

that it was hot and that Hayes evidently knew that it was the Erachel 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.

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

W.L:VSS  
cc Division  
Chicago  
Kansas City  
New Orleans



On February 12, 1934, a telegram was received from the Director instructing that all files concerning Identification Order 1214 be given immediate and vigorous attention and all leads in this district covered as subject of that Identification Order was a suspect in this case. The Identification Order covers Edward Doll with aliases. This matter was immediately assigned to Agent Val C. Zimmer of this office at Denver, Colo.

On February 10, 1934, Matt McCourt, Special Agent, S.S.I. Railroad Company, Salt Lake, reported to this office that he had been told that an unknown man boarded Union Pacific Train No. 17 at Cheyenne, Wyo., at about 8:15 PM on February 9, 1934, with a ticket calling for transportation either to Portland, Ore. or Seattle, Wash. That this man did not have any sleeping accommodations at the time he boarded the train but purchased a state-room. Some discussion was had concerning the price of the state-room, whereupon this man stated he had plenty of money and exhibited to G. W. Edwards, the conductor of that train, a large roll of \$5. and \$10. bills. This unknown man was assigned to state-room 8 on train 17, which train broke up at Green River, Wyo., whereupon a portion of train 17 proceeded to Portland, Ore., and was due to arrive at 7:20 AM on the morning of February 11, 1934, while the other portion of the train continued to Los Angeles, Calif., as Train No. 7 and Conductor G. W. Edwards was aboard Train 7 enroute to Los Angeles.

It was considered advisable to investigate this matter as it would appear that any one of the kidnapers in this matter could, after receiving the ransom money, board a train at St. Paul on the night the ransom was paid and arrive at Cheyenne, Wyo., on the following evening in time to board a train for the Pacific Northwest. No description of the unknown man being available, Agent on February 10, 1934, furnished this information to the Portland Division Office and asked that office to arrange to locate the unknown man prior to the arrival of the train at Portland, Ore., and make such investigation as was necessary.

Agent also furnished the same facts to the Los Angeles Office and asked that office to locate the Chief Special Agent of the Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad at Los Angeles and have him contact Conductor G. W. Edwards by telegraph aboard train No. 7 before its arrival at Los Angeles and secure further details from him, particularly the description of the unknown man, and furnish that description to the Portland Division Office in advance of the arrival of train 17 at Portland, Ore., on the morning of February 11, 1934.



JH:KCB

February 16, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Mr. Harry Gusack, Universal Service, telephoned and stated he understood Eddie Larue, who is under arrest in St. Petersburg, Florida, is wanted in connection with a kidnaping case in Chicago which occurred about two years ago. I told him we could make no comment on this.

Very truly yours,

Director.

*Ed. and J. Brennan  
Intermission*

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DISREGARD MY TELEGRAPHIC REQUEST YESTERDAY FOR ADDITIONAL  
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- Mr. Coffey
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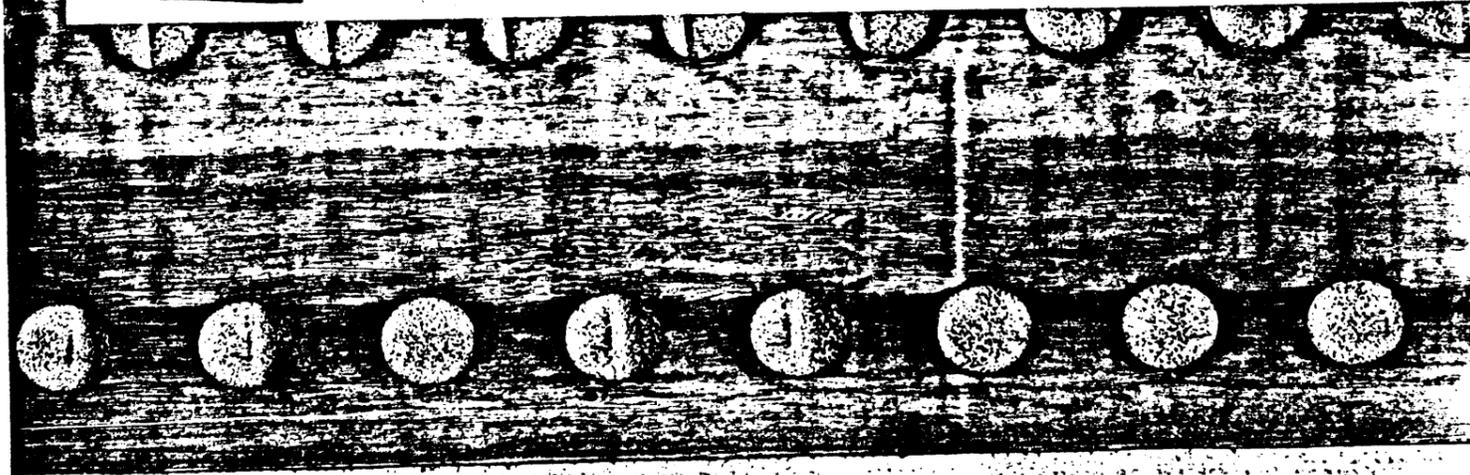
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# FIRST NATIONAL BANK

IN YONKERS  
MAIN OFFICE: 20 SOUTH BROADWAY  
YONKERS, NEW YORK

February 16, 1934

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Washington, D. C.

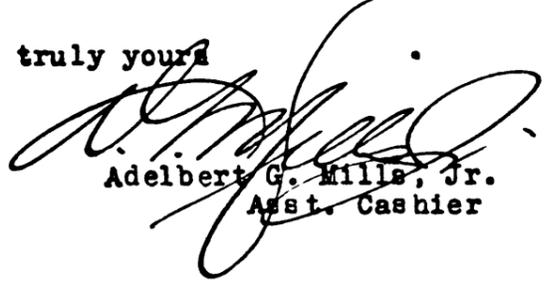
Gentlemen:-

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of recent date, enclosing list of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnapping cases.

We would appreciate your sending us three additional lists for our Branch Offices.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter, we are

Very truly yours



Adelbert G. Mills, Jr.  
Asst. Cashier

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Mr. Adelbert G. Mills, Jr.,  
Assistant Cashier,  
First National Bank,  
20 South Broadway,  
Yonkers, New York.

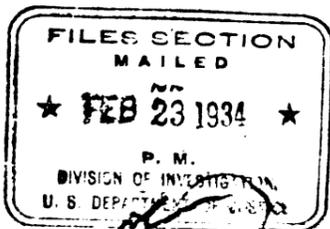
Dear Sir:

Kindly be advised that your letter of February 16, 1934, requesting additional copies of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases, has been referred to Mr. F. K. Fay, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403, New York City, for appropriate attention.

I wish to thank you for your interest and cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

Director.





# MT. AIRY NATIONAL BANK

IN PHILADELPHIA

CHARLES H. JAMES  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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PRESIDENT

7210 GERMANTOWN AVE.  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

JOHN R. DAVIES  
VICE-PRESIDENT

CHAS. C. GAMBLE  
CASHIER

February 15th, 1934

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We acknowledge receipt of your  
letter dated February 8th, 1934 enclosing a  
list of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping  
cases.

We wish to advise you that this  
bank was placed in Receivership at the close  
of business, January 15th, 1934, and we would,  
therefore, have no use of the above list as we  
do not carry any cash in the bank now.

Yours very truly,

*John V. Loughney*  
*Chas. M. M. M. M.*

For JOHN V. LOUGHNEY,  
Receiver.

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Division of Investigation,  
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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

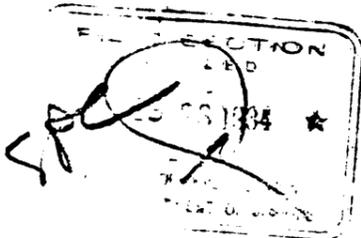
Dear Sir:

For your information, there is enclosed herewith a copy of a letter dated February 15, 1934, from Mr. John V. Loughney, Receiver, Mt. Airy National Bank, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, relative to the list of bank notes furnished that bank which had been paid as ransom in kidnaping cases.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 683796



# The Bank of Nova Scotia

General Manager's Office

Toronto 2, Canada

15th February 1934.

Mr. J.E. Hoover, Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

List of Bank Notes paid as Ransom  
in kidnapping cases.

We are in receipt of your circular letter of the 8th instant, enclosing list of numbers of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnapping cases. We note that the bulk of these notes are Federal Reserve Notes, the majority of which were issued by the Federal Reserve Bank, Ninth District, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and we have requested our branches, in the case of any appreciable amount of such notes being presented, to communicate with your Department.

Yours very truly,



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MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FOUR  
EQUIPMENT SECTION

Transmitted herewith is a memorandum containing data for Apprehension Order #297, on EDWARD DOLL, with aliases, Identification Order #1214.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 683359

*Edward S. Bremer*

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APPREHENSION ORDER

No. 1214-297

Dear Sirs

In Re: EDWARD DOLL, aliases  
EDDIE DOLL, EDDIE LARUE,  
BURLINGTON EDDIE, FRANK LEWIS,  
J. R. JACKSON, EDWARD LARUE.  
Subject of I. O. No. 1214

Identification Order No. 1214 on the above named subject  
is hereby cancelled, inasmuch as he was taken into custody at St.  
Petersburg, Florida, on February 14, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover,

Director.

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 MR. QUINN .....  
 MR. LESTER .....  
 MR. LOCKE .....  
 MR. RORER .....

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DIRECTOR

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDW G BREMER VICTIM KIDNAPING SOCK POSITIVEKY  
 IDENTIFIED BY C C LOHR PRESIDENT OF COZZENS AND COMPANY AND  
 TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED BY H F WASHBURN OF GILBERT KNITTING  
 COMPANY AS BEING PRODUCT OF ROCKFORD KXXX MITTEN AND HOSIERY  
 COMPANY ROCKFORD ILLINOIS LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE ROCKFOD  
 COMPANY ABSEBT FROM CITY AND SALESMAN CANNOT MAKE DEFINITE  
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Room 1405  
570 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

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

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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above entitled case, I am enclosing herewith the shirt which was furnished the victim, and which has been identified by Messrs. T. E. Morgan, Purchasing Agent, Smith Payne, a Director, and E. J. Breeding, Manager of the New York office, 2 Park Avenue, respectively, as one which is manufactured exclusively by Cluett, Peabody & Company, Inc., of Troy, New York, and which bears their style no. K-2419, Park. This shirt was identified as being of Cluett, Peabody & Company manufacture from the buttons, two military pockets, and cuff finishings. The shirt is a light weight cotton flannel, containing approximately 4% wool, and retails for \$2.50. Mr. Breeding is of the opinion that the store that sold this shirt caters to customers with more than average means, inasmuch as it is purchased largely by men engaged in office work who make trips to the country to engage in hunting and hiking. Enclosed herewith for your information is a list of firms in the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin who purchase Arrow shirts from the Chicago office of Cluett, Peabody & Company, Inc., which is located in Room 845, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Ill., the Manager being E. C. Pfeffer, and the Assistant Manager being Elmer Reibold.

The label which appears in shirts of this character reads as follows: "Arrow Shirt with Arrow Collar, Sanforized shrunk, patent no. 1849039". The label also bears an arrow in the space in which in small letters the words "Laundry Mark" are woven.

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According to Mr. Breeding, Arrow shirts are distributed and manufactured solely by Cluett, Peabody & Company, as they do the jobbing business, and all merchandise distributed through the Middle West is sold through the Chicago office.

Very truly yours,

F. K. FAY  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division ✓  
St. Paul  
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MR. TOLSO  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARD  
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DIRECTOR

*Edwards*

RE BREMER KIDNAPING GASOLENE CANS CONTAINED  
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Laboratory Report

February 14, 1934.

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

Number: 7-576

Specimens: 1 part flannel shirt.  
1 pair of heavy underwear.  
1 pair of heavy socks.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: February 10, 1934.

Examination requested: General.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel

February 10 and 14, 1934.

A thorough examination was made of the clothes and all identification marks had been removed. The shirt is gray imitation wool with a soft collar and in the collar band there is a size mark 152-3. This may be observed in the photograph. This mark is important because it may be absolutely identified as being made by the stamp or other mechanical device of the manufacturer. The size mark 24 is on the inside of the left panel near the seam about three inches from the bottom junction. Near this number there was marked with blue crayon in free hand a large 34. On the lower back panels and on the inner lower right panel opposite the other line there appears in black pencil a small "52". The buttons of the shirt are round, pearl variety. Those on the cuff measure .4985; on the collar .3989; and on the front .415 to .425 inches. They are machine sewed on only one of the cross bars in the center. The button holes are machine sewed. The place where the label was torn out at the back of the neck band measures to the thread holes 1.1 by 1.25 inches.

*Inv. St Paul  
cc Chicago  
St Paul  
New York  
2-17-34  
JPC*

The underwear is of the cotton spring needle variety of a cheap grade, being apparently made in great quantities and sold at a discount in cheap stores. The mark on the inside back on the yoke was cut out and was apparently a stamp label about 2.2 by 5.5, being made of gray silky cloth, probably embroidered. There is a number on the left button hole strip near the top "28-44-70". There appear to have been two marks on the inside of the back

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opposite to each arm pit, the one on the right shoulder having been cut out and the other one being so dim that it may not be seen. These marks were apparently roughly shaped like a diamond and made with stamping ink, the diamond measuring from 1 to 1.3 inches on the side. Specimens of hair from nearly every part of the body and of dried skin were preserved for possible future examination. The letter from the St. Paul office does not indicate what connection these clothes have with the case but it is presumed they were purchased for Bremer to wear because of the length of his stay. In such an event these particular specimens will probably not be valuable.

This underwear is a union suit of the closed crotch variety, has nine pearl buttons on the front measuring .9543 inches, the neck band is about one inch, and there is a yoke about five inches wide and  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches from the neck band to the bottom. The neck is embellished by edging of colored stitches, blue and red, which may be clearly seen in the photographs. This underwear measures 19 inches from the crotch to the neck along the bottom seams, 18 inches seam to seam across the shoulders, and 32 inches from the bottom of the leg cuff to the crotch. There are 24 inches from the bottom of the left arm cuff to the top of the shoulder.

The socks measure 15 inches from heel to top and 12 inches from heel to toe. They are of a cheap shoddy wool variety apparently made by knitting machines. Information has been obtained that there are only a few manufacturers of these machines and they are set for certain stitches, particularly the gathering stitches on the heels; therefore, this is an important feature to consider in searching for the retailer. The photographs show these seams.

Mr. Selby Hardwick in charge of Mens' Furnishings at Julius Garfinkle, officials of the Textile Division of the Bureau of Standards, the buyer at Sears-Roebuck and others have assisted in this examination and in the suggestions as to the manner in which investigation is to be made. If the shirt, underwear, socks, and the flash lights were all manufactured by different companies, it is possible that they are sold together in only one retail store. It is further possible that in that store the purchase of such a quantity of flash lights especially of the film lenses which were cut down to fit the flash light lenses and make them red will be remembered.

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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 February 10, 1934.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

Director.

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Enclosure: #686381  
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New York

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ASST. TRUST OFFICER

February 17  
1934

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

Dear Sir:-

We acknowledge and thank  
you for your communication February 8th  
enclosing list of numbers which we have  
turned over to our tellers asking their  
careful attention and will be governed  
according to your request.

Yours very truly,

Vice President.

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WIREGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK-END CABLE LETTER
SHIP RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

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

# Postal Telegraph

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Commercial Cables      All America Cables  
 Mackay Radio



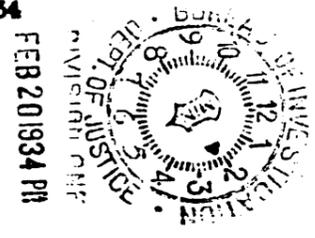
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Form 2

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to  
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M. H. Purvis  
 Division of Investigation  
 U. S. Department of Justice  
 1900 Bankers' Building  
 Chicago, Illinois



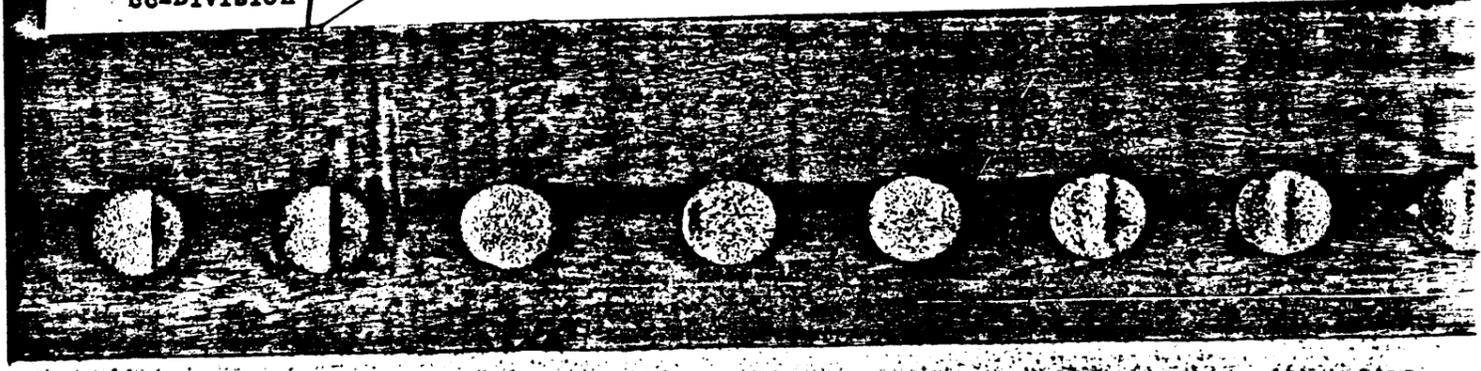
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The following is a complete record of Joe Dawsie, alias Chicago Blackie, alias Charles Larkins, alias Eddie White, alias Hugh Burns, alias Charles Langham; Illinois State Bureau #743 and Illinois State Penitentiary #574:

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The following is the record of Dan Morgan, right name Avery Simmons, alias Harry J. Morgan, Illinois State Bureau #16854 and Indiana State Reformatory #14294:

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Director,  
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Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the criminal record of Chicago Blackie, alias Joe Dosie, and Danny Morgan. This record was furnished to this office by Mr. T. P. Sullivan, Superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation of the State of Illinois.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*

D. M. Ladd,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINN.** FILE NO. **7-576-545**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2/15/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/15/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>B. HAYES</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>	
<b>EDWARD G. BREMER</b>		<b>VICTIM</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Lightmaster Pocket Lantern made by Niagara Searchlight Company for Sears, Roebuck & Company. A Merit Product Flashlight made United States Elec. Mfg. Corp., New York City, and distributed in comparatively small quantities. Dealers in Midwest obtained. Wall paper manufacturers unable to identify paper from description. Underwear made Appalachian Mills, Knoxville, Tenn., for Carson, Pirie & Scott, Chicago.

**DETAILS:** Investigation reported herein related to efforts made in the New York District to identify articles used in this case and to trace them from the manufacturers through dealers to individual purchasers in states adjacent to Minnesota. This investigation has been made on instructions received from the Division and requests from other field offices. The investigation which related to each of the articles is being reported in a separate section in the report.

**LIGHTMASTER POCKET LANTERN.**

Inquiry made by Special Agent E. V. Doherty through officials of the Niagara Searchlight Company, Niagara Falls, N. Y., disclosed that this product is manufactured by that company. Agent Doherty was informed that information as to the distribution of this product could be best obtained through the vice president of the company, Mr. A. T. Bellart, 1328 Broadway, New York City.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>E. V. Doherty</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-576-545</b>	RECORDED AND INDEXED: FEB 18 1934
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Mr. Hallert was interviewed by Special Agent A. Rosen, and identified the product as that of his company, advising that it has been made exclusively for Sears, Roebuck & Company, Chicago, Illinois, since May, 1933. The catalogue number of this particular light in Sears, Roebuck's catalogues is 20 B 1781. Mr. Hallert advised that the lantern carries four dry cells of standard size, and stated that each cell bears a code number showing it to have been made and shipped during a certain period. There are no serial numbers or assembly numbers on the lantern or its component parts. Persons interviewed in connection with this light advised that it is never equipped with a red lens by the makers. Information concerning the handling of this light by Sears, Roebuck & Company was transmitted to the Chicago Office by telephone on February 11, 1934.

A MERIT PRODUCT FLASHLIGHT.

It was ascertained by inquiries made by Special Agent A. Rosen that the flashlight bearing the above trade name is manufactured by the United States Electric Manufacturing Corporation, 228 West 14th Street, New York City. The principal product of this company is known as the "Usalite", but the light in question has been made in comparatively small quantities for sale at a cheaper price. Officials of this company caused a search to be made of sales records, and advised that sales of this light, known as Nos. 626 and 637 by the manufacturers, have been made to the following companies:

Biddle Purchasing Co.	107 Chambers St.	New York, N. Y.
C M S Wholesale Chain Corp.	890 Broadway	New York, N. Y.
The Charles Stores Co.	370 Seventh Ave.	New York, N. Y.
Duke & Ayres, Inc.	1516 Young Street	Dallas, Texas
M. H. Fishman Co., Inc.	1133 Broadway	New York, N. Y.
H. L. Green Chain Stores Co.	902 Broadway	New York, N. Y.
Betram Levy	583 Broadway	New York, N. Y.
Nichol's 10¢ Store		Bristow, Oklahoma
J. C. Penney Co.	330 West 34th St.	New York, N. Y.
Radio Circular Co.	225 Varick Street	New York, N. Y.
Max Rosenwald & Sons	623 Mohawk Bldg.	New York, N. Y.
Syndicate Trading Co.	240 Madison Ave.	New York, N. Y.
Strobel-Wilken & Co.	33 E. 17th St.	New York, N. Y.
Wolff Bros. Milling Co.		Paterson, N. J.



This information was transmitted by telegram to the interested offices on February 14, 1934. It should be noted that it has been impossible to definitely determine from the chain store operators the fact that these particular lights were sent to their stores in the places indicated. However, the persons interviewed indicated that such was at least a possibility.

Attention is called to the fact that the H. L. Green Chain Stores operate stores which were formerly known as Grand Stores and as Metropolitan Stores. The investigation in regard to this phase of the case was conducted by Special Agents J. Rosen and L. A. Hince.

With reference to the flashlights purchased by Wolff Bros. Milling Company, inquiry disclosed that this company is a buckwheat flour concern and that a number of flashlights were purchased for distribution as premiums to purchasers of two cases of flour. Three types of flashlights were used, including the type in question. The only flashlights shipped by this company to the Middle West are as follows:

Zuckerman Food Products Co. 3519 Ogden Avenue Chicago, Ill.	150 Flashlights
J. Kahan Wholesale Grocery Co. 908 Westminister Street Detroit, Mich.	10 Flashlights
Eagle Wholesale Grocery Co. 2532 East 22nd Street Cleveland, Ohio	25 Flashlights
A. Sharp 11390 Bradstreet Blvd. Detroit, Mich.	30 Flashlights

FILMOLENS.

It was ascertained by Special Agent Rosen, through an inspection of records of trade names and trade journals at the Public Library, New York City, that the Filmolens Sales Company, Detroit, Michigan, is listed as the maker of devices for diffusing light, such as lenses for automobile lamps, etc. This information was transmitted to the Detroit Office by telephone on February 11, 1934.

It was also determined that the Bell & Howell Company, Chicago, Illinois, makers of photographic implements, uses the name "Filmolens" on some of its products. However, a telephonic inquiry of the New York manager of this concern disclosed that his company makes no product which could be used for the purposes to which the lenses in question were put. Inasmuch as it appears that there is no certainty that the lenses in question were made by the Detroit concern, further inquiries in this regard are now being made by the New York Office.

It is noted that all persons interviewed in connection with the flashlight inquiry have advised that they know of no successful use of red lenses in flashlights, although some experimentation in this regard has been made.

WALL PAPER IDENTIFICATION.

With reference to the identification of the wall paper in this case, inquiries have been made of the following manufacturing companies in the New York District:

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>Individual Interviewed</u>
Stamford Wall Paper Co., Stamford, Conn.	C. H. Dubois, President. Frank E. Leitch, Vice-Pres.
George J. Hunken Co., 87 35th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.	George J. Hunken, Pres.
Prager Company, Inc., 233 37th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.	Moved to Worcester, Mass.
James E. Gledhill & Sons South Saratoga Street, Cohoes, N. Y.	James E. Gledhill, Mgr.

Name of Company	Individual Interviewed
Imperial Paper & Color Co. Glens Falls, N. Y.	A. S. Frazier, Gen'l Supt.
Cortland Wall Paper Corp. & Beaudry Wall Paper Corp., 45 Elm Street, Cortland, N. Y.	G. E. and G. J. Beaudry
Richard E. Thibaut, Inc., 483 Tenth Ave., New York, N. Y.	J. J. Carroll, Pres.
United Wall Paper Factories, Inc., 151 West Side Ave., Jersey City, N. J.	Robert Griffin, Vice-Pres.
M. H. Birge & Sons Co. 390 Niagara Street, Buffalo, N. Y.	E. H. Ervin, Sec'y and Gen'l Sales Manager.
Niagara Wall Paper Co., Niagara Falls, N. Y.	T. M. Uptegraf, Vice-Pres.
Ron-Kon-Ko-Ma Wall Paper Co., Inc. Ronkonkoma, L. I.	A. Fedisich
U. S. Varnished Tile Co., 245 Crooks Ave., Paterson, N. J.	E. C. Casey, Pres.
Standard Textile Products Co., 320 Broadway, New York, N. Y.	A. D. Wessling, Ass't Sales Mgr.

In addition to the individuals listed who were interviewed, other persons in the employ of these companies were interviewed where it was indicated that they might have expert knowledge concerning the wall paper manufactured. The details of each interview which has been conducted will not be set out in this report. However, it is noted that the persons interviewed were practically unanimous in their opinion that the description given is too vague for identification. A number of the persons interviewed suggested that the design is probably a modernistic design, these having been very popular in about 1929 and 1930.

A number of samples of wall paper were obtained and certain of these are being transmitted to the St. Paul Office under separate cover. However, it does not appear that any of the samples furnished approximates the description given by Bremer.

The suggestion was made by some of the persons interviewed that it would be desirable to make inquiry at the principal mail order houses handling wall paper, the names of Sears, Roebuck & Company and Montgomery, Ward & Company being suggested. The further suggestion has been made that leading jobbers of wall paper in the adjacent territory be contacted. Certain of the companies furnished lists of their customers in the Middle Western states, which are being retained in the file in the New York Division Office.

The suggestion was also made in connection with this inquiry that the most practical way in which to effect an identification of the manufacturer of the wall paper would be to have the Victim interviewed by a designer of wall paper, who could make sketches from the information furnished and submit them to the Victim until a sketch was found which would approximate the description of the paper in question. In line with this suggestion, Mr. Amile Ericson, of the firm of Ericson & Weiss, 77 Madison Ave., New York City, and Mr. J. Mosell, an expert designer employed by Mr. Ericson, were interviewed by Special Agent L. G. Turrou. They expressed the opinion that the design in question must be modernistic, although they have no recollection of having made any design similar to it. Mr. Ericson confirmed the suggestion that the design could readily be determined by personal interview had with the Victim by an expert designer, and advised that one of his experts would be available for such an assignment, if considered necessary. He expressed confidence that such a procedure would result in the identity of the manufacturer of the wall paper and its ultimate tracing.

It was determined that the Prager Company, Inc., formerly at 233 37th Street, Brooklyn, is now located at Worcester, Massachusetts, and information in this regard was forwarded to the Boston Office for attention.

Although the persons interviewed were not advised of the case in which this inquiry was made, they were apparently all familiar with the case from newspaper reports. This inquiry was conducted by a number of the agents of the New York Office, who are not being listed for the sake of brevity.

Inquiries of other manufacturers, whose names have been subsequently furnished to the New York Office, are now being made.

UNDERWEAR IDENTIFICATION

Inquiry was made by Special Agent U. E. Weeks of Mr. Sherman Haight and Mr. H. L. F. Meyer, of A. S. Haight & Co., 57 North St., New York City. These gentlemen referred him to Mr. Owen Coogan, vice president of the Appalachian Mills, 95 North Street, who positively identified the suit of underwear in question as having been manufactured by the Appalachian Mills, Knoxville, Tennessee, exclusively for Carson, Pirie & Scott, Wholesale Department, Adams and Market Streets, Chicago, Ill. The results of this investigation have been reported in detail to the Division by letter, dated February 14, 1934, copies of which were forwarded to the St. Paul, Chicago and Birmingham offices, and will not be detailed in this report. Telegrams were dispatched to the Charlotte, Washington Field and Birmingham offices, advising of the identification of the manufacturer of the underwear, in order that investigation requested by the Division might be discontinued.

Further necessary investigation in this matter is being continued.

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ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.** Dallas FILE NO. **7-35-**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Dallas, Texas</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2/17/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/6-7-8-15/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>H.T. ARTERBERRY</b>
TITLE: <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Mrs. Paula Harmon left Beaumont, Texas about 6/1/33 presumably for Chicago; she is well known to Beaumont and Ft. Arthur, Texas Police Depts. but has no record. Former friends and associates aver they believe she is either in Chicago, Ill. or Columbus, Ga. or Galveston, Tex., but all deny having heard from her and could give no street addresses. Photographs of Karpis, Lawson, Barker and Campbell not identified.

**REFERENCE:** Reports: Spl. Agt. W.F. Trainor, Kansas City, Mo., 12/27/33 - in case entitled VERNON G. MILLER (Deceased); et al CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDL. PRISONER; M.A. Taylor, New Orleans, La. 2/7/34, C.B. Winstead, Dallas, Texas, 1/31/34 - inst. case.

**DETAILS:** Chief of Police Carl E. Kennedy at BEAUMONT, TEXAS, assigned City Detective D.R. Hays to accompany the writer on visits to former associates, friends and relatives of Mrs. Paula Harmon, in an effort to determine her present whereabouts.

**DETAILS:** The photographs of Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, James Lawson and Harry Campbell, were exhibited to former associates of Paula Harmon, but no identification could be made. The Beaumont Identification Bureau has photographs and prints of the above but advised that none of these persons had ever been handled there.

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Mrs. Velma Turk, 2540 Magnolia Street, Beaumont, Texas, advised she had not received any further information relative to the whereabouts of Mrs. Paula Harmon since she was recently interviewed by Special Agent C. E. Winstead. She advised that it was her candid opinion that Mrs. Harmon on leaving Beaumont about June 1, 1933, went to Chicago, as she had planned, but that she had heard nothing of her since her departure.

Levi DeLette (not Deloti), proprietor of the Orleans Amusement Club, Beaumont, Texas, advised that Theodore Riley and Paula Harmon formerly lived together in Beaumont; that they used to have their mail sent in care of his club; that some second class mail was there recently but not having had any forwarding orders for same he read the magazines and then threw them in the waste basket; that Mrs. Harmon used to come to the club rooms to meet Riley and that this was the way he became acquainted with her. He denied that he had any information as to her present whereabouts except to say that the last time Theodore Riley was in to see him he asked Riley where Mrs. Harmon could be located but that he denied knowing her present whereabouts.

Mrs. Loma Lee Riley Landry, New Port Hotel, Beaumont, Texas, advised that she used to try to keep up with Paula Harmon; that a year or two ago Mrs. Harmon took Theodore Riley away from her and lived with him in Beaumont for several months; that at the time Mrs. Harmon had some money but as soon as it was all spent Riley quit her. Mrs. Landry advised that she had recently informed Special Agent Winstead of the Dallas Division Office, that she had seen Paula Harmon in Port Arthur, Texas about three months ago, but she advised that since she had been thinking over the matter it must have been in the Spring of 1933; that she saw Mrs. Harmon at that time with a crowd of people in the back of a pool hall in Port Arthur taking some drinks. Mrs. Landry further advised that she had long since lost interest in Mrs. Harmon and had made no effort of recent months to locate her.

Honey Etie, 1195 Harrison Street, Beaumont, Texas, advised that he used to operate a taxi cab and had frequently driven Mrs. Harmon in Beaumont; that at the time he knew her best her most intimate friend appeared to be one Theodore Riley, who is now a resident of Galveston, Texas, and hangs out at taxi cab stands; that Riley is well known to the taxi cab fraternity in Galveston.

Mr. Etie further advised that Riley frequently came to Beaumont and that he always asked him where Paula Harmon was, and that Riley always told him he had lost trace of her but that he was under the impression that when she went to Chicago about the 1st of June, 1933, she had not returned to these parts.

Mrs. Annie (D.B.) Brannon, 337 DeQueen Boulevard, Port Arthur, Texas, Mrs. Paula Harmon's mother, was discreetly interviewed by City Detective Dick Parsley, with reference to the present whereabouts of her daughter Paula; that she advised she did not know where her daughter was; that she had not heard from her in many months.

Chief Parsley advised against re-interviewing Mrs. Brannon for the reason that another interview would create suspicion.

Mildred Wilson, 323 Proctor Street, Port Arthur, Texas, a prominent police character of Port Arthur and who operates a prominent house of ill fame at that address, advised that Mrs. Paula Harmon had not been at her house in Port Arthur since the Spring of 1933; that Mrs. Harmon advised her she was going to Chicago real soon; that during the Spring of 1933 before she presumably left for Chicago, Mrs. Harmon was known to have plenty of money on her and had often exhibited to her a large amount of bills; that she did not know the source of this money but she presumed this was a part of the \$3,250.00 which she collected as a result of an auto accident in January 1932 at Lake Charles, La.

Mildred Wilson further advised that Theodore Riley, Dennis Wood and Paula's former husband Doyle Benton, had all frequented her place since Mrs. Harmon went away last summer, and that judging from her conversation with reference to her, she was of the opinion that Mrs. Harmon was somewhere in Chicago.

Dennis Wood, Port Arthur, Texas, was interviewed and admitted that he had lived with Mrs. Paula Harmon for a number of months prior to June 1, 1933. He admitted that he spent quite a bit of Mrs. Harmon's money after she collected damages from an auto accident suffered in Lake Charles, La., in January 1932, but denied knowing the present whereabouts of Mrs. Harmon and could offer no suggestion as to where she might be located at the present time.

Mrs. Gertie Fulbright Benton, Port Arthur, Texas, the mother of Doyle Benton, advised Chief of Detectives Dick Parsley, Port Arthur Police Department, that as a special favor to him she believed that within the next few days she would be able to determine the present whereabouts of Mrs. Paula Harmon; that she could not give the information at the present time and could not make a short trip at the present time (where she expected to obtain the information); that when she obtained the information, if she did, she did not want anyone else to know the same except Chief Parsley.

Chief of Detectives Parsley advised that he would notify the Dallas Division Office by telephone in the event he could secure the above information from Mrs. Benton.

Doyle Benton, Port Arthur, Texas, former husband of Mrs. Paula Harmon, declared that he did not know where Mrs. Harmon was located at the present time but that he believed that she was in either one of two places - with her uncle at Columbus, Georgia, or else at Galveston, Texas, living with one Ollie Quinn, a prominent slot machine operator of that city; that he was of the opinion that if

anyone in this part of the country knew where Mrs. Paula Harmon was located that Ollie Quinn knew. He further advised that Joe Passarelli, Buccaneer Garage, Galveston, Texas, might know her present whereabouts.

Mr. Benton further advised that if Mrs. Harmon were at Columbus, Ga. she was probably on a farm of her uncle, located near there, but when questioned further would state no special reason that she was at the above place. He likewise advised Chief of Detectives Dick Parsley that he might be able, within the next few days, to secure the exact address of Mrs. Harmon.

Assisted by Detective Parsley, further effort was made to locate a photograph of Mrs. Harmon, without success.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

SAN ANTONIO OFFICE at Galveston, Texas, will endeavor to locate the present whereabouts of Mrs. Paula Harmon, through Ollie Quinn, a prominent slot machine operator of that city. Also through Theodore Wiley, who is well known to the taxi cab people of that city. Also inquire of Joe Passarelli of the Buccaneer Garage, Galveston, Texas, who may know her present whereabouts.

BIRMINGHAM OFFICE at Columbus, Ga., is requested to determine the identity of John E. Ellis, 310 Thirteenth Street, in an effort to determine whether Mrs. Paula Harmon may be located at this place or know her present whereabouts. Mrs. J. A. Brown, Paula's mother, 537 [redacted] receives frequent communications from this address. Mrs. Brown also receives communications from 510 Moreland, Atlanta, Ga. Also make inquiry at this address to determine the identity of the parties at this address and whether information might be secured there, leading to the present address of Mrs. Paula Harmon.

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For the information of the BIRMINGHAM OFFICE. The St. Paul office desires to know the whereabouts of Paula Harmon at the present time, and particularly on 1/17/34. Any information of value should be transmitted direct to the St. Paul office.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
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1900 Bankers' Building,  
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Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.  
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St. Paul File No. 7-50.

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With further reference to the above matter and the wall paper design which the Victim is alleged to have observed in the room of his confinement, I attach hereto a sketch which is alleged to represent the pattern and design appearing on said wall paper. The statement with reference to this is that there were what appears to be fence posts shown on the sketch in irregular numbers counting cross-bars numbering anywhere from nine to eleven; that the last post was cut off by the thickness of the lower end of the tree and only half of the post shown; that next to the tree was a branch and then, continuously, a representation of these fence posts, or bars, tree branch, et cetera. He does not recall the color of the paper but he thinks there were additional branches in the design and he believes these branches were green.

I understood from Mr. Nathan that you advised that the biggest portion of all cheaper wall paper is manufactured in Joliet, and it is suggested that with this meager information effort be made to find a wall paper pattern of design similar to the enclosed sketch.

It should be noted that the leaves should be considered as flowers appearing on the tree, and being of a four-leaf clover shape.

Very truly yours,

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WENDELL HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 5766  
Cincinnati, Ohio

February 14, 1934

MR:MDR  
7-45

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.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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Dear Sir:-

With reference to the report of Special Agent J. T. Martin, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 12, 1934 and to the conversations had with Special Agent W. A. Smith of the Chicago office by this Agent on February 12, 1934, please be advised that CHARLES BOLTE, of the Bolte Secret Service, Inc., 829 Circle Tower Bldg., Indianapolis, Indiana was interviewed by Special Agent Bliss Morton and advised that he is a member of the Indiana State Police and took part in the investigation of the kidnaping of Edward Wolverton of South Bend, Indiana. He believes this was in the Spring of 1931. Their investigation resulted in the arrest of a man, known as Jim Barrett, of Chicago Heights. Mr. Bolte believes that Barrett was a foreigner, and that his correct name was Baretzky or something similar thereto, but he was usually called Barrett. Barrett had been placed, after arrest, in the Blackford County, Indiana Jail, where he told Bolte that he would plead guilty to kidnaping. However, prior to date of his arraignment, he hung himself in the jail.

Bolte states that Wolverton was held by the kidnapers in an abandoned house. Bolte believed it was at or near East Chicago. Bolte at no time saw the house, and does not know its location. He has no description of it, nor any information as to its exact location. He states that Wolverton was held there only about two hours and then released. When asked who might know the location of the house, Mr. Bolte stated that the Chicago Heights Police might know, but he doubted whether they would cooperate. He did not know the name of any particular member of the Chicago Heights police who could give the desired information. He stated that Pat Roche of the Prosecutor's office, Chicago, Ill., also worked on the Wolverton case and might be able to obtain information as to its location through various sources of information known to him, Mr. Roche. Mr. Bolte had never heard that the house had been occupied by a family of Swedes at or about the time Wolverton was held there.

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Mr. Balte expressed himself as ready to assist the Government in any manner within his power.

Very truly yours,

W. B. KLEIN, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division  
St. Paul

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

NEW:MT  
7-120.

February 15, 1934.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.  
Kidnaping - Extortion.

Dear Sir:

Confirming telegram from this office of today, you are advised that in interrogating manufacturers of wallpaper in this district, they have unanimously advised that it is impossible to identify the wallpaper from the description given because of its vagueness. The suggestion has been made by several manufacturers that if a designer of wallpaper could interview the victim and obtain first hand his impressions of the paper, he would be able to prepare a sketch which could be examined by the victim and in this way a sketch could be made which would approximate that of the wallpaper in question. These people indicate that with such a sketch it would greatly simplify the investigation to determine the maker of the wallpaper.

It is suggested that consideration be given to this line of investigation, it being assumed that a designer of wallpaper can be located in the vicinity of St. Paul. There are a number of such designers in New York and vicinity.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY  
Special Agent in Charge

cc-Division.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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R. G. Harvey  
 Division of Investigation  
 U. S. Department of Justice  
 735 Philadelphia Saving Fund  
 Philadelphia, Penn

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 AMERICA INSURANCE COMPANY IS ON WEST COAST ADVISE BY WIRE TODAY

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official business  
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 411 U. S. Court House

cc- division

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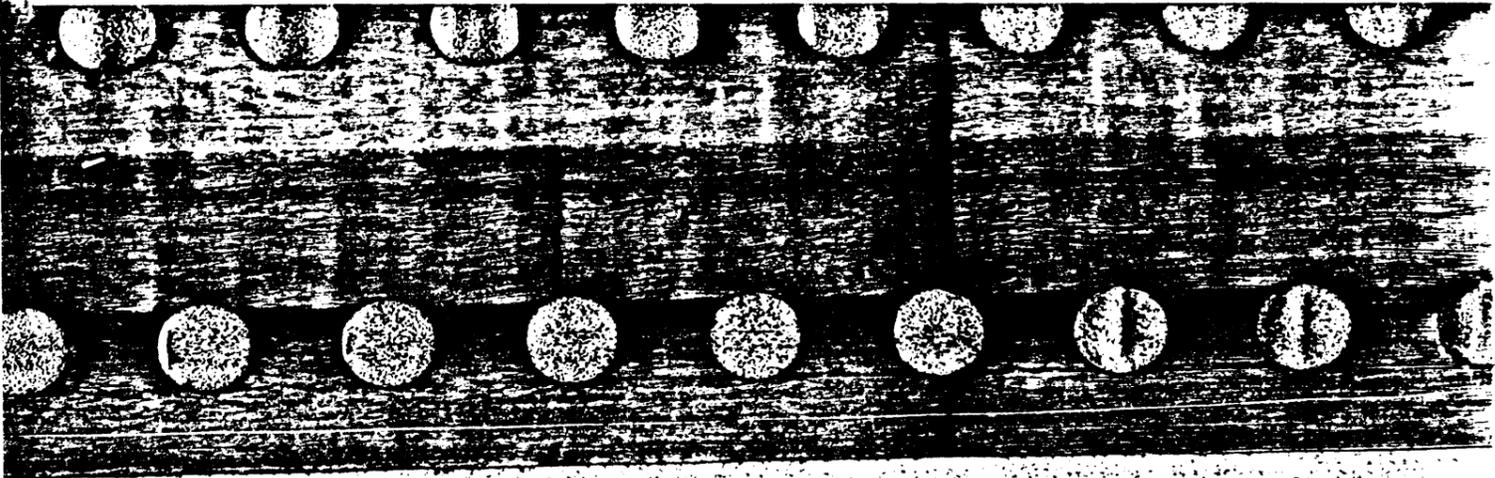
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R G Harvey  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

RETEL SHELDON CATLIN SALT LAKE OFFICE SATURDAY FURNISHED ME INFORMATION RE UNKNOWN PARTY ON UP TRAIN ARRIVING PORTLAND SUNDAY MORNING FLASHING FIVE AND TEN DOLLAR BILLS REQUESTED CHECK FOR POSSIBLE CONNECTION BREMER KIDNAPERS STOP SURVEILLANCE PARTY DEVELOPED HE REGISTERED HOTEL HERE AS SHELDON CATLIN OF PHILADELPHIA IF CATLIN IN GOOD STANDING NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION WILL BE MADE ~~ADVISED~~

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chg. Div. Invest. 411 U S Court House  
cc-Division

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Springfield, Illinois  
February 18, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

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

W. E. Taylor, Vice-President of the Century Wall Paper Manufacturing Company, 2110 North Lowbin Street, Decatur, Illinois, was interviewed today for the purpose of tracing the wall paper to the person on whose premises Mr. Bremer was held by the kidnapers.

The description of the wall papers as it was furnished by the St. Paul Office was given to Mr. Taylor. He immediately stated that the wall paper described was not manufactured by his company as it is a paper of very expensive design and there is but a small market for it. He stated that his company manufactures cheap wall paper known as a commercial line and all of which is printed; that the greater part of paper manufactured by his company has a design of not more than 18 inches square and the largest design made by the company is 30 inches square; that the design described is of the lithograph type and comes in sheets and not rolls; that rolls only are manufactured by his company and the designs made by his company number about 700; that all of the papers made by his company is of a very plain cheap variety.

Mr. Taylor stated that the design described is manufactured by the Schmitz Horning Company of Cleveland, Ohio, and to the best of his recollection this design is known as the "Garden Scene"; however, he stated that Mr. Fleming, his designer, will recognize the pattern immediately. Mr. Fleming was given the description furnished by the St. Paul Office and immediately stated that it is what is known as the "hollyhock" pattern of the Schmitz Horning Company of Cleveland, Ohio; that it is a very expensive design and not extensively used. Mr. Fleming searched his records for this design but was unable to locate it; however, he furnished the St. Louis Office with a page from the catalogue of the Schmitz Horning Company which indicates the manner in which this paper is made in sheets.

Mr. Taylor stated that in the State of Minnesota there would not be more than 20 consumers who would purchase such wall paper; that it is too expensive for the hotels and only the best homes would purchase it; that for his design probably not more than 20 individuals would have purchased it in Minnesota; that the Schmitz Horning Company should have no difficulty in tracing the sale of this paper to the customer. He stated that the Distributor for the Schmitz Horning Company in Minneapolis is the Frank Hirschfield Company.

The catalogue of the Schmitz Horning Company at the Sherwin-Williams Company Wall Paper Store at 366 North Main Street, Decatur, Ill., was examined, but the described design could not be found in this catalogue.

All of the designs of the Century Company were examined by this agent and none resembling that described could be found.

G. B. Norris,  
Special Agent.

C O P Y

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601 Title Guaranty Bldg.  
Saint Louis, Missouri  
February 13, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled  
**UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Edward G. Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping.**  
I am attaching hereto copies of a memorandum  
submitted by Special Agent G. B. Morris of this office,  
covering the inquiry made by him through the Century  
Wall Paper Manufacturing Company of Deater, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

D. H. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

DML:h  
encl.  
cc Division  
cc Detroit

*Gene*

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February 14 1934

C D McKEAN  
Division of Investigation  
U S Department of Justice  
1002 Post Office & Court House  
Boston Mass

RETEL PAPER WAS PLAIN AND NOT RULED

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Chg. Div. of Inv., U.S. Dept. of Justice,  
203 P.O. Bldg.,  
St. Paul, Minn.  
CC Division

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Re: EDWARD G. BREMER KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File 7-30

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



NEWSPAPER DISTRIBUTORS PHILADELPHIA ADVISE NEWS DEALERS BUY MINNEAPOLIS  
STPAUL PAPERS DIRECT WHICH WOULD NECESSITATE CHECK OF FIFTY-SEVEN HUNDRED  
NEWS DEALERS PHILADELPHIA ALONE PLUS DEALERS IN OTHER PENNSYLVANIA  
DELAWARE CITIES STOP SUGGEST YOU OBTAIN LIST PURCHASERS THOSE NEWSPAPERS  
PENNSYLVANIA DELAWARE

HARVEY

cc: AMT  
cc: Division  
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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

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above matter,  
please ascertain to whom 1934 Missouri License plates  
30627 were issued; also the description of the car for  
which issued.

Please give this your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

WALTER HANWY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

WH:DM  
CC Division ✓

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J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 224 FEDERAL BLDG.  
 OKLAHOMA CITY OKLA.

PLEASE PROCURE AND FORWARD PHOTOGRAPHS FRED AND DOC BARKER AND ALVIN KARPIS  
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RHC:BG  
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OFFICIAL BUS. GOVT RATE  
 CHG DIV'N. INVESTIGATION.



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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

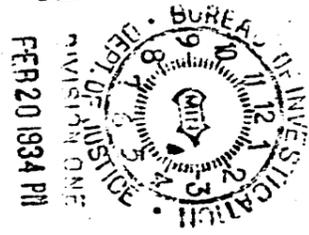
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUILDING SUITE L  
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI



RECORDS STATE TAG DIVISION OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA REVEAL THAT NO NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR OKLAHOMA LICENSE PLATES FIVE FIVE EIGHT FOUR ONE AND FIVE FIVE EIGHT FOUR TWO ISSUED STOP OFFICIALS STATE TAGS BEARING THESE NUMBERS FICTITIOUS

DRADERICK

Official Business  
Chg. Div. of Investigation,  
U. S. Dep't. of Justice,  
224 Federal Bldg.,  
Oklahoma City

cc Division

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WERNER HANNI  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
ST PAUL MINNESOTA

FURNISH DESCRIPTIONS DOC AND FRED BARKER AND ALVIN KARPIS

McGARTHY ACTING

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*an*  
**WERNER HANNI**  
**DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION**  
**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
**205 POST OFFICE BLDG**  
**ST. PAUL MINN.**

**RETEL BREMER KIDNAPING CASE NO MINNEAPOLIS OR STPAUL NEWSPAPERS SOLD THIS JURISDICTION**

**COLVIN**

**RHC:bg**  
**cc Division.**

**OFFICIAL BUS. GOVT RATE**  
**CHG DIVN. INVESTIGATION,**  
**1331 First Nat. Bank Bldg.**



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Los Angeles, Calif. Feb. 15, 1934

Werner Hanni  
 Division of Investigation  
 U. S. Department of Justice  
 205 Post Office  
 St. Paul, Minn.

RETEL NEWYORK EM MANUFACTURING COMPANY LOSANGELES SHIPPED TO FOLLOWING POINTS  
 STLOUIS MISSOURI AIRPORT SIREN COVINGTON OKLAHOMA HOLDEN UTAH MTHOPE KANSAS AND  
 PELLEY TEXAS ADVISE THAT FEDERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY EIGHT SEVEN HUNDRED SOUTH  
 STATE STREET CHICAGO AND STERLING SIREN FIREALARM COMPANY SIX ONE ALLEN STREET  
 ROCHESTER NEWYORK ARE LARGEST DISTRIBUTORS OF GENERAL ALARM EQUIPMENT FOR MIDWEST

CHARGE GOVT RATE  
 Div. of Inv. 617 Fed. Bldg.  
 5:00 P.M.  
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February 20, 1934.

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WENNER HANKE  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
808 POST OFFICE BUILDING,  
ST. PAUL, MINN.

Re: Edward G. Bremer - Kidnaping.

REPL FEBRUARY SIXTEEN PHOTOGRAPHS DESCRIPTIONS BARKERS AND KARPIS.  
NOT IN MY POSSESSION STOP TELEGRAPH DESCRIPTIONS ARRANGE HAVE PHOTOGRAPHS  
FORWARDED FOR USE CARRYING OUT INVESTIGATION.

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JAD:J  
cc - Division.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
February 16, 1934.

NIGHT MESSAGE

M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Ill.

FURNISH DIVISION DESCRIPTIVE DATA OF ALL MEMBERS TOUHY GANG AT LARGE

ALSO BIG HOMER

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Off. Bus. Govt. Rate  
Chg. Div. of Inv. U. S. Dept. Justice,  
203 P. O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.  
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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
February 15, 1934.

NIGHT LETTER

J.A. DOWD,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
505-A U.S. Court House & Post Office Building,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

CONTACT HENDRIE AND BOLTHOFF MANUFACTURING AND SUPPLY COMPANY DENVER OBTAIN LIST OF TOWNS WHEREIN THEIR SIREN IS IN USE COVERING ILLINOIS WISCONSIN IOWA NORTH DAKOTA AND EASTERN NEBRASKA

HANNI

Off. Bus. Govt. Rate  
Chg. Div. Inv. U.S. Dept. Justice,  
203 P.O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.  
CC Division ✓

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM. FEB 16 1934 A.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

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February 17, 1934.

E. E. Conroy,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Suite L, Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RETEL NO J CRAWFORD LISTED IN ST. PAUL DIRECTORIES OR POST OFFICE

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203 P. O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.  
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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

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**Herner Hami**  
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RE BREMER KIDNAPING UNKNOWN PARTY EXCHANGED SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS IN FIVE AND TEN DOLLAR BILLS AT A SEATTLE BANK FOLLOWING ARE TWO OF THE BILLS FIVE DOLLAR DENOMINATION L TWO TWO TWO FOUR NAUGHT NINE FOUR FIVE A AND L TWO TWELVE NINE NAUGHT NAUGHT THREE FOUR A CHECK AND ADVISE

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February 15, 1934.

NIGHT LETTER

M.H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Ill.

CONTACT FEDERAL SIREN COMPANY EIGHT SEVEN HUNDRED SOUTH STATE STREET OBTAIN LIST OF TOWNS WHEREIN THEIR SIREN IS IN USE COVERING ILLINOIS WISCONSIN IOWA NORTH DAKOTA AND EASTERN NEBRASKA

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C C SPEARS  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
411 UNITED STATES COURT HOUSE  
PORTLAND, OREGON

EDWARD BREMER KIDNAP REFERENCE SALT LAKE CITY WIRE EVEN DATE STOP PARTY DESCRIBED BY PULLMAN CONDUCTOR AS FOLLOWS AGE FIFTY YEARS HEIGHT SIX FEET ONE INCH WEIGHT TWO HUNDRED TWENTY POUNDS SLIGHTLY GRAY HAIR TAN HAT DRESS ORDINARY CARRIED ONE EXTRA LONG TAN SUITCASE ONE ORDINARY SIZED TAN SUITCASE OCCUPYING ROOM C CAR TEN TRAIN DUE YOUR CITY SEVEN THIRTY SUNDAY MORNING PAID PULLMAN CHARGES WITH TWO TEN DOLLAR FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES NUMBERED C ONE NINE NINE SEVEN EIGHT TWO THREE FIVE A AND NEXT HIGHER NUMBER AND DISPLAYED SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT IN FIVE AND TEN DOLLAR BILLS

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
February 15, 1934.

NIGHT LETTER

F. X. FAY,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,  
New York City, New York.

CONTACT STERLING MACHINE PRODUCTS COMPANY ROCHESTER OBTAIN LIST OF TOWNS WHERE THEIR SIREN IS IN USE COVERING STATES ILLINOIS IOWA EASTERN NEBRASKA WISCONSIN NORTH DAKOTA

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 February 14, 1934  
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Mr. E. E. Conroy,  
 Division of Investigation  
 Suite L, Federal Building,  
 Kansas City, Mo.

