Special Agents of this Department's Division of Investigation in restraining their activities to permit the safe return of Mr. Bremer, his cooperation has not yet been of a type that should be expected. This responsibility is one that must be borne by him and his advisers. Neither temerity, nor fear, nor indifference will excuse the lack of full, wholesome, wholehearted effort and cooperation.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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MR. NATHAN.....  
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MR. LESTER.....  
MR. LOCKE.....  
MR. RORER.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Appel telephoned stating that certain clothing in connection with the Bremer case had been received from the St. Paul Office. He inquired if it would be agreeable to make photographs of this clothing and to have measurements taken so that an effort might be made to identify it at the factory. I told him that I thought this should be done. He suggested that a friend of his might be obtained from Garfinckle's store who was familiar from practical experience in measuring clothing of this sort, who would be able to tell him the identifying factors to look for in order to help to identify the manufacturer and distributor of this clothing.

I told him I thought this would be a good idea and enable us to make a more rapid identification of the manufacturer so that active steps could be taken to identify the place where this clothing was purchased and perhaps some descriptive information could be obtained regarding those who had purchased this equipment.

He stated he would proceed along this line immediately.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg



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February 13, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1806 First National Bank Building,  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, you are advised certain clothing was furnished the victim by the kidnapers consisting of a shirt, a suit of underwear, and a pair of puttees and socks.

In connection with the suit of underwear there are transmitted herewith three sets of three photographs illustrating this underwear in detail. Inquiry should be made at each of the following mills within your district with a view to identifying the manufacturer, obtaining a list of distributors, and subsequently a list of retail dealers in the area consisting of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, and Michigan, Wisconsin, and Indiana.

Birmingham

Appalachian Mills Co.,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

Signal Knitting Mills,  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Charlotte

P. H. Hanes Knitting Co.,  
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Washington Mills Co.,  
Winston-Salem, N. C.

West Knitting Corp.,  
Wadesboro, N. C.  
New York

Chalmers Knitting Co.,  
Amsterdam, N. Y.

Augusta Knitting Corp.,  
Utica, N. Y.

Fort Schuyler Knitting Co.,  
Utica, N. Y.

Oneida Knitting Mills,  
Utica, N. Y.

Perry Knitting Co.,  
Perry, N. Y.

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Sinnett Textile Corp.,  
Rome, N. Y.

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New York continued.

Utica Knitting Co.,  
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Utica Knitting Co.,  
Utica, N. Y.

A characteristic feature of this garment which does not appear in the photograph is a light blue and yellow stitch or braid which runs down the center of the garment edging.

Immediately upon identification of the manufacturer the Division and other interested offices should be notified by telegram and appropriate leads should be set out for offices to canvass the lists of dealers which may later be determined, in which connection photographs will be prepared of the three articles of clothing named for identification purposes.

This matter is to be given the most expeditious attention by your office and progress reports submitted as promptly as possible.

Very truly yours,

Director.

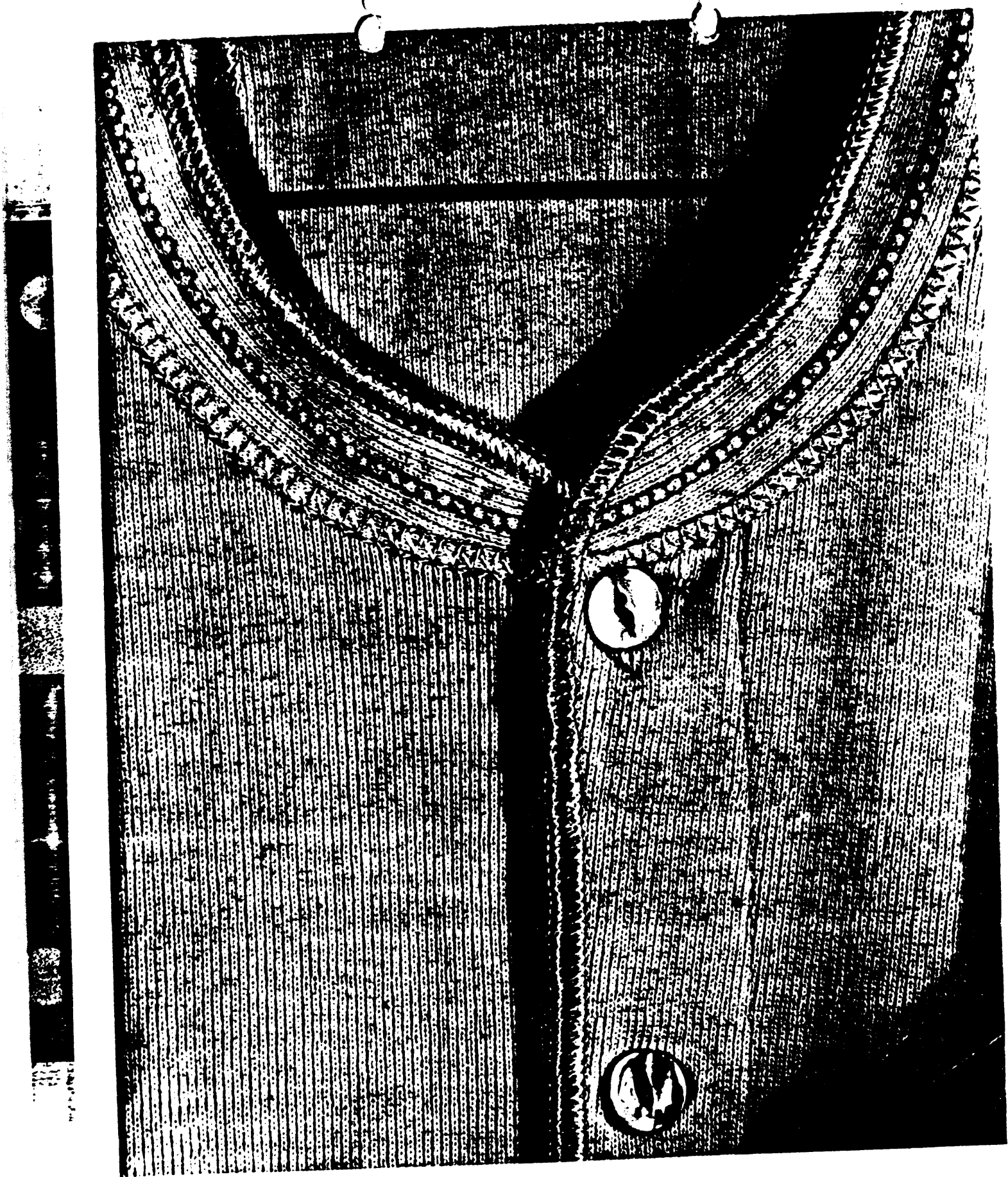
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 12, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

I have been informed by Agent Black of the Field Office that the four signal lights used in the Bremer Case have been identified as Sears-Roebuck products by Agent Schenken of the Field Office. Accordingly, I telephoned Mr. Smith at Chicago and gave him this information with the request that it be determined whether Sears-Roebuck are the exclusive distributors and that lists of Sears-Roebuck stores in North and South Dakota, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Minnesota be immediately obtained and leads set out for a canvass of those stores with a view to determining where the lights were bought.

Respectfully,

*E. P. Coffey*  
E. P. Coffey

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P.O. Box 315, St. Paul, Minn.