Re: Unknown Subjects  
 Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
 Kidnapping - K.C. File 1-57

Dear Sir:

In connection with further investigation of the above matter, I learned today that Clarence "Doc" Eaton, is now using the name of Hubbard and operates a night club at Burlington, Wis. not far from the Police Station. He is well known to the officers there, but his true identity is apparently not known.

The local Police Department called my attention to a matter today which may bear checking. There has been a man stopping at the Birches Apartment House, 2225 Grand Avenue, under the name of Walter C. Johnson. He had with him a woman who was supposed to be his wife, another man, and a chauffeur. He had two Packard automobiles bearing Indiana licenses. When this man first came he gave a check for some expenses and it was returned, but before he left he was spending money right and left, playing the slot machine at the Elks Club by the hour, and when drunk making other displays of his money. He was supposed to be selling some kind of a gasoline saver for automobiles, but apparently made no effort to sell any here. He left the end of last week for Moline, Ill. and is now stopping at the McClaire Hotel. The description I have is very vague other than he is a very large man, six feet or more and weighing 375 to 400 lbs. Could this by any chance be "Big Homer" whom you advised me of. I do not have a description of the latter.

Mr. Finley, Chief of the Bureau of Investigation advised me this evening that he received another letter from "Little Joe" designating the spot now as near Mt. Airy, Ia. He names a James Padden, mayor, of Ryden(?) Ill. as head of the gang who took Bremer. This mayor gives protection to various gangs and has a man named Murphy in on the deal with him. Padden is supposed to own a sporting house and gambling place at 101 Flummer St., Cabnet City, either Illinois or Indiana. I will secure a copy of this letter and advise you.

The tap is working on the phone here, but no information of any value has yet been revealed. I am forwarding you a copy of same in the next mail.

Very truly yours,

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 KANSAS CITY, MO.  
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 O.C. Dewey, Special Agent in Charge  
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P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 16, 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 GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

For your information, there is attached copy of  
report of W.A. Rorer, Inspector, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota,  
February 14, 1934, in the above case.

Very truly yours,

WENNER HANKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Los Angeles, California  
February 16, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
L. A. File 7-42

On this date, telegraphic communication was received from Frank X. Fay, Special Agent in Charge, New York Division Office, requesting that the EM Manufacturing Company, 763 Pico Street, Los Angeles, makers of electric sirens used for fire and general alarms, be contacted to ascertain the towns in the middle west where that type of alarm is used; the information obtained to be directed to the St. Paul Division Office.

In compliance with the above, Special Agent C. D. White of this office contacted the above concern, Mr. H. Miles, owner, advising that his records back to 1931, in which year he began manufacturing a general siren alarm, reflect that shipments were made to the following points:

St. Louis, Missouri - a 220 volt airport siren - deep-toned.  
Covington, Oklahoma - " 110 " siren.  
Holden, Utah - " " " "  
Mt. Hope, Kansas - " " " "  
Pelley, Texas - " " " "

Mr. Miles further advised that the largest distributors of general alarm sirens for the middle west are the Federal Electric Company, 6700 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois, and the Sterling Siren Fire-Alarm Company, 61 Allen Street, Rochester, New York.

The following names of manufacturers of the above equipment were furnished by Mr. Miles:

E. D. Bullard Company, 275-8th Street, San Francisco  
Benjamin Electric Manufacturing Company, Des Plaines, Ill.  
The Cosgrove Company, Lyons Avenue and Coit Street, Irvington, New Jersey.

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J. H. Headberg Company, 521 West Reed Street, San Jose,  
California.

The Schwarse Electric Company, Adrian, Michigan.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

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AIR MAIL

February 16, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your teletype message of February 14th and telegram of February 16, 1934, requesting investigation at Rochester, N. Y., relative to the manufacture and sale of siren alarms. You are advised that on February 15th, Special Agent T. E. Lett of this office contacted M. C. Armstrong, vice president of the Sterling Siren Fire Alarm Company, 56 Allen Street, Rochester, N. Y.

With regard to the Interstate Machine Products Company, Mr. Armstrong stated that his company had taken over this business many years ago. At the present time he said that the Sterling Company and the Federal Electric Company of Chicago, Ill. are the largest manufacturers of sirens in the United States, and he furnished Agent Lett with the following list of the manufacturers of this type of alarm, together with their addresses:

Federal Electric Company,  
2800 South State Street,  
Chicago, Ill.

W. S. Darley & Co.,  
2810 Washington Boulevard,  
Chicago, Ill.

Bullard Signal Co.,  
275 - 8th Street,  
San Francisco, Calif.

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J. H. Hedberg,  
251 West Reed Street,  
San Jose, Calif.

The Cosgrave Co.,  
Lyons Ave. and Coit Street,  
Irvington, N. J.

B. & M. Manufacturing Co.,  
763 Pico Street,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Erick Electric Siren Co.,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Decot's Machine Works,  
Sauk City, Wis.

Mr. Anderson stated that when inquiries are made at the Bullard Company above referred to, this company should be requested also to furnish a list of customers of the Siracode Company, which the Bullard Company purchased about a year ago. He further advised that the Erick Electric Siren Co. and Decot's Machine Works practically control the sale of sirens in their respective States, and very few products of other manufacturers will be found in those States.

Agent Lott secured from Mr. Armstrong a typewritten list of his company's customers in the States of North and South Dakota, Iowa, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota. It is noted that opposite each customer's name is indicated the type of siren said customer purchased, and bulletins describing these sirens are enclosed herewith, as also are the typewritten lists.

You are advised that attempts are being made by this office to locate the Cosgrave Company at Irvington, N. J., for the purpose of making appropriate inquiry, and further that upon receipt of your wire of February 16th, Mr. Armstrong was requested by telephone to mail to this office a list of all his company's customers in Eastern Nebraska, and this list will be forwarded to you immediately upon its receipt.

St. Paul

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You are further advised that appropriate telegrams have been addressed to the offices covering siren alarm manufacturers listed above, and they have been requested to make the necessary investigation and obtain and forward to your office lists of these companies' customers.

Very truly yours,

F. K. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York

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February 19, 1934

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 - EXPORTION

There have been forwarded to you under separate cover a number of samples of wall paper, which were collected by agents of this office. While it does not appear that any of these samples approximate the description given by the victim, they have been submitted because the manufacturers thought they bore some resemblance.

Very truly yours,

F. I. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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**SPECIAL DELIVERY**

February 19, 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:

Reference is made to your letter of  
February 17, 1934.

Mr. Henry Hyman, President of the  
United States Electric Manufacturing Corporation, 222 W. 14th  
Street, New York City, has referred the inspection of the re-  
cords in his office to Mr. Atkin, office manager, who prepared  
a list setting forth notations of sales in the middle West dis-  
trict, of all flash lights in the instant case, which has been  
transmitted to you. In compliance with letter of reference, con-  
tact was made with the United States Electric Manufacturing  
Corporation, for the purpose of further identifying model 637 BM,  
which was received by this office today.

Mr. Atkin, the only person familiar with  
the records of the factory, is confined to his bed because of ill-  
ness and consequently was not interviewed. Arrangements were made  
to complete the investigation on February 20th, at which time Mr.  
Atkin will be available.

It was, however, ascertained from E. INVESTIGATION  
Rothenberg, Production Manager of the United States Electric Manufac- A. M.  
turing Corporation, who has been in the employ of this company for the  
past twenty seven years, upon examination of the flashlight received  
from your office in order to restrict the search of sales to a par-  
ticular date and district, that this particular flashlight was probably

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made about two years ago, the identifying feature being the insulation of the top end of the tube which has a discontinued type of insulation. The reflector head seats itself on this insulation cap and is a defect which feature has been corrected by a later manufacture.

The difficulty in determining the exact date of the manufacture of this particular flashlight arises from the fact that its assemblage parts are interchangeable, for example, the cap is of standard size and may be used on either 2, 3, or 5 cell tubes. The heads are interchangeable and may be used on 2 or 3 cell tubes. However, it is not customary to use the large reflector head on the 2 cell size flashlight. The spring in the cap used to hold the battery in place and known as the battery spring, is not the type used by this particular company and the possibility therefore arises from an examination of the tube that because of certain corrosive features on the inside of this tube, new wells were inserted and that the battery spring had become corroded from the action of the zinc chloride of the dead cells and was no longer able to be used. To further determine whether this probability occurred, new cells were placed in the flashlight and it was found that the flashlight was in working order.

A complete record will be obtained of all sales of this particular flashlight so that the possibility of any sales might not be missed and this search will start with the records appearing in the year 1928 up to and through the present date.

Very truly yours,

F. I. FAY  
Special Agent in Charge

CC: Division  
St. Paul

LIST OF TOWNS IN WHICH HENDRIE & BOLTHOFF COMPANY'S SIRENS ARE SOLD

ILLINOIS

Christopher  
 East St. Louis  
 Johnson City  
 Prophetstown  
 Kirkland  
 Seneca  
 West Frankfort

IOWA

Adel  
 Algona  
 Ansonia  
 Belleplaine  
 Delmond  
 Cherokee  
 Decora  
 Dexter  
 Dyess  
 Emmetsburg  
 Gladbrook  
 Glenwood  
 Goldfield  
 Grand Junction  
 Greeley  
 Hampton  
 Holstein  
 Jefferson  
 Leon  
 Malvern  
 Nevada  
 Northwood  
 Ogden  
 Oxford Junction  
 Rippey  
 Sheffield  
 Toledo  
 West Liberty  
 Woodward

WISCONSIN

None in Wisconsin

NORTH DAKOTA

Lisbon

NEBRASKA

Bayard  
 Bloomfield  
 Central City  
 Chappell  
 Creighton  
 Gering  
 Kimball  
 Louisville  
 Lyman  
 Minatare  
 Mitchell  
 Ogallala  
 Shelton  
 Tilden  
 Waverly  
 Wymore  
 Albion

\* The sirens sold in Illinois were sold mainly to Mining and Coal Companies I am told but Mr. Drenner did not have the names of the companies and could not get the same without searching the files and as wire did not call for same these names were not requested.

\*\* Nebraska was not segregated and obtained all towns therein.

303-A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
February 17, 1934

AIR MAIL

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

Unknown subjects  
Re: Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping  
S.L. File 7-27

Dear Sir:

In response to your telegram of February 15, 1934,  
in which you asked that the firm of Hendrie and Bolthoff, Denver,  
Colo., be contacted for the purpose of securing a record of the  
persons or concerns to whom they have sold their sirens, permit  
me to advise the following which was received from Agent Val  
C. Zimmer of this office stationed at Denver, Colo.:

At the office of this company located at 1639 - 17th  
Street, Denver, Colo., it was learned that the company manufactures  
and sells sirens that are used as general alarms for municipalities  
such as fire and police alarms, and also as alarms in coal towns.  
The company does make a few smaller sirens that may be used on  
automobiles, such as are suitable for police and fire automotive  
equipment. However, no record of the persons, concerns or  
municipalities to whom these latter described sirens are sold is  
maintained. The general alarm sirens are recorded and they are  
manufactured in sizes from 3' square and weighing approximately  
300 pounds, up to and including sirens weighing a ton or more.

From Mr. S. E. Bremen of this company, a list of the  
towns wherein their siren is sold within the territory of Illinois,  
Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota and Eastern Nebraska was secured and  
you will find that list attached.

The siren sold in the communities listed is known as  
the "Denver" siren. This is a large siren used only in general  
alarms as described above. The company does manufacture and sell  
a few of the small 6 Volt sirens used on automotive equipment, but  
it is not possible to furnish the names and addresses of the  
purchasers of this type of siren.

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Very truly yours,

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JOHN A. DOWD  
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Room 1403, 370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

With reference to your telegram of February 18, 1934, setting forth the locations of the H. L. Green Chain Stores in the middle west district, where the flashlights involved in this case probably were sold, please be advised that investigation at these stores will be conducted as early as possible.

In the meantime, interview was had with Mr. F. D. Bennett of the U. S. Electric Manufacturing Corporation, 525 West Polk Street, Chicago, who, after inspecting the original exhibits in this case, advised that it is very probable that all three of the flashlights were purchased at the same store. He said that he is practically certain that this type of flashlight was not shipped by his company to any mail order house, and that in all probability, it was sold to small chain stores.

Mr. Bennett said that the type of end cap attached to these flashlights is one of which not very many have been sold; further, that this type of end cap has never been sold through the Chicago office of the U. S. Electric Co. but were shipped direct from the factory in New York. Mr. Bennett suggested that one of the black flashlight cases, together with the end cap, be submitted immediately to the factory in New York for inspection, as he believes that it will be possible to determine exactly where these particular flashlights, bearing these particular end caps, were sold in the middle west.

Mr. Bennett had a sample of the silver case flashlight identical with the silver flashlight case exhibit in this case in his office, and he is today forwarding his sample to the factory, together with a letter describing all of the flashlights and advising the factory that an agent from the New York office will call there for further information. The sample flashlight case which Mr. Bennett is

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forwarding to the factory is identical in every respect except that it does not have the lens cap. Mr. Bennett said this gun was a very important part of the exhibit and would greatly aid the factory in determining the places where these flashlights were sold.

In accordance with Mr. Bennett's suggestion, there is being forwarded to you today by air mail one of the black flashlight base exhibits, and it is respectfully requested that you immediately present this to Mr. Henry Hyman, president of the U. S. Electric Manufacturing Corporation, 222 West 14th Street, New York City, for his inspection, and obtain all possible information regarding the places where these flashlights were sold. When the flashlight exhibit has served its purpose, it is to be returned by air mail to this office, to be used in further investigation of this matter. Any information you obtain from the U. S. Electric Corporation likewise is to be forwarded to this office by air mail.

Very truly yours,

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St. Paul

E. E. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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February 15, 1934

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318 Hayes Building, San Francisco, California.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
February 16, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
HOWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM,  
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-52

This will confirm my telephonic conversation with you today, at which time you requested a description of the house and the room in which Mr. Howard A. Woolverton was held when he was kidnaped, presumably by Eddie LaRue and George Kelly.

You are informed that the only information we have in this matter is contained in the report of Special Agent J. T. Hartin, of this office, dated February 12, 1934, together with the signed statement of Howard A. Woolverton, which was forwarded to you together with a copy of the said report.

It is believed, however, that you have not received a drawing of the room in which Woolverton was held; therefore, a photostatic copy of the drawing prepared by Mr. Woolverton is being forwarded herewith for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

M. E. FURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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617 Federal Bldg.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
February 14th, 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 LA File 7-42

Reference is made to your letter to the Chicago Division Office under date of January 28, 1934, carbon copies of which were sent to all Division offices in connection with the above entitled matter.

Please be advised that all extortion and other written documents of various Subjects contained in the files of this office have been scrutinized for incorrect spellings, but no pertinent information was developed.

In the absence of any further leads, no further investigation is being conducted in this district relative to this case.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

February 16, 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 GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

Your attention is invited to the communication from your office, dated February 7, 1934, recording memorandum received from Special Agent Dewey of Davenport, Iowa. This office is of the opinion that the statement made by Mrs. Mary Drew of 2340 East High Street, Davenport, relative to the identity of individuals residing two doors from that house and certain incidents alleged to have occurred therein should be thoroughly investigated.

It is believed that an Agent should gain admission to the house in an "undercover" capacity. This has been done in this jurisdiction by an Agent claiming to be connected with [redacted] and entering for the purpose of inspecting [redacted].

However, the guise under which the Agent enters the house, of course, depends upon local conditions and must be decided by the Agent conducting the investigation in the light thereof. Close scrutiny should be made of the location of the various rooms in the house in question. For this purpose, there is transmitted herewith a sketch showing the location of the various rooms and appurtenances on the floor of the house in which the Victim was held, according to the statements of the Victim himself. This is, of course, not guaranteed to be correct in every particular but does reflect specific statements made by said Victim and can, of course, be used for the purpose of deciding whether the location of the various rooms, et cetera, in this house or in any other house suspected in the future, coincide therewith.

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It is suggested that prompt attention be given to  
this matter.

Very truly yours,

WENNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1800 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
February 16, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM,  
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-576.

Reference is made to the telephonic conversation of Assistant Director Harold Nathan on February 14, 1934, requesting that this office secure a list of the towns in Northern Illinois which have street car lines operating through them.

There is enclosed herewith two copies of a list of the towns in Northern Illinois in which either or both street cars and/or electric suburban trains are in operation.

This information was obtained from the McGraw Electric Railway Directory for 1930, borrowed from H. D. Crews, Supervisor of Public Relations, Chicago Surface Lines, Room 1426, 4231 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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<u>CITY</u>	<u>ELECTRIC INTERURBANS</u>	<u>STREET CAR LINES</u>
Augs	C & J	Yes
Aurora	AE & FR BA & E	Yes
Batavia	AE & FR	Yes
Bellwood	CA & E	Yes
Berkeley	CA & E	Yes
Berwyn	IO	.
Blue Island		.
Broadview		.
Brookfield		.
Bureau	C & IV	.
Carpentersville	AE & FR	.
Central	C & IU	.
Chicago	Various	.
Cicero		.
Coleman	AE & FR	.
De Pue	C & IV	Abandoned
Dixon		.
Dundee	AE & FR	.
Elmhurst	CA & E	Yes
Elmwood Park		.
Evanston	CNS & M	.
Flossmoor	IO	.
Forest Park	CA & E	.
Fort Sheridan	CNS & M	Abandoned
Freeport		.
Geneva	AE & FR CA & E	.
Glencoe	CNS & M	.
Glen Ellyn	CA & E	Yes
Great Lakes	CNS & M	.
Harvey	IO	.
Highland Park	CNS & M	.
High Lake	CA & E	.
Highwood	CNS & M	.
Hillside	CA & E	.
Homewood	IO	.
Howe	C & IV	Yes
Joliet	C & IV C & J	Yes
Kenilworth	CNS & M	Yes
Kensington	IO	.
La Grange		.
La Grange Park		.
Lake Bluff	CNS & M	.
Lake Forest	CNS & M	.
Lambert	C & J	.
La Salle	C & IV	.

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LINE	ELECTRIC INTERURBANS	STREET CAR LINES
Libertyville,	CNS & M	
Lisbon Center,	W & IV	
Lockport,	C & J	
Lebanon,	CA & E	Yes
Lynx,	C & J	
Marseilles,	C & IV	
Matteson	IG	Yes
Maywood,		
Melrose Park,		
Minooka	C & IV	
Montgomery,	AE & FR	
Mooseheart,	AE & FR	
Morris,	C & IV	
Mundelein,	CNS & M	Yes
Niles Center,	CNS & M	
North Aurora,	AE & FR	
North Chicago,	CNS & M	
North Riverside,		
Oak Park,	CA & E	
Ottawa,	S & IV	
Princeton,	C & IV	
Ramont,	C & J	
Riverdale,	IG	
Riverside,		
River Forest,		Abandoned
Rockford,	Abandoned	
Rockport,	C & J	
Rockdale,	C & IV	
Romeo,	C & J	
Seneca,	C & I V	Yes
South Chicago,	IG	
Spring Valley,	C & IV	
St. Charles,	CA & E AE & FR	Yes
Stockney,		
Stratford Hills,	CA & E	
Summit	C & J	
Utica,	C & IV	
Villa Park,	CA & E	
Warrenville,	CA & E	Yes
Waukegan,	CNS & M	
Wayne,	CA & E	
Westchester,	CA & E	
West Chicago,	CA & E	

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STREET CAR LINES

Western Springs,  
Wheaton,  
Willow Springs,  
Wilmette,  
Yorkville,  
Evanston.

CA & E  
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CNS & M  
F & IU  
CNS & M

Yes  
  
Yes

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Abbreviations

AE & FR -Aurora, Elgin & Fox River Electric Co.  
CA & E Chicago, Aurora & Elgin Railroad Co.  
C & J Chicago and Joliet Electric Railway Co.  
C & IV Chicago and Illinois Valley Railroad Co.  
CNS & M, Chicago, North Shore & Milwaukee Railroad  
F & IU Fox and Illinois Union Railway  
IC Illinois Central (Electric)

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

February 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

In the above matter, I transmit herewith letter dated at Chicago, Illinois, February 14, 1934, signed, Sergt. Ed. J. Powers, Retired, 8012 Langley Ave., Chicago, which letter was received by the Chief of Police at St. Paul, giving information regarding certain individuals whom he came in contact with while an officer.

Please give this matter your appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANDEL,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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



February 19, 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 GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-3.

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I am forwarding under separate cover a rough drawing of the wall paper design, which is the best possible conception this office can obtain from Victim Bremer, of the wall paper design which was in the room of his confinement during his abduction.

It is believed that there were only four trees in each complete design, there being two trees on a horizontal line above two trees and a cluster of flowers seemingly attached to what appeared to be a branch between each two trees. The flowers, which appeared on these clusters and also on the trees, were similar and of a four leaf clover effect. Victim Bremer stated that these flowers were of different colors but that his only recollection is that some were purple and that he does not believe that any were red or green.

The victim believes that there were four sections of a fence in the design and that the fence at the upper left hand portion of the design consisted of eleven parts; that there were two upright posts followed by a horizontal post to each fence and that the upper left hand fence appeared very close to a tree, which tree appeared to cut in half the last portion of the fence which was an upright post. Victim believed that the fence in the lower left hand corner of the design had only upright posts between the tree and the closest horizontal post to the tree. Victim appears to be quite certain that the posts on the right hand side of the design, both upper and lower, contained only nine pieces to the fence but that he means nine including horizontals and uprights.

Victim believed that there were approximately six inches between the base of the upper trees and the top of the lower trees and that this space contained no design and was of a dull yellow color. He believed that to the immediate right and left of the trees there was a vague design of branches without any color which he can recall. He believes that this paper had a dark border at the top but cannot describe the design therein. From his description, it is apparent that the paper is of a cheap variety rather than an expensive one.

Inquiry at Minneapolis, Minnesota, has disclosed to this office that ROBERT GRIFFIN of the United Wall Paper Company, 157 West Side, Jersey City, New Jersey, is the acknowledged expert in wall paper patterns in this country. This information was furnished by MRS. FRANK HIRSHFIELD, who advises that Griffin is cognizant of practically all wall paper designs. It is requested that you immediately contact Mr. Griffin and advise him of what information you have concerning this design and solicit his cooperation in the identification of the patterns. In contacting Mr. Griffin, it is suggested that the name of Mrs. Frank Hirschfield of Minneapolis be used as she claims to be a very close business associate of Griffin.

It is requested that this design be immediately photostated by the New York Office and three copies furnished the Chicago Division Office in order that it may continue investigation in its district for the purpose of identifying this pattern. This lead should be given EXPEDITIOUS ATTENTION.

It is also requested that two photostatic copies of this design be furnished to the St. Louis Division Office; two to the Kansas City Division Office; and six to the St. Paul Division Office.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANKI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Kansas City  
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P.O. Box 815, St. Paul, Minn.

February 17, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Please ascertain identity of owner, and description of car bearing 1933 Illinois license plates #772-064, referred to in the enclosed letter from Harry W. Cain, Rowan, Iowa, who advised that this car stopped at his filling station and that the occupants, a man and woman, gave him a Federal Reserve note, the numbers of which note, however, do not correspond with the serial numbers of the ransom money in the above entitled case.

When the enclosed letter has served its purpose, it is requested that same be returned to the St. Paul Division Office.

Very truly yours,

WESLEY HANL,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P.O. Box 815, St. Paul, Minn.

February 17, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
326 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

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

In the above matter, I transmit herewith letter written by Preston C. Stephenson, Lorange, Louisiana, dated February 8, 1934, addressed to George F. Sullivan, who is the United States Attorney in St. Paul.

It is suggested that you contact Stephenson and obtain whatever information he has in mind relative to the possible hideout and suspects located at Sioux City, Iowa.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HARTY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P.O. Box 815, St. Paul, Minn.

February 17, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

With reference to report of Special Agent in Charge William Larson, made at Detroit, Michigan, February 15, 1934, in the above matter, I call your attention to paragraph three of page three, which deals with the Hayes Hotel in Chicago, Frank Hayes, as well as \$2700.00 of the Urschel ransom money.

It is suggested that any lead appearing in this report, in your district, be given appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

WALTER HANKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida.

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February 16, 1934

R. A. Alt,  
Tampa Terrace Hotel,  
Tampa, Florida.

Dear Sir:

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

For your information I am enclosing the following,  
received from Chicago and New York Division Offices simultaneously  
at 7:45 P. M. today:

From Chicago: Letter dated February 15, 1934, and letter  
dated February 15, 1934, via Air Mail Special Delivery.

From New York: Report of Special Agent L. G. Furrer, New York,  
dated February 15, 1934, EDDIE DOLL with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT; Marriage License of  
Lenard E. Foley (Doll) and Doris Crane Barton; Affidavit for  
License to Marry of same parties; Copy of report of Special  
Agent M. B. Rhodes, New York, dated December 18, 1933.

Very truly yours,

L. E. Kingman,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

February 17, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer,  
Victim, Kidnaping. Chicago File  
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Reference is made to my letter of February 16, 1934, in which  
was enclosed a list of towns in Northern Illinois in which either or  
both street cars and/or electric suburban trains are in operation.  
Referring to Page 2 of this list, the word "Yes" should be inserted  
under the heading "Street Car Lines", opposite Rockford, as it has been  
learned that street cars are in operation in that city.

Very truly yours,

M.H. FURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
February 14, 1934.

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

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM  
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-576

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to my letters of February 14 and 15, 1934 and a letter from the Philadelphia Division Office, dated February 15, 1934, in connection with the above matter.

Mr. C. A. Larson, Manager of the Atlas Wall Paper Mills, Inc., Coal City, Illinois, was contacted and patch books, containing approximately 500 patterns, were examined by Special Agent (A) W. B. Rich and Special Agent J. H. Rice, covering a period from 1926 to 1934, but no patterns were found to resemble the design in question. This company was organized in 1926.

It has been further ascertained that the United Wall Paper Company, Joliet Branch, Joliet, Illinois, was formerly known as the Standard Wall Paper Company, this company having been covered in my letter of February 15, 1934.

Mr. L. E. Gedette, in charge of the Chicago Warehouse of the Imperial Paper & Color Corporation, Inc., 3801 South Ashland Avenue, Chicago, advised Special Agent Earl Van Wagoner, that the W. H. S. Lloyd Company, importers of wall paper, 434 South Wabash Ave., Chicago, might have samples of paper not manufactured by American manufacturers and a report covering the examination of the samples of paper of this company will be submitted immediately.

Agent Rich secured the attached sample of wall paper, marked 7-H, from Mr. F. G. Snedden, Secretary of the Superior Wall Paper Company, Joliet, Illinois, No. 7979, as requested in the letter from the Philadelphia Division Office, dated February 15, information having been received from the Enterprise Wall Paper Company, South Langhorn, Pa., that they recently purchased a design, resembling that described by BREMER, from the Superior Wall Paper Company, Joliet, Illinois. The attached is a sample of the paper referred to in the letter of the Philadelphia Office and is being transmitted for the inspection of the Saint Paul Office.

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Mr. Snedden, above referred to, has been quite enthusiastic about the attempts being made to trace this wall paper design. It is his opinion that the description and illustration furnished by the Victim is so vague that it considerably lessens the possibility of the tracing. Mr. Snedden stated he is willing to personally interview the Victim, relative to the wall paper he describes, stating he would be accompanied by one of his designers and believes that by so doing, after interrogating the Victim at length, his designer would be able to develop a pattern which would closely approximate the type of pattern being sought.

Very truly yours,

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CC: Division  
Philadelphia

W. A. SMITH, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

505-1 U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
February 14, 1934

Mr. Harold Nathan,  
P.O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Unknown subjects  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping  
S.L. File 7-27

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of February 9, 1934, in which you requested the names of the suspects of the mint robbery at Denver, Colo., permit me to advise that Val C. Zimmer of this office contacted Mr. Rowland K. Goddard, Operative in Charge, United States Secret Service, Denver, Colo., and Mr. Goddard informed Agent Zimmer that he had received a wire from his Chief at Washington, D. C. requesting that this Division be furnished with the desired information.

Mr. Goddard informed Agent Zimmer that the mint robbery case was a very old one and that while he had been very familiar with it, he was unable to furnish all the needed facts at once due to the lapse of time. He promised to go thru his file and furnish Memoranda of the facts and also to furnish photographs of suspects, with their descriptions. Mr. Goddard was delayed further in preparing his material due to the fact that Mrs. Goddard, his wife, was operated on during the period that he promised to engage himself in this matter and the information did not come to this office until February 13, 1934.

Enclosed herein you will find the following:

1. Summary of facts of robbery and names of suspects.
2. Statement of Otto Schultz dated 2-10-23.
3. Confidential circular to Agents of the Secret Service dated at Denver, Colo. March 1923, which contains names of persons believed implicated in the mint robbery, with descriptions.
4. Report of Operative R.K. Goddard dated Denver, Colo. 2-22-23.

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5. S Denver, Colo. Police Circulars.

6. Photograph of James Clark with aliases, on the reverse side of which is his description.

7. Photograph of James Franklin, on the reverse side of which is his description.

8. Photograph of Robert Leon Knapp, on the reverse side of which is his description.

9. Photograph of Ray Brown, on the reverse side of which is his description.

10. Photograph of Maggie Saeeg (M), on the reverse side of which is her description.

11. Photograph of Florence Thompson, on the reverse side of which is her description.

12. Clipping from the Denver, Colo. Post, issue of 3-8-32.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. BOWEN  
Special Agent in Charge

JAD:EM

cc: Division

AIR MAIL

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

February 17, 1934

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

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD A. BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of February 15, 1934,  
and a letter from the Cincinnati Division office dated February 15, 1934,  
in connection with the above entitled matter.

The W. H. S. Lloyd Company, 454 South Wabash Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois, wall paper importers and jobbers, was contacted by  
Special Agent W. C. Jamison, and approximately 2,200 samples of wall  
paper were examined. Nothing resembling the design described by victim  
was found. Mr. F. Tebbett advised that the Lloyd Company handled prin-  
cipally imported papers, most of the designs coming from England, but  
that they had a few French and German designs. It was the opinion of Mr.  
Tebbett that the design described by victim would probably be found in  
the so-called "scenic" wall paper, or may be obtained by putting together  
two or more different patterns of wall paper. To illustrate this second  
point he furnished a page from one of their catalogues, which is trans-  
mitted herewith marked A-1, which shows the effect obtained by putting  
together six different designs of paper. Mr. Tebbett further advised  
that it might be possible that the design described would be found in  
the imported German papers, and that the Schottenberg Company, Marshall  
Field Annex, Chicago, which handles a large line of German wall papers  
should be contacted.

Mr. Schottenberg advised Agent Jamison that the design  
described by victim would in all probability be found in a domestic  
rather than an imported scenic wall paper. Mr. Schottenberg stated that  
he has been in the wall paper business all his life, and had specialized  
in imported paper, and that he could not recall any design in imported  
paper which resembled in any way the paper described by victim. He further  
stated that scenic wall paper is quite expensive, both domestic and im-  
ported, and that it is usually found only in the more expensive homes or  
apartments. Approximately sixty books of samples of paper were examined  
without result.

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At the Isgo Company, 1115 West 12th St., Chicago, Ill. wall paper jobbers, Mr. Goldberg advised that he could not recall any paper in any of the lines they have jobbed which resembled the paper sought. This company had available only sample books for the year 1934 from the following firms: Secondary Wall Paper Company; Superior Campbell Line; Prager Company, Inc., and Superior Wall Paper Company, Joliet, Ill. No design resembling that described was found.

Very truly yours,

M. E. FURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.

WCF:JMS

CC Division  
CC Cincinnati

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Room 1408  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York City

RM:SM  
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February 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 815  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Unknown Subjects  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the cities in the  
middlewest which use alarm sirens, there are transmitted here-  
with lists of those cities in the State of Nebraska where  
Sterling Sirens have been installed.

Very truly yours,

F. E. RAY  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Division

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
FEB 21 1934 A.M.  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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City of Johnson, Nebr.	Vertical
Pine Ridge Agency, Rushville, Nebr.	"
Village of Diller, Diller, Nebr.	"
Village of Benedict, Nebr.	"
City of Gothenberg, Nebr.	"
City of Wahoo, Nebr.	"
City of Diamond, Nebr.	Code
City of Wolbach, Nebr.	"
Town of Alma, Nebr.	"
City of Ansley, Nebr.	"
City of Anapahos, Nebr.	"
City of Auburn, Nebr.	"
City of Aurora, Nebr.	"
Nebraska Gas & Elec. Co. Aurora, Neb.	"
Village of Bancroft, Nebr.	"
Village of Bellwood, Nebr.	"
O. H. West, Beemer, Nebr.	"
Town of Bladen, Nebr.	"
City of Brainerd, Nebr.	"
City of Bridgeport, Nebr.	"
Western Public Service Co., Bridgeport, Neb.	"
Village of Blue Springs, Nebr.	"
City of Brunswick, Nebr.	"
City of Butte, Nebr.	"
Village of Burchard, Nebr.	"
Village of Galloway, Nebr.	"
Village of Campbell, Nebr.	"
Village of Chambers, Nebr.	"
Clay Center, Nebr. Fire Dept.	"
The M. M. Johnson Co. Clay Center, Nebr.	"
Fire Dept. Clearwater, Nebr.	"
Town of Coleridge, Nebr.	"
Village of College View, Nebr.	"
City of Comstock, Nebr.	"
City of Crawford, Nebr.	"
Fire Dept. Davenport, Nebr.	"
Fire Dept. Doniphan, Nebr.	"
City of Elk Creek, Nebr.	"
City of Elmwood, Nebr.	"
City of Elwood, Fire Dept.	"
City of Exeter, Nebr.	"
City of Fullerton, Nebr.	"
Fire Dept. Falls City, Nebr.	"
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Fort Robinson, Nebr.	"
Republican Galley Telephone Co., Franklin	"
Town of Giltner, Nebr.	"
City of Gordon, Nebr.	"
City of Grant, Nebr.	"
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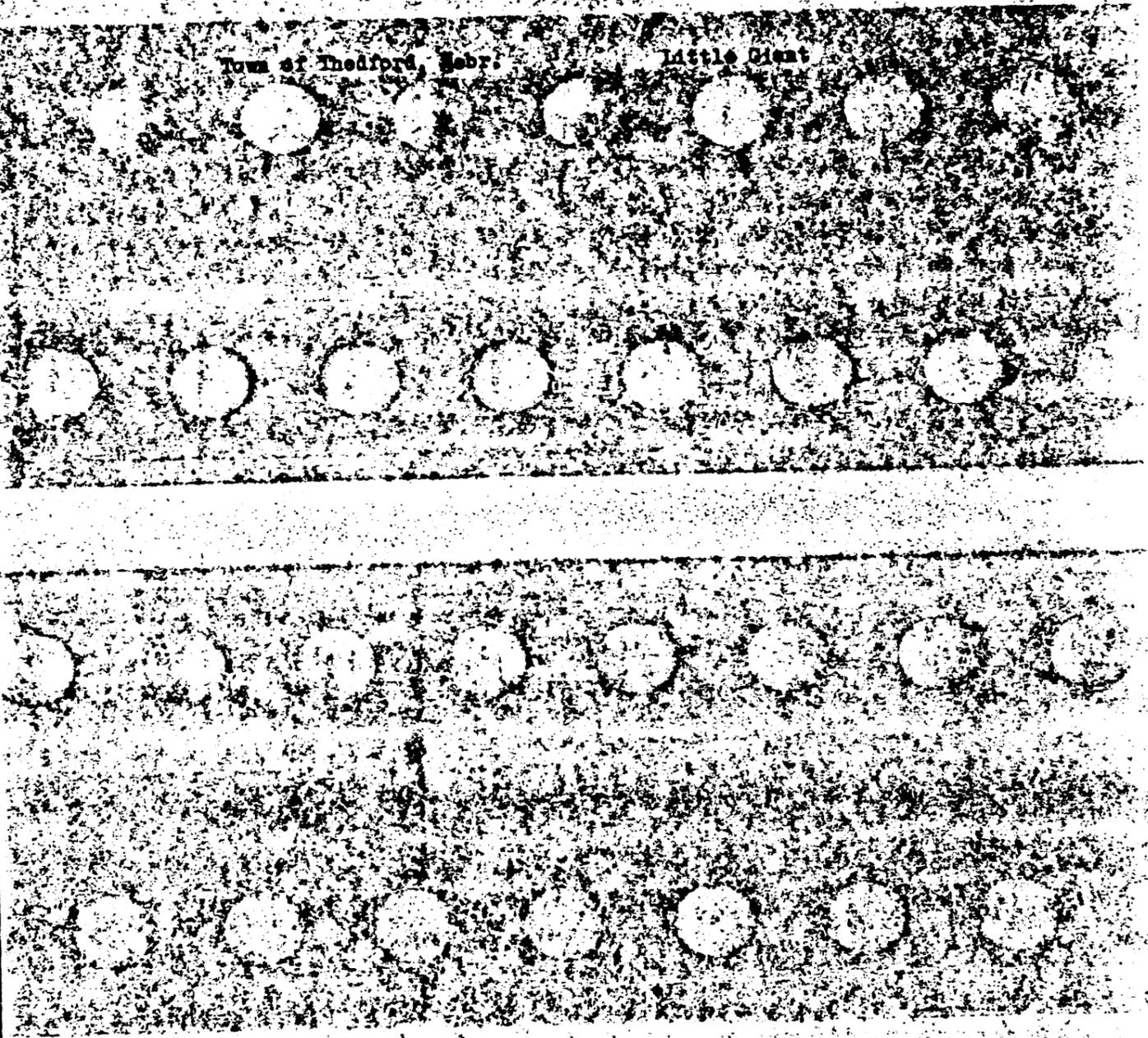
Fire Dept. Hershey, Nebr.  
 City of Holbrook, Nebr.  
 Fire Dept. Homer, Nebr.  
 Fire Dept. Lynch, Nebr.  
 Village of Lyons, Nebr.  
 Town of Marquette, Nebr.  
 McCook City Water Works, Nebr.  
 Western Public Service Co., Minatare, Neb.  
 Nebraska Power Co., Valley, Nebr.  
 City of Newman Grove, Nebr.  
 City of Newport, Nebr.  
 City of Oakland, Nebr.  
 Nebraska Power Co. Valley, Nebr.  
 Fire Dept. Osmond, Nebr.  
 City of Otoe, Nebr.  
 City of Oxford, Nebr.  
 Parkhurst Auto Elec. Co. Lincoln, Nebr.  
 City of Paxton, Nebr.  
 Fire Dept. Petersburg, Nebr.  
 City of Pierce, Nebr.  
 City of Polk, Nebr.  
 City of Ravenna, Nebr.  
 City of Rising City, Nebr.  
 Village of Shelby, Nebr.  
 Fire Dept. Stuart, Nebr.  
 Village of Silver Creek, Nebr.  
 Southern Nebraska Power Co. Superior, Neb.  
 E. E. Brownell, Sutherland, Nebr.  
 Town of Snyder, Nebr.  
 City of Syracuse, Nebr.  
 Fire Dept. St. Edwards, Nebr.  
 City of Talmadge, Nebr.  
 City of Tekamah, Nebr.  
 Village of Unadilla, Nebr.  
 Village of Utica, Nebr.  
 City of Verdigris, Nebr.  
 Fire Dept. Walthill, Nebr.  
 Fire Dept. Waterloo, Nebr.  
 City of Wauneta, Nebr.  
 Fire Dept. Wauneta, Nebr.  
 City of Western, Nebr.  
 Fire Dept. Weston, Nebr.  
 City of Winslow, Nebr.  
 City of Wolbach, Nebr.  
 Town of Wood River, Nebr.  
 Town of York, Nebr.  
 City of Elmwood, Nebr.  
 Village of Crockston, Nebr.  
 Jansen Light & Lower Co., Jansen, Nebr.  
 City of Murdock, Nebr.  
 Village of Palmyra, Nebr.  
 Village of Ruskia, Nebr.  
 Village of Springview, Nebr.

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Town of Theford, Neb.

Little Giant



311 Harley-Wright Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

February 20, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1806 First National Bank Bldg.,  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the covering of news stands  
selling St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers, Special  
Agent Morris D. Traub at Baltimore, Maryland ascertained  
that on Sunday, February 18, 1934, two men driving an  
automobile bearing 1934 North Carolina tags No. 409-708  
bought all available newspapers from Chicago, Illinois.  
In addition to the North Carolina State license tags, the  
automobile had a "Traverse City" license plate.

It is respectfully requested that your office  
ascertain the name of the registrant of this automobile  
and other pertinent data which may be available at the  
Motor Vehicle Bureau at Raleigh, North Carolina or at  
Traverse City, North Carolina.

Very truly yours,

EARLE M. BLACK, Assistant  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division  
cc - St. Paul

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Post Office Box 514  
Birmingham, Alabama

JH:cl  
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February 16, 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 telegram from the St. Paul Office dated February 15, 1934, in connection with the above entitled case wherein the Birmingham Office is requested to contact newspaper dealers in this district selling Minneapolis and St. Paul newspapers in order that purchasers whose identity appears suspicious could be checked.

This is to advise that this is being done by this office in Atlanta and Macon, Georgia, Knoxville, Nashville and Memphis, Tennessee, and Montgomery, Alabama. A check has already been made in Birmingham by Special Agent G. M. Lowdon, who has ascertained that no St. Paul and Minneapolis papers are sold by any of the news dealers or any of the hotels in Birmingham, Alabama. The St. Paul Office will immediately be advised as to the result of this inquiry in the other cities of this district.

In this connection, photographs of Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, and Harry Campbell have been received but a check of the Birmingham files does not indicate this office is in possession of physical descriptions of these persons and it is requested that the St. Paul office furnish this information to the Birmingham Office.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

CC: Division

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
FEB 21 1934
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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SUITE L FEDERAL BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
FEBRUARY 17, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

With reference to letter from this office to your office under date of February 16, 1934, in the above captioned case, please be advised that the date of the assault upon Mr. Hasselbroek, at Topeka, Kansas, was February 15, 1934 and not December 15, 1934, as reported in that letter.

Very truly yours,

M. G. SPEAR, ACTING  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

MCS:cm  
cc - Division  
cc - St. Paul  
cc - K. C. File 62-760

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
February 19, 1934.

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

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM,  
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-576.

Dear Sir:-

In compliance with your telegram of February 18, 1934,  
all news dealers in Chicago, handling Saint Paul and Minneapolis news-  
papers, were contacted.

In addition to photographs of the Subjects mentioned in  
your wire; namely, "Doc", Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, photographs of  
Edward Doll, alias Edward LaRue, Eddie Bantz, James Lawson, Harry  
Campbell, Arthur R. Barker and Volney Davis were exhibited to these  
news dealers. The complete survey showed that fourteen places in  
Chicago handle Saint Paul and Minneapolis newspapers, and the total  
sales do not average more than thirty copies per day. Of these fourteen  
news dealers, only five were of the opinion they had, at one time or  
another, seen anyone resembling any of the parties whose photographs  
were shown them.

Mr. McDonough, of the news stand at the Merrick Hotel,  
79 West Madison Street, was positive in his identification of Edward  
Doll, alias Edward LaRue, as a man who had purchased Saint Paul papers  
from him on five or six occasions, the last time, he believes, being  
the week-end of February 10, 1934. When asked to describe the man  
he identified as DOLL, Mr. McDonough stated he recalled very distinctly,  
this party's peculiar laugh or big smile. He said he had had no con-  
versation with this party but that on at least one occasion, after  
buying a Saint Paul paper, this man had asked for a Minneapolis paper.  
McDonough said he thought at the time this was rather peculiar, for  
the reason that no customer wanting one of these papers, ever considered  
taking the other, as a general rule.

Mr. McDonough described the man he identified as DOLL,  
as being of slender build, better than five feet ten inches tall,  
weighing about 160 pounds, neat in appearance, about twenty-five years  
of age, and usually wore dark clothes. He stated he had never seen  
this man with any other person.

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A check was made at the Transportation Dept., the Key Desk and at Headquarters Office, of the Morrison Hotel, but no one at these places recognized the photograph of DOLL as a likeness of anyone who had stayed at the hotel. Mr. Purdy, Chief House Officer, Morrison Hotel, said DOLL'S photograph looked familiar, but he did not believe this party had registered at the hotel. Mr. Purdy suggested that DOLL might have stayed at one of the smaller hotels in the neighborhood of the Morrison.

Accordingly, a check was made at the Hotel Harding, 719 North Clark Street; the Brevoort, 130 West Madison Street; the Grand Hotel, at Dearborn and Madison; and the Saratoga Hotel, 50 South Dearborn Street, all being located in the vicinity of the Morrison Hotel.

At the Saratoga Hotel, the clerk stated he has seen DOLL many times but did not recognize the photographs of any of the other subjects mentioned. He was not sure where he had seen Doll but said he was certain he had not registered at the Saratoga Hotel. At the other hotels mentioned, no identifications were made in connection with the photographs shown the various clerks at these hotels.

At the Palmer House, State and Monroe Streets, the news dealer said that DOLL had purchased at least one Saint Paul newspaper at his stand, but was not sure of the date and not certain enough of the identification to give any description. The Room Clerk, the head porter and the house officer at the Palmer House, failed to recognize the photographs of Subjects shown them, as the likenesses of any persons they had ever seen.

Miss Dresna, of the City Hall Book Shop, 111 North Clark Street, identified the photograph of DOLL as that of a party who had come in there for Saint Paul papers. She said at the time he purchased this paper, there was one on the stand outside the store and she purchased this for him. She said she could not give any description of the man, but she thinks there was another man with him and that the party she claims resembled DOLL, wore a leather coat and a cap at the time. Her identification was not positive.

At the Queen City News Stand, State and Randolph Streets, the party interviewed stated he believed ALVIN KARPIS purchased Saint Paul and Minneapolis newspapers at that stand about three weeks ago. He was not positive as to this identification and could give no description of the party he thought resembled ALVIN KARPIS, merely stating the photograph of Karpis looked like a person who had obtained Saint Paul and Minneapolis papers at that stand.

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At the Post Office News Stand, 63 West Randolph Street, Chicago, it was ascertained that parties resembling ALVIN KARPIS and VOLNEY DAVIS purchased Saint Paul newspapers there. They were unable to give any descriptions of these parties and their identifications were not positive.

At the Morrison Hotel, the Transportation Clerk was shown pictures of the Subjects in question and asked if he could recall any of these parties making reservations for air travel. He failed to recognize any of the Subjects as resembling persons who had called at that office.

At the office of the American Airways, 312 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, a check was made of the lists of passengers making flights South from February 7 to February 11, 1934, as it was thought that DOLL might have gone to Florida by plane with a companion. The lists revealed that only six persons had booked passage to Florida during the period indicated and none of these persons could be identified as DOLL.

In the near future, inquiries will again be made at the News Stand where ALVIN KARPIS and VOLNEY DAVIS are believed to have been identified, in the hope it may be ascertained these parties are making regular trips to the news stand.

Very truly yours,

JRW:VME  
CC:Division  
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M. E. FURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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1031 U.S. Court House  
St. Paul, Minn.  
February 17, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 815,  
St. Paul, Minn.

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FEB 20 1934

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
HOWARD G. PETERSON - Victim.  
Kidnaping - S.I. File 7-576.

Dear Sir:

Under date of February 15th, 1934, I received a telegram from the Portland Division office requesting that I refer to the August 1933 number of the American Bankers' Journal, in which appeared a photograph of one Homer Watkins. I was instructed to immediately display the photograph of Homer Watkins to Arthur Johnson, an inmate of the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado, for the purpose of determining if he could identify the photograph of Homer Watkins as being that of Big Homer.

Agent A.R. Gere of this office attended to this matter promptly, and exhibited the photograph of Homer Watkins to Johnson, whereupon Johnson stated that Homer Watkins and Big Homer were not one and the same.

I telegraphed you to this effect on February 17th, 1934.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

JAD:J  
cc - Division.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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625 Lafayette Bldg.  
Detroit Michigan  
February 19 1934

Mr. E. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Tampa Terrace Hotel  
Tampa, Florida

Dear Sir:

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

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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On the afternoon of February 17 Acting Special Agent in Charge Spears of the Kansas City, Missouri office telephonically contacted this office and advised that he had communicated with you and that it was deemed necessary to again interview Kathryn Kelly at Milan, Michigan for the purpose of securing additional specific information regarding the association of herself and George Kelly with Doris Barton and Eddie Larue, this information being essential in order to properly interrogate Doris Barton, who denied knowing Kathryn Kelly.

Confirming my telephonic communication with you yesterday, please be advised that I had a further talk with Kathryn Kelly and she informed me that about June 1, 1933 George Kelly, through pre-arrangement, met Eddie Larue and George Bates at the Post Office in Cleveland, Ohio. She states that the reason for this meeting was to attempt to negotiate some bank robberies in that vicinity; that Larue had proceeded to Cleveland, evidently from Chicago, in his maroon colored Chevrolet Coupe with Doris Barton and her eight year old nephew and that George Bates had arrived there from Denver by train. She stated that the following day after this meeting both she and George accidentally ran into Doris Barton and Larue at a parking lot, name unknown. She further advised that Bates stayed in Cleveland, a day or two and then proceeded by train to Indianapolis, Indiana; that Doris Barton and Eddie Larue, together with the eight year old boy, proceeded to Aurora, Illinois where Larue informed the Kellys he was to leave Doris Barton and the boy. The Kellys purchased a new 16 cylinder Cadillac on June 4 and the proceeded to Indianapolis. A few days later Bates, Larue and Kelly met in the Post Office at Indianapolis and further discussions were held regarding bank robberies in that vicinity, Larue having driven to Indianapolis from Aurora. She states that the gang purchased another Chevrolet Coupe or Sedan which was to be used in the robberies. Before any robberies were negotiated, Larue, Bates and Kelly became engaged in an altercation with the result that no robbery was committed and Bates and Larue proceeded back to Chicago, the Kellys going to Texas. Kathryn Kelly states that when a few miles outside the city of Indianapolis, Kelly, Larue and Bates matched for the machine-gun and Bates won. This, she states, was the machine-gun found in the possession of Bailey when he was apprehended at Paradise, Texas.

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Mrs. Kelly states that she later learned that Larue, Doris Barton and the eight year old boy had been living in the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, as indicated in my communication of February 9. She further states that while she and Kelly were residing at 6000 St. Charles Street, New Orleans between November 28, 1933 and December 8, 1933 that Larue and Doris Barton were then living at the Pontchartrian Apartment Hotel, which is also on St. Charles Street, New Orleans and it was during this period that Kelly, Bates, Bailey and Larue robbed the Tupelo, Mississippi bank. She states that Larue stopped at the Kelly home in Fort Worth, Texas several times, but that Doris Barton was not with him there. She states that about two years ago Doris Barton and Larue stopped at the Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, Texas and departed from that point for Maine. This was at the time when Larue stated he was going to Maine with Doris for the purpose of becoming married. Mrs. Kelly states that about three or four months before the Urschel kidnaping, which occurred in July, 1933, Larue and Doris Barton were residing at the Berkshire Arms, Kansas City, Missouri, probably under the name of Lang and that Kathryn and George Kelly had dinner with them in that apartment and also Kathryn on one occasion had lunch with Doris Barton. This definitely proves that Doris Barton is acquainted with Kathryn Kelly and there is every reason to believe that Kathryn Kelly is telling the truth.

During my interview with her Saturday night, Kathryn Kelly was somewhat apprehensive about giving any information regarding Doris Barton, stating that Doris was a nice girl and that she, Kathryn, did not want to do anything which would harm her, further stating that she did not know definitely if Doris Barton had knowledge of the crimes that Eddie Larue was engaged in, but from her actions it was indicated that evidently Doris Barton should have been as familiar with the gang in view of her association, as was Kathryn Kelly.

Mrs. Kelly stated that on one occasion in Chicago Larue remarked that Doris had become somewhat disturbed because he had not brought home enough money and at that time he had \$9,000 in cash which had been taken from some bank robbery and that he then stated that he was going to throw this money over the transom when he got to the apartment of Doris Barton so that she could have an opportunity to see it before he attempted to open the door and walk in. Kathryn Kelly stated that she could not remember from which particular robbery this money was secured.

With regard to Doris Barton's apartment on Sheridan Road, Chicago as indicated in my letter of February 9, Kathryn Kelly now states that she had on several occasions driven Eddie Larue to this place but that she does not remember ever having actually visited Doris Barton in this apartment.

Kathryn Kelly was questioned as to where Eddie Larue and George Kelly lived in Chicago in February 1932 when Mr. Woolverton was

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kidnaped at South Bend, Indiana and she stated that she did not possess that information but it was her thought that evidently Larue was living with Doris Barton in the apartment on Sheridan Road and that Kelly probably was either residing there with Larue or was living in some hotel in Chicago. As I advised you yesterday, George Kelly has admitted his participation in the kidnaping of Mr. Woolverton and has implicated Eddie Larue in same. I am transmitting herewith for your information in questioning Larue regarding the Woolverton kidnaping, a copy of the statement given by Edward A. Woolverton of South Bend, Indiana to Special Agent J. T. Martin, Chicago and also copy of report of Agent Martin dated 2/12/34, which sets forth the results of the investigation at South Bend. Also a copy of a letter from the Kansas City office dated February 9 showing the result of interview had with Kelly at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth. You will note in this material that Kelly and Larue evidently secured the sum of \$8,000 as ransom in this case. Further information with regard to this particular matter is set out in my report of February 15, 1934, of which copies were forwarded to your office.

Mrs. Kelly also informed me that Harvey Bailey, Ed Beate, "Big Homer" (full name unknown) and Eddie Larue perpetrated the bank robbery at Lincoln, Nebraska. It is suggested that Larue be carefully interrogated as to the full name of "Big Homer" which might be of future value in the instant case. Also, he should be questioned regarding the location of the house between Chicago and Joliet where Woolverton was held which, Mrs. Kelly states, was the home of Larue's brother. To date this house has not been found. It will be noted in the statement made by Mr. Woolverton that he has given a very good description of Larue including the hacking cough and the soft voice and undoubtedly will be able to immediately identify Larue.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Division ✓  
St. Paul  
Kansas City  
Chicago  
Jacksonville

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CHARGE

Chicago, Illinois, February 21, 1934

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
426 U. S. CUSTOM HOUSE & POST OFFICE,  
CINCINNATI, OHIO

BRISER KIDNAPING FURNISH THIS OFFICE AND SAINTPAUL OFFICE IMMEDIATELY  
WITH LIST NAMES ADDRESSES OF GAME WARDENS NORTHERN HALF INDIANA

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CC: DIVISION

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,

CHARGE

Chicago, Illinois, February 19, 1934 5:30 P.M.