February 22, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased), et al.  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.  
St. Paul File No. 62-683.  
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

Reference is had to Director's letter of February 5, 1934,  
in the above entitled matter, with which letter you forwarded to this  
office photographs of:

JAMES LANNON  
ALVIN KARPIS  
FRED BARKER  
VOLNEY DAVIS  
ARTHUR R. BARKER  
HARRY CAMPBELL

It is the opinion of this office that these subjects may  
have had some connection with the BREMER kidnapping and the Division  
should devote its efforts to secure their apprehension. It is not be-  
lieved advisable to issue an identification order to the effect that  
they are wanted for the BREMER kidnapping, but if at all possible, it  
is suggested that identification orders be issued on these subjects  
and distributed to all peace officers and post offices in the country,  
as being wanted in connection with the Kansas City killing.

It is assumed that the Division has complete data readily  
available on each of these subjects to enable the Division to issue  
identification orders.

It may be stated here that there is some indication that  
these subjects, or some of them at least, were present in the city of  
St. Paul prior to, and immediately after, the ransom money was paid  
and Victim WILLIAM HAM, JR., was released.

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There are indications, at this time, that these suspects, or at least some of them, were present in St. Paul at the time of the kidnaping of EDWARD G. BREMER.

It will be remembered in the HMM file that a beer bottle on which fingerprints of FRANK NASH, deceased, were found was located at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, and identification of other persons at that address prior to the killing of FRANK NASH and after the return of HMM indicated that they were the subjects above mentioned.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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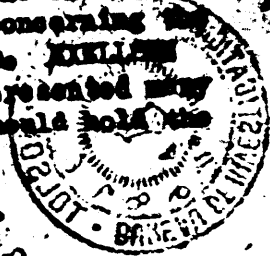
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CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM RELATING TO KIDNAPING OF  
EDWARD G. BREMER  
St. Paul File No. 7-54

On the evening of January 14, 1934, ADOLPH BREMER, the father of the kidnaped man; OTTO BREMER, his brother; PAUL BREMER, his half brother; and EDWARD G. BREMER and his wife, proceeded from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Chicago, Illinois, for a conference on, apparently, business matters. They were met in Chicago by CARL V. KILLISH and WALTER GODFREY, presumably attorneys for the family. The details of this conference are unknown. It was apparently held at the Blackstone Hotel there. KILLISH and GODFREY, according to their statements, had arrived in Chicago from the West. After the conference, they proceeded to New York, where they are located. A check of KILLISH and GODFREY by the New York Office indicates that CARL V. KILLISH has a suite of offices in the Equitable Building, 180 Broadway, New York. GODFREY has an office in KILLISH's suite. They are recorded as "business counselors". It is said that their business is to rehabilitate and reorganize businesses, presumably in need of their services. KILLISH is said to be the man who rehabilitated the CORAL GABLES venture in Florida. KILLISH has not been admitted to the bar in the State of New York and there is no record there of GODFREY'S practicing law. KILLISH is reported to have previously practiced law in the City of Chicago. During the latter part of 1927 and 1928, he was at 231 La Salle Street, Chicago. At the completion of this conference, with the exception of EDWARD G. BREMER and his wife, the BREMER family returned to St. Paul on the night of Sunday, January 14, 1934. EDWARD G. BREMER and his wife remained in Chicago until the night of January 15, 1934, and then returned to St. Paul, arriving here on the 16th of January, 1934, the morning before the kidnaping. On the evening of the 20th of January, 1934, ADOLPH BREMER telephoned the St. Paul Office that his attorneys, KILLISH and GODFREY were coming to the office for a conference. They did come and made certain inquiries concerning the case, being afforded at that time very little information. KILLISH expressed himself as being of the opinion that the case presented many strange features. Some surprise was expressed that he should hold the opinion that it was anything but an ordinary kidnaping.

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There have been numerous reports current here relative to the possibility of MARTIN WUNDERLICH'S being directly, or indirectly, concerned in the kidnaping of BREMER. WUNDERLICH had been a contractor in St. Paul and was the victim of a confidence game in the early part of 1935 in which he was mulcted of \$200,000.00. The \$200,000.00 was in EDWARD S. BREMER'S bank. WUNDERLICH was able, it is said, to secure this \$200,000.00 at a time when the bank was either closed or under restricted withdrawal basis. It is said that EDWARD BREMER expostulated with WUNDERLICH before permitting him to withdraw the money but WUNDERLICH insisted that he needed it for the purchase of a bond on a contract which he had taken. Some statements have been made to the effect that the confidence man, responsible for this deal, knew, apparently through BREMER, the amount of money that WUNDERLICH had on deposit in the bank. WUNDERLICH has endeavored to compromise this matter on several occasions and has made offers through the police and otherwise to settle for one-half of the sum of which he was mulcted. Whether or not settlement was ever made is not known. WUNDERLICH is now reported to be in St. Joseph, Missouri.

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A report was received from the Chicago Office a few days ago, in which the police department there reports that an individual, name unknown, asked to be permitted to look at certain confidence men's photographs, in Chicago, and picked out one, [REDACTED] California State Prison [REDACTED] as the person in whom he was interested. It is quite possible that this man was WUNDERLICH. The newspapers have this information and it has been the subject of considerable comment in various circles, primarily because of

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It should be noted here that brewers, such as the BREWERS, as well as other brewing interests in the Twin Cities have been compelled by force to go into politics and have, as a consequence, many shady racketeer political connections. An instance of this, when at the brewery a few days ago, following a telephone conversation stated that [redacted] were [redacted] during the prohibition episode, it is reported, that considerable quantities of beer found an outlet from the breweries through political and gangster circles.

It may also be noted that at the time of the kidnaping many of the prominent racketeers in the Twin Cities were out of town, some of them having left just previous thereto, which might be inferred to mean that the kidnaping was to occur and that they desired to have convenient substantial alibis. Some of these racketeers have since returned.

**H. NATHAN,**  
**Assistant Director.**

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WERNER HANNI  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
803 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
SAINT PAUL MINNESOTA

EDWARD G BREMER KIDNAPING RUSSELL THOMAS INDIANAPOLIS ADVISED POLICE THERE THAT DURING NINETEEN TWENTY NINE MET ONE AL IN JAIL DAYTON OHIO HAD CONNECTION KIDNAP MATTER ORVILLE OHIO THOMAS MET AL IN INDIANAPOLIS FEW DAYS AGO AND ONE EDWARD JONES JONES PROMISED THOMAS ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS IF HE WOULD WRITE LETTER TO ADOLPH AND THOMAS DID COPY NOTE GIVEN BY JONES BUT UNABLE TO REMEMBER CONTENTS AND MAILED SAME AIR MAIL SPECIAL FEBRUARY THIRD WHEN REPLY WAS RECEIVED SAME WAS TO BE SENT EDWARD JONES CARE GENERAL DELIVERY BLUE ISLAND ILLINOIS ALSO THOMAS WAS TO MEET JONES AND AL AT SHERMAN HOUSE CHICAGO JONES DRIVING BUICK CAR THOMAS LEFT INDIANAPOLIS BEFORE INTERVIEW THIS OFFICE GIVING ADDRESS CARE GENERAL DELIVERY BEAVER PENNSYLVANIA PITTSBURGH OFFICE REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW THOMAS AL MAYBE HAS A MCCONNELL AGE THIRTY SEVEN FIVE NINE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY LIGHT BROWN HAIR GREY EYES AM OBTAINING PHOTO MCCONNELL DAYTON POLICE FOR YOUR OFFICE NO DESCRIPTION JONES JONES EXHIBITED SMALL GOLD WATCH TO THOMAS WHO SAW NO INITIALS BUT SUPPOSEDLY HAVING CONNECTION

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P.O. Box 215, St. Paul, Minn.