D. H. LADD,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
501 Title Guaranty Building,  
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI

REKMER KIDNAPING FURNISH THIS OFFICE AND SAINTPAUL OFFICE IMMEDIATELY  
WITH LIST NAMES ADDRESSES OF GAME WARDENS NORTHERN HALF ILLINOIS

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SUITE L FEDERAL BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
FEBRUARY 19, 1934.

FEB 21 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

Kindly refer to your letter dated February 14, 1934,  
requesting information concerning 1924 Missouri license plates  
59-527.

Special Agent S. F. Hurley ascertained from the office  
of the State License Bureau, located at Kansas City, Missouri,  
that the above described plates were issued about January 7, 1934,  
to Mr. Russell C. Comer, 445 West 63rd Street, Kansas City,  
Missouri, on a 1933 Chrysler Sedan, motor number C017212.

Agent Hurley further ascertained that Mr. Comer is the  
President of the Russell C. Comer Advertising Company, with  
offices in the Fairfax Building, 101 West 11th Street, Kansas City,  
Missouri.

Through discreet contact with Mr. Alfred McKelvy, a  
business associate of Mr. Comer, Agent Hurley ascertained that  
Mr. Comer travels extensively in his car on business, and during  
the past six weeks Mr. Comer has been driving the above described  
car in the states of Minnesota, Nebraska and Wisconsin.

This advertising company is said to have a good repu-  
tation and associated with Messrs. Comer and McKelvy are Floyd L.  
Dolon, George W. Murphy and William Praebsting.

A summarization of the above information was furnished  
to Assistant Director Harold Nathan during my telephonic conver-  
sation with him on the evening of February 17, 1934.

Very truly yours,

MCS:os

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

February 10, 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 GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Referring to letter of even date in the above mat-  
ter, and supplemental thereto, it is believed desirable that  
in the event it is ascertained that the house mentioned in said  
letter, or any other houses located in future investigations,  
appears to be similar with the floor plan transmitted to you,  
that the following details be checked with a view to establish-  
ing the identity of both house and location.

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The Victim reports that he heard two separate sound-  
ing church bells during his confinement; that one church bell  
rang on Saturday nights at approximately 6:00 o'clock and again  
several times at varying intervals during the following Sunday  
mornings. He also heard a different bell, presumably from some  
other church, on Sunday morning only. In other words, there  
would be two church bells to locate in two churches. It is thought,  
from the time of the ringing, that the first bell, i.e., the one  
ringing Saturday night and Sunday morning is that of a Catholic  
church.

Victim also stated that, from his place of confine-  
ment, he heard a stationary siren each morning, with the exception  
of Sunday morning, at about 7:00 o'clock. Incidentally, on one  
Sunday morning this siren gave three or four toots, or soundings,  
of lesser time duration than the regular sounding on week day morn-  
ings. Further, the Victim stated that he heard a whistle each morn-  
ing with the exception of Sunday morning; said whistle might be  
located a mile or so distant and appeared to be on the order of  
a factory whistle. This different whistle blew simultaneously, or  
almost simultaneously, with the blowing of the week day siren re-

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ferred to above and the same factory whistle also blew each week day evening at approximately 6:00 o'clock.

Very truly yours,

WENNER HANL,  
Special Agent in Charge.

HN:TC  
AIR MAIL

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SUITE 1 FEDERAL BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
FEBRUARY 19, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

This will confirm telephonic request of Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, of Tampa, Florida on February 17, 1934, to the effect that George Kelley Barnes should be interviewed at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, relative to all information possible concerning Doris Barton and Eddie LaRue.

Mr. Alt stated that it was particularly desired that George Kelley be questioned as to whether he and Kathryn Kelley met Doris Barton and Eddie LaRue at a parking station in Cleveland, Ohio on or about June 1, 1933. He also stated that all possible information to show acquaintance and relationship between the Kelleys, LaRue and Doris Barton be obtained.

Mr. Alt further requested that the Detroit Office be contacted and that office be requested to further interview Kathryn Kelley in line with information set out in letter written by Special Agent in Charge Larson under date of February 9, 1934, the desired information to be obtained from Kathryn Kelley to be similar to that requested from George Kelley. I immediately telephoned the Detroit Office, speaking to Agent Nicholson, and requested the desired interview with Kathryn Kelley and instructing, pursuant to information from Mr. Alt, that the facts obtained be immediately telegraphed to Mr. Alt, in care of the Tampa Terrace Hotel, Tampa, Florida.

Special Agent A. E. Farland interviewed George Kelley Barnes at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on the afternoon of February 17, 1934, at which time Kelley advised that he and Kathryn Kelley had met Eddie LaRue and Doris Barton at Cleveland, Ohio at a parking lot during the first part of June 1933, at which time the Kelleys had Kelley's 12 cylinder convertible Cadillac Coupe.

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Eddie LaRue and Doris Barton were in a red Chevrolet Convertible Coupe. George Kelley stated that he recalled that this meeting with Eddie LaRue and Doris Barton at the parking lot had been on the day previous to that on which he purchased his 16 cylinder Cadillac at Cleveland.

By reference to the report of Special Agent H.D. Chapman, dated at Detroit, Michigan, September 5, 1933, in the Urschel Kidnapping case, it is noted that Mr. J. W. Park, Credit Manager of General Motors Acceptance Corporation, at Cleveland, Ohio, advised Agent Chapman that Kelley had purchased a V-16 Cadillac on Saturday afternoon June 3, 1933. From the above information it would appear that the Kelleys saw LaRue and Doris Barton at Cleveland on June 3, 1933.

Kelley further stated that Eddie and Doris had just come from New York and were going to see "Grand Hotel", a moving picture in Cleveland, Ohio, and they asked the Kelleys to accompany them; however, this invitation was refused as George and Kathryn had previously seen the picture.

Kelley further stated that he believed Doris Barton had been a "call girl" in Chicago, and had a nice apartment at an address which he believed was 5524 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois, although Kelley was not positive about the street address. He recalled that this apartment was across the street from the Edgewater Beach Hotel, in Chicago. He further stated that Eddie LaRue and Doris Barton lived together for approximately two years prior to the time they were married in New York City, about September 1932, Eddie and Doris having stopped at some big hotel in New York City, the name of which Kelley did not know.

Kelley further stated that he had known Doris Barton for about two or three years, his acquaintanceship with her having been through Eddie LaRue; further stating that Kathryn Kelley had only met Doris on one or two occasions, these meetings having been while Kathryn was with George.

A telegraphic summary of the above information was furnished Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, in care of the Tampa Terrace hotel, Tampa, Florida, on February 17, 1934, the telegram

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being so worded as to avoid the use of the names of any of the individuals mentioned hereinabove, pursuant to Mr. Alt's suggestion.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPER, ACTING  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Division  
St. Paul  
Detroit  
Chicago

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Salt Lake City, Utah.  
 February 17, 1934.

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



*K.C.*  
 BREKLER KIDNAPING PORTLAND OFFICE REQUESTED ME DETERMINE THROUGH INFORMANT COLORADO STATE PENITENTIARY IF HOMER WATKINS IS BIG HOMER INFORMANT STATES THEY ARE NOT SAME PERSON STOP LIST OF TOWNS WHERE HENDRIE AND BOLTHOFF DRIVER SIREN SOLD BEING FORWARDED YOU AIRMAIL TODAY.

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JAD:J  
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NEW YORK N Y FEBRUARY 15, 1934

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

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

RED ARROW SIREN MANUFACTURED DECOOT'S MACHINE WORKS SAUK CITY WISCONSIN THIS COMPANY  
PRACTICALLY CONTROLLING ALL BUSINESS WISCONSIN ERICK ELECTRIC SIREN COMPANY ST PAUL  
CONTROLS BUSINESS MINNESOTA OFFICES COVERING OTHER MANUFACTURERS BEING ADVISED

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

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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SAN FRANCISCO CALIF

CONTACT BULLARD SIGNAL COMPANY TWO SEVEN FIVE EIGHTH STREET SAN FRANCISCO AND  
JH HEDBERG SAN JOSE MAKERS ELECTRIC SIRENS USED FOR FIRE AND GENERAL ALARMS AND  
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1900 BANKERS' BUILDING  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

Re: Unknown Subjects  
Edward G Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping.

FEB 21 1934

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



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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1900 BANKERS BLDG  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS



PREMER CASE ADVISE RESULTS MATTERS NAMED YOUR DISTRICT IN DIRECTORS LETTER DATED  
FEBRUARY TWELFTH TO SAINT PAUL OF WHICH YOU HAVE COPY STOP MATTER SHOULD RECEIVE  
PROMPT ATTENTION PAGE TWO THEREOF GIVES FIRST NAMES OF SUSPECTS

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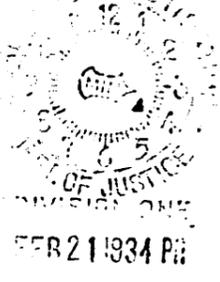
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February 19, 1934

M H FURVIS  
Division of Investigation  
U S Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois



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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD G BREMER VICTIM KIDNAPING SHIRT DESCRIBED  
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DISTRIBUTED BY CLUETT PEABODY & COMPANY ALL DISTRIBUTION MIDDLE  
WEST THROUGH CHICAGO OFFICE THAT CONCERN STOP SHIRT DESCRIBED AS  
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RETEL INQUIRY THIRTY FOUR OKLAHOMA LICENSE PLATES HIGHWAY OFFICIALS HERE  
 ADVISE THOSE NUMBERS UNISSUED AND FICTITIOUS.

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Official Business  
 Chg. Div. of Investigation  
 U. S. Dep't. of Justice,  
 224 Federal Bldg.,  
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Laboratory Report

February 13, 1934.

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

Specimens: Letters written by victim while held captive.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: February 12, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A.Appel.

February 12. The letters addressed to Charles McGee or Honest Adolph, to the Payoff Man, and to Adolph Bremer by the kidnapers were written on the same typewriter as the other extortion letters. The stationery used measures 10.87 by 8.5 inches, is .0032 inches thick, and weighs from 3.4631 to 3.5189 grams. This paper has a laid finish and no water-mark. It is such as is made for 8 1/2 by 11 typewriter business paper. All three sheets of the above letters are identical stationery.

The envelope addressed Walter McGee or Payoff Man measures 9.49 by 4.13 inches, is .0049 inches thick, and weighs 6.1550 grams. The envelope addressed Walter McGee or Adolph Bremer is approximately the same dimensions, is the same thickness, and approximately the same weight. It is concluded that this is identical stationery. The typewriting used in addressing these envelopes appears to be the same as that used in writing all of the letters.

The envelopes addressed to Adolf Bremer, Rev. John Deeve, Miss Lillian L. Dickman, and Ed Bremer's Wife are considered identical stationery, measuring 6.51 by 3.62 inches, being .0049 inches thick, and of various weights approximating 3.6 grams. This is probably a small size envelope made to go with the larger size just described and sold in the same box with the typewriter paper. There are no water-marks in these small envelopes or in the larger size envelopes, one of which was used in the letter addressed to Adolf Bremer.

St Paul  
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The stationery used in the personal letters of Edward Bremer to his family, such as the letters to "My Dear Father Deeve", "My Dear Father", "My Dearest Patz and Hertzzy", and "My Dear Lil", is that containing the watermark "Eaton's Highland Linen". This is a note paper made with a woven finish measuring 10.18 by 6.42 inches when spread out, as it comes folded in the middle. It is .0049 inches thick and the letters average about 4.96 grams in weight in their present condition. This paper is manufactured by the Eaton Paper Company, Pittsfield, Massachusetts. A teletype message was forwarded February 12 to the St. Paul Office with this information in order that the retail source of the paper may be ascertained.

On the letter addressed to Adolph Bremer there was stuck a thin film of substance about 1/4 of an inch in diameter, to which adheres some hair and other debris. This was cut off and a further report will be made after it has been examined thoroughly.

The typewriting on these three extortion letters addressed to Charles McGee or Honest Adolph, to the Payoff Man, and to Adolf Bremer, is identical with the typewriting in the previous extortion letters. The handwriting in the personal letters of Edward Bremer to his family is identical with the handwriting of Edward Bremer.

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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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  
February 12, 1934.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

Director.

Enclosure:

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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301 Title Guaranty Building,  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
February 17, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephone conversation with Mr. Sam Cowley of this Division on February 17, 1934, I desire to advise that Special Agent G. B. Morris of this office checked the records of the Police Department and Sheriff's Office at Peoria, Illinois, and was unable to obtain any record of a Whitey Anderson. At both of these places, he was advised that there has been no escapes from Peoria in the past six years. From the records of the Peoria Police Department, it was ascertained that one Whitey Furlong escaped from the Peoria City Jail in 1925 and that his police number in Peoria, Illinois was No. 3940. Files of the Peoria Police Department also contained a letter from the Division, dated August 25, 1932, addressed to the Superintendent of the State Reformatory at Anamosa, Iowa. His police number at the Anamosa State Reformatory is No. 14319.

Special Agent Morris obtained copies of the photograph of Whitey Furlong, which he is mailing direct from Peoria, Illinois to the Division and to Special Agent in Charge H. A. Alt at the Tampa Terrace Hotel, Tampa, Florida.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,  
Special Agent in Charge.

*Edward J. Bremer*

DML:A

Re: EDDIE DOLL, with aliases,  
I. O. #1214  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 18, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. S. C. WERNER HARRY:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT,  
EDWARD G. BREMER,  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-20.

In connection with telegraphic instructions received from you at Madison, Wisconsin, on February 15, 1934, THEODORE DECOU, proprietor of Decou's Machine Works, Sauk City, Wisconsin, was interviewed and a list of the towns in which sirens manufactured by the above concern are located will be found set out below:

Iowa:  
Postville

South Dakota:  
Webster

Illinois:  
Lena  
Palatine  
Lanark  
Hokomis  
Mount Prospect  
South Beloit  
Apple River

Minnesota:  
McKinley  
Keewatin  
Ortonville  
Hibbing  
Luverne

Wisconsin:  
Beaver Dam  
Belleville  
Belmont  
Beloit  
Black Earth  
Boscobel  
Brodhead  
Cassville  
Cambridge  
Cazenovia  
Clintonville

Highland  
Hustinford  
Iron Ridge  
Jefferson  
Johnsons Creek  
Lancaster  
Linden  
Marshall  
Monroe  
Mount Horeb  
Middleton

Platteville  
Princeton  
Readstown  
Randolph  
Reedsburg  
Rio  
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St. Nazians  
Shawano  
Stoughton  
Tomah  
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Agent learned that the Decot sirens are operated electrically and are of the following horsepower: 1-1/2 h.p.; 3 h.p.; 5 h.p.; and 12 h.p.

MR. DECOT stated that there are only a few 1-1/2 and 12 h.p. sirens in existence, the most commonly used being either the 3 or 5 h.p. siren. The 1-1/2 h.p. siren can be heard for about a mile under favorable weather conditions; the 3 h.p. siren from 1-1/2 to 2 miles; the 5 h.p. siren from 10 to 15 miles; and the 12 h.p. siren from about 10 to 15 miles.

It was also stated that all of the sirens set out above are used for the purpose of fire alarms and curfews with the exception of several of those located in the State of Minnesota in which instances the sirens are used by mining companies in the respective towns. The Minnesota towns in which the sirens are used by mining companies were furnished as McKinley, Keewatin, and Hibbing.

It was further stated that the Decot siren is the only double-tone siren on the market, the double tone of same being a combination of the keys of "G" and "C". In this connection, MR. DECOT stated that a good idea of the tone of his siren could be obtained through striking the "G" and "C" cords on a piano.

There will be found attached hereto a pamphlet published by Decot's Machine Works in connection with their sirens.

Very truly yours,

S. K. McKEE,  
Special Agent.

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9 - St. Paul

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Jacksonville, Florida  
February 16, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

RE: EDWARD DOLL with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREWER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

EDWARD DOLL with aliases - FUGITIVE  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER 1212  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

Telephone call was received at two-fifteen P.M. from Special Agent D. O. Smith at Tampa, requesting that Post Office Inspectors at Jacksonville be immediately contacted with reference to a possible robbery of the mails in Effingham, Illinois, last fall in which five pouches of mail were stolen during a transfer from the Pennsylvania Railroad to the Illinois Central Railroad.

Agent Smith advised that evidently this mail robbery was an attempt to steal registered mail, but that by error regular pouches were taken rather than registered pouches.

Immediately, efforts were made to contact local Post Office Inspectors and it was ascertained that those assigned to Jacksonville as headquarters were not available but that Inspector H. S. Smith of Atlanta, Georgia, was on temporary duty at Jacksonville. He was contacted and stated that he had no independent recollection of any such robbery, but that he would immediately get in communication with the Post Office Inspector in Charge in Chicago, Illinois, and request complete information concerning such a robbery.

At about six P.M., Mr. Smith telephoned the Jacksonville Office and read the following telegram, which was immediately dispatched to Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, Tampa, Florida:

7-576-554  
"JOSEPH ALEXANDER LOUIS WILLIAM BAGGETT JAMES DONALD POTTER CONVICTED FOR HOLDUP AND ROBBERY OF MAIL CUSTODIAN RAILROAD OF INVESTIGATION DEPOT EFFINGHAM ILLINOIS OCTOBER NINETEENTH NINETEEN THIRTY THREE STOP NEWTON CAIN GLADYS CAIN WILLIAM SIMPSON AND LEWIS DIRRITY INDICTED BUT INDICTMENT DISMISSED WITH LEAVE TO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REINSTATE MARCUS R CUTLER FUGITIVE ON THIS CASE".

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While dictating the above Miss Moore discovered that in our Miscellaneous Identification file we have a circular for Unknown persons Number One and Number Two which partially outlines the mail robbery at Effingham, Illinois, on the night of October 10, 1938. For the information of Special Agent in Charge Alt, this circular is being transmitted to him with a copy of this memorandum.

There is also being sent Agent Alt a copy of wanted circular on Marcus Roscoe Cutler, mentioned in quoted telegram.

L. E. Kingman  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
February 17, 1934

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

RE: EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM  
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-28

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated February 10, 1934, outlining an interview with Julius A. (Babe) Jones, relative to Eddie LaRue, Subject of Identification Order #1214, Clarence "Doc" Eaton, John Waters alias "Go-About" Reilly, "Trisco" Butcher, and others.

Jones, upon being interviewed by Special Agent Jay C. Rowan at the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he had never heard of George Reilly before the Urchel Kidnaping and did not know that LaRue had been involved in the Woolworth Kidnaping, believing this latter kidnaping was the work of some Indiana Mob.

Further outlining contacts of LaRue, et al, Jones stated that Reilly has a good friend named Gerry Bailes, who is originally from Mount Vernon, Iowa, but who is now operating a gambling place, known as The Fox River Gardens, located across from the Exposition Park (race track), in Aurora, Illinois. Bailes also has a residence in Montgomery, Illinois. He is known, not only to Reilly, but to LaRue and Eaton and will not hesitate to hide any of these persons in the event they are being sought.

Jones advised that in either the fall of 1931 or the spring of 1932, Reilly, while being hunted by the Iowa State Authorities, was at the residence of Gerry Bailes in Montgomery, Illinois, all for several weeks. Bailes is described by Jones as being about 30 years old; 5 feet 10 inches tall; weighing about 200 pounds; grey hair; dark complexion; is coarse talker, has deep bass voice.

Further, according to Jones, one "Useless" Hopkins, a former alcohol runner in Des Moines, Iowa, is now with Bailes. This person is between 35 and 45 years of age, about 6 feet tall, weighs about 200 pounds, is large build and has dark complexion.

Jones also stated that LaRue, Eaton and Reilly have a good friend, named Jimmy Meyers, a former bootlegger, who now operates a saloon in Peoria, Illinois, and who is also well known to the police in that city.

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Elaborating further on the connection of Harry Sawyer, a Saint Paul saloon keeper, with La Rue, et al, Jones stated that it is possible Sawyer was the "finger man" in both the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings. Jones stated that in 1932, La Rue had a green colored Chrysler Imperial 80 Sedan and Eaton had a maroon colored middle-sized Chrysler Sedan with green colored wire wheels, both of which cars were purchased from Harry Sawyer's brother-in-law, name not known, who is the Chrysler Dealer in Lincoln, Nebraska. This man, according to Jones, was in on the Lincoln, Nebraska, bank robbery in 1931 and is an all-around questionable character, not hesitating to harbor fugitives, or to equip cars with armored plating for such persons. Jones stated that Eaton furnished him this information and stated that in the purchase of his (Eaton's) car, this brother-in-law of Sawyer's extended him \$900.00 credit, through Sawyer.

Jones further advised that on one occasion, he heard Reilly mentioned having a "right plant" (meaning hideout) in Springfield, Illinois; however, Jones has no information concerning the identity of the person residing here.

Jones further stated that Reilly always drives small cars, such as Plymouths; however, that La Rue and Eaton usually drive much larger cars and La Rue's cars were usually loud in color; further, that Reilly, while being sought by the authorities, usually hides out on a farm and is believed to own two farms somewhere in Iowa; however, Eaton usually hides out in cities.

In the summer of 1933, according to Jones, Reilly was operating a roadhouse, name not known, located somewhere on the outskirts of Des Moines, Iowa. Again Jones reiterated his contention that these men were in on the Hamm kidnaping, stating that in July and August, 1933, Reilly had an enormous amount of money, whereas, shortly before that time, he had very little.

Jones further advised that "Doc" Eaton had an ex-wife, name not known, residing in Saint Paul, Minnesota. This person has been arrested there for shoplifting and while Eaton was in the Minnesota State Penitentiary at Stillwater, she "fleece" some Saint Paul Millionaire out of approximately \$30,000.00. Eaton is believed by Jones to have gone back to this woman, subsequent to his release from Stillwater and she might have assisted in some way in the kidnaping of Hamm and Bremer.

Jones stated that in the fall of 1931 or the spring of 1932, La Rue gave Joe Hamm, a restaurant owner and radio entertainer of Kansas City, Missouri, \$10,000.00 to hold for him so that it would be available in the event, he (La Rue) were arrested. When La Rue later got in touch with him, he found the latter had spent this money.

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In connection with this information, Jones advised that Bailey informed him that because of this incident, La Rue might "bump off" Hann; however, according to Jones, all three of the persons mentioned; namely, La Rue, Bates and Bailey, might contact Hann for protection.

Referring to the letter from the Kansas City Office to the Saint Paul Office, under date of February 12, 1934, Jones was questioned concerning "Old Charlie", a supposed Chicago Police character. He stated that the only "Old Charlie" he had ever heard of, was an old man whom he knew to be a "case man" for the Bailey, Bates, Burke, Winkler Mob. This individual originally resided in Saint Paul, Minn., but occasionally came to Chicago on jobs, when requested to do so by members of this mob. According to Jones, this "Old Charlie" was arrested in Chicago with Burke and several others in 1928 or 1929 but was released. He has a long criminal record and is an Irishman with a Dutch name. Jones stated he believed this person died sometime last year.

Referring to "Big Homer", Jones stated that this person is also known as "The Big Moose". Jones stated he saw him on two or three occasions, but advised that he knew very little about him, aside from knowing him to be an associate of the persons mentioned. He described this person as follows:

Name:	"Big Homer" "The Big Moose".
Age:	About 40 Years
Height:	6 feet 2 or 3 inches
Weight:	275 Pounds
Complexion:	Dark
Hair:	Dark
Personality:	Congenial
	Is very good looking.

Jones stated he last saw "Big Homer" sometime in 1933 at Ballard & Fraxier's, a sea food restaurant located on Lake Street near State Street in Chicago, which place, at that time, was reported to be owned by Gus Winkler. Aside from operating as a restaurant, this place also has a "Band Box" located in the basement.

Upon being pressed for further information concerning "Big Homer", Jones stated that he knew this person to have been married in Chicago in either 1923 or 1924, to a Chicago girl, who is of the Catholic Religion; that this Chicago girl bears a very good reputation and does not know that "Big Homer" is a hoodlum, but believes him to be a prosperous broker. Jones rather reluctantly stated that a

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friend of his was a witness to this marriage, which was performed by a Catholic priest, but that under no circumstances would he give the name of this friend. He also stated that he did not know in what church they were married and stated that although he had heard "Big Homer's" surname, he did not remember same.

When pressed for further information, he stated that it is possible "Big Homer" is known to Captain Daniel Gilbert and Lieutenant Frank Johnson of the State's Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois. These persons have been out of town for several days but an interview will be had with them immediately upon their return.

Referring further to "Big Homer", Jones stated that this person has a very good friend, known as Willie Harrison, who is a former Saint Louis Police character and who now operates a saloon at Calumet City, Illinois. Harrison was arrested, according to Jones, in 1930, 1931 or 1932 by the Police Department of Chicago, Illinois for participation in a bank robbery at Jefferson, Wisconsin; however, he is believed to have been released without extradition.

The Chicago Division Office, if unsuccessful in securing more definite information concerning "Big Homer" from Captain Gilbert or Lieutenant Johnson, of the State's Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois, will reinterview Julius A. (Babe) Jones in an effort to ascertain the name of the friend who was a witness of "Big Homer's" marriage.

The date of Jones' sentence in connection with the kidnaping of James Hackett, has been postponed in State Court at Chicago to April 21, 1934.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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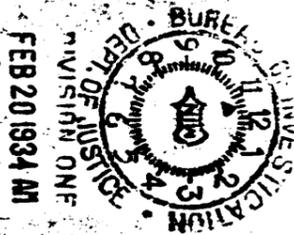
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Kansas City, Missouri - February 16, 1934.

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J. A. Dowd  
 Division of Investigation  
 U. S. Department of Justice  
 503A U. S. Court House & Post Office Building  
 Salt Lake City, Utah

BREMER KIDNAPING REFER AUGUST NINETEEN THIRTY THREE NUMBER AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION JOURNAL PHOTOGRAPH HOMER WATKINS DISPLAY IMMEDIATELY CONVICT ARTHUR JOHNSON CANONCITY IDENTIFICATION BIG HOMER ADVISE ALL INTERESTED TELEGRAPHICALLY IF IDENTIFIED

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Dear Sir:

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

There are attached to this letter and to copies transmitted to the Division and to the Salt Lake City Office, carbon copies of a telegram of this date from the Kansas City Office to the Salt Lake City Office, relative to the possible identification of Homer Watkins, as the same individual known as "Big Homer" and "Swede Billy", who was mentioned by convict Arthur Johnson of the Colorado State Penitentiary and set out in the report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, dated at Salt Lake City, November 24, 1933, in the case of Vernon C. Miller, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner. You will note that "Big Homer" is also mentioned in the report of Special Agent W. Carter Baum, dated at Chicago, Ill. Sept. 13, 1933 in that case, and in several other reports in the file. "Big Homer" appears to be an important suspect in this matter. Apparently the Chicago Office was unable to develop his true identity by investigation there, based upon the information furnished by convict Johnson to Agent Gere.

With a letter from the Salt Lake City Office in the Vernon C. Miller case, dated August 4, 1933, was transmitted a page from the American Banker's Association Journal for August 1933, which page bore photographs of Jim Clark and Bernard Phillips, suspects in the Miller case. A photograph of Homer Watkins also appeared on the same page. It is noted that Watkins is said to have served in the state penitentiaries of California, Colorado, Washington and Missouri; released from the Colorado institution May 27, 1932. It has occurred to the Agent handling the file of the Massacre case here that Homer Watkins may be identical with "Big Homer".

A record of "Big Homer" is being sought at the Missouri State Pen., and since the discovery of the name Homer Watkins a record of that individual will be secured there, as they may be identical.

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M. C. SPEAR, ACTING  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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February 17, 1934.

Mr. R. A. Alt,  
Tampa Terrace Hotel,  
Tampa, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD S. BREMER; Victim  
Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith a photograph of James O'Brien, #10213, Nebraska State Penitentiary, and abstract of this individual's criminal record, and also photograph of George William Anderson, Milwaukee Police Department #24954, whose criminal record is as follows:

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These individuals may possibly be identical with the Whitey Anderson, to whom Eddie Larue, alias Doll, has referred under questioning by you.

With reference to James O'Brien, investigation by the Chicago office discloses that this individual, as Frank Anderson #4760 escaped from the State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois. FEB 19 1934 P.M.

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Mr. Alt,

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With reference to George William Larson, this individual has an alias "Whitey" Anderson, and it appears from the file that he operated roadhouses and saloons at Ashland, Wisconsin, from 1919 to 1920 and from 1923 to 1924. In 1925 he operated the Ashland Hotel, Ashland, Wisconsin, and from 1925 to 1933 claims to have been engaged in distributing slot machines in Wisconsin and Michigan to roadhouses and saloons.

Very truly yours,

Director.

AIR MAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY  
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Dear Sir:

There are forwarded under separate cover photographs which have been drawn from the general appearance forms of reputed kidnapers, extortionists and known gangsters and who in general answer the description obtained from Father Moore and submitted by your office in connection with the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM. These photographs are identified in the Division's files under the following numbers and should be returned to the Division as soon as they have served their purpose:

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Special Agent in Charge,  
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Very truly yours,

Director.

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SUITE L - FEDERAL BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
FEBRUARY 15, 1934.

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. BRISNER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Please refer to letter from this office dated February 15, 1934, addressed to the Salt Lake City Office, a copy of which was furnished you, relative to a party named Charles J. Fitzgerald, alias "Old Fitz", etc.

The complete aliases of this individual are shown as follows, according to the records of the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas: "Big Fritz"; Charles Norman; W. M. Fink; Charles E. Love; Phil Fitzgerald; Long Charles; Daniel Mathers Logan; D. M. Logan; J. C. Hammond; Frank West; Chi Slim; Slim Williams; Big Charley.

The description of the individual is shown as Age 45 (on January 1, 1924); height 5'10"; weight 165 lbs. (in 1924); build large; hair dark brown; eyes brown; complexion dark; born Kansas; occupation plumber; Kansas State Penitentiary Number 6821.

His criminal record is shown as follows:

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The correspondence received at Fitzgerald indicates that he communicated with the following individuals while at the Kansas State Penitentiary:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>RELATIONSHIP</u>
Mrs. D. J. Fitzgerald	528 Broadway, Toledo, O.	Wife
Fred Coletta	Toledo, Ohio	Friend
E. E. Floyd	Ellsworth, Mo.	"
S. B. Malan	Memphis, Tenn.	"
S. B. Hudson	Wichita, Mo.	"
Miss Grace Fitzgerald	235 1/2 South St., Toledo, O.	Relative
Mrs. Minnie Fitzgerald	Rosford, O. (obscure)	Friend
Mrs. C.J. Fitzgerald	316 South St., Toledo, O.	Wife
Mrs. Grace Fitzgerald	c/o May Gavin, 238 1/2 South Street, Toledo, O.	Wife
Robt. Phelan	Kansas City, Mo.	Business - former Chief of Police
Joe Stephens	600 Armstrong, Bartlesville, Okla.	Friend
Miss Minnie Leivigh	Box 18, Rosford, Ohio	Friend
Lee Tigner	Park Hotel	Crosby, Minn.
F. Gavin	659 Prentz Ave., Toledo, O.	Friend
Fred & Kate	Toledo, O.	Friends
Ima E. Loyd	Ellsworth, Mo.	Attorney
Minnie Frantschi	Rosford, Ohio	Friend
Frank Corda	Deer Cala Bldg., K.C. Mo.	"
Buster Blair	Edmonton, Alberta, Can.	"
Mrs. Walter Funk	Grand Pass, Mo.	"

A photograph of Fitzgerald from the Kansas State Penitentiary was furnished you with your copy of the letter to the Salt Lake City Office yesterday.

It is believed desirable to furnish you with this information at present in view of the fact that the Division notified this office by wire on February 15, 1934, that the full identity of "Old Fitz" should be established in connection with this case. In the event that the photograph of Fitzgerald is identified by Arthur Johnson, convict in the Colorado State Penitentiary, as the party known to him as "Old Fitz" it will probably be desired to locate Fitzgerald. For that reason carbon

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March 2, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Suite 2, Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

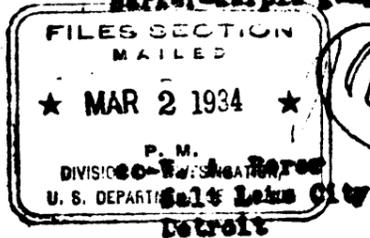
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 16, 1934, wherein you set forth information obtained from the records of the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, concerning one "Big Fritz", with aliases.

It appears from a review of the file entitled John Hammond, with aliases, et al., National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, St. Paul the office of origin, that "Big Fritz", is identical with subject Hammond who, on December 11, 1933, at St. Paul, Minnesota, was found guilty of violating the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and on January 8, 1934, was sentenced to serve one year and one day in the United States Penitentiary, at Leavenworth, Kansas. The records of the Bureau of Prisons, Washington, D. C., reflect that this individual was received at the latter institution February 10, 1934.

It is noted on page 2 of your letter that this individual while incarcerated at the Kansas State Penitentiary, communicated with "Fred and Kate", Toledo, Ohio, "friends", and also "F. Gavin, 639 Prouty Avenue, Toledo, Ohio".

You are instructed to have an Agent interview Hammond at the earliest practicable date with reference to these individuals inasmuch as they may possibly be identical with members of the Barker-Karpis gang.



Very truly yours,

Director.

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P.O. Box 115, St. Paul, Minn.

February 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Suite 1, Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.



Dear Sir:

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

For your information there was received from the  
County Attorney at Owatonna, Minnesota, the following letter:

Pursuant to our telephonic conversation I am send-  
ing you a One Dollar bill which was taken in by the First Nation-  
al Bank of Owatonna this morning and which has the following writing  
in pen and ink on it: "Mr. Bremer was held in Kansas City 10 men in  
gang leaders wont split fair". This bill was in a deposit made by  
Mr. Harry Peller of this city who sells beverages at wholesale.

In talking with him he stated that he did not  
know from whom he obtained the bill but that it might have been  
from one of the following:

- Frank Flowers, who runs the Modern Inn
- Mike Orlowski, who runs Mike & Joe's Tavern.
- Sharkey's Cafe
- George Bickner, who acts as manager of the  
Auditorium Hall.

*Handwritten note:*  
and attached  
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Mr. Peller thought it might very possibly have  
come from George Bickner as he paid \$18 mostly in One Dollar bills  
taken from a dance that was held in the Auditorium on Tuesday night,  
February 13th, 1934.

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Possibly there is nothing of any value in this information or the statement written on the bill but I thought it  
should be called to your attention, especially considering the fact  
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that a number of incidents seem to connect up questions with the investigations you made.

The First National Bank asked me to get a One Dollar bill in place of this one as the money was deposited to the credit of Mr. Folger."

The dollar bill which contained the writing mentioned in the first paragraph of the above letter is forwarded to the Division in Washington for scientific examination. Please give this matter what attention you deem advisable.

The Division is requested to notify the Kansas City Division Office and this office as to the result of the scientific analysis made of the handwriting appearing on this bill.

Very truly yours,

WESLEY HARRIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

St. Paul, Minnesota,  
February 15, 1934.

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SEND THE FOLLOWING NIGHT LETTER TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

- J.H. HANSON, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, 322 Federal Building, Birmingham, Ala.
- C.D. McKRAN, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, 1008 Post Office & Court House Building, Boston, Massachusetts.
- D.H. Dickson, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, 303 Federal Building, Butte, Montana.
- L.B. REED, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, 1806 First National Bank Building, Charlotte, N.C.
- M.E. PUSWIS, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago, Illinois.
- E.J. CORNELLEY, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, 426 U.S. Custom House & P.O. Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- F.J. BLAKE, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, Post Office Building, Dallas, Texas.
- WM. LARSON, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, 625 Lafayette Building, Detroit, Michigan.
- R.H. COLVIN, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, 1331 First National Bank Building, El Paso, Texas.
- R.A. ALT, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, 412 U.S. Court House and P.O. Building, Jacksonville, Fla.
- E.E. CONROY, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, Suite L, Federal Building, Kansas City, Missouri.



CONTACT NEWS DEALERS YOUR JURISDICTION SELLING MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL NEWS-PAPERS TO PUBLIC CHECK ALL PURCHASERS WHOSE IDENTITY APPEARS SUSPICIOUS BEAR IN MIND SUBJECTS DOC AND FRED BARKER AND ALVIN KARPIS

Chg: Div. Invest. U.S. Dept. Justice,  
203 P.O. Building, St. Paul, Minn.  
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

February 16, 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 connection with telegraphic conversation this afternoon with Mr. Clegg in the matter of comment on the part of a newspaper at Red Wing, Minnesota, in which Special Agents of this Division were accused of giving publicity to the wall paper and serial number phases of the Bremer case, I beg to state as follows:

Information along these lines was not given to the press by any Division employee in the St. Paul jurisdiction. I am thoroughly convinced of that. When the wall paper story first appeared, I considered it extremely damaging from an investigative standpoint. It first appeared in this jurisdiction in the St. Paul Dispatch, a newspaper with Associated Press connections. I called in a Mr. Thompson, a reporter for the St. Paul Dispatch, and expressed my opinion to him of the nature of this publicity, and told him that while I assumed he would not be very eager to inform me as to the source, yet I would like to know it, and told him that if I secured it, and if he so desired, I would keep the information confidential. He told me that it had come to him from the Associated Press.

I then spoke to a Mr. Mackey of the Associated Press, who in turn told me that he secured it from matter received from the St. Paul Dispatch. I also told him that if I secured the source, and if he so desired, I would keep it confidential.

I have not yet secured the source from either of these individuals and I doubt that they care to tell me.

With regard to the complicity of the members of this Division in the matter of the serial numbers story, the same may be stated. I am confident that it did not emanate from here. I was not so much concerned about this story as I was about the wall paper story inasmuch

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as I feel that it did not require any source or leak to enable a newspaper man well versed in these cases to guess at this procedure. However, I am entirely unaware as to the original source upon which this story was based. In this connection, and only as a surmise, I might point out that the Bremer family is numerous and they have many friends. They are socially inclined and I am told that in the evenings both at Adolph and Edward Bremer's house there are many callers who play cards and drink beer, etc., until a rather late hour of the night. I feel that it is quite possible for considerable discussion to ensue over various phases of the case in both households. I feel also that it is quite possible for leaks to emanate therefrom. The Bremer family were, of course, well aware that the serial numbers of the ransom notes were in our possession, Otto Bremer and the officials of his bank having furnished us these numbers and having discussed inaccuracies in certain numbers with us on many occasions. It is also true that the police, who had a day guard in this bank, were probably aware that we had these serial numbers although I did not ever discuss this with them nor do I recall hearing it discussed.

Should I receive any further information along the above lines, I will furnish it at once.

Very truly yours,



HAROLD NATHAN,  
Assistant Director.

HN:HVS

1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 615  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

This will advise you of the receipt of a telegram from the New York Office yesterday requesting this office to secure from W. S. Darley & Company, 2210 Washington Blvd., Chicago, Illinois, and from the Federal Electric Company, Chicago, Illinois, a list of the towns in the midwestern states using electric sirens for fire and general alarms produced by these companies, with the further request that the said list be forwarded immediately to the St. Paul Office. The following is a list of the towns in the states noted which are users of the sirens for fire and general alarms produced by W. S. Darley & Company, said list having been secured from Mr. J. G. O'Reilly:

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INDIANA

Ferdinand, Mag. 20. Plant  
Akron  
Banker Hill  
Boswell  
Coatesville  
Earl Park  
Charlestown  
Greentown  
Hamilton  
Hebron  
Hymers  
Knightstown  
Kendallville  
Lowell Fire Dept.  
Union Club, Lapel  
LaGre  
Ladoga  
Lewis Lumber Co.  
Montgomery  
Osceola  
Odon

Pierston Corporation  
Royal Centre  
Straugh Corporation  
Upland  
Winslow  
Westfield  
Winamee  
Seleott  
Bainbridge  
Hoagland  
Chesterfield  
Caston  
Crawfordsville  
Perryville  
Lawrence Civic League  
Sellersburg  
Centerpoint  
Kisora  
Malberry  
Decatur Fire Dept.

IOWA

Casey  
Hudson  
Linn Grove  
Altoona  
Alton  
Cambridge  
Kareus  
Crawfordsville  
Ellsworth  
Outhrie Center  
New Sharon  
Rembrandt  
Anthon  
Arlington Fire Dept.  
Allerton  
Blue Grass  
Breda

Central City  
Corydon  
Dandee  
Doon  
Danbury  
Griswold  
Hurstville  
Harlan  
Hartwick  
Irwin  
Klemme  
Keota  
Luanam  
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Iowa Elec. Co., Maquota  
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Sac City  
Sheldon  
Sully  
Sanborn  
Terrill  
Villisca  
Ridgeway  
Alta Vista  
Hospers  
Aplington  
Vining Fire Co.  
Clayton  
Jefferson

Ocheyedan  
New Albin  
Pall  
Wallingford  
What Cheer  
Washa Water Works  
Woodburn  
Winthrop  
New Hampton  
No. English  
Strawberry Point  
Libertyville  
Protivin, G. W. Cayle  
Marquette  
Wilton Junction  
Ryan  
Stacyville  
Latimer  
Casey  
Down  
Harvard

KANSAS

Alton  
Arcadia  
Altamont  
Council Grove Wtr. Dept.  
Graham Wtr. Co., Douglass  
Ellis  
El Dorado  
Fairview  
Galena Vol. Fire Dept.  
Greenleaf  
Hoxie  
Horton  
Herington  
Hays  
Holyrood  
Inman  
Kinsley Elec. Lt. & Pwr. Co.  
Kiowa  
Lucas  
Linn

LeRoy  
Morganville  
McCracken  
Hunter  
Moline  
Mound Valley  
Malberry  
Norton  
Neas City Light Plant  
Oketo  
Oswego Lt. & Wtr. Dept.  
Osborne Lt. & Wtr. Plant  
Portis  
Protection  
Powhattan  
Potwin  
Quinter  
Roseville  
Scammon  
Smith Center

KANSAS

Sharon Springs  
Sylvia Light Plant  
Syracuse  
Gabeola  
Turin  
Tonganoxie  
Thayer  
Towanda  
Ulysses  
Valley Center  
O.A. Smith Elec. Co., Wellsville  
Haven

Mount St.  
Neosho Falls  
Osawatomie  
Western Lt. & Power, Salina  
Sterling  
Sedgwick  
White Cloud  
Osawatomie  
Morcatur  
Montezuma  
Lenora  
Haviland Fire Dept.  
LeRoy

MICHIGAN

Ashley  
Alma  
Clarkston  
Crosswell  
Chesaning  
Robinson Dis. Co., Charlotte  
Cass City  
Elec. Lt. & Wtr. Comm., Chelsea  
Elkton  
Bessemer  
Fenton  
Freeport  
Grand Haven  
Gulien  
Grandville  
Harbor Springs  
Hopkins  
Hurontown Fire Co.  
Howard City  
Mich. Elec. Pwr. Co., Lapeer  
Leslie  
Lowell  
Mich. State Admin. Bldg., Lansing  
Manising  
Mayville  
Sandusky

Ideal Furnace Co., Milan  
Milan  
Mendon  
Memphis  
North Mackegon  
Ortonville  
Pentwater  
Port Austin  
St. Charles  
St. Johns  
Spring Lake  
Stanton  
Union City  
Woodland  
Webberville  
West Branch  
Edmore  
Montreal Mining Co., Ironwood  
Lake City  
Marenisco  
Lower Peninsular Pwr. Co., Plainwell  
Fowlerville  
Reese  
Gaylord  
Whitmore Lake  
Godwin Hts. Fire Dept., Grand Rapids

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ILLINOIS

Riverside  
Round Lake  
Willow Springs  
Alexis  
Arensville  
Arthur  
Atkinson  
Athens  
Ara  
Albion Elec. L.L. & Gas  
Beecher, G.A. Batterman  
Brookfield Fire Dept.  
Bartlett  
Bradford  
Bloomington  
Chatsworth  
Carlock  
Clarendon Hills  
Cullon  
Chandlerville  
Catalis  
E. Hazel Crest  
Edinburg  
E. Galesburg  
Elgin  
Elmhurst  
Fox Lake Fire Dept.  
Frankfort  
Grand Ridge Vill. Bd.  
Granville  
Hampshire Elec. Co.  
Huntley  
Hebron  
Hodgkins  
Hanover  
Henry  
Joy  
LeRoy

LaHarpe Vol. Fire Dept.  
Lecton  
Vil. Bd. of Lee  
New Athens  
Nauvoo Elec. L.L. & Pwr.  
Naperville, Dist. & Gas  
Neoga  
Osgood  
Oregon  
Olney  
Palmyra  
Peoria Heights  
Park Ridge  
Panama  
Sherrard Fire Dept.  
S. Chicago Heights  
Seybrook, Lally Elec. Shop  
St. Anne Police, Fire & Wtr.  
St. Elmo  
Spring Grove  
Talley Park  
Thayer  
Victoria  
West Brooklyn  
Westville  
Williamsville, H. Miller Estate  
Willow Springs  
Westmont  
Waterloo  
Westfield  
Wenona  
Mechanicburg  
Harrisonville  
Maple Park  
Mantona  
Mendon  
Marseilles  
Milford Fire Co.

Illinois (Cont'd)

Morton Grove  
Mackinaw  
Mt. Prospect Vol. Fire Co.  
Morris Fire Dept.  
Manlius  
Bishop Hill  
Alexis  
Elmhurst  
Universal Atlas Cement  
Chicago  
Hammond  
Lake Bluff

Seales Road Fire Dept.  
Gilsam  
Minier  
New Canton Fire Dept.  
Federal Elec. Co.  
Village of Manhattan  
North Chillicothe

NEBRASKA

Verdigre Vol. Fire Dept.  
Bellwood  
Bellevue Vol. Fire Dept.  
Bruno Fire Dept.  
Brainard  
Clay Center M.M. Johnson Co.  
Callaway  
Campbell  
Daykin  
Elk Creek  
Ewing  
Grant  
Heary  
Lodgepole  
Lynan  
Long Pine  
Lyons  
Litchfield  
Meadow Grove  
McCook City Wtr. Wks.  
Mead  
Milford  
Palmyra  
Potter  
Ruskin  
Ravenna  
Ralston

Stella  
Scotia Vol. Fire Dept.  
Springview  
Silver Creek  
Springfield  
Scotia Wtr. & Lt. Plant  
Wesston Vol. Fire Dept.  
York  
Arnold  
Bennet  
Chadron  
Hyannis  
Humboldt  
Hemingford  
Crete  
Hynes Fire Dept.  
Moorefield  
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Pleasanton  
Concord  
Lowellen  
Rushville  
Stella  
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Madrid  
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Garden  
Cedar

Richardson  
Salina  
Box  
Cheney  
Cherry  
Perkins  
Brown  
Dawas

MINNESOTA

Woose Lake  
Maple Plain  
Dalton Fire Dept.  
Hill City  
Maple Lake  
Oklee  
Spicer  
Tanda  
Austin  
Bagley  
Battle Lake  
Beudette  
Bluffton  
Pickands Mather  
& Co., Duluth  
Darfur  
Elgin  
Green Isle  
Grand Marais  
Harmony  
Lake Wilson  
Mazeppa  
Mountain Iron  
Dassel Fire Dept.  
Slayton  
Wheaton  
Triumph  
Norcross Fire Dept.  
Pipestone  
Pierz  
Red Lake Falls

Taconite  
City Lt. & Pur. Plant  
Ulen Fire Dept.  
Clara City  
Rushford  
Watkins  
Edgerton  
Ogilvie Fire Dept.  
Murdock  
Randolph  
Granada  
Watson  
Le Sueur  
Watson Fire Dept.  
Wilcox  
N.P.R.R. Co., St. Paul  
Donnelly  
Wells  
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Armstrong  
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Billings  
Carl Junction  
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Lathrop  
Lockwood  
Morrison Fire Co.  
Salem Fire Dept.  
E.M. Powell, Howe Co., Osage  
Cole Camp  
Chaffee  
Cardwell  
Fairfax  
Bucklin  
Hale  
Oran  
Cuba  
Quark  
Wentzville  
Fredericktown  
Glasgow  
Dunklin  
Clark

Hamilton  
Knob Noster Fire Dept.  
Kokoka  
Kennett  
Missouri Mason Co. Louisiana  
Lebanon  
Lockwood  
Mansfield  
Maryville  
Montgomery  
Montrose  
Mindenminn  
Mexico  
Olcese  
Potosi  
Portageville  
Slater  
St. Joseph Stock Yards Co.  
So. St. Joseph  
Weston  
Tarkio  
Versailles  
Wellington  
Campbell  
Wynconda  
Bramansville  
Piedmont  
St. James  
Polk  
Wayne

SOUTH DAKOTA

Anders  
Banks  
Coloss  
Gondos Vol. Fire Dept.  
Eden  
Dayville  
Harrisburg  
Leola Fire Dept.  
Milbank  
Raymond  
Tartan  
Vienna  
Wakonda  
Wison Elec. Co.  
Wagner  
Hazel

Samson  
Bonsteel  
Beaver  
Highcock Fire Dept.  
Platte Fire Dept.  
Sulzgraben  
Mission Hill  
Hobart Vol. Fire Dept.  
Vebler Fire Dept.  
Worthing  
Wesley  
Wesley  
Wagner  
Wesley  
Wesley  
Big Stone City

NORTH DAKOTA

New England  
Arthur  
Columbus  
Steele  
Milnor Rural Telephone Co.  
Petersburg Vol. Fire Dept.  
Adams  
Anamoose  
Beach  
Neche  
Sherwood  
Mohall  
LaMoure  
Garrison  
Elgin Vol. Fire Dept.  
Rolla Fire Dept.  
Bolette  
McHenry  
Ramsey  
Logan  
Dickey  
Northwood  
Meville Fire Dept.  
New Salem Fire Dept.

Ward  
Beason  
Montreal  
Bottinon  
Harcor  
Brocket  
Fredonia  
Ellendale  
Kenmare Fire Dept.  
Leeds Fire Dept.  
Saniah Fire Dept.  
Stanley  
Kramer  
Hazen  
Portal Fire Dept.  
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Monticello Fire Dept.  
Mountain  
Prairie Farm  
Avoca  
Arena Fire Dept.  
Albany Elec. L. & Milling Co.  
Blanchardville  
Barton Fire Dept.  
Birnamwood  
Coon Valley

Cadott  
Crandon  
Dane  
Eagle River  
Fall Creek  
Hillsboro  
Hazel Green  
Knight, Iron Salt  
Lake Mills  
Loyal  
Lowell Light & Power Co.  
Montello & Harrisville E.L. & P. Co.  
Manawa  
Mazomanie  
White River Power Co. of Washkore

Wausau  
North Milwaukee  
Owen Fire Dept.  
St. Croix Falls  
South Bay  
Turtle Lake  
Wausau Elec. Co. of Wausau  
Whitewater  
Wisconsin  
Woodville  
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This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram of February 15, 1934, requesting investigation at the Federal Siren Company, 2700 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois. Please be advised that said company is identical to the Federal Electric Company of this city, where an investigation has been made, which is set out herein below.

From the siren department of the Federal Electric Company, through the cooperation of Miss Novak and Mr. Scott, there was obtained a set of maps for the midwestern states, showing the towns and cities in which sirens, made by the Federal Electric Company, are used for fire and general alarm. These states are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Photostatic copies of these maps have been made and each office covering any portion of the territory included by the maps is being furnished with two copies of same, in the event that they are called upon for investigation in the future.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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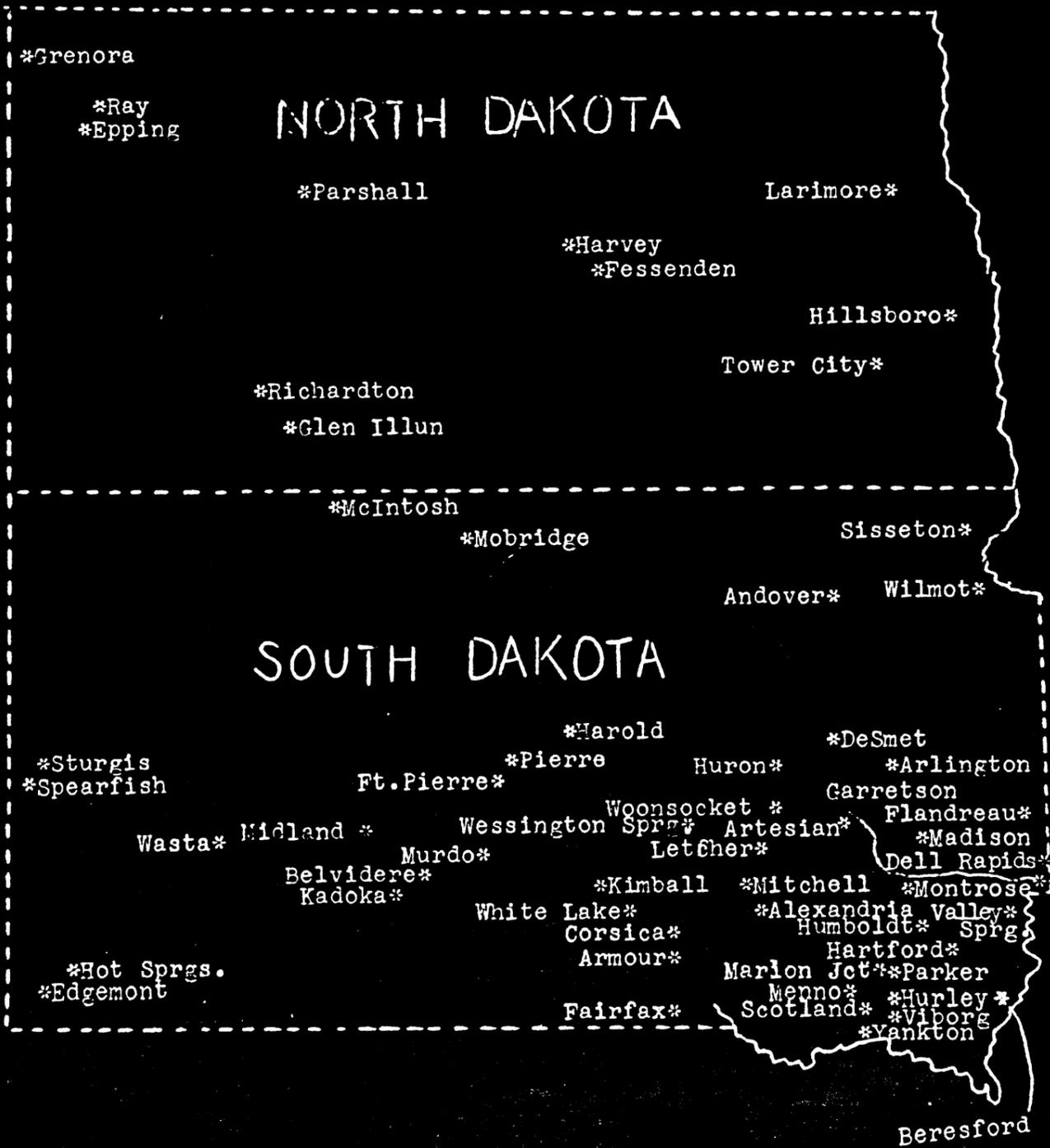
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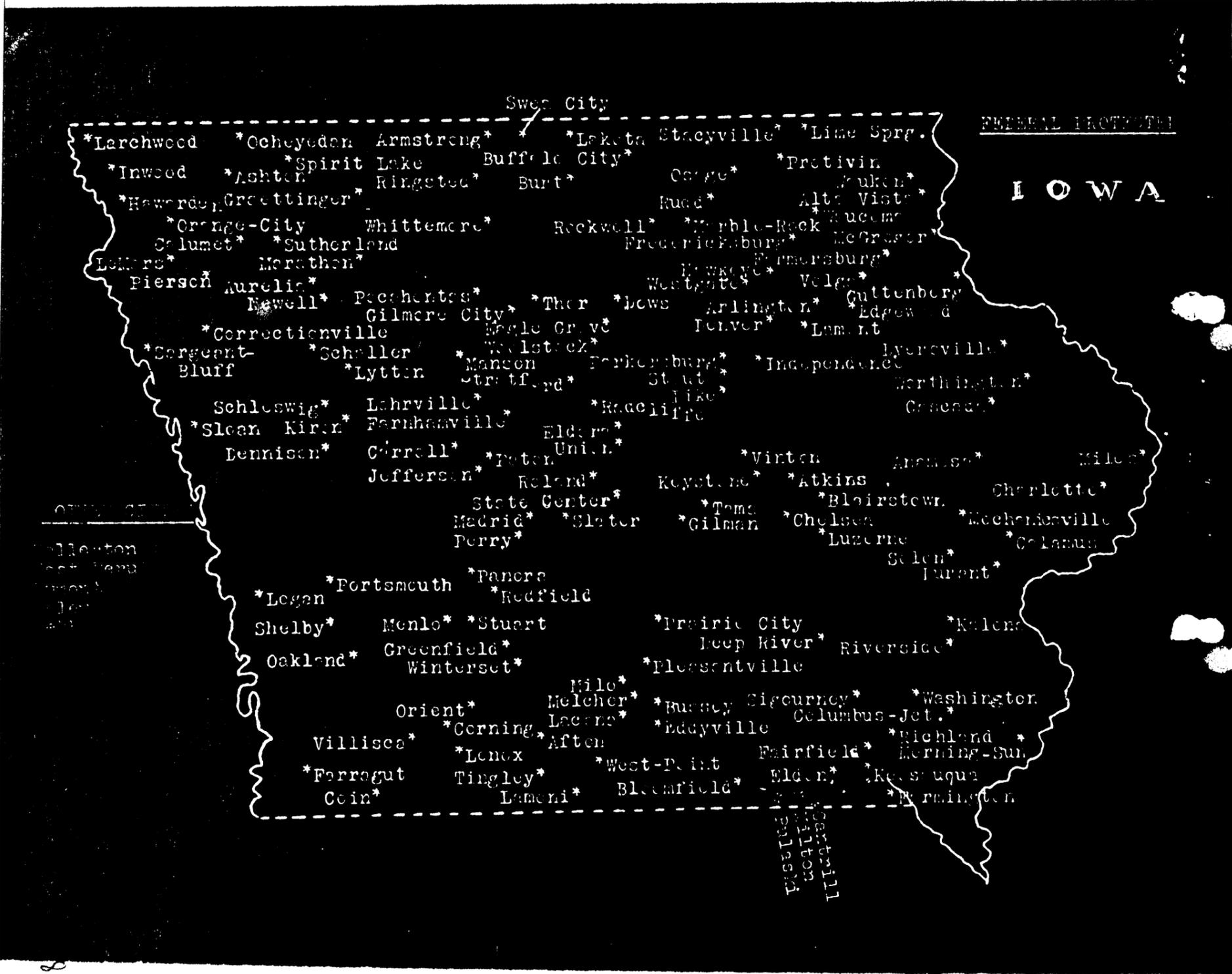
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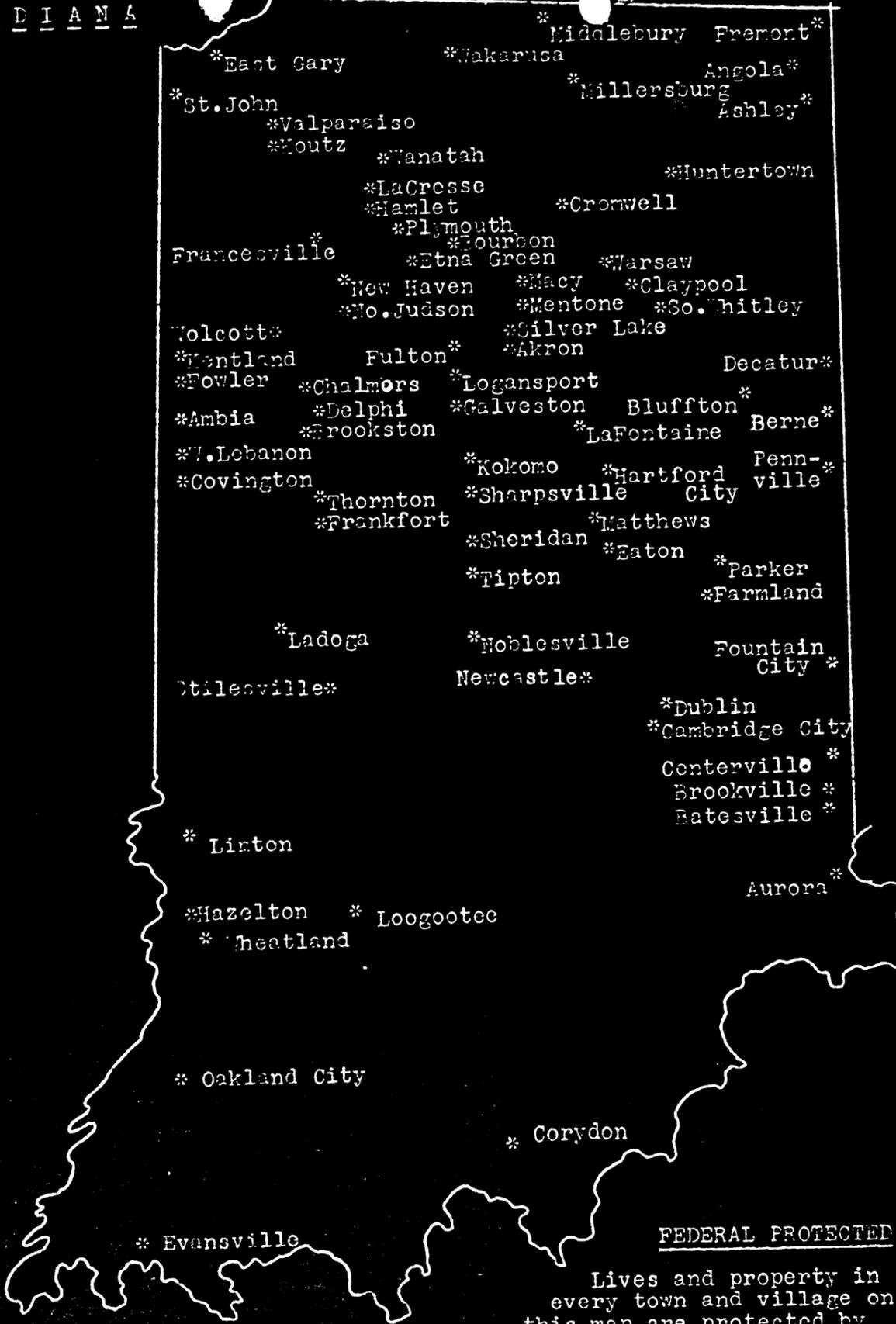
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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
February 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.O. WERNER HANNI:

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

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This is a joint memorandum of Special Agents Brennan, Glynn, and Blake.

At Clear Lake, Iowa, on February 12, 1934, EVHETT WOOLRIDGE pointed out the house occupied by MRS. ZOEBEL and WILBUR HUGHSON and the number is 514 Vincent Street and not 418. He also advised that the house in question was or had been owned by a MRS. KNUDSON who lived next door to 514 Vincent Street.

Agent Blake called at the home of MRS. KNUDSON and upon interview with her and her sister ascertained that the present occupants of the house consist of MRS. ZOEBEL, an elderly woman invalided by rheumatism, who now owns the house, her son Henry Zoebel, and a woman who poses as his wife, WILBUR HUGHSON and his alleged wife who is a daughter of MRS. ZOEBEL, Senior.

HUGHSON and his wife have been living at 514 Vincent Street since March, 1933, having previously lived in Sioux City, Iowa, and St. Paul, Minnesota.

HENRY ZOEBEL is employed by the G.W.A. and works two days a week, Thursday and Friday.

The house consists of two bedrooms, living room, dining room and kitchen, all on the ground floor. There are no second story rooms. There is a cellar, entrance to which is had through a trap door in the bathroom.

HUGHSON drives a 1933 Model Chevrolet Sedan, wine colored, with Minnesota license plates. He left Clear Lake on February 8, 1934, at 2:00 P.M., going in an easterly direction accompanied by a man who had been in Clear Lake with him about three weeks. During the three weeks, these two men were in Clear Lake, they seldom went out during the day but were frequently away from the house during the night. This man was described as about 25 to 30 years of age, 5'10" tall, light complexioned and having brown hair, and wearing a brown overcoat with fur trimmed collar and cuffs. Upon leaving, appeared as if he had not shaved for a

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week or more. During the stay of these two men at the house the shades were noticed to be drawn upon only two occasions and no other men were seen to arrive at or depart from the house although apparently the informant noticed the house rather closely. When leaving, the men put three nice looking large suit cases in the car. One night, a woman was seen at the house who was not MRS. ZOBEL or her daughter or daughter-in-law. A son of the informant was said by her to have been told by HUGHSON that he was a detective. The son saw two sawed off shot guns in HUGHSON'S car. There is no telephone in the ZOBEL house and no children are there and none have been there since the ZOBELS have lived there, although children do play in the street. There is no bathtub in the room called the bathroom. Church bells and a public school bell are audible at the ZOBEL home. The cellar is bricked up with side walls but there is no way to heat it.

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Agent Glynn, under the pretext of being [redacted] gained access to the house and found MRS. ZOBEL, HENRY ZOBEL and wife, MRS. HUGHSON and a MISS SMITH there. MRS. HUGHSON said her husband was at the Rogers Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota. AGENT GLYNN found the cellar to be about four feet by seven feet and no bed there. The design of the wall paper was a vase with flowers.

At Clear Lake, Iowa, on February 12, 1934, the photographs of all the KARPIS-BARKER gang were shown to FORD LEE, clerk, and MRS. CARROLL, postmaster, but they could not recognize any of them as being parties who had called there recently for mail, or who had been seen around the address of WILBUR HUGHSON.

MR. LEE, above mentioned, who had requested that his name be left out of this matter, directed a letter to Agent following this interview, which letter was received on February 15, 1934, and he stated that the number of the house where HUGHSON has been residing is 514 North Vincent Street and not 415 as previously he had advised. He also stated that he had made further inquiries and the only description he had been able to get of the other party who had been seen at this address, this being an additional party who had been seen at this address other than the one known as M. J. HOGAN, was that this party was about six feet tall, and weighed about two hundred pounds, was of rather hulking build and "dumb" looking and acting.

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At Mason City, Iowa, RAY OUTMAN of the Identification Division, Police Department, found a record of one EMMET WARRN HUGHSON, Mason City Police #4369 [redacted]

Mr. OUTMAN could not find the fingerprint card of this party at the time nor had he found same the following day when he forwarded pictures of HUGHSON to this office. He had the following classification however:

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The following record of HUGHSON appeared on the records in possession of OULMAN:

PTC  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

OULMAN'S records show the following description of

HUGHSON:

[REDACTED]

Three photographs of HUGHSON were obtained from OULMAN and one of them was dispatched to Clear Lake, Iowa, February 13, 1934, for the observation of FORD LEE to determine if it was a picture of the party known as WILBUR HUGHSON.

Very truly yours,

O.G. HALL, SPECIAL AGENT,

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I, Mrs. John (Grace) Miller wish to make the following statement voluntarily to E. L. Wells, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice:

Two weeks ago last Friday, as near as I can recall, it was January 20, 1934, just about dusk, sometime between six and seven p.m., I went into my living room in the front of home which is located at 1209 Hague Ave., St. Paul, Minn. At the time I had a cup of tea in my hand and intended to sit in one of the easy chairs and drink it. I decided to try the night latch on the front door and proceeded there, opened the door and stepped out on the porch for a little air. Just as I stepped onto the porch, I observed a man walking rapidly, almost in a trot, down the drive way of a vacant house which is located to the right of my home. My attention was attracted to some shiny object which this man was holding in his left hand and apparently was trying to conceal. I did not notice this man's features at all though I did observe that his shoulders appeared rather broad, average height. He had a dark cape or coat thrown around his shoulder. His trousers were a very light gray. This man did not look towards me but when passing me he started up a little and proceeded across the street where he entered a car which was parked on Hague Ave. facing east just about four rods up from Dunlap. I observed that it was a dark car, either sedan or coach. I did not observe whether anyone was waiting in the car and I failed to observe the license plates. I was on the porch just about a minute.

When I came back into the house I sat down in the living room and my chair was facing the street. I had no more than seated myself when a light flashed through the window into my face. I believed it to be a flashlight. This light more or less startled me. I arose from my chair and moved toward the center of the room at the same time glancing through the front window where I observed a man or boy dressed in a dark uniform and what appeared to be high boots on the porch, and started back thinking the door bell would ring. However, the bell did not ring and I again glanced through the window observing at this time that the person in uniform had left the porch and was at the foot of the steps. The flashlight was showing back towards the front door. This person in uniform then moved down the street in easterly direction and flashed the light on the house situated to the left of my house and I lost sight of him in the darkness.

A few moments later I went to the front door and opened it. I felt something against the storm door and stooped to look at it. I observed a Hill's Brothers coffee can and gave it a kick with my foot. I saw it had been opened and found in the can a large white envelope, long envelope, such as are used for business letters. I picked the envelope up and observed

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that it was marked personal and addressed to Adolph Brown and Walter Hodges. I left the can on the porch and placed the letter in back of my dress. I immediately went to the telephone and called my husband, Mr. John Miller, informing him that he had better come home for a little while. I did not tell him for what purpose.

Mr. Miller came home immediately and I related to him just what had happened. I gave Mr. Miller the envelope and he went out on the porch and brought the coffee can in. Mr. Miller made no comments to me whatever about the note. He picked up the telephone book and I left the room. I do not know whether he made a call or not and I did not want to stay around any longer since I did not care to be mixed up in the affair.

The note was not opened while in my possession. Mr. Miller never informed me as to the contents of the note and even to this date I am unaware as to the contents of the note.

The things that impressed me about the man I saw in the driveway were the heavy shoulders, swaggering walk, and the manner in which he held his head down, apparently to hide his features. His dress was funny and bulky. It appeared as though he was wearing more than one suit of clothes.

The above has been read by me and is true as written.

(Signed) MRS. JOHN (GRACE) MILLER,  
1809 Hague Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

Witnessed:  
E. L. NALLS, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
203 P. O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

3-2-34  
E. L. Nalls

St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 14, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.C. WERNER HANAU

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File No. 7-50

The St. Paul Division office was in receipt of a telephone call from a party at 1015 Pioneer Building, advising that he had some information of value to this investigation.

MR. W. D. FRITZ was contacted at the above address and advised Agent that he owns a parking lot at 76 Eighth Street; that about two weeks ago while he was present at the lot, three men drove in, in a Ford V8 Sedan, 1933 model, and two men remained in the car after it was parked. These men were gruff when spoken to, and he believed them to be suspicious characters. He was unable to give any record of the license number, and when Agent contacted TED PAJESKI, caretaker at the lot, PAJESKI was unable even to recall the circumstances. MR. FRITZ was unable to describe the parties in the car other than that the driver was a large man with a round face, ruddy complexion and sandy hair.

Very truly yours,

E. H. NOTESTEEN,  
Special Agent.

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February 14, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Kidnaping.  
St. Paul File 7-30

I contacted the manager and lady assistant at F. R. MANN & SON, Inc., 437 St. Peter St., St. Paul, Minnesota, both of whom stated they know of no wallpaper designers who are located in the Twin Cities; that such designers will be found located principally in the east where the wall paper factories are located. The young lady furnished the following list of Manufacturers:

Thos. Strahan, Chelsea, Mass.  
Maxwell & Company, Chicago, Illinois  
Birge & Son, Buffalo, New York  
Dremont & Cie, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Sanderson, London, England  
Lloyd & Co., New York City  
George Green, London, England  
Hanken, Brooklyn, New York  
Pan American Wall Paper Company, Chicago, Ill.  
Breck - Brooklyn, New York  
Dandge - Toronto, Canada  
Emmerich - New York City  
Hampson - New York City  
Binder - New York City

I was informed that F. R. MANN & SON, Inc. have one of the most complete lines of wall paper and samples in this territory and the manager has offered to assist in checking of samples if supplied with sufficient information concerning the design of paper seen by MR. BREMER.

R. L. Nalls,  
Special Agent

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 15, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR S. L. G. WENNER HANDEL  
Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file V-50

I again contacted confidential informant [redacted] this case [redacted] on February 15th and requested that he endeavor to ascertain the following:

- (1) Through his connection with the victim's family, obtain fragments of the victim's story as he could obtain from general conversation with them.
- (2) The present location of KARPIS, the two BARKERS, and that gang.
- (3) The present location of the St. Paul underworld headquarters.
- (4) Present location of JACK DAVENPORT.

In conversation with him at this time, he told me that [redacted] had been approached by JACK PFEIFFER, [redacted] and PFEIFFER had stated: [redacted] when the G. men [redacted] question us about Karpis and the two Barkers, what are you going to tell them? [redacted] replied that if the G. men came out, it would be foolish to assume that they did not know something or else they would not have come out there. JACK PFEIFFER said, "Are you going to identify them if they show their photographs?" [redacted] said, "I am going to say that I have seen them before but that I don't know who they are." PFEIFFER, after some discussion, thought that would be the better course to follow.

The confidential informant advised that the St. Paul and Minneapolis underworld are very much in fear of this Division but are not afraid of the St. Paul Police.

On February 15th, I again contacted the confidential informant and he informed me that as yet he has not had an opportunity to talk to the victim but when he does, he will notify me and give me all the information he can.

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Regarding KARPIS and the BARKERS and their gang, he stated that he was unable to learn where they were at the present time and doubted that the local underworld knew exactly where they are. He said that two nights ago, JACK PFEIFFER had invited [redacted] to go for a ride. [redacted] thought he was going for a one-way ride and hesitated, and PFEIFFER said he wanted to go over and examine the Brass Hall, a saloon in Minneapolis. On the way over PFEIFFER asked [redacted] whether [redacted] thought KARPIS and BARKER had pulled the BREMER kidnaping, to which [redacted] stated he did not know. PFEIFFER then stated, "What do you think?" [redacted] then stated that he did not know what to think. PFEIFFER then stated that if KARPIS and the two BARKERS had kidnaped BREMER, PFEIFFER would see to it that they were "bumped off" because of the heat that was being put under the local gangs.

[redacted] did not know whether JACK PFEIFFER was leading him out to see how he felt about the case and his reaction or whether PFEIFFER is actually in ignorance as to who perpetrated the BREMER kidnaping.

The confidential informant was not in a position to secure the address of the local gang's headquarters but secured for me the telephone number, which is Geneva 2140.

He also ascertained that JACK DAVENPORT is at the present time confined to his home because of illness. He is said to be sick in bed.

The confidential informant advised me that [redacted] told him that for some time prior to the kidnaping of EDWARD BREMER, a man known as "BIG LOUIS", a Jew from New York, resided at an apartment house about two blocks south of Goodrich on Lexington Avenue. After "BIG LOUIS" had resided in this place for some time, he was joined by a young fellow, 6 feet tall, weighing about 165 or 170 pounds, light complexioned, who, according to [redacted] who saw him once, was extremely nervous. This person stayed there until the night that BREMER was kidnaped and disappeared. [redacted] for some reason or other, indicated to the confidential informant that he was strongly suspicious that this person was implicated in the kidnaping. Because of the reliability of the information secured through this source, may I suggest that an immediate inquiry be made to locate the apartment in which "BIG LOUIS" resides, or did reside, in an effort to ascertain the identity of the young man mentioned above.

From the confidential informant and others whom I have interviewed in the last few days, as well as through verification by telephone numbers secured from a raid on the Hollyhocks Club by the County Attorney's office in Dakota County, it was ascertained that JACK DAVENPORT resides at 4109 Columbia Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota. 200

The confidential informant also advised me that he had been contacted by a man near Hinckley, Minnesota, a man who had a car with one or more men at which time the Game Warden shot and killed a wild duck. The man in whose possession was found \$15000 in cash. I immediately attempted to verify this by communicating with the Sheriff of Pine City and he likewise had heard the same rumor but heard that it was the Sheriff of Milaca, Minnesota; and I then called the Sheriff of Milaca and he not being present, I talked to one of his deputies, who assured me there was nothing whatsoever to the rumor and that they had not heard it.

I then called MR. McFARLAND, Deputy Commissioner of Conservation, Minnesota, who is a friend of mine, and he likewise telephoned to various sections of northern Minnesota, advising me that he could not obtain a verification of the rumor but would continue to make inquiries, advising me immediately if it appeared the rumor was of some merit.

I intend to see the confidential informant again tomorrow.

Very truly yours,

G. W. HALL,  
Special Agent

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 18, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.C. WERNER HANBY

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDW. S. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File No. 7-50

M. PASSOLT, State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, stated that Sheriff Brishoffer at Glencoe, Minnesota, telephoned him on February 18, 1934, advising that the day before a young man, THORBUM, from Hopkins, Minnesota, who was working with the Civil Relief for Highway department at Madison, Minnesota, on a survey crew, was hitch-hiking and was picked up by two men near Norton, Minnesota, with a green Hudson sedan.

After getting in the car with these men THORBUM observed a number of guns therein, and decided he was in bad company, so upon reaching Glencoe he left the car at a filling station where he went into the rest room, locking himself in, and refused to proceed further with the men. The filling station attendant at Glencoe notified the Sheriff and furnished Minnesota 1933 license # 890-527, stating that he believed same to be the number appearing on the car in which the young man came to the filling station. (Plates this number issued to ALBERT SYRING, 767 Thomas Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.)

MR. PASSOLT thinks there may be some connection with the BREMER case and suggests that THORBUM can be located through ELWOOD LANIER, foreman of survey crew, Madison, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

R. J. HILLS,  
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 16, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR B. A. O. WERNER HANNT

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-50.

EVERETT FAIRBANKS, previously reported as being in possession of the automobile bearing Minnesota license 176-876, which car, according to bus driver GEORGE WILLYE, followed the bus to Rochester on the night the ransom was paid, advised concerning his employment that about the 16th of December, 1933, while he was residing with his family at Federal Dam, which is his permanent location, he obtained a position through the Cass Lake Indian Census authorities to work an Indian census, the purpose being to obtain tabulations as to the family and the housing conditions of the Indians in northern Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

MR. FAIRBANKS further stated that he was assigned to work with a man by the name of CASWELL and that he received his instructions from the Indian Agent at Cass Lake, Minnesota; that in accordance with the suggestion of the Indian Agent, he (FAIRBANKS) went to Faribault, Minnesota, about December 20th and borrowed an automobile, which was a Ford 1932 model V-8 Sedan, from his brother-in-law, MR. OSTROM, MR. OSTROM being the owner and operator of a grocery store in Faribault.

MR. FAIRBANKS took this automobile, which carried license plates 176-876, Minnesota 1933, and drove same to Cass Lake where he again met MR. CASWELL, also an Indian census agent, and he and MR. CASWELL, upon instructions from the Indian Agent, proceeded to Milaca, worked there for about three days and went from there to a point near Deer River and thence to the area north of Bemidji, finally coming to Orr, Minnesota, on January 15th, where he stored the Ford car in the only garage in the town of Orr. The car was locked, according to MR. FAIRBANKS, and the garage itself, being for dead storage only, was also locked, and the key taken by the owner of the garage who lives approximately a block away. MR. FAIRBANKS is unable to supply the name of the garage owner. It further appears from the statement of MR. FAIRBANKS that MR. CASWELL had previously used this garage for storage and when it was decided to leave the FAIRBANKS car because of the condition of the roads and to proceed with the work on foot, MR. CASWELL suggested storage at the garage in question.

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After leaving Orr on the 15th of January, MR. FAIRBANKS, according to his statement, went to his home at Federal Dam and worked in that vicinity for several days, later working in the neighborhood of St. Louis County, then returning

to Federal Dam, then to Milaca and from there, he advised, to Faribault, Minnesota, over the weekend of February 11th where he was located by this agent.

MR. FAIRBANKS advised that the reports in the Government offices of the Indian Service, census section, at Cass Lake, would reflect his exact movements, day by day, through his reports on the work done since the day of his entering the census service. MR. FAIRBANKS also stated that his mileage reports while using the car would indicate the exact mileage covered with same and the mileage on the automobile at the time of its storage in the garage at Orr.

MR. FAIRBANKS is the father of a small daughter about twelve years of age who is living with her uncle and aunt at Faribault while attending school.

Concerning MR. CASWELL, MR. FAIRBANKS advised that he knew very little about him other than that he had been approved for the Indian Service by the Cass Lake authorities and was a resident of northern Minnesota.

When agent visited the OSTROM family at Faribault for the purpose of bringing MR. FAIRBANKS to the St. Paul Division office, MR. OSTROM, who was the owner of the automobile, was very much worried over the possibility that his automobile had been stolen from storage at Orr inasmuch as he carried no insurance. With this in mind, MR. OSTROM insisted on coming with agent and FAIRBANKS to the St. Paul Division office to ascertain whether or not the car and the license plates were still intact in the garage at Orr. As previously reported, through Game Warden HUNSON at Orr it was ascertained that the car was still in storage in the garage where it had been left on January 15th.

MR. FAIRBANKS' fingerprints were taken at the St. Paul Division office and both he and MR. OSTROM were instructed that the automobile in question should not be moved until further notice from the Division, to which they agreed.

MR. FAIRBANKS left St. Paul on the afternoon of February 11th to return to Cass Lake for further instructions in the census work. He was accompanied by MR. CASWELL, who was not present at the St. Paul Division office, but according to MR. FAIRBANKS, he (FAIRBANKS) was to meet CASWELL at the Vendome Hotel in Minneapolis on Monday, February 12th, and they were to proceed together to Cass Lake from there.

Very truly yours,

E. M. NOTESTEEN,  
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WESSNER HANDEL:

EDWARD J. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 3-30.

With reference to the 3-5/8 inch Filmolens used by the kidnapers in the signal lights it may be noted that Reinhard Bros., Minneapolis, were again contacted and through MR. HURCHISS, Purchasing Officer, it was noted that records of this concern reveal that on January 3rd, 1934, under order No. 15427, twenty-four 3-5/8 inch Filmolens were shipped to the Aberdeen, South Dakota, branch of Reinhard Bros. Inventory for January 1st reflected that 27 of these lens were on hand in stock and that on January 9th, 72 were received from the factory. Two were sold over the city desk on February 5th, making a total sale of 28 during the month of January and depleting the stock on hand to 73. Physical check of stock showed that Reinhard Bros. now have on hand in fact 80 of the 3-5/8 inch Filmolens, the additional 7 of which they are unable to account for.

As before stated, a poll of the clerks at the city desk failed to develop any information as to the sale of the two filmolens from the retail store. None of the employees of Reinhard Bros. had any recollection concerning this sale.

The Western Auto Supply Company at 9th and Hennepin, Minneapolis, was visited and the Manager, MR. HORTON, was interviewed, MR. HORTON advising that only three Filmolens were sold during the month of January, none in December, and none in February, from the Hennepin Avenue store. All clerks in this establishment were interviewed personally and they advised that they had no recollection whatever concerning the sale of three Filmolens.

The Western Auto Supply Company, Lake Street branch, was visited and MR. C. KRANZ, the Manager, was interviewed, MR. KRANZ indicating after an examination of his records that 15 3-5/8 inch Filmolens were sold by the Lake Street store during the month of January. All of the clerks at this store were interviewed personally, several recalling the sale of one lens but none having any recollection of a sale of more than one at a time. The photographs of the following persons were exhibited to clerks in this store without any identification being made:

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HARRY CAMPBELL  
VOLNEY DAVIS  
LOUIS SHERMAN  
LLOYD FINGER  
FRED SPEAKMAN  
PAUL JOHNSON  
ARTHUR STETSON  
DALLAS PHILLIPS  
LESLIE YEAST  
WILLIAM PARIS  
LLOYD CUTLER  
WILLIAM CHRISTIANSON

The Western Auto Supply Company on East Hennepin Avenue in Minneapolis was contacted through Manager H. BRADLEY and it was ascertained through the records of the store that only three Filmolens were sold by this store during the month of January, none in February, and none in December. All the clerks in this store were polled and none had any recollection as to the sale of these Filmolens, although each clerk insisted that he was positive not more than one was sold to a customer, otherwise such fact would have been impressed on his mind.

The Western Auto Supply Company at 1551 University Avenue was contacted and MR. ALBERTSON, the Manager, interviewed, MR. ALBERTSON advising that during the month of January, thirteen Filmolens were sold by that store. Examination of the clerks reflected that no clerk had any recollection of the sale of any of these lens, all insisted that not more than one had been sold to a customer.

The Western Auto Supply Company at 60 Sixth Street, St. Paul, was visited and MR. GEORGE DERSE, General Manager and official in charge of all Twin Cities Western Auto Supply Company branches, advised from his records that no Filmolens were sold by the branch at 60 Sixth Street but that 78 Filmolens, 3-3/8 inch size, were sold in the Twin Cities stores during January, 1934, and between January 1st and January 12th. MR. DERSE stated that this is an unprecedented circumstance and that never in the history of the company during the past few years has such a large stock of this article been disposed of through the local stores.

MR. DERSE further advised, after an examination of all mail orders to the Twin Cities stores, that no shipments of more than one film lens had been made during the month of January to any one party. In this connection, MR. DERSE advised that he would call a meeting of all managers of the Twin Cities stores for tonight, February 18, and the matter would be carefully gone into and in addition, he would notify the auditor's office at Kansas City, Missouri, today and request that all sales slips for all stores in this territory covering the sale of this article, which is listed as G-159, be forwarded immediately to the St. Paul store at 60 Sixth Street. MR. DERSE stated that with all the sales slips at hand, he would be in a position to determine positively what lens were sold, when, and where, and in what quantity. This information will be available on Monday, February 19th. It is understood from MR. DERSE that each sales slip for each item is forwarded to the Kansas City auditor's office and bears the name or the initials of the clerk making the sale. Therefore, positive information concerning the purchases of this article in the Twin Cities will be available.

In connection with the Merit Product Flashlight, and in addition to the information previously submitted, it may be noted that the lights in question have been forwarded to the Chicago office to be presented to the United States Electrical Company of Chicago in an effort to identify the manufacturer of this product. The following additional stores in Minneapolis were visited on this date, it being noted that none of these stores sells a Merit Product flashlight:

NEISNERS,  
GRANT COMPANY,  
KRESGE,  
WOOLWORTHS,  
GAMBLES,  
THE LEADER,  
WALGREEN DRUG STORES.

Very truly yours,

E. N. NOTESTEEN,  
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
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MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WENNER HANNI:

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

MR. JOHN MARTHALER of the John Marthaler Company, manufacturer of machinery and more particularly the Eric Siren, was interviewed and he presented a list of all sirens now in operation which were manufactured by that company. From this list, agent took the names of towns in North Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin, in which sirens are now located which were so placed by this company.

MR. MARTHALER further presented a mimeographed sheet showing all towns in the State of Minnesota in which Eric sirens are now in operation.

MR. MARTHALER further stated that the Eric Siren Company does most of the business in the Middle West but that further information in this connection might be obtained through the Federal Siren Company, 8700 South State Street, Chicago; the W. S. Nott Company of Minneapolis; the Sterling Interstate Machine Products Company, Rochester, New York; and the Hendrie & Bolthoff Manufacturing & Supply Company at Denver, Colorado. It further appears from the statement of MR. MARTHALER that the Federal Siren Company is the most prominent one of these listed and that the W. S. Nott Company, insofar as he knows, is the only representative of any other siren other than the one manufactured by him.

All of these companies, with the exception of the W. S. Nott Company, were contacted by mail from the St. Paul Division office on February 15, 1934.

On February 14, 1934, agent interviewed MR. W. S. HODGES, who is in charge of fire siren sales for the W. S. Nott Company in Minneapolis. MR. HODGES advising that the Eric siren, which is manufactured by MR. MARTHALER, is by far the most efficient and the most satisfactory siren on the market today and has practically all of the business in that line. It appears that the W. S. Nott Company is really an agency for the Eric siren and the patentee and owner of this siren is the Eric Siren Company at Canby, Minnesota. The siren, however, is manufactured, as before stated, by the JOHN MARTHALER COMPANY and is sold through MR. ERIC of the Eric Siren Company of Canby, Minnesota, and by MR. HODGES of the W. S. Nott Company in Minneapolis. The only available list in the W. S. Nott Company of sirens now in operation in this

manner in which to obtain complete records of all sirens in this area would be direct through the Eric Siren Company at Canby, Minnesota.

It further appears from the statements of MR. HODGES that in his opinion not more than three or four sirens manufactured by any of the other companies are now in operation in this locality; that the siren manufactured by the Federal Siren Company has been proved unsatisfactory because of necessity for considerable service and that the same may be said for the Sterling Interstate Machine Products Company siren which has not stood up in this climate.

Concerning the Denver Company, the HENDRIE & HOLMHOFF concern, MR. HODGES stated that there is no competition in the Middle West between the Eric Company and this concern because of the freight rates and that insofar as he knows, there are no Denver sirens in operation in the Middle Western States.

According to MR. HODGES, all of the sirens manufactured by the Eric Siren Company are sold directly to municipalities and they are manufactured for that purpose rather than for factory or institution uses; that the type of siren used in institutions as an alarm signal is considerably different from the heavy type, regular siren manufactured by the Eric Siren Company. In MR. HODGES' opinion, all other sirens not made by the Eric Company might be eliminated from this survey because of their type and qualifications.

Very truly yours,

E. W. NOTESTEEN,  
Special Agent.

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MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANKE

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
EDWARD G. PERMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file 7-50.

Inquiry was made at the Episcopal Church diocese office covering the diocese of Minnesota located at 2344 Nicollet Avenue, telephone Bridgeport 2568, in Minneapolis and MR. E. R. COPPAGE of that office advised that the Episcopal churches do not ring their bells Saturday at all in the diocese of Minnesota or any other diocese that he knows of.

Inquiry was made at the Presbyterian church headquarters, 1040 Plymouth Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and W. R. HARSHAW of that office advised that it is not a practice of the Presbyterian church to ring the bell on Saturday afternoons or evenings.

Inquiry was made at the Twin City Baptist Union, 706 National Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the same information was received to the effect that the bells in that church are not rung on Saturday.

Similar inquiry was made of the Swedish Evangelical Free church with offices at 1225 Washington Avenue South in Minneapolis where PETER HENSEN, trustee of that church, advised that no services were conducted on Saturday and no bells were rung in that church on Saturday.

It was the general statement of the parties interviewed above that in the Twin Cities, very few of the churches have bells or if they have them, they are not rung, either on Saturdays or Sundays.

Rev. OTTO LEONARDSON, retired, present address 415 Harvard Street, Lutheran minister, stated that he is acquainted personally with every Evangelical Lutheran minister in the United States. He stated that it is the custom in some communities for the Lutheran church to ring their bells Saturday afternoon. It is personally known to him that the Lutheran church at East Union, near Cologne, Minnesota, rings the bell regularly at four o'clock Saturday afternoons and that at the Lutheran church at Dunnell, Minnesota, the bell is rung at six o'clock every Saturday and also at Center City, Minnesota, the Lutheran church bell is known to be rung at either five or six p.m., on Saturdays. Rev. LEONARDSON stated that the custom of ringing the bell is an old custom and if practiced, is usually in a community made up mostly of Norwegians or Swedish people. The theory of this bell ringing on Saturday is to ring in the Sabbath and the time the bell is rung is to indicate the hour that the daily toil should be dropped for the Sabbath Day.

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Rev. LEONARDSON turned over to agent a directory containing approximately 300 names of all the ministers of the Lutheran church and further consideration is being given to the circularization of the ministers located in the Northwest States.

Inquiry was made at the Rectory of Archbishop JOHN MURRAY of the Catholic Church in St. Paul where Father SCHENK, Secretary to the Archbishop, was interviewed. He stated that the fact that the church bells were rung numerous times on Sunday would perhaps indicate that it was a Catholic Church, but that it was not the usual practice for Catholic Church bells to be rung on Saturday afternoons or evenings. There is a possibility, he stated, that children's instructions might be held on Saturday afternoons and that the church bell would be rung calling the children to such instructions. However, he also offered the opinion that if it was a Catholic church that was heard ringing, it would in most instances be rung at 6:00 p.m., and also at 12:00 noon, which is the usual ringing of the angelus. He also stated that in some places, pastors have the bell rung for Saturday confessionals, but these instances are very few. Father SCHENK submitted a complete list of church and pastors for the archdiocese of St. Paul covering the Twin Cities and most of the Western part of Minnesota, and turned over to this office for its use 1933 Directory of the Catholic Churches in the United States, also making notation as to the places in the Directory where the dioceses could be found which cover the Northwest territory.

Very truly yours,

R. T. MOONAN,  
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WESSNER HANDEL

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim,  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-20.

United States Attorney GEORGE F. SULLIVAN, St. Paul, called at the St. Paul Division office today and advised that a MR. F. D. WHITLEY, a Minneapolis patent attorney, had called him by telephone indicating that some acquaintance of his (MR. WHITLEY'S) had some information which might be of value in this investigation.

Agent interviewed MR. WHITLEY, who is a prominent Minneapolis lawyer, practicing exclusively in the field of patents, at his offices at 911 Foshay Tower and was advised that he (MR. WHITLEY) had known ARCHIE COUTRE, a barber in the Foshay Tower Shop, for several years and had acted in the capacity of business advisor for MR. COUTRE; that through this association, he had come to know MR. COUTRE intimately and placed every confidence in him.

At the instance of agent, MR. COUTRE was called from the barber shop by telephone and was interviewed in MR. WHITLEY'S office.

MR. COUTRE advised that for approximately a year, one OSCAR KISER, his brother JOHN KISER, and several other persons associated with the KISER brothers, had occupied space in the Foshay Tower and were in some promotion scheme which had resulted in OSCAR KISER'S being indicted in the State Court for fraud. It appears that the KISER brothers are both at present on \$7,000 bail in connection with the above matter.

MR. COUTRE further stated that the KISERS have a very bad reputation and came to Minneapolis from Milwaukee where they were involved in some doubtful activity; that up until about the 10th of January, he (MR. COUTRE) has done the barbering for the KISERS almost daily since they arrived in the Foshay Tower; that about January 10th, they disappeared or, according to MR. COUTRE, they no longer came to his shop and he saw nothing of them until the 9th of February when OSCAR KISER came to the shop with a week's growth of beard and made some joking remark about not being able to get a shave. When MR. COUTRE inquired whether MR. KISER had been ill, MR. KISER stated that he had not been ill but he had been out of town.

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Examination of the building directory in the Foshay Tower failed to reflect the name KISER but it was noted that Room 308 is occupied by the First National Properties and the Acme Development Company. MR. COUTRE was again contacted and he indicated that these companies were the ones in which the KISERS were involved.

MR. COUTRE described OSCAR KISER as being about 5 feet 10 inches in height, very dark complexioned, and approximately 190 pounds in weight. Both of the KISERS, according to MR. COUTRE, are Jewish, and have black hair and brown eyes. JOHN KISER is about 5 feet 10 inches in height and about 170 pounds in weight. According to MR. COUTRE, the KISERS are very aggressive and insolent in their manner and on occasions have made statements to the effect that they are afraid of no one on earth.

It is MR. COUTRE'S opinion that the KISER'S, because of their reputation and connections, are involved with gangsters and racketeers in Minneapolis. MR. COUTRE could give no facts to substantiate his belief but stated that "he knew it was so".

Agent visited the KISER offices without making any inquiry and noted that several men were sitting around in a private office and a stenographer was apparently occupied in the typing of forms. It was also not believed advisable at this time to contact the building management.

Very truly yours,

E. F. NOTESTEEN,  
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. J. WERNER HANNI

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.

EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.

KIDNAPING.

St. Paul file 7-20.

Concerning the wall paper design which has been somewhat indefinitely described by MR. EDWARD BREMER, the victim, as being on the walls of the room in which he was confined, it may be noted that on the basis of first information furnished to the St. Paul Division office that this wall paper pattern was manufactured by the Smith Horning Company of Cleveland, Ohio, the only Twin Cities distributor for Smith Horning paper was contacted, this company being the FRANK HIRSHFIELD COMPANY of Minneapolis, and all paper manufactured by the above concern was exhibited to MR. BREMER, MR. BREMER advising that none of the patterns viewed were the type on the room in question. It appears that the Smith Horning paper is a very expensive and exclusive quality of paper and is used generally only in high-class homes.

An effort was made at the Hirshfield Paper Company through MR. and MRS. HIRSHFIELD, who have been in the wall paper business for the past 40 years, to obtain samples of the paper which contained a representation of a fence together with a tree bearing flowers of four-leaf clover design. All specimens of this type of paper have been shown to MR. BREMER, without result.

MR. CHRIEMAN, a wall paper designer and decorator, residing at 3710 East 34th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was contacted and he accompanied agent and MR. SMITH, the General Manager of the Hirshfield Paper Company, to the St. Paul Division Office where, with the assistance of MR. EDWARD BREMER, MR. CHRIEMAN endeavored to obtain sufficient data on the desired paper to draw a design.

The design prepared by MR. CHRIEMAN was brought to the St. Paul Division office on February 16th and was shown to MR. EDWARD BREMER, who indicated that same was not exactly like the design of the paper on the room in which he was held. Certain changes were indicated by MR. BREMER, and an effort will now be made to have MR. CHRIEMAN make up a further design reflecting a type of paper more similar to that believed by MR. BREMER to have been in the house in which he was held a prisoner.

Through the assistance of MRS. FRANK GRIFFIN, agent was informed that one ROBERT GRIFFIN, United Wall Paper Company, 137 West Side, Jersey City, New Jersey, was the most prominent manufacturer of wall paper in the business today and made it a point to obtain all designs of wall paper in all companies now operating. It appears that MR. GRIFFIN, 7-576-577

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through his business connections, has in the past become conversant with every design prepared by the wall paper trade.

In accordance with the above information, a letter was dispatched to the New York Division office for the purpose of contacting MR. CHIFFIN and obtaining his assistance in locating a paper with the required specifications.

Very truly yours,

E. H. NOTESTEIN,  
Special Agent.

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MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANSEN

St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 15, 1934

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING.  
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Reference is made to the memorandum submitted by Special Agent S. K. McKee under date of February 13, 1934.

In this connection, all of the persons interviewed on the occasion of the previous investigation were re-questioned but they related similar stories.

ERNEST MILISCH, referred to in the previous memorandum, was interviewed and he stated that following the interview between the writer and his father, he and his father talked over the matter of the gasoline cans having been found on the road leading to REUBEN GROSSMANN'S home and he has come to the conclusion that the date on which he saw an automobile parked at the corner where the cans were found was Wednesday, February 7, 1934, and not the following day. He stated that he remembers this date to be Wednesday because of the fact that he and his brother skipped hauling tamarack logs on one day of that week and there is no doubt in his mind now but that the day skipped was Tuesday, and he is positive that the day on which he saw the car was the day following that on which he and his brother did not haul logs.

Further with respect to this automobile, ERNEST MILISCH said that on Wednesday, February 7, 1934, he laid off work early and went to the school house at 3:30 p.m., from which place he brought his young brother and three neighbor "kids" home from school. He said that at about 4:00 p.m., he was standing by the barn near his home, unhitching his team when he noticed a coffee brown colored automobile drive up the road past his house from Route No. 16. He said he thought this car was a late model Nash automobile of the sedan type and advised that the only persons in same were two men, both of whom were in the front seat. He said further that from the glances he obtained of these men as they passed, they both appeared to be around 30 years of age, were fairly well dressed, wore overcoats and felt hats, and he believes that the one who was not driving wore a light gray overcoat and light colored hat. MILISCH said this car passed him at a distance of about five yards and drove past his house where it turned on the left fork of the county road and stopped at the corner where the gasoline cans were later found. He said that he did not notice the license plates on this car.

He said further that when the car had stopped at the corner in question, he went to a point near his house and tried to observe what was going on inasmuch as he was curious, and he noticed that both men got out of the car and walked to the back of it where they appeared to be "fooling" with the spare tire.

He said further that the car and men remained at the spot where the cans were found for about half an hour, following which they drove back past his house and to Route No. 16. MILLISCH was unable to state which direction the car drove on Route No. 16 after leaving the county road.

With respect to the information supplied by REUBEN GROSSMANN as related in the prior memorandum of this agent, ERNEST MILLISCH said that he is positive that MARIE GROSSMANN, the six-year-old daughter of REUBEN GROSSMANN, did not go home from school on Wednesday, February 7th, but on the other hand went to the home of her grandmother, where she remained for some time before going home. He said that in order to reach her grandmother's home, the little girl would not have to pass the corner where the cans were found but that she in all probability did "cut" another corner, which no doubt accounts for the statements made by her father.

The twin brother of ERNEST MILLISCH was questioned but he advised that on Wednesday, February 7th, while his brother was at home, he was in the swamp with his father, cutting tamarack logs and for that reason knew nothing regarding the automobile or the gasoline cans in question.

It should be stated here that the writer was in error in his previous memorandum when he stated that the ground to the right of the spot where the cans were found was occupied by a field covered with corn stubbles. That ground is occupied by a field which is presently covered with timothy and clover stubbles. The corn stubble field referred to is located approximately 50 yards down the road toward Route No. 16 from the spot where the cans were found. Aside from the above description of the spot as set out in the previous memorandum of this agent is correct.

In company with Deputy Sheriff HARRY HIENER of Portage, Wisconsin, the writer covered the territory within a mile of the spot where the cans were found and it was ascertained that there is only one dwelling house located within the area aside from the houses occupied by the persons who have already been interviewed. This house is located on Route No. 16, about one-fourth mile northwest of the intersection of Route No. 16 and the county road on which the MILLISCH home is situated and is occupied by

an aged couple. Interview with a MRS. BECKE, who resides in this place, resulted in the statement by her that she had been confined to the house with illness for the past two weeks and had not observed anything that had taken place on the outside. She stated further that her husband has not been around the house during the daytime in the past two weeks, inasmuch as his work, namely putting tamarack logs, has kept him in the swamp during working hours.

In company with Deputy Sheriff HARRY HIBNER, the writer called at all gasoline filling stations located in Portage, Wisconsin, and on the surrounding roads on Route No. 13 between Portage, Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, and the surrounding roads on a county highway leading from Wisconsin Dells to Biggsville, Wisconsin, and thence back into Portage. None of the filling station operators could furnish any data regarding the filling of four 5-gallon gasoline cans on February 7th or on any other date. It should be stated that none of these persons could remember having filled any 5-gallon gasoline can for a person other than a regular customer.

During the course of these interviews, however, one HERMAN PETERSON, operator of the Standard Oil Station at Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, related that one day last week, which would be the week subsequent to February 4, 1934, two men in a sedan automobile, make, color and license unknown, stopped at his station and purchased a quart of oil and secured some water. He said these men were in a hurry as there were two other cars in the station at the time they pulled up and they asked the occupants of the other cars if they would mind letting them be waited on first. PETERSON said that while waiting on these two men, he noticed several round shaped 5-gallon gasoline cans in the back of the car with a blanket thrown over them but that he could not state how many cans the car contained.

It should be stated here that there is a Wisconsin law making it necessary that all cans in which gasoline is sold be painted red and in this connection attention is called to the fact that the four cans found by REUBEN GROSSMANN were not painted but on the other hand were bare tin. During the course of the numerous interviews with filling station operators, the writer formed the opinion that a person would experience much difficulty in having four unpainted gasoline cans filled at almost any filling station in the State of Wisconsin inasmuch as filling such cans would make the station proprietor liable to a fine of \$50.

It should be stated here that in some instances, it was found that more than one person operated filling stations where interviews were conducted, and in this connection arrangements were made whereby Deputy Sheriff HIBNER would be notified if any of the operators had filled the four 3-gallon cans in question. It should also be stated that Deputy Sheriff HIBNER told the various filling station operators at the time they were interviewed that he was not interested in the "painted can law" in connection with making the instant inquiries.

Very truly yours,

S. K. McKEE,  
Special Agent.

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3 - Division  
2 - St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota,  
February 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. FREDERICK HANNI:

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

Reference is made to the letter received from the Chicago office under date of February 20, 1934, in connection with an anonymous telephone call received by that office in which information was furnished to the effect that one MEL WOLDENBERG of Madison, Wisconsin, was possibly involved in the kidnaping of EDWARD G. BREMER.

Chief of Police W. H. MCCORMICK, Madison, Wisconsin, and Chief of Detective LEO KINNEY of the same city, were interviewed and they advised that the MEL WOLDENBERG concerning whom agent was inquiring was no doubt MALCOLM WOLDENBERG. Both of these men furnished descriptions of MALCOLM WOLDENBERG and same are almost identical with the description set out in the letter from the Chicago Division office. It was stated by the above officers that MALCOLM WOLDENBERG comes from a very prominent Jewish family who have been residents of Madison for many years; that the father died about five years ago; that MEL WOLDENBERG left Madison about two years ago and is thought to be present residing in Chicago but that his two brothers, namely CHARLES and SAMUEL WOLDENBERG, still live in Madison. It was stated that CHARLES operates a department store, while SAMUEL is engaged in the real estate business and is also said to be the distributor of a fairly large number of "whiffle boards". It was stated that CHARLES and SAMUEL WOLDENBERG have been closely associated with the Progressive Party in Wisconsin for many years and are intimate with the LAFOLLETTES. Chief McCormick said, however, that he did not believe MEL WOLDENBERG had ever been active politically.

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It was stated further that there had never been a rumor around Madison of MEL'S having been connected with any racketeers or hoodlums.

Chief McCOORMICK told the writer that about three weeks ago he received an inquiry from one REUBEN NECKERMAN of the Neckerman Insurance Agency concerning MEL WOLDENBERG, NECKERMAN stating at the time that he had a civil judgment against him. The Chief called NECKERMAN on the phone in agent's presence and it was stated that the inquiry was made in view of the fact that he (NECKERMAN) had heard that WOLDENBERG was in town. At this same time, NECKERMAN related that MEL WOLDENBERG has been away from Madison for about two years, is living in Chicago, Illinois, and is thought to be employed as a salesman by some wholesale liquor house.

At the request of the writer, Chief McCOORMICK made telephonic inquiry of E. A. HAYDEN of the Madison Drug Company, through whom it was learned that MEL WOLDENBERG was in town about four weeks ago, at which time he called on the Madison Drug Company as salesman of liquor for the Midstate Distributors, 159 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. It was stated by MR. HAYDEN that WOLDENBERG appeared to be uneasy at the time of his call. Chief McCOORMICK said that in his opinion, the apparent uneasiness of WOLDENBERG could be attributed to the fact that several civil judgments are outstanding against him in Madison.

Assistant United States Attorney H. E. HANSON was interviewed and he advised that he had heard of MEL WOLDENBERG but had never heard of his being associated with racketeers or other type of law violators. He stated that the WOLDENBERG family was rather prominent in Madison and that he had never heard anything against the name.

An examination was made of the City Directory for Madison, Wisconsin, for the year 1935 and it was ascertained that MEL WOLDENBERG is not listed therein. The name CHARLES L. WOLDENBERG, residence 1050 Sherman Avenue, business, President of Woldenberg, Inc., was noticed, as was the name of SAMUEL A. WOLDENBERG, residence 119 East Washington Avenue, business real estate.

H. C. JAMIESON, Vice-president of the First National Bank, Madison, Wisconsin, was interviewed and he stated that he knows all of the

WOLDENBERG says that he had never heard anything against the name of the family.

JAMIESON says he had never heard of MEL'S being associated in any way with hoodlums and that he did not believe he had ever been active in politics.

MR. JAMIESON stated further that MEL has spent most of his business connection with his immediate family, he having worked for his father in the department store operated by him prior to his death, and following the death of his father, he having been involved in real estate operations with his brother SAMUEL.

Agent was advised that MEL WOLDENBERG left Madison about two years ago and is thought to have made a connection with some securities or investment concern in Chicago, and in this connection MR. JAMIESON mentioned the name JACOB KULP as being the firm with whom MEL WOLDENBERG is thought to have gone.

Very truly yours,

S. K. McKEE,  
Special Agent.

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3 - St. Paul  
2 - Division

St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 17, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANNI:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file 7-20

On February 16, 1934, while in Sioux City, Iowa, agent contacted Assistant Chief of Police WHEELOCK, Sioux City, Police Department, who advised that the confidential informant, whose name he preferred not to disclose at this time, told him that on February 7, 1934, between three and four o'clock in the afternoon on Route 70 he noticed a Buick Sedan in which four men were riding and that one of the men in the rear seat had his head bandaged. The informant recognized the driver as a man known to him as "SLICK" and he advised MR. WHEELOCK that former Prohibition Agent HURRIS of Sioux City, Iowa, knew this man by his proper name.