February 9, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
322 Federal Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

In connection with the above matter, while we have no information whatsoever relative to BASIL BANCHART, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1206, being connected in any way with this case it is nevertheless desired that all available data concerning him be obtained. We are particularly interested in securing any correspondence, not signature alone, but the actual communications which said BANCHART has written and it is believed inquiry at the Federal Prison at Atlanta, Georgia, may develop that there is of record at that institution letters that might have been written by BANCHART.

If there is such correspondence, or any written document, of which BANCHART is the writer, please obtain same or, at least, copies thereof and forward to the St. Paul Division Office by AIR MAIL.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge.

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

February 7, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find copy of a telegram received tonight from the Cincinnati Division office relative to the EDWARD G. BREMER Kidnaping matter. The Cincinnati inquiry was made at the Indianapolis Police Department.

We have been unable to find such a letter received by ADOLPH BREMER at St. Paul. Victim EDWARD G. BREMER carried a small, yellow-gold, pocket watch, Swiss movement, about the size of a silver dollar, with the initials "E.G.B." engraved on the reverse side.

It is not known whether the persons named in the telegram have any connection with the BREMER case, however it is suggested that inquiry be made at the Sherman House, Chicago, as well as Blue Island, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

WALTER HANDEL,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box #766  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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February 8, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box #767,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

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| DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION   |
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Dear Sir:-

On February 6, 1934, Mr. Harold Nathan, Assistant Director, telephoned the Cincinnati office, from St. Paul, advising that the Chief of Police of Minneapolis, Minn., had received a telegram from Chief of Police, H. V. Morrissey, Indianapolis, Indiana, as follows:

"DID ADOLPH BREMER RECEIVE LETTER FROM RUSSELL E THOMAS INDIANAPOLIS FEBRUARY THIRD. DID BREMER CARRY YELLOW GOLD POCKET WATCH WHEN KIDNAPED ANSWER BY WIRE OUR INFORMATION VERY WAGUE LETTER WILL FOLLOW".

Mr. Nathan further advised that the victim did carry a thin, yellow gold watch, initials "E.G.B." which is about the size of a silver dollar. Mr. Nathan further stated that in view of the large volume of mail received by Adolph Bremer, the letter alleged to have been sent by Russell E. Thomas had not been located.

Special Agent Miss Morton at Indianapolis, Indiana, ascertained that Chief Morrissey was reported to be in Chicago, and Agent Morton was referred to Chief of Detectives, Fred Simon. He was advised that on the morning of February 6, 1934 a man giving the name and address of Russell E. Thomas, Apartment 6, 511 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis, Indiana appeared at the Detective Bureau and gave Captain Fletcher information to the effect that in 1929 he, Thomas, claimed to have been connected with the Fall Gospel Mission, Third St., Dayton, Ohio; that about that time there was a small boy kidnaped in Orville, Ohio and a man who is known to Thomas only as "Al" had been arrested in Dayton, on the charge of suspicion, in that he was suspected to know something about the kidnaping at Orville, Ohio, however, "Al" was soon released. Thomas had met "Al" at Dayton, Ohio about the time "Al" was in jail there on said charge.

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About two weeks ago at the Y.M.C.A., in Indianapolis, Indiana, Thomas met "Al" again, by chance, and "Al" asked Thomas where he was working and Thomas told him he was singing in churches and working as night watchman for the Civil Works Administration at 64th and Central, Indianapolis. A few nights later, "Al" and two or three other men appeared at the Y.M.C.A. about 10 o'clock, wearing bearing Illinois license plates, and "Al" asked Thomas if he wanted to make \$1,000.00 and mentioned the Bremer case. "Al" then asked Thomas whether he would write a letter to Adolph Bremer, at 808 E. 7th St., St. Paul, Minn., for him. Thomas agreed to do so, later receiving a note through the mails from "Al" telling him to go ahead and write the letter to Bremer, which he claims he did and mailed it February 8, 1934, via Air Mail, Special Delivery.

Thomas has described Al to the Police as being about 37 years of age, 5' 9" tall, weight 160 lbs., light brown hair and gray eyes. No description was given of the two or three other men in the Buick car, who accompanied "Al". No description was obtained as to the Buick car seen in their possession. Further, "Al" had instructed Thomas to send any answer to "Edward Jones, General Delivery, Blue Island, Ill." and then for Thomas to meet them at the Sherman House, Chicago, Illinois. One of the men with "Al" was supposed to be Edward Jones and Jones exhibited to Thomas a yellow gold pocket watch with a peculiar design on the back of its case.

According to Chief of Detectives Ginn, Thomas was unknown to the police prior to the time he made his report and they did not take him seriously. Thomas was unable to produce the note he is alleged to have received from "Al" advising he was unable to find it; that he failed to inquire as to what name Thomas used in signing the letter to Adolph Bremer.

At 711 E. New Jersey St., Agent Morton was informed that the rooms in the house were in charge of Mrs. S. S. Fuson, 622 E. New Jersey, and at the latter address, Mrs. Fuson informed Agent Morton that Thomas, his wife and baby left Indianapolis on the morning of February 8 for Beaver, Pa. Later, at the same address, a Mr. Followell, advised Agent Morton that Thomas, his wife and baby had lived there a week or so; that Thomas stated he had been laid off the C.W.A. work and that he had found an opportunity for himself, wife and baby to travel cheaply with some one who had advertised for passengers to ride to Pennsylvania; that Thomas, his wife and baby had furnished him with the information that their forwarding address would be "General Delivery, ROCHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA".

Mr. Followell also said that someone from Radio Station WFM had called soon after Thomas had left, saying that he wished Thomas to present himself at WFM for employment of some sort. Neither Followell nor Mrs. Fuson had any information as to the personal history of Thomas. Followell described Thomas as 35-38 years, 6' tall, sallow complexion, light hair, with high forehead, and claimed to have been a practical nurse at one time.

At Radio Station WJHM, Agent Norton, upon entering the station, heard someone dictating a telegram to "Dick Thomas, General Delivery, Rochester, Pa.". Inquiry developed that the person dictating the wire was a Mr. Barth. When Mr. Barth was interviewed he advised that they had heard that Thomas had a good radio voice and that he was wiring Thomas to appear at WJHM for an audition, however, he claimed he knew practically nothing about him. The telegram to Thomas was addressed as "Dick Thomas" the name, Mr. Barth understood was his correct name. The telegram requested Thomas to reply by wire, collect, and to come at once to Indianapolis, if interested. Later in the afternoon of February 7, 1934 Agent Norton ascertained that Thomas had not replied to the telegram.

The Police Department at Dayton, Ohio was contacted by telephone and Agent Klein at Cincinnati, Ohio was advised that they had previously received an inquiry about one "Al" from the Indianapolis Police Department and that they had located the person by the name of CHARLES A. MCCONNELL, who, during 1929 was arrested in connection with a kidnapping case at Orville, Ohio; that they furnished a photograph of McConnell to the Indianapolis Police. A request that photographs be sent to the Cincinnati office was made, and on February 8, 1934, one photograph, only, was received. This photograph indicates that McConnell was arrested by the Dayton, Ohio Police February 13, 1929 giving his occupation as waiter; charged with breaking and entering. He is described according to the police records as 26 years of age, (1929), height 5' 8 1/2" weight 148 lbs., build slender; hair, medium dark; eyes, blue; complexion, medium; fingerprint classification (10) 1 A II S.