Accordingly, MR. WHEELOCK contacted former Prohibition Agent HURRIS and the man known as "SLICK" was identified by HURRIS as FRED KOFKA, who is a police character in Sioux City and has put in time in the Iowa State Penitentiary and is at present on parole from the State Penitentiary.

MR. WHEELOCK further advised that KOFKA has been known to have attempted extortion in the past, and furnished the writer with police photograph and description of KOFKA; and further advised that MELTON NELSON, known as "TOAD" NELSON, of 2500 Vine Street, Sioux City, Iowa, is a companion of said KOFKA.

Very truly yours,

T. J. DOOD,  
Special Agent

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
February 17, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANNI

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD M. BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file V-30.

This memorandum is based on information forwarded in letter to S. A. C. Hanni by one GENE BELL, 104 North Snelling Avenue, St. Paul, who claims that his hobby is identifying fugitives. In this letter he forwards an advertisement placed in the St. Paul Pioneer Press & Dispatch under date of February 9th, which is a wanted notice by a party wanting a painter and decorator to decorate a farm home forty miles from St. Paul requesting that the address and phone number be given in replying, and that the price must be reasonable.

At the Pioneer Press & Dispatch office, this advertisement was found to have been put in by one F. R. GARNEL under box No. 9931 of the Dispatch. It was also found that another ad was placed in the same paper under the same date by the same person, as follows:

"Wanted. Portable typewriter.  
Must be practically new and cheap  
for cash."

This last named ad was under Box 9930.

On February 14, 15 and 16, a watch was kept at the Dispatch & Pioneer Press office to determine who might call for replies to these advertisements, there being five replies on file to the request for painter and decorator and none with reference to the request for a portable typewriter. No one called, however, and agent was advised that it was possible someone might have called for the replies to these ads the first day or two after they had been placed in the paper and received the desired replies and therefore had not returned for the others.

Arrangements were made through JOHN F. LEWIS, in charge of the classified advertising section, who stated that these box numbers would be posted and if anyone called for the replies therein, a man would be sent from the Dispatch office to determine where the party collecting the replies goes to or, if he gets into an automobile and they were unable to follow him, his license number would be obtained and any information secured would be immediately turned over to this office.

Very truly yours,

R. T. NOONAN,  
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 19, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WENNER HANNE:

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

With reference to the memorandum submitted under date of February 13, 14, 1934, by F. J. BLAKE, the subject matter of which was the investigation made at Clear Lake, Iowa, in company with Agents Brennan, Glynn, and this agent, a letter was received on February 15th from FORD LEE, clerk in the Post Office at Clear Lake, Iowa, stating that the photograph of EMMET WARR HUGHSON, Mason City, Police No. 4568, was one and the same party as WILBUR HUGHSON, residing at 514 North Vincent Street, Clear Lake, Iowa.

Very truly yours,

E. T. HOOGAN,  
Special Agent

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February 11, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANDEL:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 9-30.

With reference to the information furnished by ROBERT KELLY concerning JAMES WILLIAMS alias "SPREEDY" WILLIAMS alias FRANK WILBUR, it may be noted that although KELLY has stated that WILLIAMS was employed by the Ford distributor company of Minneapolis up until one year ago, information furnished by the Ford factory in St. Paul indicates that the only Ford distributing company in Minneapolis was discontinued about seven years ago and there has been no Parts Division or Ford branch in Minneapolis since that time. The records of the Ford plant in St. Paul do not include the name JAMES WILLIAMS or FRANK WILBUR or ROBERT KELLY.

The above information was furnished to agent by the General Manager of the Ford plant.

Concerning the reference made by ROBERT KELLY to WILLIAMS' having been involved in a Duluth bank robbery, MR. PASSOLF of the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension advised agent that there has been no bank robbery in the city of Duluth within his recollection and none in the past several years; that about two years ago there was some talk of a bank messenger having been held up but even this rumor was never substantiated in fact.

Concerning WILLIAMS' having lived at the St. Paul Hotel under the name of JAMES WILLIAMS or JACK WILBUR, investigation made by Special Agent Hall indicates that no such party was registered at the St. Paul Hotel in 1933, and neither was there any registration in 1933 for ROBERT KELLY.

It is noted that KELLY was supposed to have lived at 838 Beach Street, Minneapolis, Apartment 5-A, and that he worked up until two weeks ago at the caterpillar tractor company of Minneapolis. According to records in the Minneapolis Police Department and City Directories, information being presented by Lieutenant Ray Harrington, there is no Beach Street in the city of Minneapolis.

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Concerning the alleged employment with the caterpillar tractor company, agent visited this concern at 2207 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, and was advised that the caterpillar tractor company, including its plant and general offices, moved more than a year ago to Peoria, Illinois. The five employees now working at the warehouse advised that the personnel office has also moved to Peoria, Illinois, and none of these employees had

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ever heard of JAMES WILLIAMS, JACK WILBUR, or ROBERT KELLY. Approximately 500 employees were thrown out of work by the Caterpillar tractor company about a year ago when this company discontinued operation in the Twin Cities.

With reference to the information furnished that one PAUL JACOBSON, employed at the Oldsmobile Agency on Minnesota Avenue had told KELLY that WILBUR was driving a Ford which stopped the victim in the BREMER kidnaping case, it may be noted that according to investigation made by Special Agent Hall, there is no Oldsmobile Agency on Minnesota Avenue.

With reference to the information furnished by KELLY that WILLIAMS had been arrested for drunken driving in 1930 by the Minneapolis or St. Paul Police Department, it may be noted that records of these departments as presented by Lieutenant HARRINGTON at Minneapolis and SIDNEY MOORE of the St. Paul Police Department do not reflect any such arrest.

Very truly yours,

E. H. NOTESTEIN,  
Special Agent.

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FEBRUARY 19, 1934.

SEND FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO ALL PLACES DESIGNATED ON ATTACHED LIST  
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KANSO REPORT TRAINOR DECEMBER TWO SEVEN LAST PRESS VIGOROUSLY ALL LEADS  
SEEKING APPREHENSION ARTHUR AND FRED BARKER ALVIN KARPIS AND MEMBERS  
THEIR MOB PHOTOGRAPHS SENT YOU YESTERDAY KEEP PURPOSE THEIR LOCATION  
STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL WANTED FOR QUESTIONING BREMER CASE BASED ON ARTHUR  
BARKER LATENT FINGERPRINT FOUND URGENT PHONE DIVISION WHEN LOCATED

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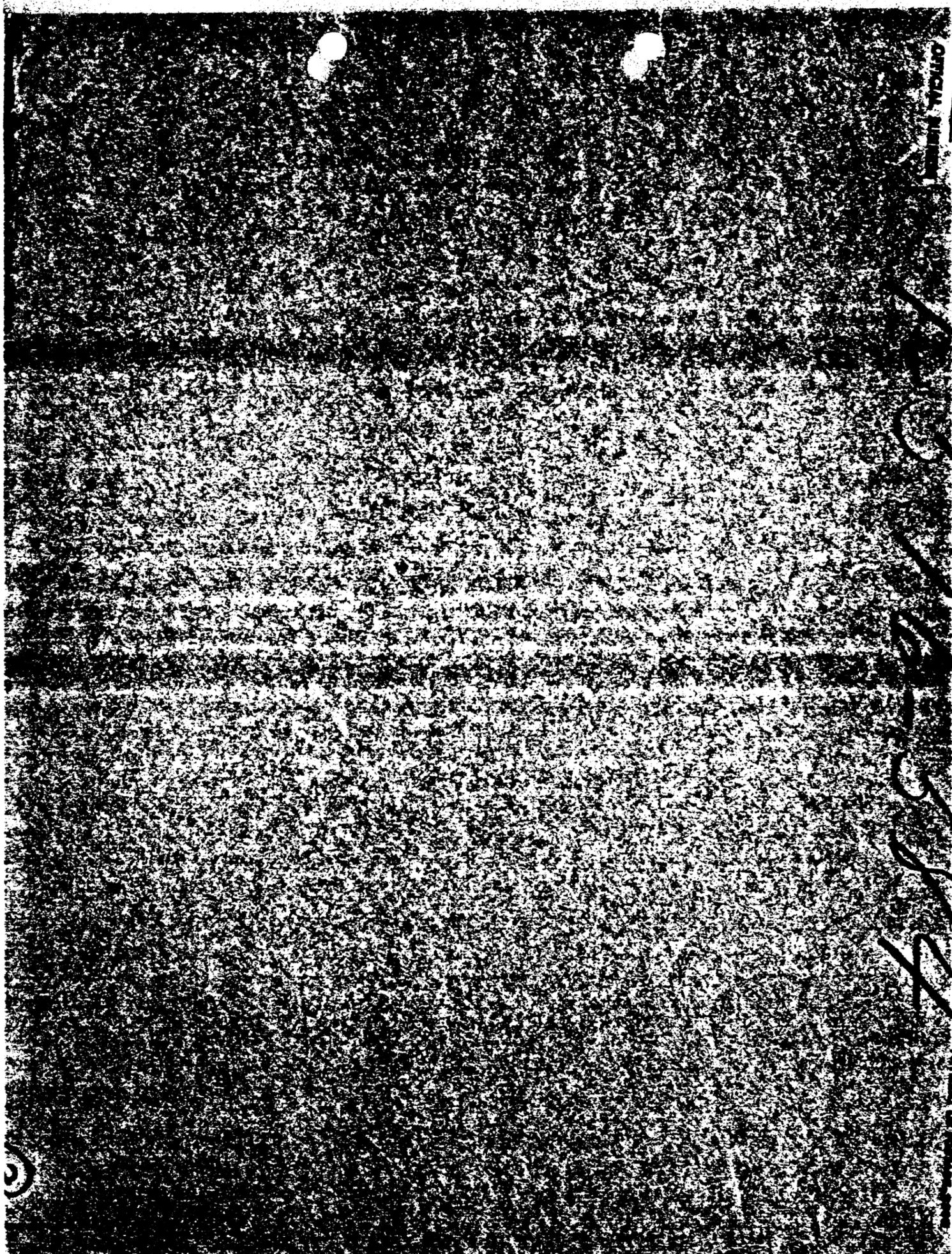
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ALVIN KARPIS, WAS, ET AL:  
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THREE OF THE ORIGINAL RANSOM NOTES SENT TO THE INTERMEDIARY  
FOLLOWING THE KIDNAPING OF EDWARD S. BREMER.

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~~EXHIBIT 7~~  
~~JAN 16 1935~~  
LOUIS F. AYER  
F. PORTER

EXHIBIT 1  
JAN 8 1935  
LOUIS F. AYER  
F. PORTER

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 dolar bills--no new money--  
no consegutive 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 communcate with us we'll do the directing.

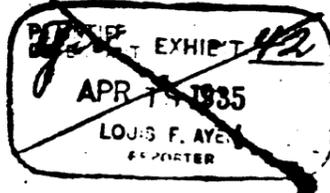
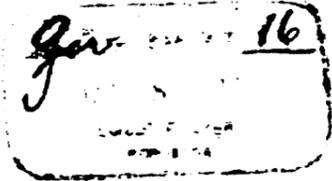
Threats arent necessary--you just do your part--we guarantee  
to do ours.

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.

Deal only when signature is used.

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Chas McGee or Honest Adolph

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 benefit 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 assured 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 usually 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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LOUIS F. AYER  
REPORTER

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 EXACLY  
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 PM

AS we WATCH YOU HAVE PLENTY OF TIME

Mr CHAS McGEE or ADO PH 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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R.E. CONROY  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUILDING SUITE 1  
KANSAS CITY MO.

KANSAS REPORT TRAINOR DECEMBER TWO SEVEN LAST PRESS VIGOROUSLY ALL LEADS  
SEEKING APPREHENSION ARTHUR AND FRED BARKER ALVIN KARPIS AND MEMBERS THEIR  
MOB PHOTOGRAPHS SENT YOU YESTERDAY KEEP PURPOSE THEIR LOCATION STRICTLY  
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February 18, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Room 1401, 370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

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

There are enclosed, herewith, photographs of Alvin Karpis,  
Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell, who  
are wanted in connection with the above-entitled case.

For your confidential information, latent fingerprints  
found on the gasoline cans which were abandoned by the kidnapers  
have been identified as those of Arthur R. Barker.

Of course, the Division has known for some time that this  
group has been traveling together.

At an early date you will receive a report from the Kansas  
City Office setting forth their activities, if such report is not  
already in your possession. In the meantime, the Division is preparing  
Identification Orders on each of the above.

A copy of this letter is being directed to the Saint Paul  
Office for its information. Photographs are being forwarded to all  
Offices designated in the inclosure.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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February 18, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer,  
Victims Kidnaping.

Upon receipt of teletype instructions from Special Agent  
in Charge Warner Hammel, Saint Paul Office, photographs of the follow-  
ing were immediately forwarded to you under separate covers:

Alvin Karpis  
Arthur R. Barker  
Fred Barker  
Volney Davis  
Harry Campbell

For your confidential information, latent fingerprints  
submitted in this case have been compared and found to be identical  
with the fingerprints of Arthur R. Barker.

Therefore, your Office should exert every effort to  
immediately carry out all leads directed to your Office in the  
above-entitled case with reference to the above-named.

A copy of this letter is being directed to the Saint  
Paul Office for its information.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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MR. COWLEY	✓
MR. EDWARDS	✓
MR. EGAN	✓
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MR. LESTER	✓
MR. LOCKE	✓
MR. RORER	✓



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MR. RORER	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Saurwine, of the Washington News, referred to me by Miss Finnell, requested information concerning the apprehension and charges against LaRue alias Foley at St. Petersburg, Florida. He stated that Colonel Gates had advised him yesterday that he had no statement to make concerning this arrest, but that he had seen in the morning papers that six Special Agents had been ordered to St. Petersburg to interview LaRue and wanted verification of this fact or where the information came from.

I told him that I had no statement to make concerning this matter, but assured him that the information concerning the six Agents did not come from this office.

Respectfully,

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

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**BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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

Dear Sir:

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

Under separate cover there is being transmitted to the Division the goggles used by the kidnapers on Victim EDWARD G. BREMER. These goggles were found, today, by an Agent of the St. Paul Division Office at Rochester, Minnesota, on information and directions given to the Division Office at St. Paul by EDWARD G. BREMER.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hanni*

WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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February 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Mr. Harvey called yesterday and stated the St. Paul office had requested him to contact all the news dealers in Philadelphia to determine which ones handled St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers. Mr. Harvey advised that there were eight distributors in Philadelphia and about fifteen hundred dealers.

He stated that the distributors did not know which of the dealers handled St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers and that for the Philadelphia office to do so would mean that they would have to contact each one of the fifteen hundred dealers. He stated it was entirely possible that the newspapers in St. Paul would be able to submit the names of the dealers in Philadelphia who sold their papers.

Mr. Harvey wanted to know if there was any reason why St. Paul should not supply this information. I told him to get in touch with St. Paul and advise them of the facts, with the request that such a list be submitted to him by St. Paul unless they had some specific reason for not doing so.

Respectfully,

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

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

With reference to the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, you are advised that information has been received that on the afternoon of the day that Mr. Bremer was released by the kidnapers there were found near Portage, Wisconsin, four cans, each of five gallon capacity, which had apparently been thrown to the side of the road. Mr. Bremer has advised that in the car in which he was placed on his return by the kidnapers there were some cans of this general description in which the kidnapers kept their reserve supply of gasoline and, although he was blindfolded, he recalls that at a point about half way between the place where he was held in custody and the place where he was released the kidnapers stopped their car and re-fueled it with the reserve supply of gasoline which had been kept in these cans.

The gasoline cans in question were forwarded to the Division at Washington and they were studied carefully in the Division's scientific laboratory and there has been a definite identification of a latent fingerprint found on one of these cans. This fingerprint is identical with a fingerprint of Arthur R. Barker.

Arthur R. Barker is a member and perhaps the leader of a notorious mob of gangsters consisting of Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis.

On the night the ransom money was paid by Mr. Walter Magee, in accordance with the plans outlined by the kidnapers Mr. Magee was to drive along a certain highway until he saw four red lights, after which he was to turn off this highway at the next road which turned to the left. A subsequent investigation by Special Agents of this Division resulted in the location of the four signal lights. They were transmitted to the Division and were carefully studied and as a result of subsequent investigation and marks of identification the identity of the manufacturer of these lights was established. Likewise, information was obtained as to the distribution of these flash lights and information was received this morning that these lights were sold at an F & W Store in St. Paul, Minnesota, on February 9, 1934 by a young lady clerk. She was shown the photographs

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of the members of the Barker - Karpis gang and she has identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being the individual to whom these lights were sold. She described Karpis as having been dressed in something similar to a chauffeur's uniform, wearing a peculiarly shaped cap and hunting boots. This is similar to a description of one of the individuals who delivered a message from the kidnapers to one of the selected intermediaries in this kidnaping case.

The car which the kidnapers placed in front of a given address in St. Paul, and which according to instructions from the kidnapers was used by Walter Magee to deliver the ransom money, was found to contain a cap identical with the one described by the young lady clerk in the store in St. Paul.

It thus appears that the identity of the gang responsible for the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer is rather definitely established and I desire to inform you of these developments, for your confidential information.

Respectfully,

Director.

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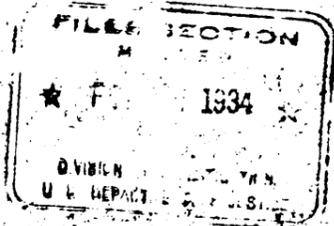
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY.

With reference to the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, I am pleased to inclose herewith a copy of a confidential memorandum which I am today transmitting to the Attorney General indicating the identity of the individuals responsible for the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Colonel Gates telephoned to tell me that some one had telephoned him from the Treasury Department, stating that LaRue is wanted in Nebraska for a \$2,000,000 bank robbery. He said he informed the party calling that this was of course a State and not a Federal matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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P.O. Box 215, St. Paul, Minn.

February 17, 1934.

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

Attached hereto are photographs of  
FRED BARKER, ARTHUR BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS, forwarded  
to your office in compliance with your telegraphic request.

Very truly yours,

NEWER HARRI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of telegram from the Division dated February 18, 1934 quoted as follows:

"VERNON C. MILLER ET AL REPORT TRAINOR DECEMBER TWO SEVEN LAST PRESS VIGOROUSLY ALL LEADS SEEKING APPREHENSION ARTHUR AND FRED BARKER ALVIN KARPIS AND MEMBERS THEIR MOB PHOTOGRAPES SENT YOU YESTERDAY KEEP PURPOSE THEIR LOCATION STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL WANTED FOR QUESTIONING BREMER CASE BASED ON ARTHUR BARKER LATENT FINGERPRINT FOUND URGENT PHONE DIVISION WHEN LOCATED STOP SEND TRAINOR REPORT AIR MAIL WITH ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL OFFICES WHERE NOT PREVIOUSLY SENT EXPEDITE"

A second run of copies of the report of Special Agent Trainor dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 27, 1933, is being typed at this office today, and each field office not already in possession of the report is now being furnished with same. These offices are listed as follows:

Birmingham	New Orleans
Boston	Philadelphia
Butte	Pittsburgh
Charlotte	Portland
El Paso	Salt Lake City
Jacksonville	San Antonio
Los Angeles	Washington Field

This letter is being forwarded for the information of the various offices which had already been in possession of Agent Trainor's report of December 27, 1933. There has been appended to the copies of this report, now being furnished to the various offices above mentioned, a copy of Division telegram of February 18th, brief comments as to the identity of Arthur R. Barker and a statement to the effect that all offices are to be furnished with a report in the near future looking toward the apprehension of the Barkers, Karpis and others.

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Copy to each field office  
not listed above.

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Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR

ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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- MR. LESTER.....
- MR. LOCKE.....
- MR. ROBER.....

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EDWARD BREMER KIDNAPING NEED TWENTY ADDITIONAL LISTS RANSOM BANK NOTES FILE

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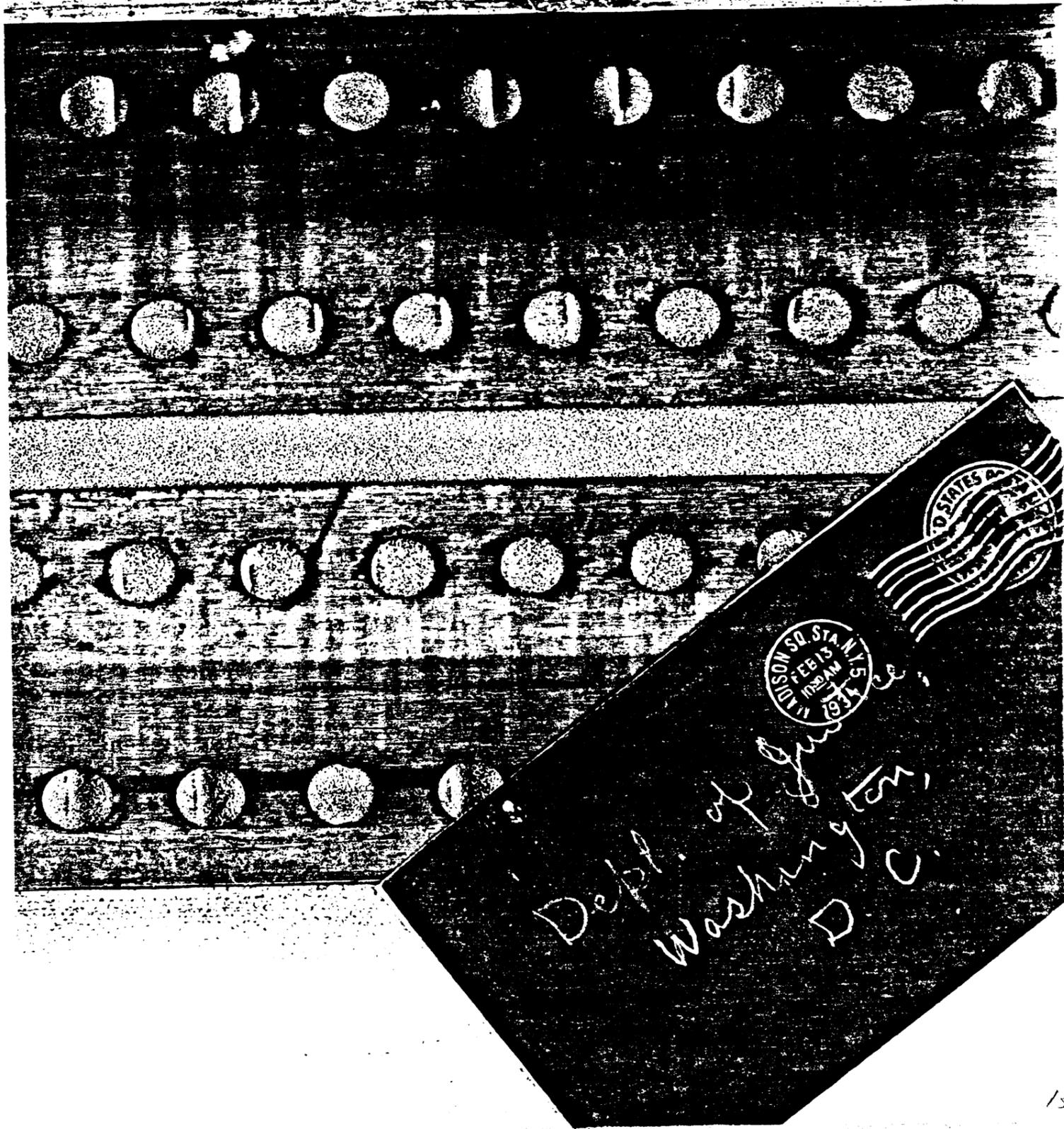
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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

has the only key to Bremer case.  
A couple of weeks ago I woke and heard Durea room 711  
say, "Across Missouri." Then Shorty room 711  
said "When do we get ours?" Shorty can operate  
typewriter. Did he typewrite note. Further  
Mercher 714 a friend of theirs went away Sat  
morning Feb 10 and did not return until  
Mon. night Feb 12 when he, Durea, and  
Bruno or Bruno 744, got together in  
the washroom Bruno is a friend of theirs.  
They speak German together. He has only  
been here about 3 weeks. If any  
"Bremer" money appears in New York look into  
it. Papers claim Lindbergh money appear  
in Wall St. I am writing this in the  
interests of Justice. If it is irrelevant  
forget it! Do not implicate me or  
do not communicate with any  
of Staff. It will leak out.  
Navy Y.M.C.A.  
Brooklyn

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From  
**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN**  
 To  
**OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK**

MR. NATHAN	_____
MR. TOLSON	_____
MR. GLENN	_____
MR. COWLEY	_____
MR. EDWARDS	_____
MR. SOAN	_____
MR. QUINN	_____
MR. LESTER	_____
MR. LOCKE	_____
MR. BOREN	_____

MEMORANDUM

- The Attorney General \_\_\_\_\_
- The Solicitor General \_\_\_\_\_
- Assistant to Attorney General Stanley \_\_\_\_\_
- Assistant Attorney General Wideman \_\_\_\_\_
- Assistant Attorney General Stephens \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Stewart \_\_\_\_\_
- Director, Division of Investigation
- Mr. Bates, Director, Bureau of Prisons \_\_\_\_\_
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- Chief Clerk \_\_\_\_\_
- Appointment Clerk \_\_\_\_\_
- Division of Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Mail and Files \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Finch, Pardon Attorney \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Parrish \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Key \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ridgely \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Watson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Fisher \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Morrison \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Kiefer \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Norris \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Gottshall \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Brookley \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Broomhead \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN  
SUBJECTS, Edward G. Bremer, Victim, KIDNAPING.

There is enclosed herewith a photostatic copy  
of an anonymous letter postmarked at New York City, February  
3, 1934, concerning the above entitled matter. Kindly give  
same appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 681551.

CC St. Paul.

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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. GOAN	.....
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MR. LESTER	.....
MR. LOCKE	.....
MR. RORER	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Nathan today I asked him to transmit to the Division a communication stating whether or not any employee of this Division gave out information in Saint Paul concerning the wall paper or the currency listings, concerning which an editorial recently appeared in a Red Wing, Minnesota paper.

He stated that no agent of this Division gave out such information from Saint Paul and he is writing a letter to the Division to that effect tonight. He has no idea where the information came from and this is very bad, particularly about the wallpaper.

I asked Mr. Nathan to talk with all the employees of the Saint Paul Office to inform them of the statement made by the Attorney General about the cleanup needed in Saint Paul and Minneapolis and to caution all the employees of this Division that they were to make no comment of any kind concerning this matter and they should be very careful to make no statement of any kind to anyone which might subsequently be used and that to do so would obviously put any employee "on the spot". Mr. Nathan stated he would do this.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In connection with the apprehension of Eddie LaRue alias Eddie Coll, I called the Boston Office and requested that efforts be made at Boston to trace LaRue's whereabouts in Vermont through relatives and friends of his wife, known as Doris C. Cowley, during the past two years particularly, and also to obtain all available specimens of his handwriting.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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VIA AIR MAIL

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS-  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above entitled case, please be advised that this office has received three and one-half packages of the letters containing list of ransom money paid to the kidnapers, over and above the requirements of our mailing list. If these letters are needed elsewhere please advise and they will be immediately shipped.

Very truly yours,

*J. H. Hanson*  
J. H. HANSON, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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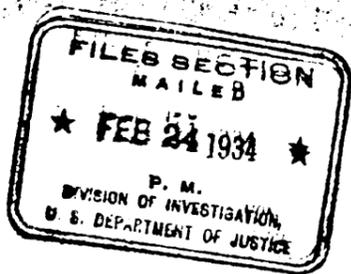
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Responding to your communication of February 19, 1934, relative to the surplus of lists received by your office concerning the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case, please be advised that these lists should be retained at your office for the time being in order that auxiliary offices in that vicinity, requesting such lists, might receive them direct from your office.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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February 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Thornberg, International News Service, telephoned. He understood a couple by the name of Foley were arrested in St. Petersburg, Florida, in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case. He asked for confirmation. I informed him that we had received information in Washington today showing the arrest of a couple by this name at St. Petersburg yesterday; that they were wanted in Illinois for a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act or interstate transportation of a stolen automobile.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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MR. TOLSON	✓
R. CLEGG	✓
MCWLEY	✓
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EGAN	✓
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MASTER	✓
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The committee of Inspectors and Assistant Directors recommend the adoption of the code word BREKID to designate the case "Unknown Subjects, Kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, Jr."

If this suggestion is approved, there is attached hereto a bulletin for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.  
February 19, 1934.

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT SAINT PAUL

LEFT THUMB PRINT LILLIAN DECKMAN APPEARS ON AMERICAN GAME ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP CARD SUBMITTED WITH YOUR LETTER FEBRUARY EIGHT ADVISE SIGNIFICANCE  
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*Edward L. Brennan*

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 MR. QUINN .....  
 MR. LESTER .....  
 MR. LOCKE .....  
 MR. RORER .....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In a conversation with Mr. Purvis concerning other matters, I asked him to locate a brief case of Chief of Police Dahill of Saint Paul which Mr. Dahill believed he had left in his office and to transmit the brief case to Mr. Dahill in Saint Paul. Mr. Purvis stated he would do so today.

Incidentally, Mr. Purvis remarked that he wouldn't be surprised if the brief case contained information concerning the Bohn and perhaps the Hamm kidnaping cases.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. [redacted] called Sunday afternoon about 2:00 o'clock from Tampa, Florida. He stated that LaRue in custody at Tampa has made oral admission of his guilt in the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case but refused to sign a statement or to even give a specimen of his handwriting. He further advised that LaRue had made oral admission of his participation in the Effingham, Ill., mail robbery job but he refuses to give a signed statement about this. It is expected by night or at least during the night they will be able to get an oral admission in the Woolverton kidnaping case, wherein a Mr. Woolverton was kidnaped at South Bend, Indiana. He will advise the Division if any more important developments arise.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

*Edward A. Bremer  
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REPORT MADE AT Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 2-19-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/15-17/34	REPORT MADE BY J. E. Johnson
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Inquiries through Sears Roebuck and Company, J. C. Penney and H. L. Green Stores in Indiana failed to develop information as to purchasers of flash lights or pocket lanterns.			
REFERENCE: Letter from Chicago Office to the Director dated 2-13-34 and wire from New York Office dated 2-14-34.			
DETAILS: The following stores in Indiana were contacted in an effort to determine the identity of parties recently purchasing "Lightmaster" pocket lanterns or flash lights carrying trade mark "A Merit Product", all equipped with red lenses bearing trade mark "Filmolens". A thorough investigation was made at each of the stores indicated through interviews with the following persons:  Harold J. Williams, Manager, Electrical Department, Sears Roebuck and Company, Evansville, Indiana. (Interviewed by Special Agent E. J. Wynn)  J. Mitchell, Manager, Hardware Department, and B. Hart, Salesman, Sears Roebuck and Company, 333 North Alabama Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.  P. A. Williams, Store Manager and Salesman, Sears Roebuck and Company, 5626 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.  J. E. DeBer, Manager, Hardware Department, Sears Roebuck and Company, 514 Ohio Street, Terre Haute, Indiana.			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. B. Keen</i>	Acting SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-612	RECORDED AND INDEXED: FEB 21 1934
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R. A. Garr, Manager, Hardware Department, Sears Roebuck and Company,  
1010 Main Street, Anderson, Indiana.

M. B. Lower, Manager, Hardware Department, Sears Roebuck and Company, 225  
North High Street, Muncie, Indiana.

Paul Early, Manager, Hardware Department, Sears Roebuck and Company, 215  
Main Street, Richmond, Indiana.

J. C. Penney Company, Indianapolis, Indiana, has not carried flash lights  
in their hardware department up to the present time but agent was informed  
that a line would presently be installed.

A. J. Kolesar, Assistant Manager, H. L. Green Company, Muncie, Indiana, han-  
dles flash lights but they do not bear the printed trade mark "A Merit Pro-  
duct" although they handle the Merit line.

At each of the Sears Roebuck and Company stores mentioned,  
it was found that several Lightmaster pocket lanterns had been sold, but  
none of the parties interviewed had any particular recollection of the per-  
sons who purchased them or any inquiry as to red colored or special lens for  
the lanterns. The number sold can be determined but no information as to  
the parties purchasing. Mr. Kolesar of the H. L. Green Company, Muncie,  
Indiana, likewise recalled that several flash lights had been sold but he  
could not place any individual customer nor could he recall any inquiry as  
to red or special lenses. The flash lights and pocket lanterns carried in  
stock are equipped with plain flat white lenses.

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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:

Confirming information furnished to Inspector Rorer on the night of February 17, you are advised that a latent print appearing on one of the four gasoline cans submitted by your office in connection with the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, has been found to be identical with the right index finger-print of Arthur Barker, our #289428, whose criminal record as it appears in the files of the Identification Unit is as follows: B3

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Very truly yours,  
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February 20, 1934.

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APPREHENSION ORDER  
No. 1214-297

Dear Sir:

In Re: EDWARD DOLL, aliases  
EDDIE DOLL, EDDIE LARUE,  
BURLINGTON EDDIE, FRANK LEWIS,  
J. E. JACKSON, EDWARD LARUE.  
Subject of I. O. No. 1214

Identification Order No. 1214 on the above named subject  
is hereby cancelled, inasmuch as he was taken into custody at St.  
Petersburg, Florida, on February 14, 1934.

Very truly yours,

RECORDED J. E. Hoover,  
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation  
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MR. QUINN	.....
MR. LESTER	.....
MR. LOCKE	.....
MR. RORER	.....

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February 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Newman called from the Chicago office and advised that a search of the records at Joliet, Illinois failed to disclose that any one by the name of Anderson had escaped from that institution during the last four years or that they had any record of a Whitey Anderson. *at about 10:45am*

A record, however, was located of one Frank Anderson, alias George Cunningham, Joliet Penitentiary #4760 D.

[REDACTED]

Weight	23
Height	141
Height	5' 7"
Hair	Chestnut-dark
Eyes	Hazel-gray
Color	[REDACTED]
Occupation	Horseman
Native of Illinois	
Fingerprint Classification:	2 Aa 7 1 U

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The records also indicate that [REDACTED] Mr. Newman advised that they were obtaining three photographs from Joliet, one to be sent directly to Mr. Alt at Tampa, Florida, one to the Division and one for their files.

I called Mr. Guinane and requested that a search of our records be made to determine if we have photographs of this man.

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in which event photographs will be made and sent to Mr. Alt at Tampa immediately from here.

Respectfully,

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

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 17, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN	.....
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MR. HORER	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent Harold Andersen called Mr. Newby from Tampa, Florida, last night and stated that Eddie LaRue, alias Toley, had named one Whitty Anderson as one of the kidnapers of Bremer. The only descriptive data, however, he gave on Anderson was that he had escaped from Peoria some time during the last four years.

Mr. Ramsey of the Identification Unit was called and after searching his records advised that he was unable to locate a record of Whitty Anderson.

I then called Mr. Alt, at Jacksonville, and asked that more definite information be submitted, if possible. He stated it was his understanding that the Anderson referred to escaped from Joliet. I then called Mr. Schilder and gave him the above information. Mr. Schilder proceeded to the Identification Unit and later called and advised that they had about 13,000 Andersons, all of the records of which would have to be searched in order to obtain suspects.

I then called Mr. Ladd, at St. Louis, and requested that he have an Agent proceed to Peoria in an effort to determine whether there was any record there of a Whitty Anderson having escaped during the last four years.

I was unable to get Mr. Purvis at Chicago and talked to Mr. Newman, and requested that they endeavor to identify this individual as an escape from Joliet.

Mr. Schilder called this morning and stated that the search which was not yet completed of their records, resulted in the location of about 50 Andersons, any one of whom might possibly be the one referred to. Mr. Schilder requested to be advised whether the search should be continued, stating that it was a big task, and that even though the search were made, it would be impossible to make any positive identification. I told him that the search should be held in abeyance until we hear from Chicago and St. Louis this morning.

Respectfully,

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

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2/19/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/17/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>M.B. RHODES</b>
TITLE: <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>	
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Investigation on U. S. Highway #66 and Illinois Highway #4-A, which are the principal highways between Chicago and Joliet, Illinois, together with investigation on U. S. Highway #30, which is the principal highway between Aurora and Joliet, Illinois, and investigation on Illinois State Highway #65, near Aurora, Illinois, fails to reveal the location of the farmhouse where Howard A. Woolverton of South Bend, Indiana, was held captive by Eddie LaRue and George Kelly subsequent to his kidnaping by them on 1/27/32.</p>			
<p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Letter Kansas City Division office to St. Paul, 2/10/34; also report of Special Agent in Charge William Larson, Detroit, 2/15/34.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>In an effort to locate the house where Eddie LaRue and George (Machine Gun) Kelly held Howard A. Woolverton of South Bend, Indiana, on 1/27/32, subsequent to kidnaping him, the alleged location of said house having been furnished Special Agent in Charge Larson of the Detroit office by Mrs. Kathryn Kelly, and reported by Mr. Larson on page three of the reference report, this Agent and Special Agent Earl Van Wagoner of this office, after ascertaining that there two main highways between Chicago and Joliet, Illinois, namely U. S. #66 and Illinois highway #4-A, proceeded to Joliet on U. S. #66. It was noted that nowhere</p>			
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on this highway between Chicago and Joliet is there a fruit stand, special attention being given to the neighborhood located on this highway about half way between these cities, however, it is pointed out that the entire highway between the two cities was observed and no fruit stand was noted. It was observed that there are a number of country roads, paved and otherwise, running into #66 from the left hand side as one is driving from Chicago to Joliet. Agents drove on eleven of these roads to a distance of approximately three and four miles from their intersection with #66, particular attention being given to the roads intersecting with #66 approximately half way between Joliet and Chicago, however, they were unable to locate the house or the premises described by George Kelly in the reference letter.

Similar investigation was conducted by Agents on Illinois State Highway #4-A between Chicago and Joliet. No fruit stand was noted on this highway, particular reference being made to a point equidistant between the two cities. Numerous side roads leading into this highway from the left hand side thereof as one travels from Chicago to Joliet, were covered, particular note being made of the side roads leading into the highway about half way between the two cities, however, Agents were unable to locate a house or premises that in any way corresponded to the description furnished by Kelly.

It is noted that Kelly stated to Special Agent H. E. Andersen of the Kansas City office that the house in question is situated half way between Joliet and Aurora, on a paved cross county highway; that it is located about one hundred feet off the highway on the right hand side thereof to one driving South from Aurora. He stated that the farm on which the house is located is about twenty minutes drive from Aurora at a speed of thirty-five miles per hour. It is pointed out that the only paved road from Aurora to Joliet is U. S. #30. Special Agents Van Wagoner, Mullen and Jenkins of this office on 2/10/34 drove South on this highway from Aurora at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour in an effort to locate said house; Assistant Director Nathan having on that day advised this office by telephone from St. Paul that Kelly said the house could be located at a point about twenty minutes drive South from Aurora on this highway at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour. As pointed out in a previous report, the above agents covered the above road at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour, but were unable to find a house corresponding to the description furnished by Kelly. In addition thereto, they interviewed all the residents in that vicinity, none of whom could identify the house. On 2/17/34 this Agent and Agent Van Wagoner drove South on Highway #30 from Aurora to Joliet, at a speed of thirty-five miles per hour. After driving for twenty minutes, Agents came to the outskirts of Plainfield, Illinois. Careful scrutiny was given all houses in this neighborhood,

but the premises described by Kelly were not observed. Agent Van Wagoner advised that he had during the week previous interviewed the residents in this vicinity, none of whom knew a Swedish farmer in the neighborhood or a house that corresponded to the description furnished by Kelly.

It is noted that Mrs. Kathryn Kelly in her statement to Mr. Larson advised that she thought that the highway in question was #65. It is pointed out that #65 is a short State highway running from Naperville, Illinois, Southwest to U. S. #30 and intersecting with that highway a short distance South of Aurora between that city and Joliet. Number 65 is the principal highway from Chicago to Joliet. Agent Van Wagoner and this Agent slowly drove over Highway #65 and carefully scrutinized the houses appearing thereon, but were unable to locate the premises described by Kelly. It is pointed out that at the present time there are no identification marks on Highway #65, the State having recently removed its road numbers. Highway #65 was identified by means of an old Illinois road guide issued by the Shell Oil Company.

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

February 17, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
322 Federal Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

With reference to the above matter, I enclose herewith letter written by Robert Hoyer, at Corinth, Mississippi, February 15, 1934, addressed to the Chief of Police at St. Paul, Minnesota, which relates to a kidnaping on the writer of said letter by three alleged bandits near the city of Corinth. The information in the letter is directed in a possible connection with the BREMER kidnaping. The descriptions of the three persons are given.

It is suggested that you give this matter your appropriate attention and submit report of this inquiry.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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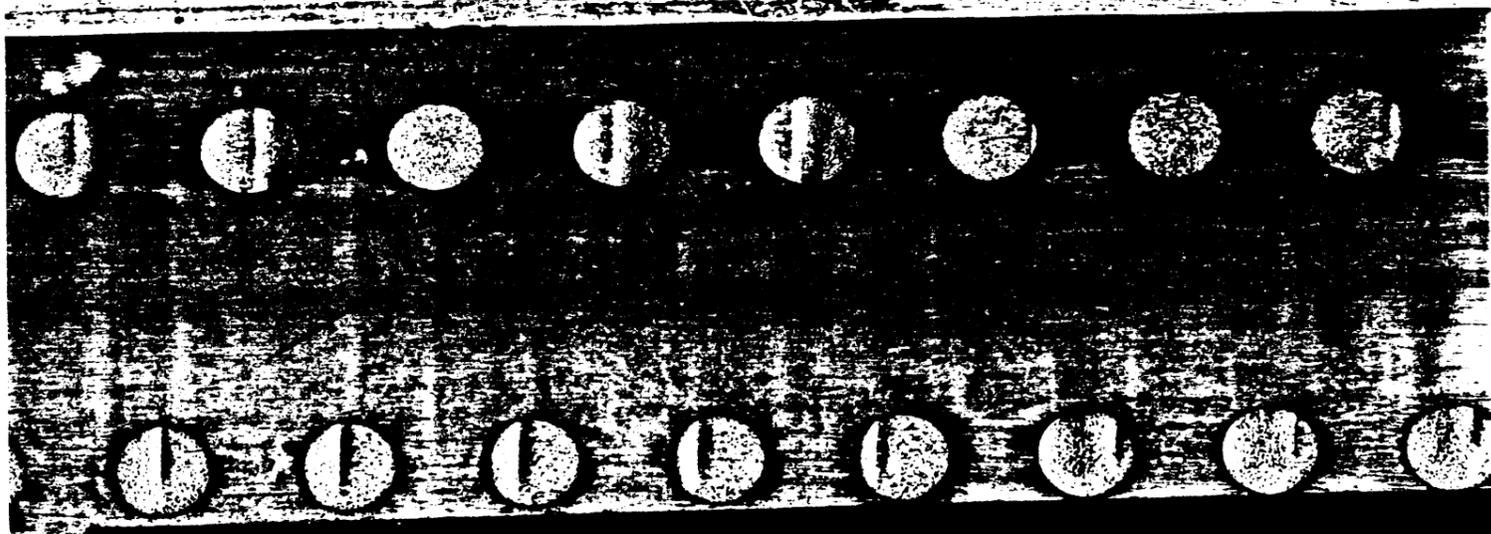
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411 United States Court House,  
Portland, Ore.

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SHELDON CATLIN VICEPRESIDENT NORTH AMERICAN LIFE COMPANY OUT OF CITY  
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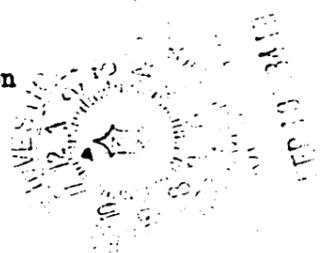
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SHELDON CATLIN VICEPRESIDENT NORTH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY IN SAN FRANCISCO  
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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

February 14, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Re: Unknown Subjects  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Supplementing my letter dated February 11, 1934, with attached memorandum, in the above entitled case, please be advised that the following are additional wall paper manufacturers located in your district:

Buffalo Wall Paper Co., Buffalo, N.Y.  
Beverly Wall Paper Co., Beverly, N.J.  
Cortland Wall Paper Co., Cortland, N.Y.  
New Brunswick Ind., Inc., New Brunswick, N.J.  
Saratoga Wall Paper Co., Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

In accordance with Division instructions, it will not be necessary at present to obtain a list of the wholesalers of these various manufacturers.

Very truly yours

R. C. Harvey  
Special Agent in Charge

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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

February 14, 1934

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

Re: Unknown Subjects  
Edward C. Bremer - Victim  
Kidnapin

Dear Sir

Supplementing my letter of February 11, 1934, with attached memorandum, in the above entitled case, please be advised that the Kimberley Clark Company is located in Appleton, Wis., where an appropriate investigation should be conducted.

In accordance with Division instructions, it will not be necessary to obtain a list of the wholesalers of this manufacturer at present.

Very truly yours

H. G. Harvey  
Special Agent in Charge

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Charlotte, N. C.  
February 14, 1934

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD BREWER - VICTIM  
Kidnap

Immediately upon receipt of Division letter of February 13, 1934 requesting investigation at the three knitting mills named therein, Special Agent W. G. Elliott was dispatched to Wadesboro, North Carolina, and Special Agent W. G. Robinson was dispatched to Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Special Agent Elliott has reported that he conferred with T. J. Covington, General Sales Manager, and Eugene A. Lee, Superintendent of the West Knitting Corporation and they reported, after close inspection of the photographs furnished this office, that they did not manufacture the type exhibited in the photograph. Mr. Lee thought that he had seen underwear of the type exhibited in the photograph in the Charles Company, Incorporated, Store in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Special Agent Elliott conferred with Mr. W. T. Baudie, Manager of said store, who displayed the type of underwear sold by him; however, comparison of it with that displayed in the photographs does not compare favorably.

Special Agent W. G. Robinson has reported by telephone from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, that he has consulted the officials at the P. H. Hanes Knitting Company and the Washington Mills Company and has been informed at both of these mills that they do not and have not manufactured underwear such as that shown in the photographs furnished by the Division. The officials of these mills also informed that they do not know who manufactures the underwear in question.

Subsequent to the above investigations, a wire was received from the New York Office requesting that investigation be discontinued, as the underwear had been identified in New York.

*L. B. Reed*  
L. B. Reed, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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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:

On February 11, 1934, this office received a telephone call from Special Agent in Charge R. G. Harvey of the Philadelphia office, who stated that the room in which Edward G. Bremer was held contained wall paper which appeared to be neither new nor old; that the paper contained a design made up of a group of two posts, each separated by a dash, resembling the figure 11-11; that the first nine groups of two posts were separated by a tree, the leaves of which resembled a four leaf clover, 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 11 groups of 2 posts each separated by a dash, and followed by a tree and a branch.

In an effort to trace the origin of this wall paper Mr. Harvey secured from Mr. Justin P. Allman, President of the National Wall Paper Association, Philadelphia, Pa. a list of all the wall paper manufacturers in the Chicago district, and furnished said list to this office, with the request that an Agent contact the head of each of these concerns with a view to inspecting all of the samples in possession of these companies, covering issues of wall paper during the past eight or ten years in the hope of finding a sample similar to that observed by Mr. Bremer during his confinement, and that such samples as might be secured be forwarded to the St. Paul office immediately.

Special Agent T. F. Mullen of this office made pertinent investigation at the Commercial Wall Paper Mills, located at Hoffman Street and Calumet Avenue, Hammond, Indiana, at which point he interviewed Mr. W. S. Hevener, Vice President and Sales Manager, and Mr. S. K. Clugston, colorist for that company. Each of these gentlemen advised that they had no recollection of their company producing a wall paper of the description furnished by Mr. Bremer. However, Agent Mullen together with Mr. Clugston went through approximately fifty sample books of wall paper in addition to a large number of loose leaf samples, but found only two samples comparable to that described by Mr. Bremer, neither of these samples being identical to Mr. Bremer's description. These samples are being forwarded to the St. Paul office to be shown to Mr. Bremer. They are marked

7-A and 7-B respectively. Mr. Eversor advised Agent Miller that to the best of his recollection the wall paper design mentioned by Mr. Bremer would sound like a design printed by the Imperial Wall Paper Mills of Glens Falls, New York, and the Northwestern Paint and Wall Paper Co. of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Accordingly the New York office is being requested to make pertinent investigation at the Imperial Wall Paper Mills at Glens Falls, unless such investigation has already been conducted.

Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe of this office made proper investigation at Sears Roebuck and Company, where it was learned from Mr. H. A. Hauptli, that all of the wall paper sold and distributed by Sears Roebuck and Company is manufactured by the United Wall Paper Factories, Inc. 1012 S. Spaulding Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. It will be noted later that investigation was made at this point by Special Agent W. C. Jamison of this office. Agent Metcalfe examined sample books containing samples of wall paper manufactured by Sears Roebuck and Company for the past nineteen years, with the result that only one specimen of wall paper was found which appeared in any way to resemble the description furnished by Mr. Bremer. This wall paper has been a part of the products of Sears Roebuck and Company since 1930. It is also noted that this design is said to appear in other colors, according to the wishes of the customer. The sample secured by Special Agent Metcalfe is being forwarded to the St. Paul office with copies of this letter, marked 7-I.

Special Agent W. C. Jamison of this office conducted proper inquiry at the United Wall Paper Factories, Inc. Illinois mill division, 1012 S. Spaulding Avenue, Chicago. He consulted Mr. J. W. Hazoush, General Office Manager, who advised that for the past five years the said company has supplied approximately 95 percent of the wall paper for Sears Roebuck and Company, and about 70 percent of the wall paper for Montgomery Ward and Company, in addition to their own lines carried under their names. Examination was then made of the following wall paper samples: The complete line of the United Wall Paper Factories, Inc. for the years of 1926-1934 inclusive; the samples of the Sears Roebuck line for the years 1930-1934 inclusive; the samples of James Davis, a Chicago jobber, for the years 1933-1934; the samples of Richard R. Thibault, Jr. a New York jobber for 1933-1934. These represented all samples available for inspection, and constituted approximately 80 books of samples of wall paper.

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Only one sample which resembled the description furnished by Mr. Bremer was found, and the same is marked V-7, and is forwarded to the St. Paul office herewith.

Agent Jenison also made proper investigation at the Statter Wall Paper Company, 5916 Northwest Highway, Chicago, where it was found that that firm produces only a paper known as "Plastic paper" which resembles rough plaster finish, and which contains no design. A sample was secured, is being marked V-8, and is being forwarded to the St. Paul office herewith. It is understood that the entire product of this factory is purchased by E. Morgan, 1842 West Madison St. Chicago, Illinois, a wall paper jobber.

Investigation was conducted at the Henry Bosch Co., 525 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago by Special Agent M. B. Rhodes. At this point he interviewed Mr. H. C. Bosch, Manager of the above concern, who declared that he had no recollection of producing a paper similar to that described by Mr. Bremer. Agent Rhodes also interviewed some other men at the said company, who could furnish no information along this line. It was learned however, that the Bosch concern manufactures and sells some two thousand patterns of paper. Accordingly Agent Rhodes examined approximately two thousand patterns of said wall paper. As a result of this examination Agent Rhodes found but one specimen which somewhat resembled the description furnished by Mr. Bremer, but was not identical with the same. Said specimen is being forwarded herewith to the St. Paul office, marked V-9. All other specimens in the possession of Bosch Company were examined by Agent Rhodes, but it is noted that no specimens were available prior to 1931.

Special Agent Rhodes also conducted proper inquiry at Montgomery Ward and Company, Chicago. At this point he interviewed Mr. W. A. Richardson, Manager of the wall paper division of the above company, who stated that he purchases wall paper from practically all leading manufacturers in the United States; that Montgomery Ward and Company does not distribute through wholesalers or jobbers. Agent Rhodes was permitted to examine the wall paper catalogue of said company from 1927 to 1933 inclusive, but was unable to locate any specimens similar to the description of Mr. Bremer. It is understood that Montgomery Ward and Company had no further specimens of wall paper extending back prior to 1927. Mr. Kellogg of Montgomery Ward suggested to

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Agent Rhodes that interview he had with Messrs. Rudolph Euler and William Burton, designers for the United Wall Paper Factories, Inc. at York, Pennsylvania. Mr. Kellogg stated that he considers Euler and Burton the best informed men on wall paper in the United States; that the United Wall Paper Factories, Inc. is one of the largest wall paper manufacturers in the country, and Euler and Burton are in charge of designing of various patterns for this concern; that in view of the positions which they held he considers them familiar with every type of wall paper on the market, and he thinks that if there is anyone in the country who may be able to identify the pattern described by Mr. Bremer, Euler and Burton can do it. Mr. Kellogg further stated that he and his associate, Mr. Anderson, are looking at wall paper samples submitted daily, and that he would be glad to be on the lookout for any sample which would approximate the specimen involved in this case, and should he run across this specimen he will immediately communicate with the Chicago Division office. In keeping with the information secured from Mr. Kellogg with regard to the possible investigation at York, Pa. a copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Philadelphia Division office with the request that they conduct pertinent inquiry. It is noted that the Chicago office has received a drawing of the pattern contained in the wall paper, by Mr. Bremer, and a photostatic copy of this drawing will be made and immediately forwarded to the office at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

There are five paper companies in Joliet, Illinois where proper investigations are being conducted at the present time. There is also one wall paper company located at Coal City, Illinois, where pertinent inquiry is being made. As soon as these inquiries are completed the information will be forwarded directly to the St. Paul office.

On February 12, 1934, Special Agent in Charge William Larson of the Detroit office, advised this office by telephone that there is an Imperial Campbell Wall Paper Company at 3801 Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Pertinent inquiries are being made at this point, and the St. Paul office will be immediately notified.

It has also been learned that there is a Standard Wall Paper Company at Joliet, Illinois, at which point proper investigation will be made, and the St. Paul office advised immediately.

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In a recent telephonic conversation with Assistant Director Harold Nathan, this office was advised that it would not be necessary to secure a list of the wholesalers and jobbers to whom the manufacturers sell wall paper. In view of this fact such lists are not being secured, and those which have been secured are being retained in the files of this office.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,

Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 15, 1934.