The substance of this information was furnished by teletype to the St. Paul office on February 7, 1934.

On the same date this information was also telephoned to Special Agent in Charge, E. J. Connelley at the Pittsburgh office, and at this time, not having information regarding the fact that Thomas could also be located at Rochester, Pa., telegram on February 8, 1934 was dispatched to the Pittsburgh office, furnishing this additional information.

The photograph of CHARLES A. MCCONNELL, who is thought to be one "Al" known by Thomas, is being transmitted to the Pittsburgh office, in order that they may exhibit the photograph to Thomas, in the event he is located. The photograph, after it has served its purpose, should be forwarded to the St. Paul office. Should Thomas be located, a detailed description of "Al" Edward Jones and others should be obtained and he should be thoroughly interrogated as to the contents of the note sent, since he is alleged to have written the same and it should be remembered, at least in substance.

It should also be ascertained what signature and address he supplied Mr. Bremer for replying and detailed description of the watch exhibited by Edward Jones, purporting to have connection with the Bremer case also secured.

Very truly yours,

W. B. KILSH, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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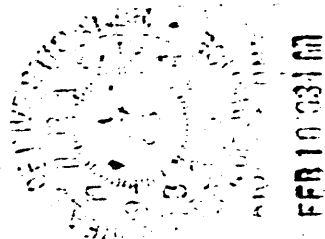
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EDWARD G BREMER KIDNAPING RUSSELL THOMAS IF NOT LOCATED BEAVER TRY ROCHESTER  
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1206 LAW AND FINANCE BUILDING  
PITTSBURGH PA

EDWARD G BREMER KIDNAPING INTERVIEWED ROUSSELL THOMAS IF NOT LOCATED BEAVER  
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EDWARD G BREMER KIDNAPING COVER LEAD LETTER FEBRUARY SIXTH

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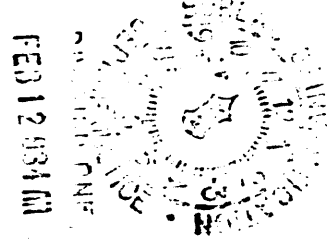
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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Washington Field Office, dated February 8, 1934, entitled BASIL HUGH BANGHART, with aliases, Mail Robbery, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and Theft of Government Property, Philadelphia file 62-998, copy of which was furnished to all field offices, and letter from the St. Paul Office, dated February 7, 1934, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM, Kidnaping, St. Paul file 7-20.

The first letter of reference advises that Banghart, as Laurence F. Collins, resided at 2905 Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland, from December 8, 1933, to January 5, 1934, and that he had positively been identified and that his Auburn coupe, motor #30112, serial 6434, covered by Maryland title A-761257, bearing Maryland tags 77487, had also been identified. As the result, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania State Highway Patrol, the Philadelphia Police, and the Delaware State Police, have been advised of the above by letter.

Regarding the second letter of reference, the only specimen of Banghart's handwriting in the files of this office is his signature.

Very truly yours,  
W. C. HARVEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc. Division  
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February 12, 1934.

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

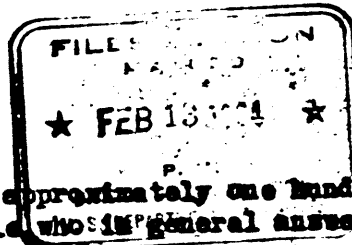
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 10, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, transmitting descriptive data on the individual reported by Father Deere.

In this connection there have been abstracted from the general appearance file maintained in the Division of kidnapers, extortionists, and known gangsters thirteen photographs bearing special Division numbers as follows which are transmitted herewith and which closely fit the description furnished.

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There will follow approximately one hundred photographs of individuals from this same file who in general answer the description furnished.

Your office is requested to return these photographs to the Division when they have served their purpose.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure #787070.

AIR MAIL.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 13, 1934.

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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. Rorer telephoned last night. He had talked with Bremer all afternoon at the office until Bremer was quite much worn down. There was obtained from him a description of plates, utensils, further details of food, even strawberry shortcake; the kidnapers had whiskey and beer and even offered to get him (Bremer) beer.

He advised that while they passed through an apparently good sized city en route to the destination where he was held a prisoner they stopped several times in this city as if there were traffic lights or stop signals; that in connection with church bells, one bell rang Saturday night and Sunday morning and all day Sunday and Sunday night, while another church bell rang only Sunday morning.

The towel which was furnished Bremer had some ink spots on it where they cleaned the pen which he wrote with. The soap furnished him had been used previously. The wash cloth had red stripes on it. A can of gas was apparently a five gallon round can. The entrance to the basement where he was held appeared to be through the kitchen.

Bremer is trying to get Rorer to admit that he is talking. Rorer informed that he has not yet indicated that he could identify any one; he claims he does not want to see anyone's picture as he cannot identify them. Rorer believes all details possible have been obtained. Bremer admits that he was not blindfolded, yet he claims he saw nothing, and Rorer plans this morning to go over with him the inconsistencies in his statement, and it is believed that he will admit that he is not telling everything.

Membership cards in Bremer's purse are being sent in. I inquired as to why they had not been sent in for examination previously. He claims that Bremer says no one had asked him about them.

Rorer stated he had an idea; that was to check safety deposit boxes in larger cities in the Mid-West section, particularly all where the boxes had been rented during the past thirty days, to inquire as to the identity of those renting them. He wanted to know if this would be O.K. and I told him to start on it last night.

Mr. Hanni came to the telephone concerning the money band sent by a bank president at Tunica, Mississippi. He claimed that the best information he had been able to obtain was that the ransom was wrapped in bands bearing the words "Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis"; they had been received in Federal Reserve Bank band wrappers and had been re-

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wrapped with the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis bands which bear the trade mark "Super-Craft" and the name of the manufacturer, The Sturgeon Manufacturing Company, Chicago. They, too, were manila with red marks on them showing the amount of money in each package.

Concerning the wall-paper, Mr. Ladd had telephoned every St. Louis dealer and Mr. Taylor, vice-president of the Century Wall-paper Company, at St. Louis, claimed that a paper which he believed was identical with that described, was manufactured by the Schmitz Horning Company of Cleveland, Ohio; that it is a high-grade paper; that it is lithographed and not printed, and the dealer and distributor is Frank Hirschfield & Company, of Cleveland, Ohio. It is called holly-hock garden scene and comes in sheets rather than rolls, which accounts for it being expensive. Mr. Ladd added that he had given this information to the St. Paul office and had been informed that he should await word from St. Paul before a check was made at Cleveland. I instructed Mr. Ladd to have checks made at Cleveland immediately and to telephone the Detroit office for this purpose. He said he would.

In talking with Mr. Hanni last night, he stated that the wall-paper described by Mr. Ladd, a specimen of which he had found in the Twin Cities, did not correspond, and was not in fact similar to that described. I told Mr. Rorer that Mr. Ladd had asked the Detroit office to check the manufacturer at Cleveland.

Mr. Hanni stated he had no confidence in any of the information which Bremer was giving Rorer.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

OSCAR S. GLANDER  
COMMISSIONER

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION  
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LIEUT. HUGO E. ERICSON  
ASST. SUPT. BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION

Feb. 5, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of Jan. 31st. in which you request the original of the 'getaway road chart found subsequent to the robbery of the First State Bank at Holland, Mich.' or a reproduction of same.

We only have a reproduction and the enclosed section is all that we have in the office at the present time. Your Agent, Mr. Larson in Detroit, called last night by telephone and requested that we rush the enclosed.

The original chart was last known to be in the possession of a Mr. Stewart of the Burns Detective Agency. He was at that time working out of Chicago, Illinois. We understand now though that Stewart has been dismissed from the service.

We will appreciate any information dealing with this case.

Respectfully yours,

Mich. State Bureau of  
Criminal Identification  
Capt. I. H. Mamon, Supt.

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Captain I. H. Harmon, Superintendent,  
State Bureau of Criminal Identification,  
Records and Statistics,  
East Lansing, Michigan.

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Attention: Lieutenant H. E. Ericson,  
Assistant Superintendent.

Dear Sir:

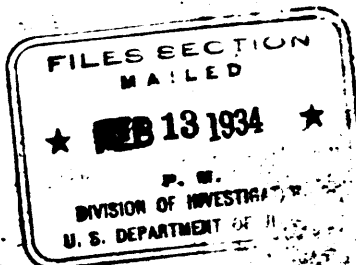
I am in receipt of your letter of February 8, 1934, transmitting reproductions of a portion of the getaway road chart found subsequent to the robbery of the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan. The cooperation of your office in so promptly furnishing this data has been indeed appreciated.

My Chicago Office has obtained the complete road chart and believing that you may desire to complete your records in this respect, I am pleased to transmit herewith photographic copies of the same.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



Enclosure #787068.

CC - Detroit.

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FEBRUARY 13, 1934

WENNER HARRY  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
ST PAUL MINNESOTA

RENDER KIDNAPING WHAMLE IDENTIFY CLARENCE COLTON AND JACK ORA KILBURN  
MENTIONED YOUR LETTER FEBRUARY TWELFTH FURNISH ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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WESTERN UNION

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February 13, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
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U. S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,  
New York City, N. Y.

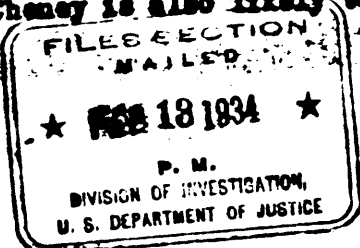
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of today's date addressed to the Charlotte Office, a copy of which was furnished your office, in connection with the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping. There is being transmitted under separate cover the suit of underwear referred to in this case.

The Division has been advised by Mr. Roy A. Cheney, Secretary of the National Underwear Institute, that Mr. Sherman Haight, President of A. S. Haight and Company, 57 North Street, New York City, is the most likely man in the industry to be in a position to identify the manufacturer of this underwear upon viewing the garment. Should Mr. Haight be unable to identify it, Mr. Cheney suggested that he would willingly prepare technical specifications of the weave construction, etc., so that all such garment manufacturers in the United States may subsequently be circularized if necessary.

Your office is instructed to immediately have Mr. Haight contacted and apprise the Division by teletype of the results. In the event Mr. Haight is himself unable to identify the manufacturer, the desired specifications should be obtained and submitted to the Division and the suit of underwear should be immediately forwarded to the Chicago Office in order that similar inquiry may be made of Mr. George Prestridge, President of the Vassar Swiss Underwear Company, 2545 Diversey Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, who, in the opinion of Mr. Cheney is also likely to be in a position to identify it upon sight.

Very truly yours,



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February 13, 1934.

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

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letters of January 26 and February 1, 1934, in connection with the latent prints developed on the series of extortion notes in the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

Of the sixty-six latent prints which have been developed in this case, twelve of the best have been selected, enlarged, and arranged in chart form, one copy of this chart being given to each fingerprint employee in the Identification Unit with a view to possibly identifying such latent prints in the main fingerprint files of the Division. It may at a later date be desirable to further publish this chart, particularly among police departments operating single fingerprint files.

Latent prints developed on an extortion note in a confidential case, an extortion letter in which was postmarked at Rochester, Minnesota, February 8, have been compared with the latent prints developed on the Bremer notes with negative results.

Direct comparisons between the sixty-six latent prints have been completed with the finger impressions of the following named individuals in addition to those lists of names previously furnished in the reference letters:

[REDACTED]

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SAC St. Paul.

February 18, 1934.

Re: [REDACTED] (ind.) - car file 157322.

[REDACTED] - car file 90541.

Verne Sankey, U.S.M., Chicago, Ill.  
(deceased).

Your office should promptly submit to the Division by teletype, if necessary, the names of additional suspects not included in the lists furnished.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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SUITE L - FEDERAL BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.  
FEBRUARY 12, 1934.

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

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

In an effort to secure some information as to the identity of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, Special Agent H. E. Anderson interviewed George Kelly Barnes, alias George Kelly, at the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, where he is now serving a life sentence for his connection in the Urchel kidnapping case.

He was furnished with the Modus Operandi of the kidnapers in connection with the payoff by the Bremer family. In going over the method used by the kidnapers in securing the ransom money, Kelly said that the procedure was similar to that used by Eddie LaRue, Big Homer, Eddie Bentz and himself in various kidnappings in which they had participated in Chicago and vicinity. He explained that while working together they specialized on kidnaping and extorting money from racketeers and their like. He stated that while he was not certain, he felt reasonably sure that LaRue, Big Homer and Bentz had a hand in the Bremer kidnaping. He expressed the belief that, perhaps, the criminal known as "Old Charlie" in the Chicago Underworld likewise had some part in the crime.

With reference to hideouts, Kelly suggested that it may have been located at Lincoln, Illinois. In this connection he related that prior to the Urchel kidnaping, which LaRue, Bentz, George Bates and himself planned to take part in, LaRue rented a house at Lincoln, Illinois from an old safe cracker, whose name he did not recollect. He said that this fogg owns considerable property in the coal mining section on the edge of town and has a broken down crippled old man, formerly a safe cracker, living with him. He advised that the cripple is not able to walk, but gets around in a wheel chair.

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When pressed for details, he said that he had never been to this hideout, but that from what LaRue had told him the hideout was a cottage with a small nice basement, the door to which opened directly outside. The room has small windows, and nothing but vacant fields can be observed if looking out. Bentz informed him that the windows looked out over a prairie, giving the impression to an observer on the inside that he was in the country.

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Kelly furnished the following description of the owner of this

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property, advising that although he did not recall the man's name, he had met him several times in Chicago and nearby. Age about 55, height about 6 feet, build heavy, hair gray, complexion ruddy, occupation owner or former owner of coal interests.

Photograph of Eddie Dell, alias Eddie LaRue, Identification Order No. 1214, was exhibited to Kelly and he stated that the photograph thereon is a good likeness of LaRue, except that the latter looks older.

Kelly advised that Eddie Bantz has served time in the Washington State Penitentiary at Walla Walla, Washington for car theft, as he recollected. Incidentally he advised that Eddie LaRue and Eddie Bantz did not participate with George Bates and himself in the Urechel kidnaping because of differences they had. When questioned about the identity of Old Charlie, Kelly said that this individual was known by that name to all the major racketeers and hoodlums in Chicago.