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

Mr. Higgins, of the St. Paul Pioneer Press, telephoned. He wanted to know if there could be any enlightenment as to any specific charges of delinquency in connection with the Attorney General's statement this afternoon that the Bremer family was somewhat disappointing in their cooperation. I informed him that no one in this Division had any comment to make concerning the statement made by the Attorney General. He stated that he had not intended to convey the impression that he desired us to comment on the Attorney General's statement but he was interested to know whether the lack of cooperation was flagrant or just reticence. I informed him again that there was no comment we could make. He expressed his thanks.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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MR. EGAN	.....
MR. QUINN	.....
MR. LESTER	.....
MR. LOCKE	.....
MR. RORER	.....

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

With regard to the signal lights used in the Bremer case and submitted to the Laboratory, I reached a Mr. B. C. Landis, 3613 22nd Street, Northeast, who is the local representative of the Burgess Flashlight Company, by telephone last evening. He was unable to identify the lights from their description but advised that there are only two principal manufacturers in the country who make flashlight cases—The Niagara Searchlight Company, Niagara Falls, New York and the Blake Manufacturing Co., which is somewhere in New England.

I talked with Mr. Bruce Nathan at New York and requested that he immediately contact these two manufacturers with a view to obtaining lists of the distributors and subsequently of the dealers in these flashlights in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Minnesota. I told him the matter should be expedited and leads sent out from his office.

This is being confirmed by letter to-day to the New York office and also letters to the Chicago and St. Paul offices, transmitting photographs of these signal lights in order that the latter offices may be prepared to run down the leads when received from New York. For record purposes, these lights are described as follows:

There were a total of four signal lights used. Three were of the searchlight type, 9½" long, two of which had black gun-metal stocks and one nickel plated. These three searchlights bore on the butt end the trade name "A Merit Product". They were equipped with three cells each, Ever-Ready batteries and were also equipped with a 3.8 v. lamp marked "Japan". The fourth light was a red electric lantern. It bore the trade name "Light Master Pocket Lantern"—"Throws 500 foot beam". This lantern was equipped with four "sure light" battery cells and had a 2.5 v. Mazda lamp.

All four of these lights were especially equipped with two red lens each. These special lens bore the trade name "Filmo Lens". They do not appear to have been designed for flashlight use but give the appearance of having been made to serve as automobile tail lights or stop lights. The Ever-Ready batteries all bore the date—

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put into service before October 1934. All batteries and all lights were exhausted.

A photograph of the signal lights is attached hereto.

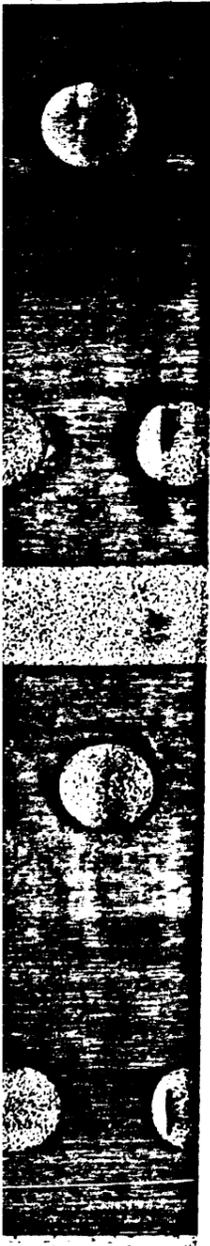
Respectfully,

*E. P. Coffey*

E. P. Coffey

Photographs + description of lights were furnished St. Paul, Chic., Detroit, and Kansas City. additional photos will be prepared and furnished to St. Louis and Cincinnati tomorrow morning.

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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MR. QUINN.....
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Alt telephoned shortly after 3:00 A. M. LaRue was rather stubborn and had not given any information of value. He had indicated that he knew that he was not wanted on the identification Order charge. He had indicated to Shivers before Alt's arrival that he knew plenty that he could talk about and he further indicated that he knew facts concerning the Kansas City massacre case, but up until that time they had been unable to get him to talk. Mr. Alt indicated that newspaper reporters had been informed by the police that an arrest had been made and about three of them were at the police station. Mr. Alt said that the walls of the room in which they were questioning LaRue were rather thin. He wanted authority to transport LaRue from St. Petersburg to Tampa, feeling that he could slip him out and get him in jail at Tampa where he would be unhampered. I told him that obviously Tampa being a larger city he would have more newspaper reporters there; further, that LaRue probably was a member of a tough gang and they might attempt to take him away from the guard between St. Petersburg and Tampa; further, that he could ask the police to clear out a space in the jail and permit no one to enter. He then agreed that it would probably be very unwise to take LaRue to Tampa.

I inquired if the house had been searched to determine the contents of the various trunks for the purpose of locating typewriters and other leads. He stated that the trunks and baggage had not been searched; that they had the woman in one cell and LaRue in another and his time and that of Shivers was required at the jail so they only had a police guard about the house to keep anyone from entering. I informed him that three Agents attached to the Birmingham office would be in St. Petersburg early this morning and would be able to make the search of the house for these leads.

I further inquired if he had been advised about the ~~6x4x4~~ package mailed from Vermont by air mail yesterday and insured at \$1000. He said he had. I instructed him to confer with the United States Attorney's office and get legal authorization to examine the contents of that package and be sure that it was not returned or delivered to the addressee without an examination being made. The size of the package indicated that it might contain currency. He stated this would be done as the air mail is not due until 8:00 A. M. He stated he will call the Division in the morning.

I advised him to continue vigorous questioning of LaRue. He stated this would be done, although LaRue claimed to have been in Florida continuously since January 1st.

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Division of Investigation

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MR. CLEGG	.....
MR. COWLEY	.....
MR. EDWARDS	.....
MR. EGAN	.....
MR. QUINN	.....
MR. LESTER	.....
MR. LOCKE	.....
MR. ROHR	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Alt called from St. Petersburg and advised that the United States Attorney at Tampa is going to file a complaint against LaRue on the automobile theft case in Illinois and is going to file a complaint against the woman for harboring a fugitive from justice. He advised that the Marshal will serve a warrant on her within an hour (11:30 A. M.) and after the warrant is served they will have the package delivered to her. An Agent will be present and the Marshal will open the package.

Mr. Alt advised that in searching the house some guns were found. Mr. Alt wanted the United States Attorney to file an affidavit before the Commissioner for a search warrant and have the Marshal search the house when he comes there to open the package, but the United States Attorney advised that he could not do that; that it would not be worth anything if he made the affidavit on what somebody else had told him and he advised that we would have to send one of the Agents to make the affidavit. Mr. Alt was instructed to send the Agent at once.

Mr. Alt was advised of your decision that if he secured the proper facilities there and if he thought it advisable, he could have LaRue removed to Tampa for questioning. He was instructed to take the matter up with the United States Attorney to secure his approval. Mr. Alt was instructed to call the Division as to the arrangements to be made in this connection.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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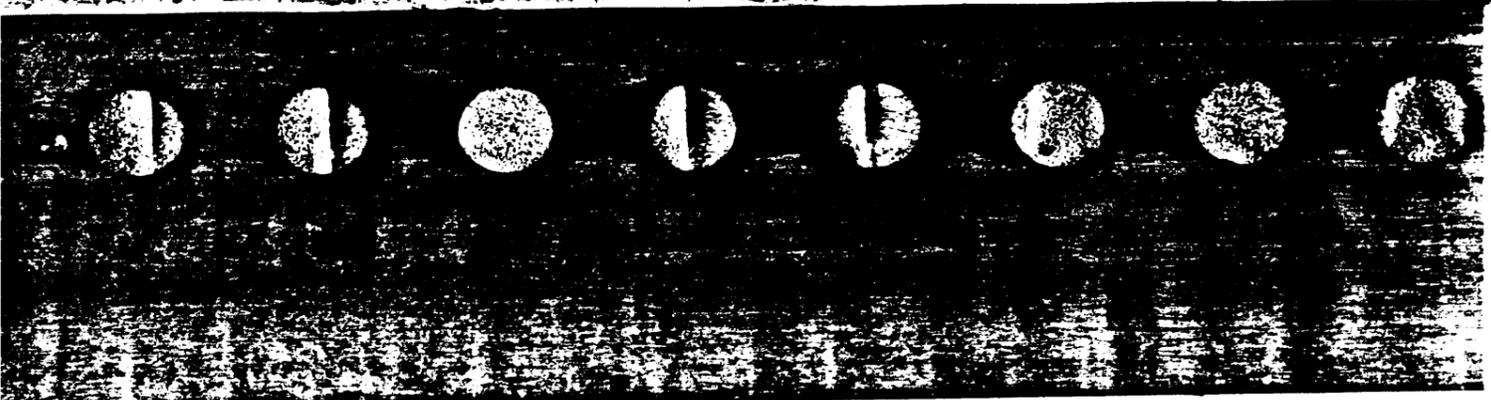
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# TELEGRAM

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February 20, 1934.

FROM ST. PAUL - telephoned to Mr. Edwards by Mr. Clegg.

ADVISE IF ANY OF FINGERPRINTS FOUND ON SHELL SIGNS UNIDENTIFIED

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

February 20, 1934.

W A RORER  
TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT SAINT PAUL

REGARDS YOUR INQUIRY FOUR UNIDENTIFIED LATENT PRINTS APPEAR ON SHELL  
SIGNS PHOTOGRAPHS WERE FURNISHED YOUR OFFICE AIR MAIL YESTERDAY

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

Miss Stephens of Mr. Gates office, called this morning and stated that they had an inquiry about LaRue, alias Foley, being connected with a \$2,500,000 bank robbery at Lincoln, Nebraska.

I suggested that she communicate with the Director's office concerning this matter; whereupon, she stated that she had called the Director's office and was referred to me. I then told her that the bank robbery at Lincoln, Nebraska was not one over which the Division had investigative jurisdiction, and consequently had no information concerning same.

Respectfully,

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

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

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Acting Agent in Charge Spear called from Kansas City (4:30 P. M.) in connection with the tap on the telephones of Attorney Lynch.



[redacted] stated that Agent Nichols had information to the effect that Lynch may possibly leave for Washington on Thursday, but that this is not definite. He was instructed that if Lynch did leave, he should assign an agent to cover him.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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MR. EDWARDS.....
MR. EGAN.....
MR. QUINN.....
MR. LESTER.....
MR. LOCKE.....
MR. RORER.....
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Alt called from Tampa (9:15 A. M.) He advised that LaRue states he wants to go to a Federal Penitentiary; that he will plead guilty on the Effingham mail robbery case and will name three involved in that case with him; that LaRue is firmly convinced that one of these men "snatched" Beottcher; that in connection with the "Lincoln case, he will plead guilty and name all the others that were in on it; that they do not have the right man on that job; that on the car case, he will plead guilty even if he gets ten years.

Mr. Alt stated that in the Woolverton kidnaping case, LaRue put a hypothetical case up on them in which the guilty individual involved explained to his brother that he was bringing a witness in a liquor case to his home for a day, the brother not knowing the true facts in the case. (The alleged witness in the case was Woolverton.) LaRue stated that the brother in this case was an innocent victim and asked whether he could be kept out of the case. Mr. Alt advised that LaRue will go to any penitentiary any place in the country and will give us anything we want, but he does not want to be tried on the Woolverton case because of his brother. LaRue advised that his brother had never been arrested and that he had nothing to do with the Woolverton case.

Mr. Alt advised that the woman is at her home now and that she is making a detailed statement. He is of the opinion that she is telling the truth.

Mr. Alt stated that he had received a wire from Mr. Purvis in Chicago asking that a witness in the Factor case by the name of Silver be located in Miami; that Silver is evading service and Mr. Purvis desires that further efforts be made at Miami to locate Silver and get him to Chicago within the next few days. Mr. Alt advised that Main is assisting Shivers in questioning the woman and he asked what he should do. He was instructed to have Shivers continue the questioning and to try to get Main down to Miami for a couple of days, and to call Mr. Purvis and tell him what is being done.

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Agent in Charge Alt called from Tampa (12:00 noon). He advised that they had not secured such additional information from LaRue. He thinks they are going to have trouble with him.

Mr. Alt advised that the girl was released last night by court order; that she went to her home; that he had two agents stay at her home last night, thinking that someone might attempt to contact her; that they brought her in again this morning and Agents Shivers and Main have been questioning her. Mr. Alt stated that they are going to endeavor to get complete details from her from the time she first met LaRue. They have secured information to the effect that shortly after a bank robbery she was in Texas and flew away with him in an aeroplane, which information she did not furnish them. Mr. Alt states that although she has not been shown the pictures of George and Kathryn Kelly, she has indicated quite clearly that on one trip to Cleveland, by accident or as arranged by him, they ran into Kathryn and George Kelly in May, 1933.

Mr. Alt stated that LaRue was giving them some information on who might have been involved in the Bremer case, but it is very vague. He further advised that just before they left St. Petersburg LaRue endeavored to bribe a Deputy Marshal to release him. Mr. Alt is having an agent stay at the jail with him all the time now. Mr. Alt was instructed to report this offer of a bribe on the part of LaRue to the United States Attorney.

Mr. Alt advised that the Federal Judge at Tampa called him in this morning and advised him that he would stop any move to get LaRue away from Tampa and that if any court orders or anything else were needed he would furnish them.

Mr. Alt's attention was invited to the newspaper reports to the effect that LaRue was wanted in Chicago for the kidnaping of John Hackett and he was instructed that LaRue should be questioned in this connection. He was further instructed that LaRue should be questioned in connection with the Lincoln, Nebraska, case. Mr. Alt stated that he has intimated, and, in fact, almost stated that he was "in on that job" and that's where he is afraid of going.

Mr. Alt states that the newspapers at Tampa are working with him, but that he is giving them nothing that is not of record.

Edward R. Bremer

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Mr. Alt was asked whether they had received anything further from LaRue regarding Whitty Anderson. He stated that Agent Andersen is now questioning him in this connection. He was instructed to get everything possible from him regarding Anderson.

Mr. Alt was asked whether the girl had been taken into custody again. He stated she had not as yet but they may take her into custody again today.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

February 15, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In connection with the statement of LaRue that he, under the name of Edward Foley, was married to Doris Barton at New York City on July 27, 1932, the New York office of the Division advises that this matter has already been checked and it has been found that there exists in New York a record of this marriage, and that a photostatic copy of the certificate has been located. The handwriting on this certificate is identical with that of LaRue. Mr. Fay was instructed to send a telegram to this effect to the Jacksonville office.

Respectfully,

H. E. Clegg.

*Edmund H. Brennan*

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Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Federal Building, Suite 1  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith the original letter received by the Detroit Police Department today from Mr. W. C. Choplin, 3119 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri dated February 18, 1934 which reads as follows:

"Chief of Police  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:

If parts of clothing such as coat linings and other garments were used by kidnapers in making identification of Mr. Bromers belonging in the recent kidnaping communicate with me at once, if these were not used throw this in the waste basket.

Yours respectfully,  
W. C. Choplin  
3119 Troost Ave  
Kansas City, Mo."

This letter was turned over to this office by Lieutenant Hoffman of the Special Investigation Squad of the Detroit Police Department.

It is suggested that Mr. Choplin be contacted for the purpose of securing such information as he might have.

Very truly yours, N

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Alt called from Jacksonville. He advised that the package had just been opened. It contained \$900.00, \$90.00 in \$5.00 bills and the balance in \$10.00 bills. The numbers of these bills have not yet been obtained, as Mr. Alt left just as soon as he found what the package contained to call the Division. The numbers, however, will be found and Mr. Alt will call the Division later and give this information. Mr. Alt advised that Agent Austin is guarding the house until a search warrant can be secured. Mr. Alt also advised that they are departing for Tampa just as soon as they can get loaded; that they have three cars, four Deputy Marshals and five Agents, including himself.

Mr. Alt was requested to expedite the searching of the house.

Mr. Alt can be reached at Tampa through the office of the United States Attorney.

Respectfully,

H. E. Clegg.

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

Gentlemen: Att. Mr. J E Hoover, Director

We are in receipt of yours of the 8th instant,  
listing bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases,  
and will do all we can to cooperate in this matter.

Yours truly,

L. S. Cornell,  
Vice President.

*Edward H. Bremer*

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# THE NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE

OF SEATTLE

SECOND AVENUE AT SPRING STREET  
CABLE ADDRESS "COMMERCE"

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

February 17, 1934

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

Sir:

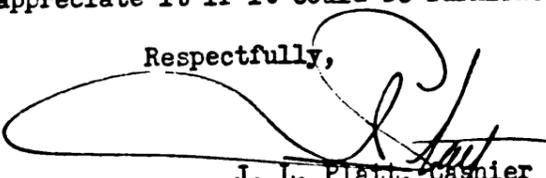
This is to acknowledge your communication of the  
8th enclosing information relative to bank notes paid in  
kidnapping cases.

This bank operates branches at the following  
points:

Central Branch, Seattle  
University Branch, Seattle  
Grays Harbor Branch, Aberdeen, Wn.  
Centralia Branch, Centralia, Wn.  
Bremerton Branch, Bremerton, Wn.  
Elma Branch, Elma, Wn.  
Montesano Branch, Montesano, Wn.  
Capital Branch, Olympia, Wn.

If this information has not already been sent to our branches  
we would greatly appreciate it if it could be furnished them.

Respectfully,

  
J. L. Platt, Cashier

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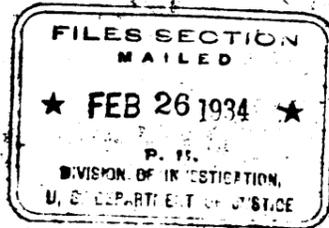
Mr. J. L. Platt,  
Cashier,  
The National Bank of Commerce,  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge receipt, with thanks, of your communication dated February 17, 1934, setting forth the branch banks of The National Bank of Commerce.

I have requested my Special Agent in Charge located at All United States Court House Building, Portland, Oregon, to immediately transmit copies of these lists to the branch banks in order that the information might be readily available to the officials of those institutions.

I wish to assure you that your interest in this matter is greatly appreciated and your request will be complied with immediately.



Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

*JH*

Division of Investigation

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

February 19, 1934.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File 7-30

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find memorandum prepared by Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry under date of February 19, 1934, concerning an additional ransom note, as well as letter written by the Victim to his father.

Under separate cover by Special Delivery, there is forwarded to the Division, the original of the above ransom note, as well as the original letter mentioned in the enclosed memorandum. There is also forwarded, the handbag, which was obtained at the bus station upon receipt of the ransom note above mentioned, together with the contents that were in that bag with the exception of a ransom note found therein, which has previously been forwarded to the Division.

Check at the Union Bus Station in St. Paul so far has been without results as to identification of anyone who might have deposited this handbag at the Union Bus Station. As far as is known the persons handling the handbag outside of the grip proper and the lock opening same were WALTER MAGEE, ADOLPH BREMER, Sr., MR. NEWCOME, the writer and Special Agent E.N. Notesteen.

Very truly yours,

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

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 19, 1934

MEMORANDUM:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File 7-30

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, while at the office, I was informed that the note signed by BREMER and addressed to JOHN MILLER had not been delivered to the Division of Investigation Office. On Monday morning, February 19, 1934, while at the home of ADOLPH BREMER, in company with MR. EDWARD BREMER, WALTER MAGKE informed me that he had the ransom note and had it in the desk drawer and had overlooked turning it over to Division Agents. At that time he and MR. BREMER went upstairs and got the note and delivered it to me and I turned it over to MR. RORER at approximately 10 AM, February 19, 1934.

Before leaving the house of ADOLPH BREMER, I did not examine the notes but merely took what was handed to me by MR. BREMER and after my arrival at the office, I examined the contents of the notes and I found that one of the notes was written in the handwriting of EDWARD BREMER, and addressed, "My Dear Pa":

"My Dear Pa;

This week has been hell on earth. The boys told me I'd have been home long ago if the money had been paid. I know you are willing to pay in order to have me back but the difficulty is that the arrangements have not been satisfactory. You must arrange that everybody but you stop out of the picture and deliver the money as instructed so that no harm come to the boys and then no harm will come to me. All police - government men and any other authority must quit right now and let you work alone. They must understand that you can only payoff if they do so for them to keep on working will ruin all chances to have me back. Explain it to them & don't let them talk you out of it. If they were in my place they would say the same thing I am saying. Why should they persist in staying on the case when it means my life & not theirs. You must not only ask them to stay off but must also see that they do. You word has always been good with them & for this time for God's sake ask them to keep their word with you.

After you get this letter you will be given another chance to pay. For God's sake pay & see that you pay alone. The people that you

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are to pay to are not the people that have me but if any of them get hurt the people that have me will still have me. Please see that the money is paid without any one knowing about it & without anyone getting hurt. I want to get back to you all so bad so please hurry. The government & police have stepped out of every case so far when the payoff came why shouldnt they do it for you & I. Please hurry Pa & pay tonight - I cant stand this much longer but be sure no police or government men are there so that it all goes off as I said, no hitch but smooth so that I can come back to you.

Say hello to Emily & Hertz for me & kiss them for me. Oh if I could only hold them in my arms again - Please hurry Pa its driving me mad.

Please Hurry

EDWARD"

The second note was written on a typewriter addressed to, "Chas. McGee or Adolph Bremer", with a postscript addressed to "Mr. Walter or Adolph".

"YOUR LAST CHANCE

"Chas. McGee or Adolph Bremer

You better stop listening to those assholes this time do what we tell you.

The money must be delivered tonight.

With all the coniving we still got the boy

We keep our word. Either you get him back tonight or the coppers bring him back stiff

Dont stall. Dont ask questions. Follow our instructions. Your the only one that can make the plan fail

Bring the money and this tag to the Jefferson lines Bus Station tonight at 8.20 pm sharp.

This tag is for bagage checking locker in the waiting room, Inside of

HANDBAG are farther instructions Dont open this BAG even one minute before 8.30 pm It is watched.

REMEMBER

If this payoff fails we are through forever

You are watched from the time you start.

Its up to you--you get the boy alive or dead.

Mr. Walter or Adolph

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my safety. I am responsible for the full amount of the money.

Signed: E.G. BREMER

I was under the impression that the note addressed to JOHN MILLER was in the package handed to me by MR. MAGEE and MR. BREMER; however, no note addressed to JOHN MILLER was delivered with the two notes above described.

Very truly yours,

S. L. FORTENBERRY, Special Agent.

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3-Division  
9-St. Paul

P.S. Note addressed to Walter McGee and Adolph Bremer was in a plain white lettersize envelope with the following typewritten on same: "Walter McGee And Adolph Bremer - Please deliver at once VERY IMPORTANT CONFIDENTALLY".

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 709,  
Portland, Oregon.

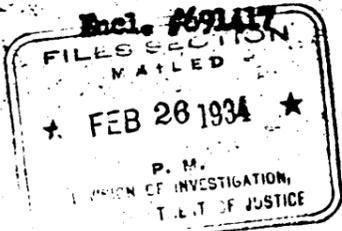
Dear Sirs

Please find enclosed herewith copies of a letter dated February 17, 1934, signed by Mr. J. L. Flatt, Cashier of The National Bank of Commerce of Seattle, Washington, which apparently has reference to your communication transmitting him a list of the bills paid as ransom money in connection with kidnaping cases being investigated by the Division.

Mr. Flatt has been informed that additional copies of this list will be forwarded to the branch banks mentioned in his letter, and it is my desire that you give this request prompt attention. It would also seem desirable that the names of these branch banks be included on the list of banks located in your district.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Alt called from St. Petersburg and submitted the numbers of the remaining bills mailed to Mrs. Foley. These numbers have been checked against the numbers of the Bremer, Lindbergh, Hamm and Factor ransom notes, but found not to be identical.

Mr. Alt stated that Mr. Anderson had arrived and that it appeared that the woman arrested with Foley is going to be willing to talk and give all the information she has concerning the activities of Foley. He stated, however, that he did not believe she had any information concerning offenses committed by Foley. He stated also that Foley is also talking more than he had been.

Respectfully,

E. F. Cowley.

*Edward Foley  
Edward R. Bremer  
Edward Bremer*

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*JAC*

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February 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Alt called from Jacksonville. He stated that the package had arrived this morning; that Agent Shivers had examined it on the outside and is of the opinion that it contains money; that, however, the Postmaster will not deliver the package to anybody except the addressee under a court order, subpoena or anything else. Mr. Alt was instructed to immediately confer with the United States Attorney at Jacksonville or Tampa and have arrangements made so this package could be examined.

Mr. Alt was instructed that if he secured the numbers of any money found he should immediately call the Division so these numbers could be checked against the lists here, Mr. Alt stating that he had not yet received the Bremer list.

Mr. Alt advised that both LaRue and the woman have stated that there is absolutely nothing in the safety deposit box at the bank. He was instructed, however, to have this box examined at once. The woman has stated that she will go to the bank with the Agents in order that the box may be examined. He was instructed that if this were done every precaution should be exercised in order to prevent members of LaRue's mob from interfering.

Mr. Alt stated that they had both LaRue and the woman together this morning; that LaRue is endeavoring in every possible way to have her released; that he, Alt, is convinced that the woman does not know what LaRue's racket is, but knows that he has been handling "hot" money; that she begged him to tell her what it is all about, but he advised her that she would hear nothing from him. Mr. Alt was instructed to confer with the United States Attorney in an endeavor to get a complaint filed against her. Mr. Alt stated that if necessary they could file a White Slave complaint against her. He stated that LaRue claimed that they had been married; that they had secured a license in New York City on July 27, 1932 and were married by a minister, but he could not recall his name; that they did not have a marriage certificate and that LaRue intimated that they were, in fact, not married. He claimed that the license was secured under the names of Edward Foley and Doris Barton. The New York office has been instructed to immediately check up on this angle.

Mr. Alt stated that the woman claimed that she had been in Vermont at her home and LaRue has been there with her. He requested that the Boston office check up on this matter. He was advised that Boston was instructed to cover this angle by telephone last night.

Mr. Alt again referred to the terrible conditions at the jail in connection with the questioning of LaRue.

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Mr. Alt was advised that Agent Andersen would soon arrive to question LaRue about the Kansas City massacre case. Mr. Alt stated that LaRue advised that he and George Kelly were in Texas when that occurred, although he could not recall the exact date. LaRue admits that he was "running around" with Kelly and Bailey.

I asked Mr. Alt whether he had questioned LaRue about the Woolverton case. He stated he had but that LaRue had stated that he did not want to talk about it. Mr. Alt was instructed to tell LaRue that the quicker he talks the quicker the matter can be cleared up. Mr. Alt stated that LaRue advised him that he was not afraid of the Government; that if he was ever moved from St. Petersburg he would go back to Lincoln, Nebraska, on some state case.

Mr. Alt will call the Division again after conferring with the United States Attorney.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

St. Paul, Minnesota,  
February 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File No. 7-530.

Mr. Shuttleworth called up and said there is a man named RAY ARENDIS, who was formerly connected with the Minneapolis Alcohol Syndicate. This man is alleged to be at Rochester, Minnesota, and to be running a night club there; that he was formerly a close associate of HARVEY BAILLY; that he learned that, recently, ARENDIS has been broke. About five or six years ago, ARENDIS served a term of a year in the Ramsey County Jail on a liquor charge. At that time, his wife was killed in an air plane accident at Red Wing, Minnesota.

Shuttleworth also said that he understood that there was quite a ring operating liquor between Dubuque and other places in Iowa. When the heat is on one place they move to another.

H. NATHAN,  
Assistant Director.

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P. O. Box 210,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
February 19, 1934.

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

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephonic conversation of this date between Special Agent D. O. Smith, who at the present time is in the Chicago Office, and the writer, at which time Agent Smith requested that the Birmingham files in connection with Basil Hugh Banghart be reviewed for the purpose of determining if any reference was made therein in reference to a WHITEY ANDERSON.

This is to advise that a check has been made of these files, and no such reference was found. However, the matter is being taken up with Special Agent C. O. Pickard, who is in the field at this time, to determine if he has any recollection of a person having such a name having been mentioned during his recent investigation in eastern Tennessee, where the Banghart crowd was located some months ago. The Chicago office will be promptly advised in this respect.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Alt telephoned. The fingerprints of the man arrested at St. Petersburg, Florida, this afternoon were identical with the fingerprints of Eddie LaRue, fugitive. LaRue was found making his home on a thirty-eight acre farm in the city limits of St. Petersburg, Special Agent Shivers having information indicating that LaRue was in this vicinity and probably on this farm, conferred with Captain Liphard, of the St. Petersburg Police Department. It was found that LaRue had purchased this farm from a close friend of Captain Liphard and an examination of the handwriting on the documents executed on the occasion of the sale disclosed a striking resemblance between that handwriting and the handwriting of LaRue. Special Agent Shivers proceeded to this farm and engaged LaRue in conversation. He found LaRue working on a chicken coop. Then Special Agent Shivers and Captain Liphard took LaRue into custody and carried him to the City Jail. They have placed him in a cell and he is not being permitted to communicate with anyone. At the time LaRue was arrested his wife was also taken into custody. She was held for a time in the custody of a woman Deputy Sheriff but she, too, is being placed in a cell so that she cannot communicate with anyone. The house has been searched but nothing of particular value has been found. The home is luxuriously furnished, the furniture being estimated as valued at three to four thousand dollars. They had all kinds of clothing, trunks and baggage and several trunks were shipped from Chicago to St. Petersburg and placed in this residence about a month ago. Special Agent in Charge Alt is proceeding to St. Petersburg immediately and is leaving instructions for Special Agent Main at Miami to join him at once and for Special Agent Kingsman to proceed to the Jacksonville office. The lead which led to St. Petersburg upon which LaRue was apprehended was obtained by the Boston office at Danville, Vermont, by tracing a package mailed by G. H. Crane, the brother of Doris Barton, a known associate of Eddie LaRue, to Doris C. Foley, St. Petersburg, Florida. Information was also received at Danville, Vermont, to the effect that Doris Barton, under the name of Doris Foley, had purchased a small farm near St. Petersburg during the past two years. The package mailed to Doris S. Foley from Danville, Vermont, was registered and valued at \$1,000. It has not as yet, however, arrived at St. Petersburg. The Identification Order of LaRue was exhibited to a number of persons at Danville, Vermont, none of whom made a positive identification, but all of whom stated that the photograph appearing on it resembled very much that of the person known to them as Foley, the husband of Doris S. Barton. This information was communicated to the Jacksonville office this morning which resulted in the apprehension.

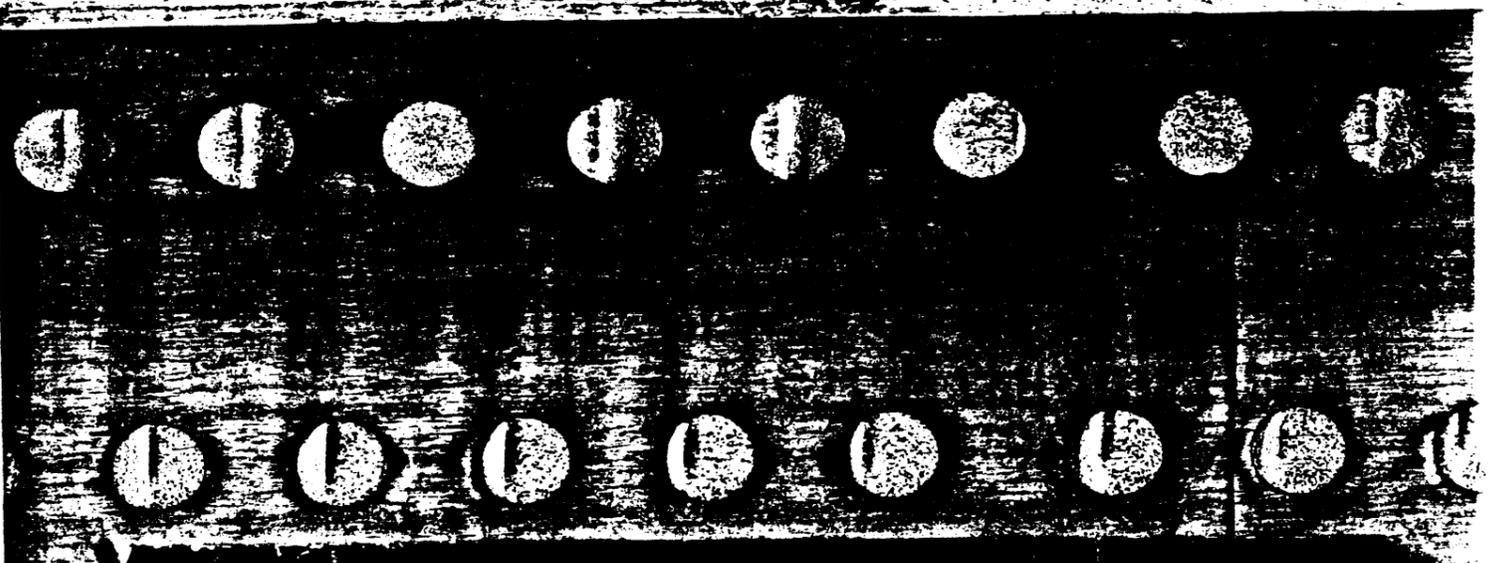
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- MR. NATMAN
- MR. TOLSON
- MR. CLEGG
- MR. COWLEY
- MR. EDWARDS
- MR. EGAN
- MR. QUINN
- MR. LESTER
- MR. LOCKE

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

Wilmington, Delaware,  
February 20, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: List of Bank Notes paid as ransom  
in kidnapping cases.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of  
February 8, 1934, transmitting list of the bank notes  
above mentioned, and the same will be duly filed for  
future reference and appropriate action.

Yours very truly,

*Leonard E. Wales*  
LEONARD E. WALES,  
United States Attorney.



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W A RORER  
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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
ST PAUL MINNESOTA

BREKID REFERENCE REPORT R B MATHAN NYC FEBRUARY SIXTEEN YOU ADVISE AUXILIARY  
OFFICES DISCONTINUE FLASHLIGHT LEAD THEIR DISTRICTS

HOOVER

*Edward G. Bremer*

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
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February 19, 1934.

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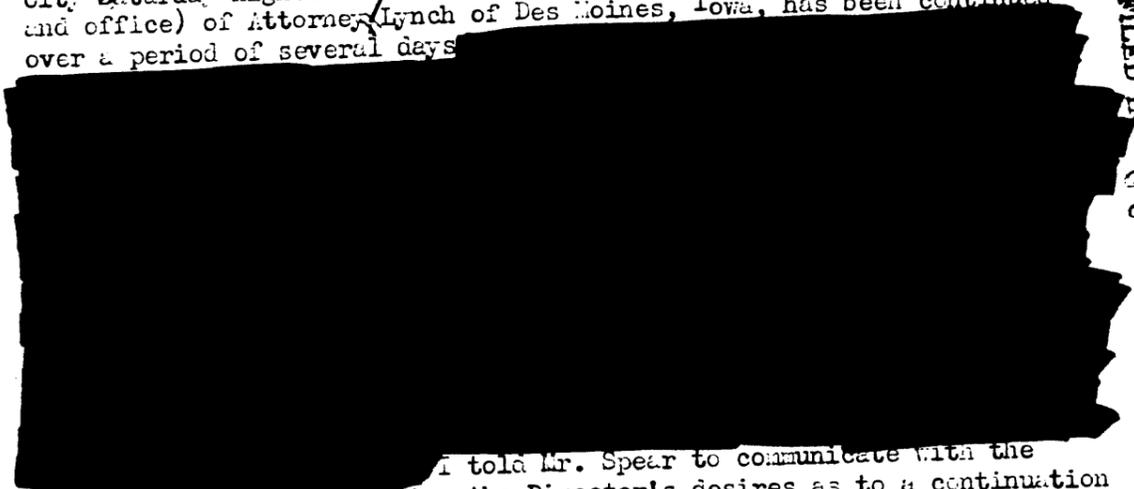
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MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	✓
MR. COWLEY	✓
MR. EDWARDS	✓
MR. EGAN	✓
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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Acting Agent in Charge M. C. Spear telephoned from Kansas City Saturday night. The wire tap on the telephones (both residence and office) of Attorney Lynch of Des Moines, Iowa, has been continued over a period of several days



I told Mr. Spear to communicate with the Division Monday to determine the Director's desires as to a continuation of this cover.

A wire was sent to the Kansas City office this morning asking that they continue this cover on the telephones of this attorney for an additional week.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANNI:

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

Recently, EDWARD BREMER, the victim in this case, was interviewed by Special Agent J. E. BRENNAN and furnished Agent BRENNAN with the location of the goggles which he claimed were on his eyes when he was released in Rochester, Minnesota. Agent BRENNAN furnished the writer with this information and the goggles in question were located in the 400 block on First Place Southeast, Rochester, Minnesota, in the rear of a red brick building which stands on the southwest corner of Fourth Street and First Place Southeast, Rochester, Minnesota. At the rear of this building is a cluster of weeds and under about three inches of snow the goggles were found in these weeds. The weeds are located at the rear of the building above described, in an open space between said building and a wire fence on the west side of First Place Southeast. The goggles in question were located by Detective GEORGE E. RHODE of the Rochester Police Department and the writer. After they were located, they were taken to the police headquarters and the snow that remained on the goggles was dried off on the radiator and the goggles were not handled by Detective RHODE or the writer.

LUCILLE HEIN, aged 15 years, 14-1/2 Fifth Street Southeast, Rochester, Minnesota, stated that on the night of November 7th at 8:00 P.M., she was coming home from the downtown district of Rochester, Minnesota; that as she crossed an iron bridge over the Zumbrota River, about one block off Broadway, she noticed a car coming from the south on First Place Southeast; that this car had very brilliant headlights; that as she approached the building located on the southwest corner of First Place Southeast, she remained there for a moment as she was afraid to leave Fourth Street because the car in her opinion, with the bright headlights, looked somewhat suspicious.

She stated that after she arrived at the corner above described, she saw the individuals in this car push a man out of the car; that this man, as near as she can recall, was in the back seat of the car; that there were two men in the front. She stated that after the man was put out on the sidewalk, the occupants of the car drove away speedily.

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east on Fourth Street. She stated further that the brilliant headlights on the automobile in question prevented her from securing a description of the occupants. She stated, however, that the car was a late model Ford sedan, that is, either a 1933 or 1934.

MISS HEIN also stated that after the party had been pushed out of the car above described, he crossed the street with his hat in one hand and something in the other. She stated that he crossed the street as though he were intoxicated, and that after he reached the west side of First Place Southeast, the street on which he was released, she noticed him put his hat back on his head and throw something into a cluster of weeds in the rear of the building located on the southwest corner of First Place Southeast and Fourth Street. She stated further that every morning since this happened, while enroute to school, she looked in the weeds to see what was thrown in there. However, she did not notice the goggles at any time. MISS HEIN was unable to give a description of any kind of the occupants of the automobile above described and was also unable to give the license plates on said car. She did not know whether or not they were Minnesota or foreign license plates.

The photographs of the following individuals were exhibited to MISS HEIN, but she failed to identify any of them:

JULIUS SCHREIBER  
HEN GROSS  
ANDREW YOUPOL  
TED BENZ  
GALE HAROLD JOHNSON  
CLARENCE "DOC" EATON  
LUDWIG SCHMIDT  
EDDIE LARUE  
CHARLES O. CONNORS  
ABE SCHAFFNER  
Grover Comstock  
MICHAEL DeLAURENTIA  
ED BENZ  
MORRIS ROISNER  
VAN V. AUSTIN.

Very truly yours,

M. F. GLYNN,  
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
February 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.C. WERNER HANNI:

INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
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With reference to the movements of EVERETT FAIRBANKS, whom it will be remembered, stated that he had stored the Ford 1932, V-8 automobile bearing license plates 176876, Minnesota 1933, at Ott, Minnesota, on January 15, 1934, a long distance telephone call to the Superintendent of the Indian Agency, at Cass Lake, Minnesota, on February 17, 1934, developed the following record for Mr. FAIRBANKS, who, according to MR. BARKER, his immediate employer at the Cass Lake Agency, was at Grand Portage on January 27, 1934, and sent in certain records and communications on that day, was at Danbury, Wisconsin, on January 29, 1934, on which records of work done in the Indian Census Survey were submitted and, according to MR. BARKER'S records, FAIRBANKS remained at Danbury, Wisconsin, until February 1, 1934, and on that date, per instructions from the Cass Lake Agency, he proceeded to Federal Dam, Minnesota, where he was employed on the census work from February 1, 1934 until February 5, 1934, inclusive, submitting reports on each day and on February 6, 1934, he was, per instructions from MR. BARKER, sent to Mille Lacs where he worked on February 6, 1934, up until February 11, 1934, submitting reports on each date.

According to MR. BARKER, EVERETT FAIRBANKS requested leave to visit relatives at Faribault, Minnesota, over the week-end of February 11, 1934, and insofar as he, MR. BARKER, knew, did in fact go to Faribault on February 11, 1934, or on the night of February 10, 1934. MR. BARKER further stated that EVERETT FAIRBANKS returned to Mille Lacs Lake on February 13, 1934, and upon instructions from Cass Lake, he proceeded to Cass Lake on the 13th and has since that date continued in his employment, taking the Indian census.

Investigation made by Special Agent John V. Anderson in connection with the above entitled matter, is as follows:

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Agent in company of Jeff Gusson, Deputy Sheriff, Virginia and Axel Dahl, Virginia Police Department, made the following investigation at Orr, Minnesota.

The automobile in question was found stored in an old barn, now used as a heated garage. An examination of this car disclosed that it was a 1932 V8 Ford Coach. It bore 1933 Minnesota license plates E176,876 and motor number 18-95633. The car is of dark blue color, has five black wire wheels and five Goodrich Silvertown cord tires. The lenses in the headlights are not made of plain glass but are checked as the regular Ford lenses are. A complete search of the car was made but nothing of apparent value was obtained. Several articles found therein will be set out later.

FRANK LUMBAR, Orr, Minnesota, advised that he was employed as cook at Civilian Conservation Corps Camp #725 at Gusson, Minnesota, four miles from Orr; that he works from noon one day until noon the next; that on the off day he is at Orr and cares for the garage; that he is around the garage every other day; that up to about January 23, 1934, his brother, FRED LUMBAR, was at the garage and that he, FRANK LUMBAR, did not have any duties at the garage. He advised that he was not present when EVERETT FAIRBANKS brought the car to the garage, but that he saw the car in the garage for the first time about one month ago. He related that he is absolutely positive that the car has not been removed from the garage since January 23 to the present date. He stated that FAIRBANKS and the man known to him as CASWELL did attempt to remove this car on January 19, but were unsuccessful as it would not start; that the car was first placed in the garage at the rate of 50 cents per day; that when FAIRBANKS could not start it he asked for the monthly rate, \$6.00, which was given him; that he then left Orr with Caswell in the latter's Plymouth automobile and that neither CASWELL nor FAIRBANKS came back to Orr up until February 8. He stated that FAIRBANKS returned to Orr on February 16, 1934. LUMBAR advised that he has been in the garage every other day and that the car was parked in the southwest corner facing in a southerly direction; that he observed the car every day in the garage that he came there; that he also observed the license plate and that he is positive that they were not removed.

S. W. ERICKSON, who operates a lumber yard at Orr and who resides at 111 Hillcrest Apartment, Fourth Avenue East and Seventeenth Street, Duluth, Minnesota, advised that he has been parking his car in this garage for several months; that when he first learned from newspaper articles and gossip at Orr about the Ford V8 automobile at the garage, he was quite positive that the car had not been in the garage all the time during the past month; that he then went to the garage and examined the car noticing that it was pretty heavily covered with dust and that if he had not seen this dust on the car he would be positive that the car had been out of the garage. He related that he goes to Duluth over every week end;

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that he recollects that on Tuesday morning, February 6, 1934, he returned to Orr about 2:00 A.M.; that he went to the garage, found it quite smoky from the stove that it used to heat it; that he shined his flashlight about the garage and is quite strongly of the impression that the car in question was not in the garage at that time. He advised that he is not positive of this and could not swear that the car was not there.

Neither FRANK LUMBAR nor S. W. ERICKSON noticed any strangers around the garage or at Orr during the above period.

MRS. D. A. COX, sister of LUMBAR, who resides at the old William Orr estate, of the town of Orr, of which the garage in question is a part, advised that she is quite positive that the car was not out of the garage except for the occasion when CASWELL and FAIRBANKS attempted to start it. She stated that up to January 25, 1934, she had not gone to the garage for some time; that since January 23, and to date, she has been in the garage three or four times; that she did not observe the car in question in particular and does not know of her own knowledge that it was there.

She produced a small book which described that CASWELL started to store a car in the garage on January 12, and that the Ford in question was first stored in the garage on January 14, 1934. MRS. COX related that the garage is kept locked at all times; that there are four keys for it; that she has one and that S.W. ERICKSON, JOHN JOHNSON, an oil salesman, and L. B. WHEAT, a school teacher, who all store their cars in the garage, each have a key. She advised that she has seen no strangers at Orr during the past month.

J. B. WHEAT, teacher, Orr, Minnesota, advised that he has been parking his car in the garage since November, on an average of about three or four times per week; that J. W. WAHLEY, another teacher, occasionally drives the car to the garage; that he has no distinct recollection of ever having seen the car in question in the garage at any time during the past month; that he usually drove his car into the garage without paying any particular attention as to other cars parked therein; that he is of the impression, however, that since November he has driven into the garage when there were no other cars parked therein; that he is also of the impression that this was during the past month, but he is not sure. He advised that every time he has come to the garage it has been locked.

J. W. WAHLEY, teacher, Orr, Minnesota, advised that he sometimes drives J. B. WHEAT's car to the garage; that he has been doing this on an average of about twice per week for several months; that the first distinct recollection he has of seeing the car in question was last night, February 16, and that he observed it then because FAIRBANKS had spoken to him about some trouble he was having with it, particularly as to starting it. He advised that the garage was

always padlocked when he came to it.

Agent examined the car for mileage and found it to have been driven 16,600 miles. The license plates were closely examined and there is no indication that they have been removed. The screw bolts were quite rusty. The car has a heavy coating of dust, appearing as though it has stood for some time.

JAMES ARSENAU, a fifteen year old Indian boy and a son of MRS. COX, advised that since FRED LUMBAR left Orr, Minnesota, he goes to the garage at least twice every day, before school in the morning and after school in the afternoon; that the Ford V8 Coach has been in the garage to date; that he did not specifically look for the car every time he went to the garage but that he never noticed that it was at any time missing. He stated that the garage was always locked. This boy cares for the fires in the garage.

JAMES SECCOME, Orr, Minnesota, advised that he parked his car in the above garage from January 15 to about January 25, 1934; that he has no recollection of having seen a V8 Ford Coach in the garage. He advised that he paid no attention to other cars in the garage.

JOHN JOHNSON, oil salesman, Orr, Minnesota, advised that he parks his oil truck in the shanty adjoining the garage in question; that there is an open door between the room where he parks the truck and the main part where the V8 Ford is alleged to have been parked; that he has not been in the main part of the garage more than twice during the past month and has not observed the car in question.

ADOLPH JOHNSON, Deputy Sheriff, Orr, Minnesota, advised that he has been present when the mechanic tried to start the above car; that undoubtedly the car could not be started as the gas pump was not working and that he had been unable to secure any definite information that the car had been out of the garage. At the present time JOHNSON is holding the V8 Ford in question and will do so until advised by the St. Paul Division office.

EVERETT FAIRBANKS, who came back to Orr on February 16 and who has been requested to remain at Orr by Deputy Sheriff JOHNSON advised that he has a hunting lodge on Sugar Point located on Leach Lake, about ten miles from Federal Dam, Minnesota. He advised that the ESWEINIS, parents of MRS. EDWARD G. BREMER and (or) the VON DER WEYERS, brother-in-law and sister of the E.G. BREMERS, have a cabin about two and one-half miles from his place on Black Duck Point; that their guide purchased ice from him, FAIRBANKS, the past summer but that he does not know any of these people.

FAIRBANKS advised that he hired out to do C. W. A. work at Cass on December 18, 1933; that he was supposed to take a census of

the various Indians living around the country; that he was told that it was necessary to have an automobile; that he made arrangements with IRWIN OSTROM, his brother-in-law, who operates a grocery store at Faribault, to borrow his Ford for a while; that about December 22, 1933, BEN FAIRBANKS, his brother and who is employed by OSTROM, drove the car to Federal Dam; that he, EVERETT FAIRBANKS, had the car a few days but that the car was stored in a garage at Federal Dam operated by a man by the name of KIRK between January 2 and 14, 1934. He advised that on Sunday, January 14, 1934, he drove the Ford to Orr, Minnesota, where he joined OLIVER CASWELL of Cass Lake and RAY SWANSON of Amery, who were working for the C.W.A. out of the Indian office at Cass Lake in ascertaining the number and condition of Indians at Nett Lake, twenty miles from Orr. He advised that he did not drive the Ford at Orr but placed it in the garage; that between January 14 and 19 it remained in the garage; that on this latter date CASWELL and he attempted to start same, but could not and that the car was put back in the garage and was not moved until February 14, 1934, to his knowledge. FAIRBANKS also gave an itinerary of his travel up to date but same is not being set out here.

FAIRBANKS advised that when he first received the car at Federal Dam the meter reading was 16,034 miles; that he has driven the car 378 miles for which he can collect from the C.W.A. and that other mileage is miscellaneous.

It will be noted here that FAIRBANKS is a quarter-blood Chippewa Indian and that the LUMBARS, MRS. COX and the ARSENAU boy are all part Indian.

A Handbook of the Minnesota State Prison, published June, 1933, was found in the car as well as a letter signed "MERLIN" addressed to IRWIN, undoubtedly IRWIN OSTROM. These and several miscellaneous articles or papers are forwarded herewith.

Agent ascertained that McMULLEN, a St. Paul officer, has a main lodge with five or six cabins about eight miles north of Harding, Minnesota; that there is no road to get to this place and that it would be necessary to go by snow shoes or skis at this time, and that in the summer one can get to this point by water. For this reason, Agent did not drive up through this country.

Very truly yours,

E.N. NOTESTEEN,  
JOHN V. ANDERSON,  
Special Agents.

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Pittsburgh, Pa.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2-20-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/16 to 20/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>J. G. RIDER</b>
TITLE: <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Only two Pittsburgh news dealers handle Minneapolis newspapers to wit: Minneapolis Tribune, but do not handle St. Paul newspapers. These dealers have no recollection of inquiries being made or sales of Minneapolis newspapers to persons of the same general description of Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker alias Doc Barker or Alvin Karpis, who are all unknown to the Wm. Penn Hotel, Pittsburgher Hotel and Ft. Pitt Hotel. Photographs of referred to persons furnished the hereinmentioned hotels, Supt. of Police Pennsylvania Railroad and City Detectives for possible use in locating and identifying the Barkers and Alvin Karpis.



**REFERENCE:**

Wires St. Paul, Minnesota Division Office 2-16-34 and Division letter 2-18-34.

**DETAILS:**

**AT PITTSBURGH, PA.**

**DETAILS:**

Sergeant Bishop, in charge of the Identification Division of the Pittsburgh Police Department made a search of criminal records, which failed to reveal the names of Fred Barker or Arthur R. Barker alias Doc Barker, however, Sergeant Bishop found on file an identification order, State Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, which referred to Alvin Karpis, #7071, escaped March 9, 1929, record disclosing that Karpis had been received from Jackson County, Feb. 25, 1926 on a charge of Burglary, second degree. The fingerprints of Karpis are identical with those noted in the

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reference wire, Sergeant Bishop placed a Wanted Notice in the files for Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker alias Doc Barker and Alvin Karpis and promised to notify the Pittsburgh Division Office in the event information concerning either of the above named persons was received.

Upon receipt of reference letter, containing photographs of Karpis, Fred Barker and Arthur R. Barker also Volney Davis and Harry Campbell and with special reference to the first three named, Sergeant Bishop reproduced 3 photostatic copies, maintaining one of each for his files.

Frank Boyd, Inspector of Detectives, detailed Charles J. Weizenhofer who covers the principal hotels of Pittsburgh, to be on the look-out for the referred to Barkers and Karpis. Photographs and descriptions of these men were furnished Weizenhofer.

Inquiry made at the General Delivery Division of the Pittsburgh Postoffice disclosed no information indicating that Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker alias Doc Barker or Alvin Karpis were receiving or had received mail.

A survey made of all dealers handling newspapers of cities other than Pittsburgh, developed that but two dealers received Minneapolis but no St. Paul newspapers, and referred to as W. A. McGrath who conducts a stand at the corner of the Federal Building, Fourth Avenue and Smithfield Street also Pete Harlick with a stand at the corner of the old City Hall, Smithfield Street and Oliver Avenue, both of whom stated that they each received by mail one copy of the Minneapolis Tribune but no St. Paul papers; that to their knowledge no other dealers in Pittsburgh handle newspapers published at Minneapolis or St. Paul; that neither have any recollection of sales having been made or inquiries made for Minneapolis newspapers by persons whose descriptions or photographs correspond with those of Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker alias Doc Barker or Alvin Karpis. Both McGrath and Harlick asserted that they infrequently sell the Minneapolis Tribune or have inquiries concerning same.

In endeavoring to determine whether other dealers in Pittsburgh handled either St. Paul or Minneapolis newspapers, inquiries were made at the news stands of the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgher Hotel, Fort Pitt Hotel, Union News Company, Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Stations and Union Bus Terminal, 1110 Liberty Avenue, all of whom handle foreign newspapers, and they asserted that they had no recollection of inquiries being made for Minneapolis or St. Paul papers, which they do not handle.

Photographs and descriptions of Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker alias Doc Barker and Alvin Karpis have been furnished to E. J. Ruch, Credit Manager, Wm. Penn Hotel, Joseph F. Duddy, Assistant Manager, Pittsburgher Hotel and Edward Ferris, Ass't. Manager Fort Pitt Hotel, all of whom volunteered their cooperation in the matter of being on the look-out for referred to persons and to notify this office in the event any or all of them were identified among their guests.

J. G. Search, Superintendent of Police, Pennsylvania Railroad Company, 619 Pennsylvania Station, was also furnished with photographs of each of the hereinmentioned persons and has caused an order to be made directing the station police officers to be on the look-out for referred to individuals and notify this office forthwith in the event they are located.

It is to be noted that Detective Waisenhofer, who is favorably known to the managements of the herein referred to hotels, and visits same several times daily, has promised to exercise every endeavor to ascertain whether any of the hereinmentioned persons are seen or known at the hotels.

Waisenhofer is also acquainted with news dealers McGraw and Harlick and has contacted them and will continue contacting with them for the purpose of learning whether or not inquiries are made by any persons for St. Paul or Minneapolis newspapers, in the event of which Waisenhofer has promised to follow up the matter of determining the identities of these persons.