With reference to the method of delivery of ransom notes to the Bremer family or its representatives, Kelly voiced the opinion that, perhaps, the kidnapers had used cab drivers or messenger boys for the purpose. He said that he and the individuals mentioned in this letter heretofore in previous kidnapings often used cab drivers to deliver ransom notes, saying that a check-up might be made in that connection to good advantage. He also suggested that a check be made of Western Union messenger boys, saying that his mob had often used the Western Union and Postal Telegraph messengers to deliver notes for them.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Division ✓  
Chicago

AIR MAIL

February 22, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 888,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
EDWARD G. BRENNAN, VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING.

Confirming telegram of last evening to your office, concerning inquiry made of the Thomas Strahan Company, wallpaper manufacturers, Chelsea, Mass., with reference to which matter Special Agent in Charge R. G. Harvey, of the Philadelphia Office, telephoned this office, it is desired to advise that the undersigned interviewed Mr. W. E. Dailey, Manager of the said Thomas Strahan Company, who advised, after a careful study of the description of the wallpaper received from Special Agent in Charge Harvey, that he could absolutely state that the Strahan concern never made such wallpaper.

Mr. Dailey stated that the description was rather vague and not of any great assistance in aiding in the location of the manufacturer of the paper, but he is satisfied beyond question that his concern which, he states, manufactures the higher grades of wallpaper, never manufactured any such paper. Special Agent in Charge Harvey in his telephoned memorandum suggested that Mr. E. M. Neilson of the Strahan concern be interviewed. At the time of the call of the writer, Mr. Dailey advised that Mr. Neilson is at present in New York City and that if Mr. Neilson had been contacted he would have referred the matter to him, Dailey, who has been with the company for very many years and is thoroughly conversant with the business of the concern.

Mr. Dailey further pointed out that the Strahan concern this year has some 2500 different designs, and its yearly changes in designs approximate 25%, the changes in design made by his concern being much smaller than those made by the manufacturers of cheaper grades of wallpaper as such manufacturers, in his experience, will frequently make extensive changes in designs from year to year.

Mr. Dailey suggested that in view of his belief that the description given of the wallpaper may not be of much assistance to the ordinary manufacturer in locating the design, it might be well for the person who saw the wallpaper to draw as well as he could a picture of

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of the same and submit that drawing rather than a worded description.

Upon receipt of that, he will be glad to again give the matter his attention. In view of the statement of Mr. Bailey of the fact that the Strahan Company never manufactured any such wallpaper, lists of the customers, wholesale and retail, were not obtained.

Mr. Bailey also supplied the writer with a list of the addresses of the 15 wallpaper manufacturers in the United States. It is noted from the memorandum accompanying the letter that the instant from Special Agent in Charge Harvey of the Philadelphia Office to this office, copy of which was transmitted to the Division and to the St. Paul Office, that a list of manufacturers was obtained from Mr. Justin P. Allman, of Kaiser & Allman, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa.; however, the list obtained from the Strahan concern is being transmitted herewith.

Also confirming wire to the St. Paul Office. It is desired to advise that Special Agent J. A. Murphy of this office is conducting an inquiry of The Prager Company, Worcester, Mass., on this date. Upon receipt of information from him, the same will be immediately forwarded to the St. Paul Office.

Very truly yours,

V. J. [unclear]  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

Enclosure.

Copy by Division  
Philadelphia

# NAME OF MILL

# LOCATION

Atlas Wall Paper Company  
 Bailey Wall Paper Company  
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 Barnes Wall Paper Company  
 M. H. Birge & Sons Co.  
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 Cortland Wall Paper Company  
 Chicago Wall Paper Mfg. Co.  
 Commercial Wall Paper Mills  
 Century Wall Paper Company  
 Enterprise Wall Paper Mfg. Co.  
 James E. Gledhill & Sons, Inc.  
 George J. Hunken Company, Inc.  
 Gilbert Wall Paper Company  
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MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. RORER

February 8, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Enclosed herewith please find cellophane wrapped letters and envelopes, which are true letters written by the Victim while in captivity, as well as genuine notes involved in this case.

These articles should be analyzed for identification data, such as fingerprints, as well as paper identification. Copies of all these letters have been made for the files of the St. Paul Division Office.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hanni*

WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Photostats of Letters

My Dear Father Dear;

I am calling on you  
as a representative of God to  
do something for me. It must  
be a secret, every bit as much  
as a confession. Under those  
circumstances I am calling on  
you. Enclosed herewith is a  
letter addressed to my father.  
This letter is to be delivered to  
him - unopened & may I take  
the privilege of asking you to  
be the good Samaritan.

If you listen on the radio  
& read the Gospel papers & talk  
have heard or seen that my father

has made an appeal to  
every one to not interfere a bit  
with my being returned  
alone.

It is therefore necessary that  
some one take this to him,  
someone whose coming to see him  
will not create any suspicion.  
I could think of no one better  
than you.

Please take this letter to  
my father at once. I may be  
asking a lot but it means so  
much to me. Go to the house as  
you usually do to pay him a  
visit but don't let on to

any one that you have this  
letter. Don't give him the letter  
when anyone else is present  
you can take the opportunity as  
you are alone with him.

Thank you for your  
kindness in doing this for  
me & may God speed you  
on your way.

Your affectionate

Edward Bremer

is a matter of living years  
anyway. I know you will do  
all in your power to see me  
it through & relieve the terrible  
anxiety. Now please do your  
best to be true to me & do  
not waste any time. The sooner  
the better.

For I'm relying on you  
this is most horrible. It's just  
a living hell. I'm trying the best  
that I can to fix that thing &  
so I can see you & Emily & Betty  
again.

Your  
Edward

My Dear Father,

I'm sending the newspaper  
in which it states that you have  
made arrangements for every one to  
lay off for three days. I hope  
the letter can reach you and  
contact to be made to pay off.  
I am sure that you will be glad  
& that it will be as the paper  
states namely the boys can  
get the letter to you & make  
arrangements to receive the  
money & also get the money  
with any one but I am  
sure that you will pay off  
anything at all that I may

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that no police or government  
official will know any thing  
about it & it can all be done  
as the quiet. Even though the  
police & government officers know  
nothing of these pay off arrangements  
they will not be active in any  
way whatsoever during this three  
day period so that there will  
not be any objection.

I told the boys that you  
were a man of your word when  
you said that there would not  
be any prosecution on your part  
and you are absolutely relying  
on that.  
They also told me that they

have tried to do nothing  
along but that the government men  
have made it impossible  
send the government money but that  
they were not working but all  
the time they were waiting behind  
your back.  
Harper I am absolutely  
relying on what you said in the  
paper. I know that you mean  
every word of it and will be  
by your word. I am as well  
as can be expected & am  
around by the boys & that I  
will be returned safe as soon  
as you have paid off.  
I am as busy as

My Dear Lil;

As my old stand-in  
I am calling on you to do something  
for me that it seems no one else  
can do. I must get up and  
write to my father. I am  
sure if I trust you in your  
care it will be done. I am  
sure that my father has  
made a special appeal to my  
police government officers and  
to lay off for three days so  
he can make his own way  
to get me back. Now the  
work is to get the instructions  
him and your old pal will not



me I know.  
As soon as you receive this  
take it to my father - please  
be sure that no-one knows  
you have received it.  
If you take it don't say anything  
about it. If anyone stops you  
ask you what you want  
then you have some bank  
notes to take up with him  
anything else you want to tell  
I don't don't let on about  
it either. When you get to  
my father be sure you  
stay alone with him when  
he gives him the letter.