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Addendum: Persons interviewed in this report have not been notified as to the cause for which these individuals are sought but are known by reporting office to be absolutely reliable and will not disclose the Division's inquiry in the event they have deduced the identity of the case.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
205 Post Office Building,  
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Dear Sir:

In connection with the examination of the latent fingerprints which have been obtained in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM, you are advised the photographic enlargement of the latent print reported found on the Chevrolet coupe, which was submitted by both your office and the St. Paul Police Department, has been searched through the single fingerprint file with negative results. It has been placed in the unidentified section of this file with a view to possible identification at a subsequent time as additional fingerprints are added thereto.

One latent print developed on the signal lights is too fragmentary for classification, but may be of value for direct comparisons and is being included for such comparisons with the fingerprints of suspects. The signal lights have been photographed, and the original lights and batteries have been transmitted to your office for further field investigation.

Five latent prints were detected on the Shell gasoline signs, two of which were identical. It has been possible to classify one of these latent prints, and it has been searched through the single fingerprint file with negative results. It will also be placed on file therein, and all latent prints compared with the fingerprints of suspects. Photographs of the Shell signs have been made and furnished your office, and the original signs have been forwarded to the Chicago Office for investigation at that point.

On the gasoline tanks and funnel submitted by your office, there were four latent fingerprints and one fragment which appears to be of the palmar surface of a hand. One of these latent prints has been identified with the right index fingerprint of Arthur Barker, our file #289438, of which identification you have previously been informed. Photographs of these gasoline tanks and the funnel have been made and transmitted to your office. The original tanks are, for the present, being retained in the Division's laboratory. The remaining fragmentary latent prints will be compared with the finger impressions of suspects.

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On a letter beginning "Adolph Bremer: We are now dealing," and the accompanying envelope, three fragmentary latent prints were developed on the letter, and two on the envelope. No identifications have yet been effected.

A single latent print of value was developed on the membership card of E. C. Bremer in the American Game Association, and has been found to be identical with the left thumb print of Lillian Dickman.

On handwritten letter beginning "My Dear Lil: As my old stand-by," and the accompanying envelope, there were developed 23 latent prints of value on the letter, 13 of which were found to be identical with the fingerprints of the victim and three of which were found to be identical with the fingerprints of Lillian Dickman. Eight latent prints were developed on the envelope, two of which were found to be those of the victim, and six those of Lillian Dickman.

On the handwritten letter beginning "My Dear Father Deere: I am calling on you," 21 latent prints of value were developed, 18 of which were identified as fingerprints of the victim. In addition, there were two latent impressions which appear to be those of the palmar surface of a hand. On the envelope which accompanied this letter, there were developed four latent fingerprints and one fragmentary palm print. In connection with this letter, your attention is directed to the fact that the fingerprints of Father Deere have not been submitted for elimination purposes.

On the letter beginning "My Dear Father: I've seen the newspaper," 29 latent prints were developed, as well as two prints of the palmar surface of a hand. Twenty-four of these latent fingerprints have been found to be those of the victim. On the accompanying envelope, five latent prints were developed, two of which were identified with those of the victim.

On the letter beginning "My Dearest Patz and Herty: Oh, I've been thinking," there were developed 15 latent prints of value and two palm prints. Eight of the fingerprints were found to be those of the victim. No prints of value were developed on the envelope. No latent prints of any value could be developed on the following material: Letter beginning "To the payoff man: - From here," and the envelope which accompanied the same; letter beginning "Chas. McGee or Honest Adolph: The coppers jinxed," and the accompanying envelope; the newspaper clipping which accompanied the above; the membership cards of the victim in the Midland Hills Country Club and Minnesota State Automobile Association.

There have been received in the Division, and will be examined for latent fingerprints, the coffee can delivered to the killers, the goggles found at Rochester, Minnesota, the wallet of the victim, including the various membership cards, and the two letters most recently submitted under date of February 19th.

Mr. W. A. Rorer

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February 23, 1934.

It has not been possible to develop latent prints on the leather wallet, itself, and the same is returned herewith.

You are instructed to give consideration to the desirability of obtaining palm prints, where possible, for elimination purposes in connection with the latent prints of the palmar surface of the hand as described in this report.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Alt telephoned at 4:00 P.M. Special Agent D. O. Smith will immediately wire Chicago advising when he will arrive in Chicago as a witness in the Factor kidnaping case. Smith will depart immediately for Chicago.

Today Larus made a statement admitting that he was one of the parties involved in the Effingham, Illinois, mail robbery in October, 1933.

Concerning the Lincoln Bank robbery in Lincoln, Nebraska, this statement was made by him today:

"When we made out getaway after that Lincoln bank job, we got quite a kick out of the officers searching for us. They were looking in the wrong direction".

He stated that if he could be brought before the Attorney General or the Director, he would name the brother of a man involved in the Bremer kidnaping case and that we could then locate the three others who were involved. I told Alt to have Andersen inform Larus that he was the personal representative of the Attorney General and the Director handling this case and that any information should be given to Andersen.

Mr. Alt stated it was essential that an additional Agent be sent to him at Tampa to take the place of Agent D. O. Smith on his departure for Chicago.

*W.A. Scott from Birmingham  
went from Tampa.* Respectfully,

H. H. Glegg.

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  - MR. CLEGG
  - MR. COWLEY
  - MR. EDWARDS
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 To  
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- MR. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. CLEGG \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. COWLEY \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. EDWARDS \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. EGAN \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. GIBBY \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. LESTER \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. LOOKE \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. ROSEN \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM

- The Attorney General \_\_\_\_\_
- The Solicitor General \_\_\_\_\_
- Assistant to Attorney General Stanley \_\_\_\_\_
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- Assistant Attorney General Stephens \_\_\_\_\_
- Assistant Attorney General Sweeney \_\_\_\_\_
- Assistant Solicitor General MacLean \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Stewart \_\_\_\_\_
- Director, Division of Investigation
- Mr. Bates, Director, Bureau of Prisons \_\_\_\_\_
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- Chief Clerk \_\_\_\_\_
- Appointment Clerk \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Brabner Smith \_\_\_\_\_
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Gotham Securities Company,  
Dallas,  
Texas.

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Gentlemen:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your telegram dated February 8, 1934, referred to me by the President, concerning the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

I wish to assure you that every possible effort will be exerted by this Division to bring this case to a successful conclusion as rapidly as possible.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Agent West of the Boston office called last night and advised as a result of the telegram sent to the Boston office requesting that a review of their files be made concerning Ed LaRue, I.O. 1214, it had been developed that G. H. Crane, a brother of Doris Barton, a known associate of LaRue, mailed a package from Danville, Vermont to Doris G. Foley at Box 270a, Route 2, St. Petersburg, Florida and they had also received information to the effect that Doris Barton, under the name of Doris Foley, had purchased a 25 acre farm near St. Petersburg, Florida about two years ago.

This information was communicated to Mr. Alt at Jacksonville with the request that same be given immediate attention in an effort to cause the apprehension of and determine the whereabouts of LaRue.

Mr. Alt stated that Agent Shivers was at Tampa, a distance of about 20 miles from St. Petersburg, and that he would call him and have him proceed immediately to St. Petersburg.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley

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 MR. TOLSON  
 MR. CLEGG...  
 MR. COWLEY  
 MR. EDWARD  
 MR. EGAN...  
 MR. QUINN...  
 MR. LESTER...  
 MR. LOCKE...  
 MR. RORER...

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BREMER KIDNAPING ADVISE WHETHER ANY FINGERPRINTS UNIDENTIFIED  
 FOUND ON SHELL OIL SIGNS FORWARDED TO LABORATORY

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*Phoned Mr Edwards  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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Mr. Rorer called from St. Paul. He said he had talked with Bremer again but received nothing outstanding from him. He did receive more definite information from him relative to the location of the goggles and the bandage, which is being checked. They are also checking up on the manufacturers of sirens. They are also checking up on the lead from Davenport, Iowa, relative to the woman who saw suspicious movements in a house. They have sent a sketch of the floorplan to the Kansas City office and instructed them to handle that angle. They are working further on the wallpaper angle. Mr. Rorer advised that he sent in a plan of the hide-out to the Division. He talked further about the trip down but gave no definite information. He stated something about stopping and one of the men saying they had only one light burning. He said that the second Sunday of his stay was the coldest day he was away; that it was about five below zero but he cannot fix the date.

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Mr. Nathan advised that Agent Dewey called him today with reference to the telephone tap at Des Moines, Iowa, on the phones of a lawyer by the name of Lynch.

*[Redacted block]*

Mr. Nathan thought this would be O. K.

Mr. Nathan will call Agent Dewey and tell him to keep on until tomorrow.

*[Redacted block]*

I asked Mr. Nathan as to whether he had any information as to how the information appearing in the press regarding the serial numbers and the wallpaper got out. He said he had no idea. I called his attention to the editorial in a newspaper at Red Wing, Minnesota, to the effect that the Division first gave out the information regarding the wallpaper and the serial numbers and asked that he furnish information which would form the basis of an answer to these charges. Mr. Nathan said he had no information as to where this information came from but that we could state positively that it did not come from the Division. He will, however, forward a letter to the Division tonight in this connection. Mr. Nathan was asked whether Bremer mentioned these matters in these interviews. He stated that he did not think so.

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Respectfully,

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February 21, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR TOLSON  
EDWARDS  
COWLEY  
NEWBY  
QUINN  
COFFEY  
CLEGG  
SEYFARTH

The case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Edward G. Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping, has been designated as a special assignment under the direct investigative supervision of Inspector W. A. Rorer. All correspondence concerning this matter, which is prepared for Special Agents of this Division in the St. Paul district, should be addressed to Mr. Rorer.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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WERNER HANWI  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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ST PAUL MINNESOTA

INSPECTOR RORER HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY ME TO ASSUME CHARGE OF BREMER KIDNAPING CASE HE IS TO HAVE DIRECT CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THIS MATTER AND IT WILL BE TREATED AS A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT HE IS AT LIBERTY TO CALL UPON YOUR OFFICE FOR ANY ASSISTANCE HE NEEDS LETTER FOLLOWS DESIGNATING AGENTS WHO ARE TO BE ASSIGNED TO MR RORER NO ACTION IS TO BE TAKEN IN BREMER KIDNAPING CASE EXCEPT WITH HIS KNOWLEDGE AND APPROVAL I WANT YOU TO SEE THAT ALL INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE AVAILABLE IN THIS MATTER ARE IMMEDIATELY SUBMITTED TO MR RORER ADVISE MR NATHAN ALSO OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS

*Edward G. Bremer*

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MR W A ROEHR  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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*Edward J. Conner*

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DIRECTOR

BREMER KIDNAPING NO SIGNIFICANCE LILLIAN DICKMAN FINGERPRINTS APPEAR  
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 IS PRIVATE SECRETARY VICTIM AND HANDLED CARD WHEN RECD IN MAIL

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February 18, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

*Alvin Karpis*  
*Edward G. Bremer*  
*Fred Barker*  
*Arthur Barker*

Mr. Brantley telephoned about 2:15 P.M. He stated that in connection with locating the Barker-Karpis mob, he had an informant in the Oklahoma City territory who is now working and receiving \$20 per week salary; that this informant had been previously convicted five times and he believed that he could locate the Barker-Karpis mob and he will advise the Oklahoma City office of such location. I told Mr. Brantley that unless he heard promptly to the contrary to obtain the services of this individual and that he was authorized to commit the Division in a sum not exceeding \$100 for such purpose and that before this sum had been expended, in the event additional expenditures were necessary, to communicate with the Division; that this individual should not be placed upon the rolls of the Division as individuals with previous criminal records are not accepted but that if he rendered personal services and travelled under the direction of Mr. Brantley, that he might start such negotiations at once. I subsequently talked with Mr. Tolson who approved the expenditure although he did not place the limitation at \$100, but in view of the fact that this matter would be promptly initiated under the authorization I had given Mr. Brantley, I did not call Mr. Brantley again on the matter.

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Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2/21/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/16-21/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. M. O'LEARY</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**  
 Sock worn by victim manufactured upon an 84-needle machine. List of manufacturers using 84-needle machines secured. Sock identified as being manufactured by the Rockford Mitten & Hosiery Company by representatives of various hosiery companies in New York City.

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**REFERENCE:** Division letter dated February 14, 1934.

**DETAILS:** AT NEW YORK CITY.

The sock worn by victim was exhibited to Mr. Walter A. Toy, Vice-President of the Scott-Williams Knitting Machine Company, 366 Broadway, New York City. Upon examination of the sock, Mr. Toy stated that it was an ordinary bundle sock and had been manufactured upon what is known to the trade as an 84-needle machine. Mr. Toy stated that the sock was probably made on an ordinary Jenks machine but might have been made on a Scott-Williams or a Banner machine. The Jenks machine is no longer made.

Mr. Earl Constantine, Managing Director of the National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers, 468 Fourth Avenue, New York City, upon interview informed that he was also a member of the Code Authority for the hosiery trade, and that under the National Recovery Act a survey had been made of

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the hosiery manufacturers and their equipment listed. Mr. Constantine obtained from his Statistical Division the names and addresses of all companies manufacturing 34-needle bundle goods.

The names and addresses of the companies are as follows, and where the company has a New York representative, that name is also included:

Ballston-Stillwater Knitting Co., Inc., Ballston Spa, N. Y.  
New York City office - 93 Worth Street.

Durham Hosiery Mills, Durham, N. C.  
New York City office - 271 Church Street.

John L. Fead & Sons, Port Huron, Mich.  
New York office - 93 Worth Street.

Gilbert Knitting Company, Inc., Little Falls, N. Y.  
New York office - 346 Broadway.

Hagerstown Hosiery Company, Hagerstown, Md.  
No New York City office listed.

Portage Hosiery Company, Portage, Wisc.  
New York City office - 40 Worth Street.

Republic Knitting Mills, 1907 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Mich.  
No New York City office listed.

Ripon Knitting Works, Ripon, Wisc.  
No New York City office listed.

Rockford Mitten & Hosiery Company, Rockford, Ill.  
New York City office - 93 Worth Street.

LaCrosse Hosiery Company, LaCrosse, Wisc.  
No New York City office listed.

Seneca Knitting Mills, Inc., Box "E", Seneca Falls, N. Y.  
No New York City office listed.

Adler Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Represented in New York City by Cozzens & Company, 361 Broadway.

Garons Knitting Mills, 101 North 30th Avenue, Duluth, Minn.  
No New York City office.

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Millbridge Knitting Company, Millbridge, Me.  
No New York City office.

Mr. C. C. Lohr, President of Cozzens & Company, 561 Broadway, New York, representatives of Adler Company, upon examination of sock stated that the same was without a doubt the product of the Rockford Mitten & Hosiery Company of Rockford, Ill. Mr. Lohr stated that he based his opinion upon the peculiar construction of the heel and toe of the sock, stating that the work of this nature could be turned out only on machines such as were used by the Rockford Company, stating that these machines were of their own make and were used by no other company.

Mr. H. F. Washburn, Manager of the New York office of the Gilbert Knitting Company, 346 Broadway, upon examining the sock, stated that it was his opinion that the sock had been manufactured by the Rockford Mitten & Hosiery Company, but stated that he could not positively identify it as being the product of that company.

Mr. A. R. Cooper, Office Manager, of the Rockford Mitten & Hosiery Company, 93 North Street, being absent from New York City, and Mr. J. Kostelo, presently in charge of the office, being unable to definitely commit himself as to whether or not the sock was the product of his company, this information was transmitted to the Division by teletype, together with information received from Mr. Earl Constantine, to the effect that Mr. J. E. Glasner of the Rockford Mitten & Hosiery Company, Rockford, Ill., who was also the Secretary of the Woolen Hosiery Institute, could in all probability identify the manufacturer of the sock in question, inasmuch as it was thought that Mr. Glasner knew as much concerning the manufacture of bundle socks as any person in the business.

On February 21st, Mr. A. R. Cooper, Office Manager of the Rockford Mitten & Hosiery Company, examined the sock in question and stated that beyond a doubt it was the product of the Rockford Mitten & Hosiery Company, stating that he based his opinion upon the peculiar construction of the toe and heel and that such work could be done only upon machines such as were used in the Rockford plant.

In view of the positive identification of the sock by the representative of the Rockford Mitten & Hosiery Company, as well as others, it was deemed unnecessary to further exhibit the sock to representatives of the hosiery industry in New York City. The sock furnished to the New York Division office for this purpose by the Division is being returned to the Division.

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CHICAGO OFFICE

At Rockford, Ill.: This office is requested to exhibit sock worn by victim to Mr. J. W. Glasner of the Rockford Mitten & Hosiery Company, in order that positive identification may be had as to the manufacturer of this sock.

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Division of Investigation

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

February 19, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith please find finger-  
prints of FATHER DEERE, one of the men contacted in the Bremer  
case by the kidnapers.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hanni*

WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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W A RORER  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
ST PAUL MINNESOTA

WIRE ME WHEN SPECIFIC STEPS WERE TAKEN TO CHECK SALE OF FLASHLIGHTS IN STPAUL  
STORES I WANT THE DATE WHEN THIS INVESTIGATIVE STEP WAS TAKEN I ALSO WANT  
DATE AS TO WHEN STPAUL OFFICE RECEIVED FLASHLIGHT AND HOW MUCH TIME ELAPSED BETWEEN  
THAT TIME AND THE TIME STEPS WERE TAKEN TO ENDEAVOR TO ASCERTAIN PLACE AT WHICH  
LIGHTS WERE SOLD

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*Edward G. Bremer*

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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

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

Dear Sir:

Re- UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD C. BREMER, Victim,  
Kidnaping.

In accordance with telephonic request of Assistant Director Harold Nathan, there is transmitted herewith a list of towns in northern Illinois which have street car lines running through them. This list was prepared by Special Agent Charles Jenkins who has done considerable road work in northern Illinois and who is familiar with all the towns in that section. An effort will be made to check this list with some official list tomorrow to determine whether all towns are included.

Very truly yours,

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

SAS/cle  
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TOWNS IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS HAVING STREET CAR LINES

Rockford  
Waukegan  
Evanston  
Oak Park  
Joliet  
Elgin  
Aurora  
La Salle  
Peru

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Salt Lake City, Utah.  
February 10, 1934.

J.E.P. DUNN,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
617 FEDERAL BLDG.,  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

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CHARLES BREMER KIDNAP UNKNOWN MAN DESCRIPTION UNKNOWN BOARDED UNION PACIFIC TRAIN SEVENTEEN CHEYENNE WYOMING ABOUT EIGHT FIFTEEN LAST NIGHT DESTINATION PORTLAND OR SEATTLE HE HAD NO SPACE SECURED ROOM FROM G W EDWARDS CONDUCTOR REMARKED HAD PLUNTY MONEY EXHIBITED LARGE ROLL FIVES AND TENS SECURED ROOM TEN STOP TRAIN SPLIT AT GREEN RIVER WYOMING TRAIN SEVENTEEN PROCEEDING PORTLAND ARRIVING THERE ABOUT SEVEN THIRTY SUNDAY MORNING STOP EDWARDS PROCEEDED LOSANGELES TRAIN SEVEN STOP THROUGH W J McCLEMENT CHIEF SPECIAL AGENT LA&SL RAILROAD LOS ANGELES OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE ENDEAVOR CONTACT EDWARDS TRAIN SEVEN AT CALIEMTE NEVADA OR OTHER POINT ENROUTE SECURE UNKNOWN MANS DESCRIPTION INCLUDING DRESS AND TELEGRAPH PORTLAND DIVISION OFFICE TO ASSIST IN LOCATING UNKNOWN MAN TRAIN SEVENTEEN PRIOR TO OR UPON ARRIVAL PORTLAND AM WIRING PORTLAND DETAILS STOP COLLECTION SUBJECT CASE POSSIBLE

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R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
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C.C. SPEARS,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
411 U.S. Court House,  
PORTLAND, OREGON.

CHARLES BREMER KIDNAP UNKNOWN MAN DESCRIPTION UNKNOWN BOARDED UNION PACIFIC TRAIN SEVENTEEN CHEYENNE ABOUT EIGHT FIFTEEN LAST NIGHT DESTINATION PORTLAND OR SEATTLE HAD NO SPACE SECURED ROOM TEN ABOARD STOP WHEN CONSIDERING COST REMARKED HAD PLENTY MONEY PRODUCED LARGE ROLL FIVES TENS G W EDWARDS CONDUCTOR PROCEEDED LOSANGELES WITH TRAIN SEVEN STOP CAR TRAVELLING IN UNKNOWN AND SEVENTEEN ARRIVES PORTLAND SUNDAY MORNING STOP HAVE WIRED LOSANGELES THROUGH RAILROAD SPECIAL AGENT ENDEAVOR CONTACT EDWARDS TELEGRAPHICALLY ENROUTE THERE FOR DESCRIPTION MAN AND TO TELEGRAPH YOU STOP SUGGEST THROUGH RAILROAD AGENT PORTLAND ENDEAVOR BOARD TRAIN BEFORE ARRIVAL PORTLAND ENDEAVORING LOCATE MAN MAKE NECESSARY INVESTIGATION. POSSIBLE CONNECTION SUBJECT CASE.

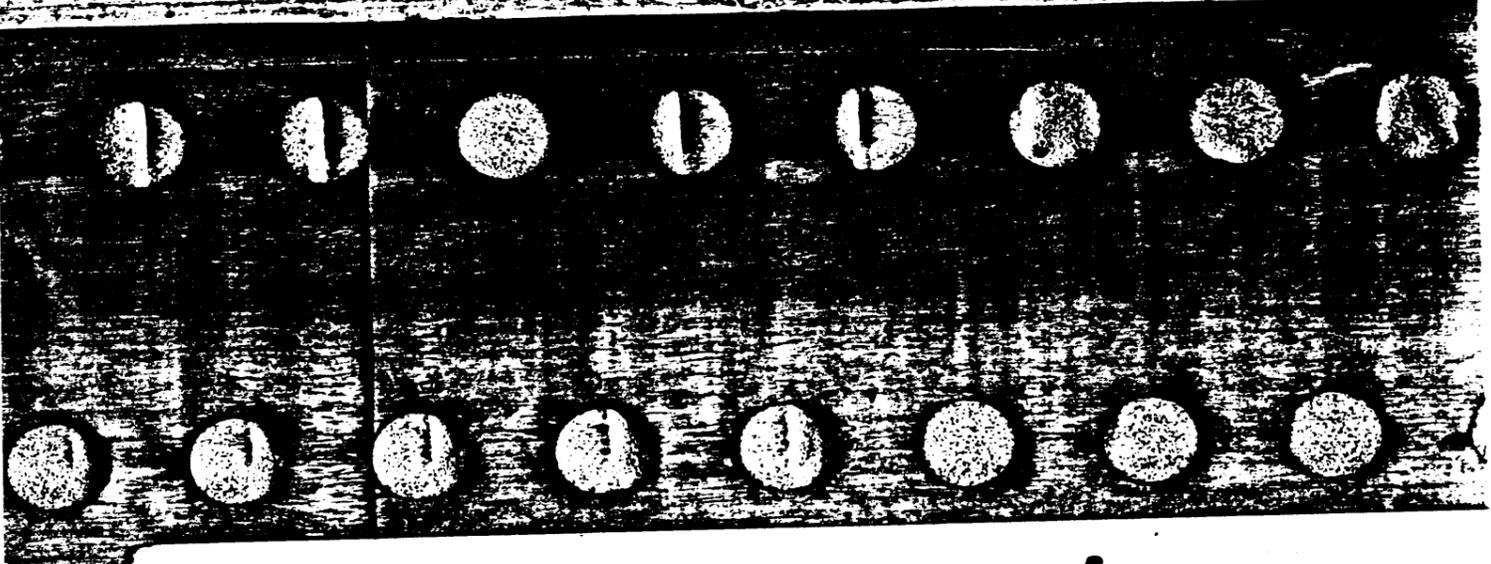
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WERNER HANNI  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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ST PAUL MINN

PREMER CASE FLASHLIGHTS IDENTIFIED TRADE NAME A MERIT PRODUCT DESCRIBED AS  
THREE CELL FOCUSING SEARCHLIGHTS MANUFACTURED BY UNITED STATES ELECTRIC MANUFACTURING  
CORPORATION NEW YORK MODELS SIX TWO SIX AND SIX THREE SEVEN STOP THESE LIGHTS  
PROBABLY HANDLED FOLLOWING STORES YOUR DISTRICT H L GREEN STORES MADISON GREENBAY  
ASHLAND EAU CLAIRE WATERTOWN WISCONSIN MANKATO AND ST PAUL MINNESOTA THE KILLIAN  
COMPANY CEDAR RAPIDS IOWA FOX AUTO SUPPLY COMPANY DULUTH MINNESOTA

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**BOSTON, MASS., FEBRUARY 14, 1934.**

**WERNER HANNI  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**



**EATON PAPER COMPANY PITTSFIELD MASSACHUSETTS ADVISE APPROXIMATELY TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED CUSTOMERS PAPER IN QUESTION PREPARATION LIST WOULD REQUIRE SERVICES THREE PERSONS THREE WEEKS. HAVE REQUESTED LIST CUSTOMERS MINNESOTA WISCONSIN IN ORDER EXPEDITE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHETHER PAPER PLAIN OR RULED.**

*Brams*

**McKEAN.**

cc - Division ✓

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New York City



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J H HANSON  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA

REFERENCE DIVISION LETTER THIRTEENTH MAKER UNDERWEAR HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED HERE

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Received credit from Pearl Hosiery co. of \$1.45 to cover  
overcharge of 55¢ and two missing pairs of socks, English Wool  
at 45¢ per pair making a total of \$1.45.

January 30, 1933  
This is for merchandise bought in November 22, 1932 and  
sent to Nozels Service, Stanley Wis.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA** FILE NO. **7-576-660**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2-21-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/18, 17, 19/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>CHARLES JENKINS</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ABDUCTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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 CHICAGO, ILL.
 
 Sock mentioned in reference telegram and laboratory report, manufactured by Rockford Mitten and Hosiery Mills, Rockford, Ill. Shipments of this style sock made to Chicago Mail Order Company, Chicago, Illinois, and Gem Hosiery Company, Milwaukee, Wis. No information as to identity of persons purchasing socks available at Chicago Mail Order Company. Gem Hosiery Company sold socks to Pearl Hosiery Company, Milwaukee, Wis. Records last named concern show socks of said style sold 11-22-32 to D. M. Nozel of Nozel Service, Stanley, Wis. No record of other sales which were made over counter.

**REFERENCE:** Division telegram dated February 15, 1934.

**DETAILS:** AT ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS.

Agent called at the Rockford Mitten and Hosiery Mills, 418 South Wyman Street, Rockford, Illinois, where he was informed that J. B. Glasner, Secretary of the said concern was in Cleveland, Ohio, and would not return for several days. In the absence of Mr. Glasner, J. H. Ederstrom, Assistant Secretary, and E. F. Kingman, Sales Manager of the Rockford Mitten and Hosiery Mills were interviewed. Mr. Ederstrom and Mr. Kingman, after examining the sock which was forwarded by the Division, stated that it had been manufactured by the said concern and was known as style 215/A. This style of sock differs from the sock manufactured by other concerns in that the stitch in the toe and heel is continuous, whereas the other manufacturers have a break in the stitching in the middle of the heel and

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at the beginning of the tee. The records of the Rockford Mitten and Hosiery Mills show that during the year 1933 the following quantities of the said style sock were shipped to the Chicago Mail Order Company, 511 S. Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois:

Order #A-47208 for 60 dozen, shipped April 28, 1933.  
Order #A-35690 for 60 dozen, shipped May 23, 1933.  
Order #A-65097 for 250 dozen, shipped June 28, 1933.

There was also shipped to the Gem Hosiery Company, 309 W. Brown Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the following quantities:

May 20, 1933 - 10 dozen.  
November 25, 1933 - 5 dozen.  
December 14, 1933 - 7½ dozen.  
December 23, 1933 - 5 dozen.  
January 26, 1934 - 10 dozen.

The identification of this sock as the product of the Rockford Mitten and Hosiery Mills was corroborated by several employees in the Manufacturing Department, who were consulted by Mr. Kingman.

#### AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Mr. C. R. Tyson, Manager of the Staple Merchandise Division of the Chicago Mail Order Company, 511 South Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois, stated that the sock purchased from the Rockford Mitten and Hosiery Mills, style 213/A was known as Item 3568 in the catalogue issued by the Chicago Mail Order Company; that no record is made of the articles sold by mail; that the only record is the name and address of the purchaser and the amount which he enclosed with his order; that the amount might be one article or a dozen, and unless the name of the purchaser was furnished no information would be available as to the amount which he had sent in with his order and that eighteen million catalogues have been distributed throughout the country.

Mr. Tyson also stated that his concern does not handle flash-lights.

Mr. Tyson further stated that his concern did not sell the underwear or shirts described in laboratory report dated February 14, 1934.

#### AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.

William Zens, proprietor, Gem Hosiery Company, now located at 311 West Lloyd Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, stated that the only concern to which he sold style 213/A sock, obtained by him from the Rockford

Mitten and Hosiery Mills, Rockford, Illinois, was the Pearl Hosiery Company, 1801 W. Walnut Street, and that the Pearl Hosiery Company operated several stores in Milwaukee.

Ben Horwitz, President of the Pearl Hosiery Company, Inc., 1801 W. Walnut Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, stated that his concern operates four stores located at 1801 W. Walnut Street, Room 207 Empire Building, 3261 North Green Bay Avenue, and 5019 W. Lincoln Avenue, all in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; that the only store which does a mail order business is the one located at 1801 W. Walnut Street. Mr. Horwitz had his entire record of mail orders searched without finding that there had been any shipment of style 213/A socks.

Miss Lucille Pleshek and Miss Pearl Wald, clerks at the store at 1801 W. Walnut Street, recalled that the proprietor of an oil station at Stanley, Wisconsin, had purchased style 213/A socks and had made a claim for shortage in the number of socks, and that an adjustment had been made with him. A search of the files of the Pearl Hosiery Company revealed that a memorandum on the letterhead of the Pearl Hosiery Company related to the said purchase. The memorandum reads, "Received credit from Pearl Hosiery Company of \$1.45 to cover overcharge of 55¢ and two missing pairs of socks, English wool, at 45¢ per pair, making a total of \$1.45." A further notation on the said memorandum reads as follows:

"January 30, 1933.

"This is for merchandise bought November 22, 1932, and sent to Nozels Service, Stanley, Wisconsin.

(Signed) D. M. Nozel,  
per Nozel Service."

The original of this memorandum is being forwarded herewith to the St. Paul office and photostatic copies of same are being sent to the Division.

There is no further record in the files of this transaction.

Miss Pleshek, who waited on D. M. Nozel, stated that the said Nozel and a woman, whom she believed to be his wife, called at the Pearl Hosiery Company in November and again in January, 1933; that she recalled the visits of the said Nozel and the woman above mentioned, but could not recall any further visits from either of the said parties.

Miss Pleshek and Miss Wald described Mr. Nozel as follows:

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Age: 30-35 yrs.  
Height: 5'4-5"  
Build: Slender  
Hair: Dark  
Complexion: Smooth shaven

They described Mrs. Nozel as follows:

Age: 30-35 yrs.  
Height: 5'5"  
Build: Slender  
Complexion: Medium

Ben Horwitz stated that all sales, other than those recorded in his mail order record, were made over the counter and for cash.

Mr. Horwitz questioned various employees in his store but no information as to the identity of the purchasers of socks, style 213/A could be obtained. Mr. Horwitz also advised that the employees of the store at 1519 W. Lincoln Avenue had no information as to the purchasers of any of the said hose.

Hyman Horwitz, Manager of the store at 3261 North Green Bay Avenue, advised agent that all sales of socks styled 213/A were made over the counter and for cash and that neither he nor the other employees had any information as to the parties to whom the said article was sold.

Lillian Horwitz, Manager of the store located at Room 207 Empire Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, advised agent that her store did not carry the sock styled 213/A.

In addition to hosiery, the only other line of merchandise handled by the Pearl Hosiery Company is rayon silk underwear.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

ST. PAUL OFFICE will conduct an investigation at Stanley, Wisconsin, to ascertain whether the Nozel Service, conducted by D. M. Nozel at that place, handles general merchandise and whether any information as to the purchaser of the instant sock can be obtained.

For the assistance of the St. Paul Office the sock is being forwarded herewith by registered mail.

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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

February 14, 1934

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.  
Chicago File # 7-82

Dear Sir:

On date of February 13, 1934, this Office received a letter from the Kansas City Office which is being set out herein.

This Office has not received a full report on the Bremer kidnaping, but information secured indicates that Bremer was held in the basement of a house, the location of which is not known. It is further known that Bremer was transported a considerable distance and it is believed that he may have been transported to some point in the State of Illinois. It is desired that the information contained in the letter quoted herein be scrutinized carefully and that efforts be made at Lincoln, Illinois to locate the house mentioned in quoted letter, and to secure any information as to whether or not Bremer was held in that house.

Efforts should also be made to ascertain the names of parties frequenting that house and whether or not such parties are members of a well organized gang which might possibly be associated with Eddie Doll, with aliases, subject of I.O. 1214, since he is the principal suspect in this case.

The Kansas City letter is set out as follows:

SUITE L - FEDERAL BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI,  
FEBRUARY 12, 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:

In an effort to secure some information as to the identity of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, Special Agent H. E. Anderson

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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 Urschel kidnaping 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 Bents and himself in various kidnapings 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 Bents 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 Urschel kidnaping, which LaRue, Bents, 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 yegg 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.

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 outside. The room has small windows, and nothing but vacant fields can be observed if looking out. Bents 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.

Kelly furnished the following description of the owner of this 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 grey, 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 Urschel 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,

(Signed) E. E. CONROY  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Division  
Chicago

Your early attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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

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cc - Division  
St. Paul

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1900 Bankers Bldg.  
Chicago, Illinois.  
February 14, 1934.

Mr. R.A. All,  
Care of City Jail,  
St. Petersburg, Florida.

Re; Unknown Subjects  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim.  
Kidnapping.  
Chicago File # 7-32.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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Dear Sir:

This office has been informed by Mr. Clegg of the Division that Eddie LaRue, alias Eddie Doll, Subject of I.C. 1214, is now in custody at St. Petersburg, Florida. In view of the fact that LaRue with aliases is the principal suspect in the above entitled case, this office has been requested to forward to you such material as might be of assistance in questioning him.

The report of Special Agent F.F. Yearley, St. Louis, Mo, dated 7-3-33, entitled Eddie Doll, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, discloses the nature of the case which the Division has against him. Included herewith is the report of Special Agent O.C. Dovey, Kansas City, Mo, dated 8-28-33, entitled Eddie Doll, with aliases, FUGITIVE, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, which should be helpful. Sol Goldstein has played a part in the activities of LaRue, and a signed statement secured from him is being forwarded herewith, believed to contain information of value.

Information secured discloses that LaRue was an intimate friend of George Kelley, alias Machine Gun Kelley; that they conducted several kidnappings together in the vicinity of Chicago, and that the manner in which Bremer was kidnapped, and the method by which the ransom money was collected is similar, if not identical with the manner in which LaRue has planned and carried out other kidnappings. For your assistance there is enclosed a photostatic copy of a letter from the Kansas City Office to the St. Paul Office, dated February 10, 1934, in the above entitled matter; also a photostatic copy of a letter dated February 9, 1934, from the Detroit office to the St. Paul Office; also a photostatic copy of a letter from the Detroit Office to the St. Paul Office dated January 23, 1934.

In keeping with this same line of thought, a letter dated February 12, 1934, in the above entitled matter, directed by the Kansas City Office to the St. Paul office is being forwarded herewith.

There is strong reason for believing that the same group of persons who held up and robbed the First State Bank of Holland, Michigan on September 1932, and who kidnapped Mr. Hamm of St. Paul, Minn, is responsible for the instant kidnapping. Laboratory tests of a lead chart found in an abandoned auto of the Holland bank robbers, and of ransom notes in the Hamm kidnapping disclose that the same typewriter was used in those instances as in the instant case to write the ransom notes. For this reason it is believed that LaRue, alias Doll, should be questioned carefully as to other parties mentioned in the material which is being forwarded.

For your assistance in questioning with regard to the Holland bank robbery there is enclosed herewith the following; letter dated February 10, 1934, directed by the Chicago Office to the St. Paul Office, in the above entitled matter; letter dated February 9, 1934, directed by the Chicago Office to the Director in the above entitled matter; a photostatic copy of a letter dated February 10, 1934, directed by the Detroit Office to the St. Paul Office in the above entitled matter.

There is also good reason for believing that the party or parties responsible for the kidnapping of Howard A. Woolverton, of South Bend, Indiana, during January 1932, are responsible for the instant kidnapping. Very definite information has been secured from Machine Gun Kelley that Eddie LaRue, alias Doll kidnapped Woolverton. For your assistance in this matter a copy of the statement of Howard A. Woolverton, together with the report of Special Agent J.T. Hartin, Chicago, Ill, dated 2-12-34, in the above entitled matter is being forwarded to you.

As noted in the copy of the letter of February 10, 1934, directed by the Kansas City Office to St. Paul Office, Woolverton was held at a farm house midway between Joliet and Aurora, Ill. Unsuccessful efforts have been made to locate this house. It is therefore requested that LaRue be questioned specifically as to the location of this house. He should also be questioned as to his ownership of a typewriter, or his knowledge of a typewriter which was used to write the ransom letters in instant case. Reference should also be had to the letter of February 12, 1934, from the Kansas City Office to the St. Paul Office in which George Kelley, alias Machine Gun Kelley mentions a home in Lincoln, Ill, which may have been used to harbor a victim. LaRue should be questioned closely as to this.

Your attention is also directed to the report of Special Agent E.P. Guinane dated at Chicago, Ill, December 11, 1933, in the case entitled John Klutas, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, which may be of some assistance to you in this investigation. It is observed that you have a file in this matter.

It is understood that both Woolverton and Bremer were held in basement rooms, and this should be remembered in questioning LaRue. It is to be noted that LaRue was a party to the original plan to kidnap Urschel, and it was his intention to bring Urschel to Aurora, Ill. This should be born in mind, since it is possible that Bremer may have been brought to that point.

Very truly yours,

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

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St. Paul  
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Per K.R.M.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota.**

**St. Paul FILE NO. 7-30**

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
St. Paul, Minn.	2-20-34	2-20-34	E. J. Notestine
TITLE:			CHARACTER OF CASE:
Charged: ALVIN KARPIS alias GEORGE DUNE alias R. E. HAMILTON alias RAYMOND MADLEY alias GEORGE HALLER; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:			
Photograph of ALVIN KARPIS positively identified by clerk in F. & W. GRAND SILVER STORE as purchaser of flashlights used in signalling at time of ransom payment. Cap found in kidnaper's car also identified as worn by Subject KARPIS. Subject had film lens in hand and made inquiry concerning purchase of additional lenses at SILVER STORE. Signed statement obtained. Clerk's fingerprints being forwarded to Division.			
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REFERENCE: Memorandum from Detroit Office, dated February 12, 1934, with copies furnished Division.			
DETAILS:			
At the F. & W. GRAND SILVER STORE, 57-7th Street, St. Paul, it was ascertained that MERIT PRODUCT flashlights are carried in stock by that concern. One, MRS. FLORENCE HUMPHERY, the clerk at the hardware counter, was interviewed and advised that on Saturday, January 27, 1934, she sold three flashlights bearing the MERIT PRODUCT trade mark on the base, two of the lights having a black painted shaft and one a nickel plated shaft, to an unknown person. MRS. HUMPHERY further advised that this man came into the SILVER STORE, at about 11:30 in the morning on the above date, and was standing at the hardware counter examining the flashlights when she noticed him and came from an adjoining counter to take care of his purchase. He stated to her that he wanted three of the lights, indicating by pointing to the flashlight counter. He finally picked up two of the large reflector type flashlights with a black painted shaft, and one with a nickel plated shaft. He tried each to see if it			
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was in good working order and remarked that he wanted to be sure that they would work.

MRS. HUMPHERY further advised that she inquired as to what type of battery he wished and whether or not he desired to pay five cents each for three Arrow batteries for each light, or ten cents each for three Everready batteries for each light. He stated that he would be sure that the lights were satisfactory by choosing Everready batteries for one light and Arrow batteries for the other two lights. During the period of the negotiation, the man appeared to be in somewhat of a hurry, constantly glancing towards the front of the store and at the same time he was particularly interested in being sure that the lights were of good quality and in perfect working order. MRS. HUMPHERY stated, in response to an inquiry by Agent, that she noticed one of his hands particularly and that he held something in the other during his examination of the flashlights. She noticed that, in his right hand he had a small red disk, apparently of glass, or some other material and, after he had completed the purchase of the lights, he held this article up to her and inquired whether or not she carried such an item in stock.

Agent showed a film lens to MRS. HUMPHERY and she stated that the man, in question, had such a lens in his hand and was apparently placing same over the bulb and reflector of the flashlights as he made his choice. She replied to the man's question, referred to above, that the SILVER STORES did not carry any such type article. During the wrapping of the package, MRS. HUMPHERY noted, over her shoulder, that the man continued to examine the flashlights and retained the red disk in his right hand as he did so.

Concerning the description of the customer, MRS. HUMPHERY was very positive and apparently had an excellent recollection of the transaction and in explanation she advised that she noted the man particularly because of the fact that he was nice looking, had large attractive brown eyes, and was a very pleasant customer. Also, because of the fact that he bought three flashlights, whereas, the usual customer buys only one, which aroused her curiosity and she inquired as to the reason for such a purchase and the man replied that he was going on a camping trip and might need three lights.

The following signed statement was obtained from MRS. FLORENCE HUMPHERY, after she had been shown a cap, which was found by WALTER MAGEE in the car provided by the kidnapers for MAGEE'S use in the payment of the ransom. MRS. HUMPHERY stated that she was positive that the purchaser of the flashlights had on such a cap at the time he called at the SILVER STORE. She noted this particularly because of the long visor and that when the customer first came to the hardware counter the visor was down over his eyes and he, later, raised same allowing the cap to rest on the back of his head. The original of the following statement is retained in the St. Paul Division

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St. Paul, Minn.  
Feb. 20/34

I, Florence Himphey am twenty six years of age, married and reside at 217 Carrol Avenue, St. Paul. For the past three and one half years I have been employed at the F. & W. Grand & Silver Store 87 - 7th Street, St. Paul. Since May, 1933 I have worked continuously on the Hardware counter which includes flashlights and electrical equipments. On Saturday morning, January 27, 1934, at about 11:30 A.M., a man called at my counter and said "I want three flashlights" - "I'm going out to camp". He picked out three flashlights of the large reflector type and bearing the name "Merch Products" on the base. Two of these lights had a black painted shaft and one a nickel plated shaft. He had a red disc in his hand and asked me if we had anything like it and I replied that we did not. He held the red disc in his hand while I was wrapping the flashlights and he was handling the flashlights at the counter at that time. He said he was in a hurry and kept turning around and when I gave him his package he walked very fast down the aisle and out of the store. The lights were filled by me with arrow and everready batteries. I put the \$5 arrow batteries in two of the lights and I'm quite certain that I put 10¢ everready batteries in the other light because one of the lights was more than the other. He also bought three extra bulbs for the lights and the total bill was \$3.12. He gave me a \$5.00 bill and he had to wait for change. The man was pleasant appearing and just a little taller than I am. I had to look up to him a little. I am about five feet five. He was not heavily built and was medium to slight. I think he would weigh about 135 pounds. His hair was brown and so were his eyes which were quite large. His complexion was light to medium. His skin was quite clear. He smiled quite a good deal and I think he had fairly nice teeth. He talked a lot about the lights and as to whether they were in good working order or not. He had on high top leather boots with wool socks turned over the tops. The trousers he wore were of dark material. His jacket was of the dark zipper type but was of wool. He had a coat under the jacket which matched the trousers. I thought it was a uniform and that he was a bus driver or Taxi driver. The color of his trousers and jacket was not a tan and was not black but was some shade between the two. I do not recall what sort of a shirt he had on. His necktie was dark but not black. He wore a cap of wool pulled over his eyes - he later pushed it up so I saw his face clearly. The cap was black or blue and had a long bill on it. I have looked at a cap shown me by Mr. E.N. Notesteen of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and I am sure that he wore a cap like it or the one shown me.

I have been shown a photograph carrying the number 1539 K.S.P. and am positive that the photo is a picture of the man to whom I sold the flashlights. The photograph was not handed to me alone but with a group of other pictures and I knew when I saw the photo with No. 1539 K.S.P. ...

that it was the man who bought the lights. I am sure because I noted his eyes and mouth particularly. I always notice and think about a person's eyes. I would know him again if I saw him. The whole thing was a little unusual. He was quite good looking and he bought three flashlights and he had a little red disc in his hand. He was very pleasant, smiled a lot, but was very careful that the lights were just right and he was also in a hurry.

I have read the foregoing statement of four pages and same is all true of my own knowledge.

(Signed) Florence Humphery

Witness:-

E.H. Notestein  
Special Agent  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Dept. of Justice  
203 P.O. Bldg., St. Paul.

It may be noted that several photographs were placed on a counter in the storeroom of the SILVER STORE where the clerk was interviewed and she was allowed, without interruption, to examine these photographs at her leisure. From this group of photographs, she chose the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS, bearing the number 1539, K.S.P., and stated that she was positive that this was the man who had purchased the flashlights and that she would know him again anywhere. The name of KARPIS was not divulged to MRS. HUMPHERY, nor was it mentioned during the course of the interview.

Two sets of fingerprints, which are being forwarded herewith to the Division with copies of this report, were taken of MRS. FLORENCE HUMPHERY. MRS. HUMPHERY was instructed to speak to no one relative to the interview, or the facts developed, and stated that she believed it was to her interest to keep her own counsel inasmuch as she had no desire to be "mixed up with gangsters, or racketeers".

MRS. FLORENCE HUMPHERY is twenty-seven years of age, married, and resides with her husband at 817 Carroll Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. She has been employed at the SILVER STORE for the past three and one-half years and has worked during the past year on the hardware counter, which is her choice. Relative to the possibility of obtaining fingerprints from the 137

and eliminating those of MRS. HUMPHERY, she advised that it is her custom in handling the flashlights, due to the position on the counter, to grasp the shaft of the light in her right hand, placing her left hand over the reflector while raising, or handling.

It may be further noted, in connection with this purchase, that MRS. HUMPHERY indicated that as an afterthought, after she had partially wrapped the bundle, the customer stated that he believed he would take three extra flashlight bulbs so that they might be ready for use in the event that some of the bulbs were defective, or burned out. Concerning the batteries, he inquired particularly as to which was the best battery, the Arrow, or the Everready, and in making his choice decided to take some of each in order that he would be sure to get the best battery.

Concerning MRS. HUMPHERY'S description of the customer, it may be noted that she was not assisted by Agent and volunteered the entire information in this connection.

The following is a description of Subject ALVIN KARPIS, taken from the files of the St. Paul Division Office:

Name:	ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases.
Age:	24 years
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	132 pounds (1930)
Build:	Slender
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	Light
Scars and marks:	1 scar, etc., etc.; small pit, etc. on face.
Police number:	Kansas City, Mo., PD #1550

For the benefit of the interested offices, who may not have same, the descriptions of the following known associates of ALVIN KARPIS are being set out:

Name:	FRED BARKER, with aliases.
Age:	32 years
Height:	5'4 1/2"
Weight:	115 pounds
Eyes:	Blue
Build:	Small

(Description of FRED BARKER, continued)

Nationality: American  
Complexion: Dark  
Hair: Light brown  
Scars: 1" gun shot wrist inner; gun shot wound base left finger, palm hand.  
Police number: #9836 Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas.

VOLNEY DAVIS

Age: 51 years  
Height: 5'8-3/4"  
Weight: 125 pounds (1925)  
Build: Slender  
Hair: Light chestnut  
Eyes: Blue  
Complexion: Fair  
Occupation: Printer  
Nationality: American  
Police Number: #12908 State Penitentiary, McAllaster, Oklahoma.

ARTHUR R. BARKER alias "DOC" BARKER

Age: 34 years  
Height: 5' 3/4"  
Weight: 112 pounds (1922)  
Eyes: Blue  
Complexion: Medium  
Hair: Chestnut  
Build: Short  
Marks: Flesh colored moles one on left cheek; two on right cheek.  
Police number: #11906 State Penitentiary, McAllaster, Oklahoma.

HARRY CAMPBELL alias DAVE,

Age:	30 years
Height:	5'5"
Weight:	135 pounds
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	ruddy
Nationality:	American (Born Wheeling, West Va.)
Build:	Medium
Police number:	79420, SO, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Inquiry has already been made at the six Western Auto Supply Company stores in the Twin Cities, and at REINHARD BROTHERS in Minneapolis. At this point in the investigation, it appears that these two concerns are the only stores in the Twin Cities which sell the genuine filmolens. REINHARD BROTHERS has been eliminated, temporarily, due to the fact that their records show only one sale over the retail counter of two lenses during the period of December, January, and February, and the clerks at the retail counter have all been unable to recall anything concerning this sale. In the wholesale department, shipments in dozen lots and twenty-four lots have been made during the period to the REINHARD BROTHERS branch store at Aberdeen, South Dakota. The preliminary investigation in this connection has already been submitted to the Division in memorandum form.

At the Western Auto Supply Company Stores, through the general manager, MR. GEORGE DERSE, official in charge of all Western Auto Stores in the Twin Cities, a check has been made of all sale slips for all stores in an effort to determine when and where and in what quantity filmolens have been sold in the Twin Cities during the month of January, and February, 1934. It has been ascertained, to date, that no sales of filmolens in excess of two to one person have been sold at any store in the Twin Cities, during the period in question. All employees of these various stores have been questioned and none have any recollection whatever concerning these sales. MR. DERSE has given his wholehearted cooperation in this matter and obtained all of the sales slips from the Kansas City Auditor's Office for examination. Due to the fact that during the period in question thirteen of these lenses were sold at the University Avenue store, a special effort has been made to place the purchase at that concern. Sales slips, however, reflect only individual sales of one at a time and not on consecutive days. Further investigation is being made in this connection.

It may be noted, through invoices and shipping records in possession of MR. BERSE, that on December 27, 1933, twenty-four filmolens were shipped from the St. Paul stock room to the Wichita, Kansas, branch store of the Western Auto Supply Company; that on December 27, 1933, twenty-four of the lenses were also shipped to the Des Moines, Iowa, branch store and on December 29, 1933, twenty-four were sent to the Kansas City, branch store. Leads are being set out for investigation at those stores.

All other concerns, dealing in automobile accessories, have been contacted, the filmolens being declared obsolete in type and in use only on Model "T" Fords has been discontinued by practically all dealers in automobile accessories. It may be further noted that only the three inch lens is in question due to the fact that three inch lenses were used exclusively in the flashlights which made up the signal at the time of the ransom payment. These three inch lenses, as previously reported, were cut down to fit the flashlight but still carried the trade mark stamp "Filmolens". The lens is made for pyralin, is red in color, and appears to be of cellulose material.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

St. Paul Division Office,

At St. Paul, and Minneapolis, Minnesota, will continue the investigation in an effort to locate persons who sold nine filmolenses to the kidnapers.

Kansas City Division Office,

At Wichita, Kansas; Des Moines, Iowa; and Kansas City, Missouri, will make appropriate investigation at the Western Auto Supply Company stores in those cities to determine, if possible, whether or not filmolenses were sold during the months of January or February, 1934, in quantities in excess of one unit. Efforts should be made to determine from all clerks handling these sales whether or not they have any recollection concerning the purchasers and, if so, photographs of ALVIN KARPIS, FRED BARKER, VOLNEY DAVIS, ARTHUR R. BARKER, and HARRY CAMPBELL, should be exhibited to them in an effort to obtain identification of one, or more, of these parties as the purchaser of filmolens. It is requested that this lead be EXPEDITED.

It is noted that the Kansas City Division Office already has photographs of the above named persons.

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FILE NO. 7-82-

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 2/20/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/19/34	REPORT MADE BY: J. I. METCALE TME
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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD BREMER, VICTIM

KIDNAPING

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Anonymous communication received by United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois, relating appearance of suspicious men at tavern north of Rockford, Illinois. Investigation at Rockford substantiated location of tavern but fails to substantiate report of anonymous informant.

**DETAILS:**

At Chicago and Rockford, Illinois

On February 15, 1934, United States Attorney Dwight H. Green, Chicago, Illinois, received the following anonymous communication:

"Several days ago I had a beer at a tavern north of Rockford on the Harlem Road. Met there a girl who had been placed in Geneva. She was my friend's daughter. That same night when I drove up to the tavern, she ran to my car. We drive away. Here is what she told me. Julius Wineberg owns the tavern. He also owns place at 1535 Kishwaukee St. Rose Bianchi only works for him. One night four men came to tavern. Fill tank. Then take other cans of gas in car to men. Stay in back seat. When they go she find card Lafayette Hotel on it. Maybe Bremer Kidnap men. (Unsigned)"

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

*M. H. Quinn*

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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In pursuance of the information contained in this anonymous communication, investigation was conducted at Rockford, Illinois, by Special Agent G. J. Smith, and the following is a summary of the results:

Through Mr. Arthur Johnson, Postmaster at Rockford, Illinois, view was had with the General Delivery Clerk, Arthur Johnson and Walter Wright, who were shown the pictures of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis and the pictures of a number of individuals from the files of the Chicago Police Department, Bulletin Board, dated December 1933, which include names of the following: Harry Tomp, Charles O'Connell and others, and their families.

Mr. Wright, who was interviewed by this office, stated he knew of only one tavern on Harlem Road and this tavern was situated at the junction of Harlem Road and North Second Street; that there is no other tavern on Harlem Road. This information was likewise verified by Mr. Arthur Johnson, the Postmaster, and it was further learned from both these persons that although there are gas pumps adjoining this tavern, they have not been used for over a year. They advised that this tavern was formerly owned by Harry Weinberg, a brother of Julius Weinberg (not Wineberg). They said that Julius Weinberg never owned a tavern on or near Harlem Road and that at this time he operates a tavern on South Myman Street, in the heart of Rockford. Mr. Johnson said that Julius Weinberg is presently on probation for violating the National Prohibition Law and that he has been reporting regularly to the Probation Officer and in the absence of the Probation Officer, he had been making his reports to him, Mr. Johnson.