I know I don't have to tell  
you any more because you  
always understand.  
Please girl hurry - but  
don't lose your head - I  
know you won't and I'm sure  
you'll do just as I ask  
you to. We always did understand  
each other.  
I'm a living hell here  
at the time I'm here seems  
like ages. Please do your part  
and I'm around I'll be home  
soon. Please hurry & be  
careful. Always  
Egl



My dearest Paul & Betty;

I have been thinking

of you a great deal

and wondering how

you are getting on

and how the boys

are getting on

and how the girls

are getting on

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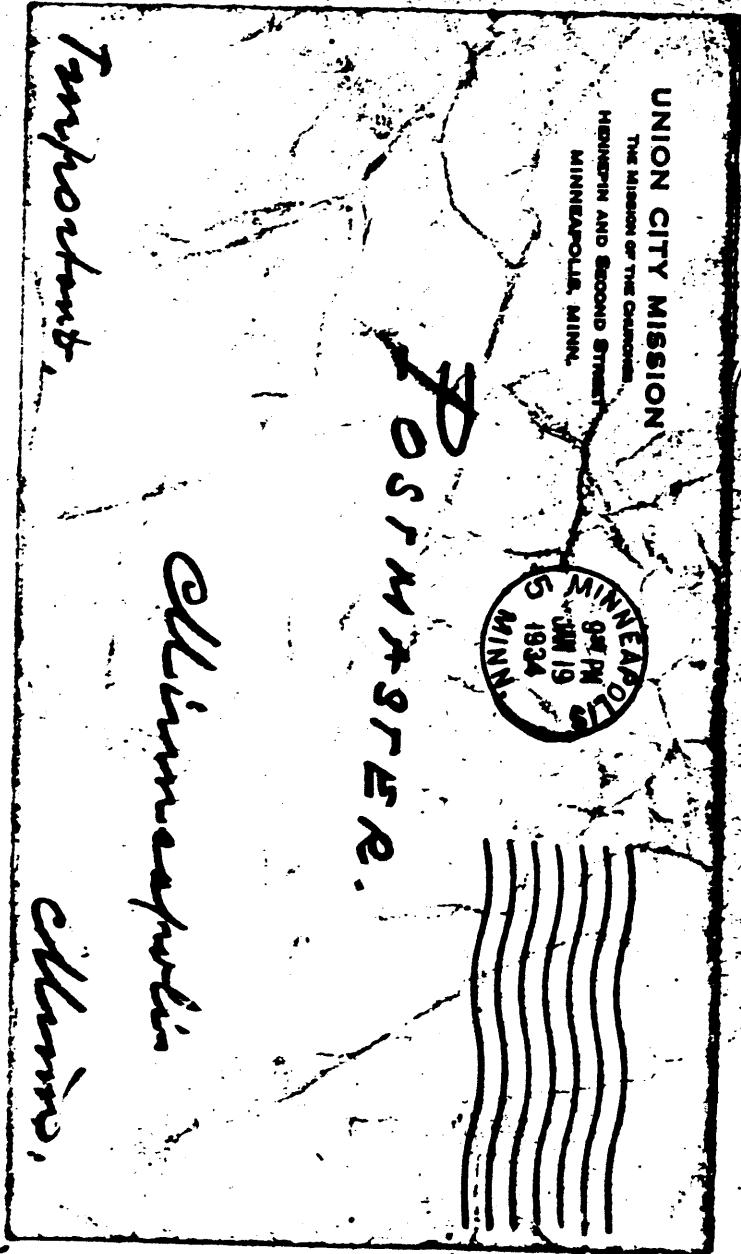
and how the girls

are getting on

and how the boys

and don't loose courage - I'll  
be holding you both in my  
arms before long & that is  
all that I want in this world  
is both of you -

Your Own  
Daddy

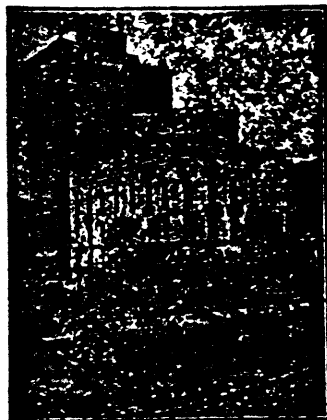


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leges, Laundry, Baths, and Free Employment Bureau.

HENNEPIN AVENUE at SECOND ST.

Minneapolis, Minn.



FRONTING GATEWAY PARK

To a federal officer.  
Dear Sir

Very sorry, but

Ed. Bremer is now resting  
in Peace. - Was by accident  
bumped off - Body near  
Anoka Minn, will not be found  
until after snow goes - Contact  
all off - Please forgive us -  
all a mistake by one of our  
gang been drunk. Please tell  
Walter Magee - St Paul.

One of the gang.

A/ )  
o!

Miss Lillian L. Dickman  
1085 Cortland St  
St. Paul  
Minn

Personal

SO  
ADOLPH BREMER

THIS LETTER MUST BE DELIVERED BY 6:00 PM TUE. FEB. 6th

TO  
ED BREMER'S WIFE

TO THE PAYOFF MAN

From here on you are to assume the name of John B Brakeham

Take the money and get on the Bus leaving this station at  
8.40 pm. tonight for Des Moines

Don't travel any other way but on this BUS

Register at Fort Des Moines hotel under above name.

If your planning a double cross DONT GO ANY FURTHER.

REMEMBER THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE FOR A PAYOFF.

IF THERE ARE COPPERS TAILING YOU DONT GO.

Mr. Chas. McGee or payoff man

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my  
safety. I am responsible for the full amount of the money

*REDDY DRENNING*

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Adolph Bremer.

We are now dealing with you as you requested.

We dont care nothing about you 72 hours grace.

We want the dough.

Tonight is the last chance we take.

You must follow these instructions to the letter.

\$500,000.00 is the price if you dont.

Here are the first part of directions

THE PAYOFF MAN MUST GO ALONE.

AT 8:00 PM SHARP TONIGHT THE PAYOFF MAN MUST BE AT  
969 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WITH THE MONEY

ON THE STREET IN FRONT OF THIS ADDRESS HE WILL FIND  
A BLACK CHEVROLET COUPE WITH SHELL GAS SIGNS ON THE  
DOORS AND TIRE COVER.

The KEYS FOR CAR AND FARTHER INSTRUCTIONS ARE IN THE  
SIDE POCKET OF THE CAR

READ INSTRUCTIONS, GET IN THE CAR AND DRIVE AS INSTRUCTED

THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE SIMPLE BUT MUST BE TIMED EXACTLY  
IF YOU EVER WANT TO SEE ED AGAIN.

THE IMPORTANT PART OF THIS PLAN IS THAT YOU DO  
NOT GO NEAR THIS CAR ONE MINUTE BEFORE 8:00.

AS we WATCH

YOU HAVE PLENTY OF TIME

Mr CHAS McGEE or ADOLPH BREMER.

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for  
my safety. I am responsible for the money.

*(Signature)*

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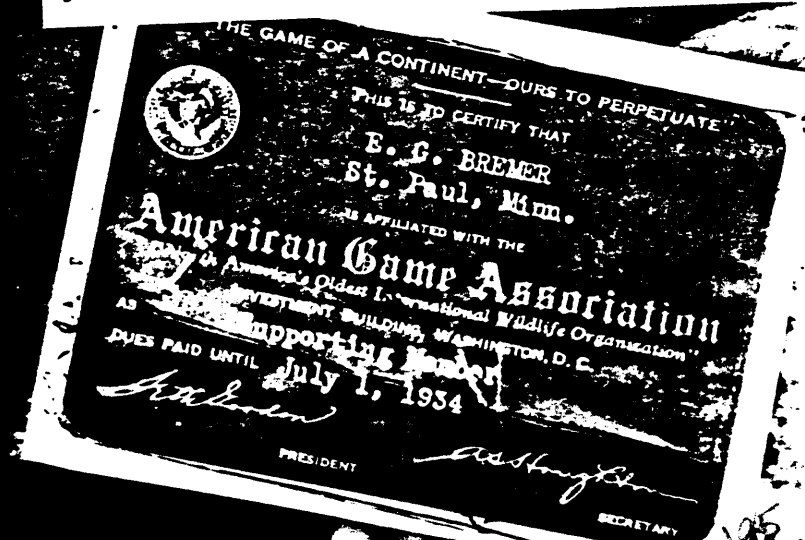
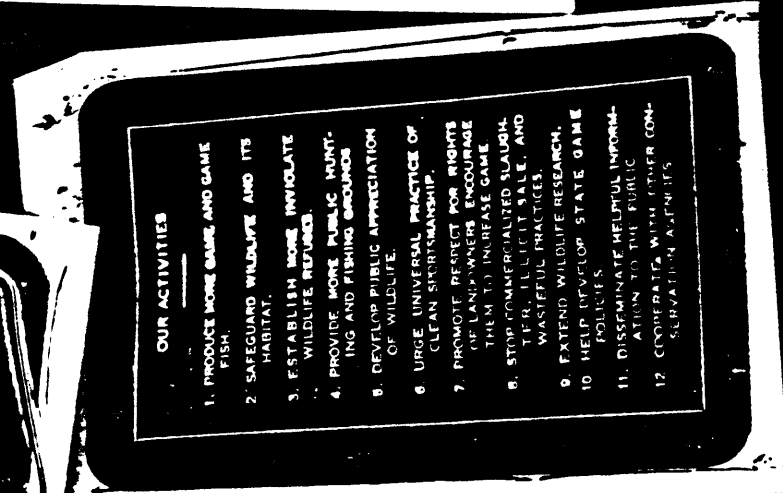
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Stations

Garage in Minnesota displaying the above sign are authorized to render FREE EMERGENCY ROAD SERVICE to members of the Minnesota State Automobile Association within territory not to exceed a five (5) mile radius from the Service Station and Fifty (50) cents a mile one way beyond (List of Stations published monthly in SPARKS). EXCEPTION: Members must call the following telephone numbers for SERVICE (24 hours) in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth.

MINNEAPOLIS At 1204  
ST. PAUL Co. 2000  
DULUTH Mel. 2700  
Rates covering FREE EMERGENCY ROAD SERVICE other side





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WALTER MCGEE OF ADOLPH BREMER

Please deliver it once confidentially.

Adolph Bremer

Geo. John Davis  
Inner Lake  
Minnesota

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WALTER ROBERTSON PIVOT

Chas. McGee or Honest Adolpa

The coppers jimmed the last payoff. Maybe you was in on it  
maybe not. Well know for sure next time. So we give you the  
benifit of doubt. We got a way to find out this time so we  
give you one more rattle.

No more assurance though that hes alive till we are  
assuranced that we get the dough. If we accept the dough you get hm  
him back alive. Thieves are not so foxy as bankers but theyr  
usualy more honorable.

This is just a notice that you get one more note thats all.  
Get the dough ready stay ready at all time and go through  
without the coppers or suffer the results.

Keep the money somewhere besides the bank so you wont be  
followed when you go to payoff.

You will hear soon but you must be ready to leave at once.

ITS THIS TIME OR NEVER.

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Mr. Walter W. Magee

Mr. E. J. D. D. D. D.

Chas. McGee

You must be proud of yourself by now. If Bremer don't get back his family has you to thank. You've made it almost impossible but were going to give one more chance—the last.

First of all all coppers must be pulled off.

Second the dough must be ready.

Third we must have a new signal. When you are ready to meet our terms place a N.R.A. sticker in the center of each of your office windows. We'll know if the coppers are pulled or not.

Remain at your office daily from noon until 8.00 p.m

Have the dough ready and where you can get it within thirty minutes.

You will be instructed how to deliver it

The money must not be hot as it will be examined before Bremer is released

If Dahill is so hot to meet us you can send him out with the dough.

We'll try to be ready for any trickery if attempted.

This is positively our LAST attempt. DONT duck it

Mr. Chas. McGee

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my safety. I am responsible for the full amount of the money.

*Chas. McGee*



Mr. Chas. McGee

You are hereby declared in on a very desperate undertaking. Dont try to cross us. Your future and B's are the important issue. Follow these instructions to the letter.

Police have never helped in such a spot and wont this time either.

You better take care of the payoff first and let them do the detecting later. Because the police usually butt in your friend isnt none to comfortable now so dont delay the payment.

We demand \$200,000.

Payment must be made in 5 and 10 dollar bills--no new money--no consecutive numbers--large variety of issues.

Place the money in two large suit box catons big enough to hold the full amount and tie with heavy cord.

no contact will be made until you notify us that you are ready to pay as we direct.

You place an ad in the Minneapolis Tribune as soon as you have the money ready. Under personal colum (We are ready Alice)

You will then receive your final instructions. Be prepared to leave at a minutes notice to make the payoff.

Dont attempt to stall or outsmart us. Dont try to bargain. Dont plead poverty we know how much they have in their banks. Dont try to communicate with us we'll do the directing.

Threats arent necessary--you just do your part--we guarantee to do ours.

Mr. Chas McGee

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my safety. I am responsible for the full amount of the money.

SMJ Bremer

Deal only when signature is used.

BREMER

To  
Walter McLean or  
Adolph Brumer

VERIL CONTACT

Please deliver CONFIDENTIALLY

Dr. H. T. Nippert  
Lorry Building  
St. Paul  
Minnesota

Important  
Personal  
Please deliver to Dr. alone

Dr. H. T. Nippert

PERSONAL please deliver at once.

Friday Evening

Dr. H. T. Nipperk  
Lowry Bldg  
St Paul. Minn

Dear Doctor;

I am enclosing herewith two letters which please deliver for me at once. Deliver them both to my father at the house - 855 West 7<sup>th</sup> St. or at the office wherever he may be. It is very important that they be delivered right away as it means a lot to me. Be sure however not to say a word to anyone else that you have been given these letters to deliver. The reason I am writing to you is because I know you can be trusted not to say anything.

Edward J. Bremer

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Mr. Edward S. Bremer

Mr. Walter W. Magee

Dear Pat.

Friday

Please don't worry. I hope everyone  
will come out all right. Tell Henry to be a  
good little girl, her daddy is thinking of her  
all the time and to see you & her again is all  
that I want. I suppose you are worrying  
about the blood in the car. I have a cut  
on my head which bled a lot but it  
has been dressed & is all right now. Tell  
Pa too not to worry. I'm treated nice  
& the only thing I have to ask is to keep  
the police out of this so that I am returned  
to you all safely.

Yours  
Ed.

Chas. McGee

If you can wait O K. with us. You people shot a lot of curves trying to get somebody killed then the copper's will be heroes but Eddie will be the martyr. The copper's think that's great but Eddie don't.

Were done taking the draws and you can go fuck yourself now. From now on you make the contact. Better not try it till you pull off every copper, newspaper, and radio station. From now on you get the silent treatment until you reach us some way yourself. Better not wait too long.

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