At the tavern situated at Harlem Road and North Second Street, known as the Harlem Inn, interview was had with Mr. Frank Trauson, who stated he is the proprietor of this tavern, having purchased it from Harry Weinberg on November 2, 1933, and that he has been in sole charge of this place since that time. He also advised that the gasoline pumps which are situated adjoining his tavern, belong to the people who live in the house next door on the west side of North Second Street and that these gasoline pumps have not been used for more than a year.

The pictures above mentioned were displayed to Mr. Trauson but he was unable to identify any of them as being the likeness of any person, who had called at his tavern at any time. He also said he did not recall the appearance of any automobile stopping in front of his tavern, which might have stopped for the purpose of obtaining gasoline from the gas station across the highway and also obtaining extra gasoline in gasoline cans. He pointed out that if such a thing happened, he would not be likely to see it, as he is not concerned with any activity in the neighborhood of the tavern, except such as is taking place in the tavern itself.

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At the gasoline station located across the highway from the Harlem Inn, interview was had with Mr. Roy Olson, who failed to identify any of the above mentioned pictures and also advised that he did not recall any cars stopping for the purpose of filling the gasoline tank and purchasing additional gasoline in cans.

At the tavern reported to be owned by Julius Weisberg, it was learned he could be reached at his home at Broadway and 107th Street and accordingly an interview was had with him at that address where he has an apartment on the fifth floor of the new building at the Northeast corner of Broadway and 107th. Mr. Julius Weisberg observed the above mentioned pictures but was unable to identify any of them as being the likeness of any person known to him, or who has been at his tavern. He selected the picture of ALVIN KARPIS and marked that this one resembled a person who came into his tavern on the afternoon of the interview, wearing overalls, but that he did not know the identity of this individual. The person referred to by Mr. Weisberg came into the tavern and the glass of beer was walked out.

Mr. Weisberg further advised that he has never owned a tavern on Harlem Road or in that vicinity and that the tavern in which his brother Harry Weisberg formerly owned at the corner of Harlem Road and North Second Street, was sold by Harry to Frank Franzen, in November of 1933. Julius Weisberg said, as a matter of fact, this tavern was purchased by Rose Bianchi for Frank Franzen, who, he said, was her sweetheart.

With reference to Rose Bianchi, it may be noted her name appears in both the City and Telephone Directory at Rockford, Illinois, as Mrs. Rose Bianchi, 1533 Kishwaukee Street, telephone number Main 5557, and the premises are listed as a boarding house.

The various persons interviewed, as set forth above, with the exception of Frank Franzen, advised that Rose Bianchi is a number of girls working for her and bears the general reputation of being in the business of prostitution. Walter Wright, the General Delivery Clerk, advised that Rose Bianchi has been operating a business for many years in Rockford and consequently it is probable she is receiving protection from the local authorities, as they never attempted to interfere with her criminal activities.

At the Lafayette Hotel, interview was had with Mr. Mayer, the manager, also, with Mr. W. Taylor and Warren Black, day and night clerks, all of whom failed to identify the pictures mentioned in this report as being the likenesses of persons who have been guests at this hotel.

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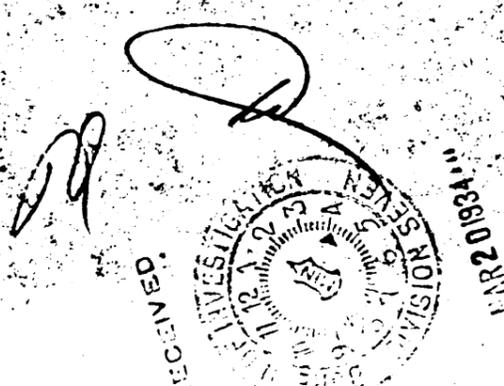
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
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REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2/21/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/20/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. R. McINTIRE - AB</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Henry Bannon, County Jail, Liberty, Mo., reported to have information that one "Jew Eddie" and "Red" McLaughlin may have had something to do with Bremer kidnaping.

**DETAILS:**

On February 20, 1934, Mr. O. H. Abbott, Special Agent for the C. B. & Q. Railroad, St. Joseph, Missouri, residence telephone 65444, office telephone 61160, local 61, appeared at the Chicago Division office in connection with an interstate shipment case, and advised he had information which might be helpful in the Bremer kidnaping case.

He advised that he has recently assisted in the breaking of a large interstate shipment case involving eighteen or more persons, in which Henry Bannon alias "Red" Lewis alias Jimmie Lewis is involved. He declared that Bannon is now in the County Jail at Liberty, Missouri, and that a Federal complaint has been filed against him.

**DETAILS:**

He informed that Bannon hails from East Dubuque, Illinois, where he was an habitue of Rhue Brown's roadhouse, which may also be known as the Sunset Inn roadhouse, operated by Rhue Brown and Martin Rider; that Bannon was sent to the Iowa State Reformatory at Anamosa, Iowa, in 1927, and was released in 1930; that thereafter he again frequented the Rhue Brown roadhouse until he was arrested on January 13, 1934 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and extradited to Missouri.

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Bannon informed Abbott that Rhue Brown and Martin Rider were involved in the hi-jacking activities on which Bannon is now held; further, that Babe Jones, who was involved in the Hockett kidnaping in Chicago, spent a considerable amount of time in the vicinity of Dubuque, Iowa, at which time he often represented himself as a Prohibition officer.

Bannon informed Abbott that he, Bannon, knows a Chicago gangster by the name of "Jew Eddie", also a gangster from East Dubuque, Illinois, known as "Red" McLaughlin. It is reported that Jew Eddie and McLaughlin fled to Georgia when the Government was investigating the recent kidnaping of Clem J. McGuire at Dubuque, Iowa. It was further reported to Abbott that in either 1932 or 1933 Rhue Brown, Jew Eddie and Red McLaughlin had in their possession about \$500.00 in United States Postal stamps, which stamps ranged in denomination from two cents to twenty cents, and that they tried to get Bannon to dispose of these stamps, which were alleged to have come from an unknown Post Office robbery.

Abbott was further informed by Bannon that during either 1932 or 1933 Jew Eddie was charged in the Federal Courts with violation of the narcotic laws, and that he, Jew Eddie, attempted to persuade one Dr. U. S. Lewis or Louis of East Dubuque, Illinois, to perfect an alibi for Jew Eddie, indicating that he, Jew Eddie, was sick on the date the crime was committed and was being attended by Dr. Lewis.

Information has also come to Mr. Abbott that one Heine Jensen of East Dubuque, Illinois, a bootlegger, told Bannon that Fred Lizira of East Dubuque, Illinois was to be "snatched" by Jew Eddie and Red McLaughlin with Rhue Brown as finger man. It is understood that Lizira is the chief boss in gambling circles in East Dubuque. Instead, however, it is reported that they "snatched" "Red" McGuire, who is believed to be identical with Clem J. McGuire, victim in the case entitled "Frank Souder with aliases, et al. - Kidnaping", Chicago file 7-6.

Abbott stated that Bannon told him that it was his, Bannon's, belief that Jew Eddie and Red McLaughlin are involved in the Bremer kidnaping in view of the fact that they have been interested in kidnapings in the past. Bannon advised Abbott that he noted in the newspapers that Bremer was transported in an automobile for approximately ten hours after his abduction, and it was Bannon's belief that Bremer may have been brought to a point in the vicinity of East Dubuque, Illinois by Jew Eddie and Red McLaughlin and their associates, whose names are not known. Bannon informed Abbott that Jew Eddie had told him, Bannon, on previous occasions that he, Jew Eddie, had connections and friends in St. Paul, which would make it possible for him to commit such a kidnaping. It is understood that Bannon has not seen either Jew Eddie or Red McLaughlin in several months.

Mr. Abbott informed that a Missouri State Trooper, who is located at the barracks in North Kansas City, Missouri, named Ellis, first name unknown, met him, Abbott, on a highway in Missouri not long ago, and displayed a picture of one Hadley alias Karpis or Karpis, also a photograph of Fred Barker. It is to be noted that Mr. Abbott is not at all certain of the aliases of Hadley, but he informed that Mr. Ellis told him that he, Abbott, should be on the lookout for these men; that they are very badly wanted by the Government, and it is Mr. Abbott's belief that Ellis stated that Hadley and Barker are wanted by the Government in connection with the Bremer kidnaping. Ellis informed Abbott that Hadley is alleged to be from St. Joseph, Missouri.

Mr. Abbott informed that the investigation at Dubuque, Iowa on the interstate shipment case in which he is interested disclosed that there is a prostitute, Ruth Johnson, operating at Rhue Brown's roadhouse, who is also from Joplin, Missouri, and it is Abbott's belief that she may be familiar with Hadley and Barker in view of the fact that Hadley comes from St. Joseph, Missouri also.

Bannon informed Abbott that Heine Jansen of East Dubuque, Illinois might be prevailed upon to talk and perhaps would have considerable information in regard to gangsters in that region.

It is noted that Henry Bannon has a girl friend, Dorothy Straub, living at 390<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> East 12th Street, Dubuque, Iowa, but it is believed that she knows very little concerning the activities of the gang.

It was further learned that Mrs. Rhue Brown, who is separated from Rhue Brown, operator of the above mentioned roadhouse, has a sister, Julia Roth, who is a waitress at the Junian Hotel Coffee Shop and Dutch Room at Dubuque, Iowa.

It was further learned that Brown is now living with a prostitute, Dorothy Ambs, at Brown's roadhouse in East Dubuque, Illinois. Brown is reported to be at liberty on a Federal bond, being implicated in the interstate shipment case in which Mr. Abbott is interested.

Mr. Abbott also informed that one George Eugene Baker is now in the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois, being held in the interstate shipment case in which Mr. Abbott is interested. Baker is also from Dubuque, Iowa and may have information in regard to Jew Eddie and Red McLaughlin. Mr. Abbott furnished this agent with pictures of Bannon and Baker, which are being retained in the files of the Chicago Division office.

Mr. Abbott picked up a book belonging to Ruth Johnson and furnished agent with several names and addresses found in this book. The identity of the parties named is not known nor are their connections known, but it is believed advisable to set them out in the event they become of importance as a result of later investigation.

Mr. G. H. Johnson, 3908 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, Ill.  
also 719 East 39th St., telephone Atlantis 1400.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete and George, Orpheum Restaurant,  
Chicago, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael, Stillwater, Minn., R.F.D. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Swanson, 3841 Lake Park Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

Mr. John Wesley Burris, 404 Main Street, Joplin, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spencer, Richey, Mo.

Mr. Charley Dallas, 4260 - 7th St., Ecourse, Mich.

Mrs. Minnie Stirson, same address.

Sammy Good, San Francisco, California, telephone  
Garfield 1525.

Mr. and Mrs. Rue Brown, East Dubuque, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goldy, 3851 Lake Park Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldy, 4012 Brexel Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

Miss Pearl Goldy, 4012 Brexel Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

Dr. F. B. Otten, 3856 South Parkway, Chicago, Ill.

Dr. G. E. Shart or Sharp, 3856 South Parkway, Chicago, Ill.

Don or Dan Woolery and Lucille Woolery, address not shown.

There is a notation in the papers of Ruth Johnson furnished by Mr. Abbott that Mr. S. H. Johnson left Chicago to go to Miami, Florida for three months; that he left on January 16, 1934. It is just possible that this may have reference to either Jew Eddie or Red McLaughlin. These notes will be retained in the files of the Chicago Division office.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**CHICAGO OFFICE:** Will interview Babe Jones at the Cook County Jail, who may know something with reference to Jew Eddie and Red McLaughlin. Will also interview George Eugene Baker at the Cook County Jail in regard to the same matter.

**KANSAS CITY OFFICE:** Will interview Henry Bannon at the County Jail at Liberty, Missouri along the lines set out in this report. Before interviewing him, however, it is imperative that Mr. O. H. Abbott be present to introduce an agent, since Abbott informed that he had told Bannon to talk to no one in regard to any matters. In view of this fact an agent would not be able to secure any information from Bannon without the presence of Abbott. Abbott should be located through Kansas City, Missouri telephone number Main 8710, extension 33, this being the office of Mr. L. C. Morley, who is an assistant of Mr. Abbott.

Will at North Kansas City, Missouri interview State Trooper Ellis and ascertain whether or not the picture of Hadley, which he showed Abbott, is identical with Alvin Karpis. If Hadley is not identical with Karpis, ascertain from Ellis if Hadley is a friend of Fred Barker, and why it is thought that Hadley is involved in the Bremer case.

It is noted that East Dubuque, Illinois is located in the Chicago territory, but inquiries in Chicago and East Dubuque, Illinois will be held in abeyance until an interview has been had with Bannon. It is believed that the Kansas City office should then set out appropriate leads.

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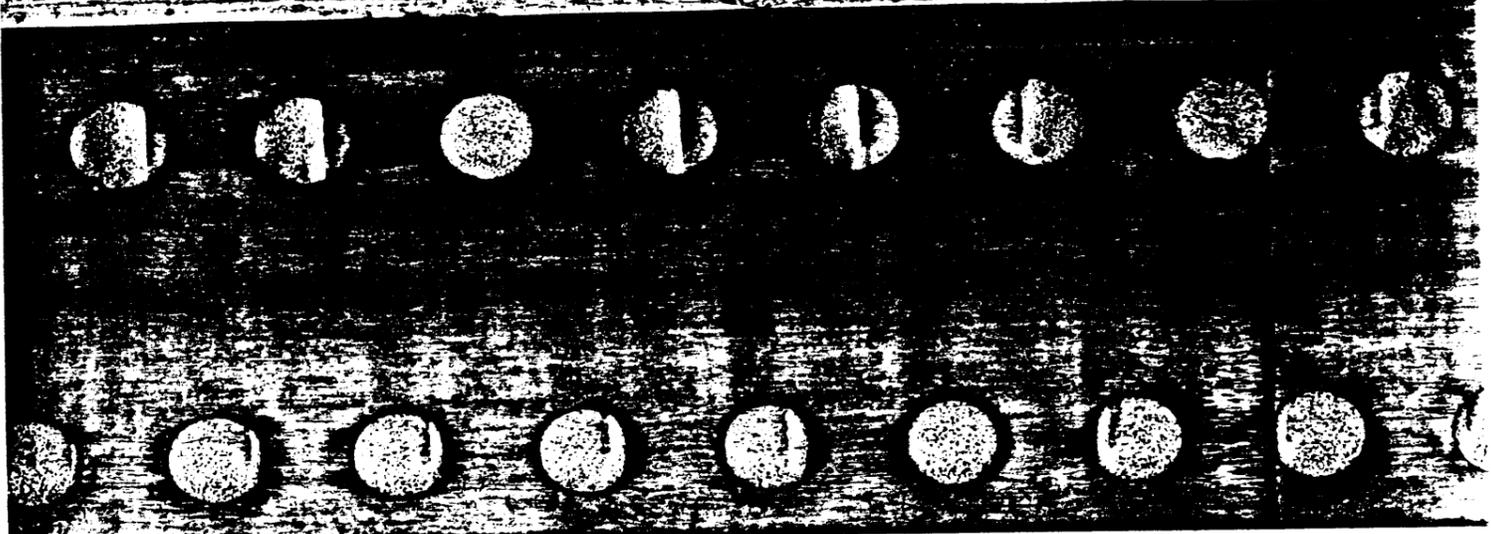
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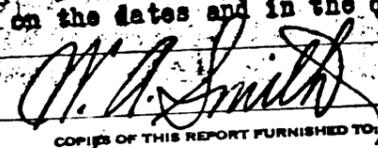
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REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2/22/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/19, 20, 21/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. C. JAMISON</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, alias GEORGE DUNE, alias R. E. HAMILTON, alias RAYMOND HADLEY, alias GEORGE HALLER UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Records of Chicago Office of Cluett Peabody & Company, Inc. examined and list of firms obtained who purchased during 1933 and 1934 shirt manufactured by above company bearing stock and style number K-2419 Park C, which has been identified as style of shirt purchased for Victim.

**REFERENCE:** Division letter to St. Paul Office, dated 2/14/34.  
Letter of Special Agent in Charge F. X. Fay, New York, dated 2/16/34.

**DETAILS:** Mr. E. C. Pfeffer of Cluett Peabody & Company, Room 845, Merchandise Mart Building, Chicago, Illinois, was contacted by Special Agent J. T. Martin of this Office and arrangements made for an examination of all invoices of this company covering the years of 1933 and 1934 for sales made in following states: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and South Dakota. A check of all invoices was accordingly made by Special Agents J. T. Martin, R. E. Gillespie, J. E. Wellis and the writer of this report, for sales of Cluett Peabody & Company, Inc. shirt which is described as a light weight cotton flannel, containing approximately 4 per cent wool, with two (2) military pockets, retailing for \$2.50, and which bears their style and stock number K-2419 Park C. This examination resulted in the compilation of the following listed stores who purchased such shirts on the dates and in the quantities set forth in the tabulation below.

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LIST OF STORES PURCHASING  
CLUBBET PEABODY SHIRT NUMBER K-2419 Park 2

ILLINOIS

CITY OF CHICAGO

NAME OF STORE

ADDRESS

DATE OF PURCHASE

NO. SHIRTS PURCHASED

Boyntons	106 N. LaSalle St.	1/16/33	2
Cinofaky, J.	917 S. Halsted St.	8/28/33	1
"	"	9/25/33	1
Davis Co.	State & Van Buren Sts. (Dept. 79)	2/5/33	1
Edwards Clothing Co.	8058 S. Halsted St.	5/12/33	5
Hyman, M. & Son	215 N. Clark St.	2/22/33	1 (damaged)
"	"	8/12/33	1
Hub, The (Henry Co.)	State & Jackson Sts.	2/1/33	15
"	"	2/21/33	5
"	"	8/1/33	6
"	"	8/17/33	47
"	"	10/12/33	6
"	"	10/16/33	14
"	"	8/21/33	6
"	"	11/2/33	9
"	"	9/22/33	3
"	"	1/4/34	15
"	"	1/4/34	5
"	"	1/15/34	5
"	"	12/20/33	5
"	"	1/18/34	5
(NOTE: All shirts to The Hub for Dept. 40-401)			
Meyerhoff, H. J.	746 Root St.	9/22/33	3
Pellet, David J.	46 E. 32nd St.	5/10/33	3
"	"	5/25/33	3

ILLINOIS

CITY OF CHICAGO

<u>NAME OF STORE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE OF PURCHASE</u>	<u>NO. SHIRTS PURCHASED</u>
Possik, Eugene	1156 S. Halsted St.	7/14/33	3
Washington Stores, Inc.	38 W. Washington St.	7/7/33	3
(NOTE: For 801 N. Wabash Ave.)			
Washington Stores, Inc.	38 W. Washington St.	12/16/33	3
(NOTE: For Lake & Wabash Ave.)			

ILLINOIS - IN COOK COUNTY - OUTSIDE OF CHICAGO

Hub, The (Dept. 40-401)	Evanston, Ill.	1/22/33	1
" " " "	" " " "	12/16/33	3
" " " "	" " " "	1/15/34	3
" " " "	Oak Park, "	9/12/33	18
" " " "	" " " "	10/16/33	24
" " " "	" " " "	12/16/33	3
Jeschke, George	Park Ridge "	8/8/33	3
" " " "	" " " "	9/1/33	3
" " " "	" " " "	2/11/33	3
Welch's	Riverside "	4/23/33	3

ILLINOIS - OUT OF CHICAGO - NOT IN COOK COUNTY

Durkin & Durkin	Waukegan	11/10/33	3
Howard Henry	Harvard	5/17/33	3
Roberts Bros.	Springfield (523 E. Wash.)	12/29/33	21

INDIANA

American Bridge Athletic Association	Gary	7/29/33	3
Hub, The	Gary	8/15/33	3
Dewanter & Co.	Lafayette (416 Main St.)	9/25/33	3
Higgins & Snyder	Goshen	9/28/33	3
Nazdeman, P.	Indiana Harbor	9/31/33	3
Sorensen, Micky	Michigan City	5/17/33	3

MICHIGAN

NAME OF STORE	ADDRESS	DATE OF PURCHASE	NO. SHIRTS PURCHASED
Arms Bros.	Milford	2/8/33	5
Beck, Louis	Lansing	8/11/33	2
Blumenthal, B & Co.	West Branch	8/27/33	2
Burkingham, Inc.	Flint	2/2/35	3
"	"	1/29/38	9
"	"	1/17/38	4
"	"	1/8/34	9
" (24859)	"	1/8/34	56
"	"	3/13/35	2
Corbishley, F. A.	Bad Axe	12/20/33	3
Corwin, Ray S. Est.	Greenville	12/14/33	3
Goodman & Goldbaum	Benton Harbor	2/27/33	8
Haas, Ed. & Co.	Houghton	5/25/33	3
"	Calumet	9/29/33	3
Hamilton Clo. Co.	Traverse City	4/6/33	5
Jirosh, Francis & Co.	Muskegon	4/18/33	2
Jeffee's, H. P.	Hancock	5/18/33	3
"	"	12/27/33	5
"	"	12/19/33	5
"	"	7/11/33	3
Kann's Dept. Store	Algonac	12/16/33	6
"	"	5/18/33	1 sample
Kool-Knapper	Kalamazoo	10/3/33	2
Levinson, M. A.	Charlevoix	2/11/33	13
McCann & Sons	Midland	12/14/33	13
Merfus	Saginaw	7/12/33	9
Nicklethaler Co. Ltd.	Harbor Beach	1/5/33	3
"	"	10/11/33	9
Sackin, A. & Co.	Iron Mountain	3/9/33	21
Skud, A.	Iron Wood	1/16/33	3
Springer & Rose	Port Huron (205 Huron St.)	11/29/33	6
"	"	12/24/33	6
"	"	7/1/33	2
Thomas, Andy	Port Huron	12/15/33	3
Westgate Condra & Co.	Adrian	10/24/33	3
Young, Ben. F. & Co.	Essex	9/13/33	12

NAME OF STORE	ADDRESS	DATE OF PURCHASE	NO. SHIRTS PURCHASED
Abel & Abel	Marshalltown (26 E. Main)	12/20/33	3
Cramblit & Poling	Ottumwa	1/12/33	3
"	"	3/22/33	3
"	"	9/22/33	3
Knabnit	Mauly	10/11/33	3
Gildner Bros.	Marshalltown	5/3/33	3
"	"	12/22/33	3
Gildner Groves Co.	Maquoketa	3/11/33	3
"	"	11/13/33	3
Kennedy Bros.	Bancroft	3/2/33	3
Klove's	Iowa Falls	12/13/33	3
Ritchie Bros.	Oelwein	6/9/33	3

MINNESOTA

Ayd & Dudley	St. Paul	9/23/33	35
Continental, The (J.C. Neville)	Winona (65 E. 3rd)	4/24/33	3
"	"	8/17/33	6
"	"	12/19/33	15
Dayton, The Co.	Minneapolis	8/30/33	18
"	"	12/14/33	24
"	"	12/2/33	6
"	"	12/14/33	24
Flean Leverock Ahlen	Duluth	5/12/33	3
"	"	12/20/33	3
Gildner Bros.	Austin	12/16/33	3
Kollener's Inc.	Stillwater	12/15/33	3
"	"	12/16/33	3
Junglaus & Pudlitzke	Howard Lake	12/16/33	3
Juster Bros.	Minneapolis	10/20/33	3
Miller & O'Flaherty	Wabasha	1/23/33	3
Muller Clothing Co.	Winona	5/22/33	3
Nelson, Adold C.	Princeton	12/16/33	3
Rogowski Bros.	St. Paul (138 N. Concord)	5/11/33	3

MINNESOTA		DATE OF PURCHASE	NO. CHIRTS PURCHASED
NAME OF STORE	ADDRESS		
Schuneman's	St. Paul	8/24/33	20
"	"	2/9/33	25
"	"	10/9/33	20
"	"	12/23/33	12
Shuermaier, H. & Son	Keewatin	1/5/33	3
Standard, The Clothing Co.	Minneapolis	9/30/33	2
"	"	1/29/34	3

NORTH DAKOTA

Broadway Tailoring Co.	Fargo (116 Broadway)	1/20/33	3
"	"	12/9/33	3
Mann's Inc.	Devil's Lake	1/15/33	3
Studness, C.T. Store	Church's Ferry	12/23/33	3

SOUTH DAKOTA

Conley, John H.	Watertown	8/30/33	3
Olson, H. Co.	Brookings	1/27/33	3

WISCONSIN

National Family Ind. Co.	Milwaukee (2117 W. National Ave.)	1/5/33	3
"	"	1/24/33	3
"	"	1/5/33	3
Hersfield-Phillipson Co.	"	1/17/33	20
" (Boston Store)	"	9/6/33	4
"	"	8/8/33	30
"	"	9/12/33	33
Gimbel Bros.	"	12/9/33	12
"	"	12/20/33	3
Stock Bros.	" (2768 N. Teulonia Ave.)	12/14/33	6
Bull, Lawrence A. Inc.	" (164 W. Wisconsin Ave.)	12/14/33	36

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WISCONSIN

<u>NAME OF STORE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE OF PURCHASE</u>	<u>NO. SHIRTS PURCHASED</u>
Stumpf, Chas. J. & Sons	Milwaukee	10/23/53	42
Schmitz, F. J. & Sons (The Hub)	Madison (22 W. Miff- lin St.)	12/19/53	5
" " " " " "	" " " "	12/27/53	12
" " " " " "	" " " "	2/4/53	25
Helling & Greff	Wausau	1/16/53	5
" " " " " "	" " " "	5/8/53	15
Seis Bros	" " " "	6/23/53	3
" " " " " "	" " " "	9/14/53	5
" " " " " "	" " " "	12/19/53	18
" " " " " "	" " " "	10/4/53	5
" " " " " "	" " " "	8/8/53	12
Johnson, Inc.	Burlington	1/5/53	3
Ahern, T. E.	Fond du Lac	1/6/53	9
" " " " " "	" " " "	9/20/53	24
" " " " " "	" " " "	8/9/53	5
Razner, Ed.	Stevens Point	1/25/53	5
Hughes Clo. Co.	Appleton	1/31/53	15
Homer Bros.	Green Bay	12/9/53	9
Mays	Ashland	12/15/53	5
Snyder, Carl A.	Oconomowoc	12/22/53	5
" " " " " "	" " " "	8/9/53	4
Iserman Bros.	Kenosha	5/6/53	1
" " " " " "	" " " "	3/22/53	5
Zaemle, Louis	Marshfield	5/7/53	18
Laing, J. & Sons	Waukesha	5/9/53	3
Lawrence, Jos. Inc.	Racine	5/24/53	5
" " " " " "	" " " "	8/25/53	5
Kuechenberg & Bontwell	Columbus	5/3/53	5
Newburg, P. Clo. Co.	La Crosse	2/2/53	12
Schweke Bros. Co.	Reedsburg	2/8/53	2
Bower-Kelly Co. Inc.	Delavan	4/5/53	5
Felix, M. J.	Viroqua	4/18/53	3
Oshkosh Continental Co.	Oshkosh	8/9/53	27
Vieth Co.	Ripon	8/22/53	5
" " " " " "	" " " "	9/15/53	3
George Bros.	Beloit (State & Grand)	1/31/53	6
Newbury, W. H. Clo. Co.	Medford	9/1/53	5
Redeker & Van De Zande	(address to be determined)	2/9/53	5

The list of dealers handling Arrow shirts as set forth in the letter of Special Agent in Charge F. X. Fay, dated at New York City, 2/14/34, has been checked against the list of firms secured by the inspection of the records of the Glueck Peabody Co. in the City of Chicago. These firms set forth in the letter of Mr. Fay, above referred to, which do not appear to have received any shipments of shirt number K-2419 Park C have been omitted from the above tabulation. In the event that it becomes necessary to make a check of all dealers who have received Arrow shirts, the list of firms submitted by Mr. Fay will be available.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CHICAGO OFFICE, in keeping with the suggestions contained in the Division letter to St. Paul, dated 2/14/34, will compare list of stores purchasing these shirts with a list of stores purchasing underwear manufactured by the Appalachian Mills of Knoxville, Tennessee, as set forth in letter of W. A. Smith, Acting Special Agent in Charge to the Director, dated at Chicago, February 17, 1934, copies of which were furnished to the offices receiving copies of this report, and will immediately contact those stores which have purchased both shirts and underwear, and display photographs of suspects thereto for possible identification. If this inquiry is unproductive, then the stores purchasing shirts only, or underwear only, will be contacted for the same purpose.

It is requested that the ST. PAUL OFFICE advise the offices to which copies of this report have been sent as to what investigation in connection with this matter is desired of those offices.

PENDING.

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

February 20, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Police Conditions in St. Paul.

On the afternoon of January 23, 1934, at a conference at which were present Adolph Bremer, Adolph Bremer, Jr., Otto Bremer, Walter Magee, C. E. Newsome, Chief of Police Dahill of St. Paul, and myself, the Chief of Police and I were handed four letters consisting of three handwritten notes from Victim Edward Bremer to Dr. H. T. Nippert, Walter Magee, and Victim Bremer's wife, and one letter, typewritten, addressed to "Charles Magee" by the kidnapers. These letters were given to the Chief of Police and myself, and assurance of the strictest secrecy was given by both of us. We were cautioned to tell no person whatsoever and agreed so to do. The conference ended at about three o'clock.

I came to the St. Paul office, and the letters, which had been wrapped in cellophane, were forwarded by air mail at approximately four o'clock to the Division at Washington for possible development of latent prints thereon. About thirty minutes later there appeared on the street in an extra edition of the St. Paul Daily News an article to the effect that a bottle had been hurled through the glass door of the vestibule of the house of Dr. H. T. Nippert a few days previous thereto containing two "ransom notes". The ransom notes in question, as indicated in the foregoing, were in a matter of fact delivered in the manner described on the morning of Friday, January 20.

I immediately communicated with Chief of Police Dahill and asked him to come to my room at the hotel. He arrived there about seven o'clock. I told him that we were "on the spot", and that I understood the only persons who knew of these ransom notes in addition to those present at the conference on the foregoing occasion were the two of us, and that either he or I had been guilty, or should be considered guilty, of making public these notes or permitting them to be made public. I told him that I had told no person inasmuch as I had not communicated with any newspaper representative myself and the information could not have leaked from the St. Paul office.

Chief of Police Dahill told me that he had told his two chief assistants, Charles Tierney, Chief of Detectives, and Tom Brown, Detective in Charge of the kidnaping squad, who was formerly chief of police in St. Paul. At this juncture, he asked whether Mr. Hanni knew anything about it and could be present. I told him that Mr. Hanni did not know anything about it, but if he wished it, Mr. Hanni could be present. He said he preferred to have Mr. Hanni present because Mr. Hanni is acquainted with police conditions here. Previously, Mr. Hanni had telephoned him at my request telling him that I would not be able to furnish Chief Dahill with photostatic copies of these notes as I had promised, the reason being that he could not be certain that any photostat operator could be trusted in a secret matter of this kind. Mr. Hanni came to the hotel room and I reiterated what I had said to the Chief as outlined above. Dahill then said that there is only one man responsible and he knew it; that it was Tom Brown, who had been a source of information and contact for the St. Paul Daily News. The St. Paul Daily News, it should be noted, had been vigorously attacking the administration of the city of St. Paul and the police. Dahill was very emphatic in his denunciation of Tom Brown and said, "It is my belief now that he (meaning Brown) 'essed' both the Hamm and the Bremer cases."

I then told Dahill that in some manner the matter must be placed before Adolph Bremer inasmuch as I was involved equally with him, and Adolph Bremer would naturally believe one or the other of us to be guilty of this leak. Dahill stated emphatically that nobody but Brown could have given this information to the Daily News.

We then proceeded to the residence of Adolph Bremer. I told Bremer that in connection with the publicity, of which he was already aware, I had asked the Chief of Police to go to his home with me; that as far as I was concerned, the information I had received from him had been given to no person whatsoever and that the Chief would make his statement to him. Dahill then told Adolph Bremer that he had imparted the information relative to the ransom notes to Charles Tierney and Tom Brown; that there was no question in his mind that Brown had imparted the information to the Daily News and that Brown, in his opinion, was implicated in both the Hamm and the Bremer kidnapings. Adolph Bremer expressed considerable surprise, stating that he had been responsible for Tom Brown's being made Chief of Police and felt very badly that any suspicion could be raised against him.

Adolph Bremer then telephoned for Walter Magee; and upon Walter Magee's coming to the office, Dahill repeated his statement to the effect that Brown was implicated in both the Hamm and the Bremer kidnapings. Magee also expressed his surprise and narrated at some

length the political indebtedness of Tom Brown to Adolph Bremer.

Both Chief of Police Dahill and myself left the house shortly thereafter. In the meantime, however, Adolph Bremer had expressed his regret that Dahill had not kept his word to him and had imparted the information relative to the ransom notes to both Tierney and Brown. Dahill said that he had to do that because Tierney and Brown were working with him on the case and in order to work efficiently, they should be in possession of all the information.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD NATHAN,  
Assistant Director.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota.**

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<b>TITLE</b> (UNKNOWN SUBJECTS) EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.		<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> KIDNAPING.	
<b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS</b> This report is a resume of conferences with ADOLPH BREMER in the matter of ransom negotiations for the return of his son EDWARD G. BREMER.			
<b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent J. E. Brennan dated 2-17-34 at St. Paul, Minnesota.			
<b>DETAILS:</b> This report is intended to supplement that of Special Agent J. E. Brennan dated 2-17-34 at St. Paul, Minnesota, to such an extent as to afford a record of certain conferences conducted between ADOLPH BREMER and the writer of this report at which at times others were present. I arrived in St. Paul, Minnesota, on the morning of January 19th. After coming to the office and discussing the matter in general with Special Agent in Charge Hanni, I proceeded with him to the police station. The Chief of Police was there, also MICHAEL KINKAD, County Attorney of Ramsey County, Minnesota; CHARLES TIERNY, Chief of Detectives; and TOM BROWN, Detective in Charge of kidnaping squad. The details of the kidnaping were discussed in general. It was also stated that the ransom of \$200,000 was being raised by the BREMER family. At that time, DAHILL said that everything possible was being done in the matter. I suggested at that time that if a ransom was paid, the money should be marked in addition to making a record of the numbers on the bills. I then suggested to Mr. Hanni that we call on ADOLPH BREMER. This was done, and apparently, DAHILL and KINKAD conceived similar ideas and proceeded to			
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the residence of ADOLPH BREMER, 855 West 7th Street. MR. OTTO BREMER, the brother of ADOLPH BREMER, later came to the house. I expressed my sympathy to both of them and stated that anything the Division of Investigation could do would be gladly done and I had been sent there by the Director for the purpose of cooperating with the family and that the family's interests would be paramount with the Division until the kidnaped victim had been returned. It was apparent to me that the raising of the money was in the hands of OTTO BREMER.

Shortly thereafter, I talked with OTTO BREMER in the library and urged that the ransom notes be marked in some manner, suggesting [redacted]. He listened in a somewhat indifferent and dazed manner. I was of the opinion at that time that the suggestion would not be followed. I left the house shortly thereafter. However, before so doing, I suggested that a representative of this Division be placed on duty for 24 hours in order that he might assist in various matters that might arise in connection with the return of the kidnaped victim. ADOLPH BREMER assented to this. TOM BROWN, who was still present, suggested that he would like to discuss with Chief Dahill (who had left) the matter of also having a representative of the Police Department there. A representative of the Police Department, incidentally, was placed on duty at the ADOLPH BREMER home, together with an agent of this Division. Arrangements were also made to assign an agent on 24-hour duty at the residence of EDWARD BREMER, the victim.

I had a short talk with ADOLPH BREMER on the 20th and 21st of January and a longer conference on Sunday afternoon, January 22nd. At the January 22nd conference, at which were present WARREN T. GODFREY and CARL L. V. EKSELSER, attorneys from New York, I again reiterated the personal interest of the Division in the return of the kidnaped victim safely and stated that the family's interests were the Division's interests until that time. At that time, ADOLPH BREMER discussed the possibility of paying them a smaller amount of ransom, mentioning \$50,000. I suggested that if he secured a chance to negotiate, which had not been the case in other kidnappings, a smaller offer than the full sum of \$200,000 might well be made.

On the morning of Monday, January 22nd, I had a further conference with ADOLPH BREMER at the BREMER brewery office. There were present at various intervals OTTO BREMER, ADOLPH BREMER, JR., MAGEE and NEWCOME. The matter of his cooperation with law enforcement authorities was discussed. He agreed to cooperate fully with this Division. There was discussed at some length the matter of cooperating with the police. ADOLPH BREMER and others expressed the dissatisfaction with the police because of the fact that the details of the original conference held on the morning of the kidnaping had been given to the newspapers and published about 24 hours thereafter by them. I refrained from expressing any definite opinion as to whether they should or should not

take Chief of Police DAHILL into their confidence, indicating that this was a matter that they would have to decide for themselves. It should be borne in mind that all of these people had been intimate with DAHILL, KINKRAD, and other members of the local police force and local government. They requested me to return in the afternoon. I did so about three o'clock. Upon going into the private office of ADOLPH BREMER, he took me aside and requested that I not oppose any plan for taking DAHILL into the family confidence; that he "had to live with the police"; that he was in the brewery business and that it was absolutely necessary to remain on good terms with all those possessing local authority. I agreed that I would not oppose it. Apparently, he gathered from the morning conference that I had been opposed to it although I had made no open expression of opposition thereto. We proceeded into another room and found DAHILL there. ADOLPH BREMER then produced the three handwritten and one typewritten note referred to at length in letter to the Division of even date, copy of which is attached hereto.

For the following days, later conferences with ADOLPH BREMER were without particular significance. He stated that he was bitterly disappointed in the police. He stated that there is too much politics in the police force. He stated that he considered DAHILL honest but he and MAGEE stated that DAHILL, of course, did not have a free hand. At one of these conferences, permission was secured from ADOLPH BREMER for the Division to use the necessary acid on the ransom notes that had been forwarded there for the purpose of developing latent prints. At one of these conferences, I explained to ADOLPH BREMER that the Attorney General's statement in stating that the family were not fully cooperating was undoubtedly for the purpose of assisting in the return of EDWARD BREMER by indicating to the kidnapers that the family were not cooperating with the Government but were keeping it as secret as possible in order that the victim might be returned and the ransom paid.

On the evening of Sunday, January 28th, I called at the BREMER house and there talked to ADOLPH BREMER, who was alone. This, it might be noted, was a rare happening. ADOLPH BREMER then told me in the very strictest confidence that on the Friday evening before, a contact had been made with the kidnapers but that it had fallen through because the information had come too late. He said that the contact had been made with a hunting companion of EDWARD BREMER and that a parcel check for a bag at the St. Paul Bus Station had been sent to them but the bag had been secured and opened and directions found therein; that, however, this had not been received until 8:20 on the night of Friday, January 26th; that the bus left for Des Moines at 8:40; that the time lock had been put on the vault in which the ransom money was being held and that it was too late to make any arrangements. He stated that MAGEE had refused to go to Des Moines without the money. He asked my opinion, and I told him that I believed that the contact should have been attempted by MAGEE, who could have explained to the kidnapers that the note had arrived too late to get the money and that at the same time this would afford an opportunity to endeavor to

limit or reduce the payment of the ransom by explaining to the kidnapers the embarrassed financial condition of the family and the fact that \$200,000 could not well be raised. ADOLPH BREMER was very nervous and cautioned me that under no circumstances should this information be divulged. He had become increasingly nervous about my coming to the house or brewery. I told him that I, of course, had not come often and would come less often, but that I did not believe that either the house or the brewery would be covered by the kidnapers. He showed me for a few brief seconds an autographed note from EDWARD BREMER to him and a typewritten note from the kidnapers along the same lines as previous notes. These notes, it later developed, were those delivered through JOHN MILLER. ADOLPH BREMER stated definitely that the handwritten note was in EDWARD'S handwriting. I expressed no opinion thereto, but told him to be certain that EDWARD was alive at the time of any payment of ransom and suggested several means of being assured of this condition.

On the previous day, request had been made by ADOLPH and OTTO BREMER that two Special Agents of the Division who were unknown in St. Paul be placed on guard at the bank from the regular closing time, about 4:30, until such time in the evening as the time lock might be put on. A police guard had been on guard at the bank during the daytime. I assented to this request after securing Division authorization from Washington.

In view of the increasing nervousness of the family, my conferences during the week following the 28th of January were confined to brief visits to the brewery. During this week, however, Special Agent in Charge Ladd arrived from Detroit and was sent to Des Moines by bus and told to register at the hotel Fort Des Moines under an assumed name and observe, if possible, any suspicious individuals loitering there and also, if it could be done without arousing suspicion, to meet the bus which arrived at Des Moines at 5:40 each morning from St. Paul. The instructions of the kidnapers, according to conference with ADOLPH BREMER on the night of Sunday, January 28th, were to the effect that that particular contact was to be made by taking the 8:40 bus out of St. Paul proceeding to Des Moines and registering at the Fort Des Moines Hotel under a name given by them. Also during this week, Special Agent S. K. McKee rode this bus to Des Moines from St. Paul, without result. Special Agent in Charge Ladd and Special Agent McKee were specifically instructed to do nothing that would in any way jeopardize the return of the kidnaped victim but to simply endeavor to observe any suspicious actions on the part of any suspicious appearing person in order that they might be able later, after the return of the victim, to identify those responsible for the commission of this crime.

On the morning of Saturday, February 3rd, MR. GODFREY and MR. EKSELSEN, previously referred to, requested that I call at their suite in the Lowry Hotel. They said that the family had decided that something should be done in view of the fact that no contact had now been made for approximately eight days since the date of the previous contact and the family were becoming desperate. They also had in mind the unrest on the part of the local papers. As a matter of

fact, I had told OTTO BREMER the previous day of what might be termed prospective blackmailing activity on the part of the press. The Associated Press representative had spoken to me on the evening of Thursday, January 25th, of this development, stating that the press had been suppressing many of the very many rumors of an undesirable character that had been current, and unless the family gave them some information concerning ransom conditions and developments, they would probably be compelled to publish some of these rumors. Among these rumors was the Wunderlich story, previously reported, a statement to the effect that EDWARD BREMER was short in his accounts at the bank and he disappeared for that reason and that he had connived with members of the GLECKMAN crowd in his kidnaping, and possibly others of a similar character, of which I am not aware. In other words, the impression was gained that this was not a bona fide kidnaping, and threats to make public some of these rumors were implied. GODFROY and EKSELSEN then showed me a draft of an appeal to be made to the kidnapers by ADOLPH BREMER. I made several minor changes with a view to shortening the wording and making it more succinct, but did, however, protest strongly against the second paragraph which as originally drafted, in addition to indicating for ADOLPH BREMER that "I will have no interest in any action after my son is returned", it was stated that EDWARD will have no interest therein. I told them that the Division would never tolerate any such situation; that EDWARD necessarily must cooperate fully with the Division upon his return and that such a paragraph should not be in this appeal. I made it plain, however, that I could not and would not be placed in a position of formally or officially approving this appeal but that I was just present and assisting them in a private capacity, whatever that might mean. A copy of this statement as originally issued is attached hereto. Incidentally, I was requested to issue this statement myself but, of course, I refused. In fact, I specifically stipulated that I be not present at the time it was issued to the press.

On the night of Monday, February 5th, at about midnight, MR. EKSELSEN came to my room and requested that I come immediately to the Lowry Hotel. This was done very secretly, going down a back way at the St. Paul Hotel, through a garage, up backstairs to the Sixth Floor of the Lowry Hotel for the purpose of eluding newspaper reporters. In the suite occupied by GODFROY and EKSELSEN, I found ADOLPH BREMER and ADOLPH BREMER, JR. They said that a contact was made and they desired to move the money from the bank that night. It was indicated that the money was not to be paid that night but they desired me to authorize the Division's representatives on duty at the bank not to interfere with the moving of the money from the bank. I gave them a note to the Division agent to that effect. They also requested that the Division's agent at the BREMER residence not interfere with any movement of the money or attempt to follow those delivering it, and I gave them a penciled notation to that effect. Incidentally, it may be noted that a few days previous, at the suggestion of the BREMER family and with my approval, the telephone tap had been taken off at the house, and the police representative there withdrawn. I remained behind them

in the room in accordance with the plan so that I would not be suspected going out with them. They proceeded to the bank and the money was removed. The agent there later joined me and so informed me.

On the morning of February 8th at about 4:00 a.m., Mr. Hanni was notified by the agent at the BREMER household after the household had retired for the night, that he had information of importance to impart. MR. HANNI and myself proceeded to the BREMER house and met the agent, who informed us of the details of victim's return, he having previously inferred this to Mr. Hanni. Mr. Hanni and I returned to the office and informed the Division and at about 6:45 a.m., went to the BREMER household and demanded an interview with the victim. The details of this interview are a matter of record. Possibly an interesting side light in connection with this interview is a controversy or colloquy between MICHAEL KINKEAD, County Attorney of Ramsey County, and myself. My original plan was to have the victim interviewed by Chief of Police DAHILL and myself alone. KINKEAD insisted upon being present. I pointed out that this was an investigative and not a prosecutive matter and also indicated clearly then and later on that I believed him to be actuated by publicity motives. This was vigorously denied. However, it might be noted that there was no scene created. I assented to his being present and then requested Mr. Hanni of the Division office to be present. The victim was hurriedly interviewed by me in advance of his formal statement in order that whatever information possible might be secured from him for broadcasting through the press and otherwise in an attempt to catch the kidnapers enroute. The information afforded by him and the action taken have been reflected in previous reports.

The next conference with ADOLPH BREMER at the BREMER residence, and the last one to date, was on Friday, February 9th, when at the urgent request of MR. NEWCOME, manager of the brewery, I called there. There was present ADOLPH BREMER, ADOLPH BREMER, JR., MR. MAGEE, MR. NEWCOME, MR. GODFROY, MR. EKSELSSEN, and OTTO BREMER. They stated that they had decided that they must make some kind of statement to the press. The press had been "hounding" them so to do. I indicated that I failed to see the necessity therefor and told them that I was opposed thereto. They again raised the point that they "had to live in St. Paul and do business here" and "that the brewery interest was necessarily always in politics and they must keep on good terms with the newspapers." I told them that I had no comment to make thereon and could not instruct them in the premises. I suggested, however, that they call in the members of the press, who were stationed outside, and secure from them specifically the questions they desired answered. They did so. There were about 24 members of the press present. The press stated that they desired from EDWARD BREMER a chronological account of the details of his kidnaping and the incidents following said occurrences, narrating all incidents from day to day, and any collateral information secured such as identifications made, etc. The press was then dismissed for further conference. My opinion

was asked as to what should be done and I suggested that I would tell them to "go to Hell". They said this could not be done, meaning the statement. I told them that that was up to them but that whatever they did further I would be no party to and if they did not mind, I would withdraw, which I did. Later in the day, in accordance with Division's instructions, I conveyed to ADOLPH BREMER and family, EDWARD BREMER, and WALTER MACEE the Division's instructions that they make no further statement to the press. A general statement was made by EDWARD BREMER on the afternoon of February 9th. It gave no particular details.

PENDING

U. S. Department of Justice  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
~~Bureau of Investigation~~  
P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
February 20, 1934



DB:CG  
7-36

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown subjects  
Edward G. Bremer  
Victim, Kidnapping

Referring to Division letter of February 9, 1934 in the above captioned case, please be advised lists of the numbers on the bank notes which were paid as ransom to the kidnapers for the release of Mr. Edward G. Bremer have been received in this office, and have been mailed to the banks and to Peace Officers in the territory allocated to the Oklahoma City Division office.

Please be advised that there were received in this office a large number of these lists in excess of the needs for circularization in this territory, and the same are available for distribution elsewhere if needed.

Very truly yours,

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

cc-St. Paul

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February 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE EQUIPMENT SECTION, UNIT FOUR

In connection with the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Edward G. Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping, you are instructed to prepare for distribution to all field offices 400 strips of photographs bearing the full face view of Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Fred Barker, and Volney Davis, and set forth under their respective photographs the descriptions indicated below:

HARRY CAMPBELL

Ages 30  
Height: 5' 5"  
Weight: 140  
Build: Medium  
Hair: brown  
Eyes: blue  
Complexion: Ruddy

ALVIN KARPIS

Ages 25  
Height: 5' 9-3/4"  
Weight: 130  
Build: slender  
Hair: brown  
Eyes: blue  
Complexion: Fair

ARTHUR B. BARKER

Ages 34  
Height: 5' 3-3/4"  
Weight: 119  
Build: short  
Hair: black  
Eyes: brown  
Complexion: Medium

FRED BARKER

Ages 32  
Height: 5' 4"  
Weight: 120  
Build: slender  
Hair: sandy  
Eyes: blue  
Complexion: medium fair

VOLNEY DAVIS

Ages 30  
Height: 5' 8-3/4"  
Weight: 123  
Build: slender  
Hair: light chestnut  
Eyes: blue  
Complexion: fair

It is suggested that samples of the strips be submitted before completing reproduction of the strips.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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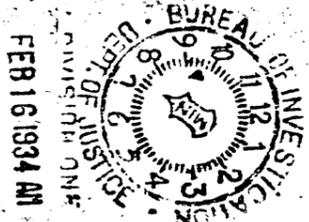
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WERNER HANNI  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPT OF JUSTICE  
803 POST OFFICE BLDG  
ST PAUL MINN



BREMER CASE PRAGER COMPANY WORCESTER MASS NEVER MANUFACTURED DESIGN WALLPAPER DESCRIBED SUGGESTS EXPERT WALLPAPER MAN CONFER WITH BREMER TO OBTAIN MORE DEFINITE DATA STOP FURNISHES FOLLOWING AS PRINCIPAL DISTRIBUTORS IN MIDDLE WEST HAVING COMPLETE LINE OF SAMPLES WALLPAPER JAMES DAVIS INC CHICAGO 1500 WALLPAPER CORP CHICAGO REWLEN AND KUHNERT COMPANY CHICAGO F HIRSHFIELD AND SON MINNEAPOLIS

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LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

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Detroit, Michigan  
February 15, 1934

M. H. Purvis  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers' Building  
Chicago, Illinois

DISREGARD CONTACTING BELL AND HOWELL COMPANY MANUFACTURERS FILMO PRODUCTS STOP  
LENS MANUFACTURED DETROIT AS SET OUT IN MY COMMUNICATION IS THE ONE USED IN  
FLASH LIGHTS

LARSON

WL:MJW  
cc - Division  
9:18 A.M.



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

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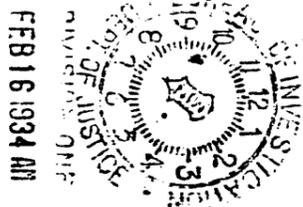
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St Paul Minnesota  
February 13 1934



WM LARSON  
Division of Investigation  
U S Department of Justice  
625 Lafayette Building  
Detroit Michigan

RETEL FILMOLENS SAMPLE THREE THREE EIGHT INCH USED ADVISE WHETHER FILMOLENS  
DETROIT HAS FOLLOWING INSCRIPTION QUOTE FILMOLENS PAT FOUR DASH TWO THREE DASH  
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Off. Bus. Govt. Rate.  
Chg. Div. of Inv., U.S. Dept. of Justice,  
203 P.O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.  
CC Division

Re: EDWARD G. BREMER KIDNAPING  
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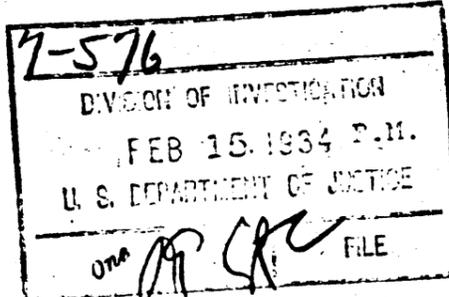
WERNER HANNI  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
ST PAUL MINNESOTA

RETEL INSPECTION DATA SHOWN YOUR TELEGRAM APPEARS ON FILMOLENS IN QUESTION

LARSON

WL:MED

cc - Division ✓



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# Postal Telegraph

(THE MACKAY SYSTEM)



ALL AMERICA  
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COMMERCIAL  
CABLES

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	DEFERRED CABLE LETTER

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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ST. LOUIS CITY MISSOURI

LETTER DETROIT TWELFTH INSTANT RE FILMOLENS CHECK THREE AND THREE EIGHTHS

INCH BREMER CASE

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Chg. Div. of Investigation  
13 P.O. Bldg.

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EDWARD G. BREMER KIDNAPING  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

St. Paul file 7-30

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
TELETYPE	CABLE
GRAM	FULL RATE
LETTER	DEFERRED
SAGE	NIGHT LETTER
LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

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PHILADELPHIA PENNA FEBRUARY 13 1934 10:45 PM

WILLIAM LARSON  
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
 U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 625 LAFAYETTE BLDG  
 DETROIT MICHIGAN

FEB 16 1934 AM



BREMER KIDNAPING DISREGARD OBTAINING LIST CUSTOMERS WALL PAPER MANUFACTURERS  
STOP OBTAIN FROM MANUFACTURERS ONLY SAMPLES APPROXIMATING DESIGN IN QUESTION

HARVEY

NIGHT LETTER

RCH:APG  
 cc-Division (decoded)  
 cc-St. Paul (decoded)

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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE PERPLEXING QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE.

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
TELEPHONIC	CABLE
DAY	FULL RATE
NIGHT	DEFERRED
WEEK END	NIGHT LETTER
OTHER	WEEK END LETTER

Should check class of service otherwise message will be permitted as a full-rate communication.

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PHILADELPHIA PENNA FEBRUARY 15 1934 10:45 PM

D M LADD  
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
 U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 801 TITLE GUARANTY BLDG  
 ST LOUIS MO

FEB 16 1934 AM



BREMER KIDNAPING DISREGARD OBTAINING LIST CUSTOMERS WALL PAPER  
MANUFACTURERS STOP OBTAIN FROM MANUFACTURERS ONLY SAMPLES  
APPROXIMATING DESIGN IN QUESTION

HARVEY

NIGHT LETTER

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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE PERPLEXING QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE.

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
GRAM	FULL RATE
LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

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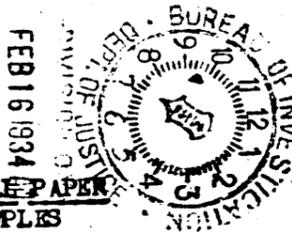
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PHILADELPHIA PENNA FEBRUARY 15 1934 10:45 PM

C D McKEAN  
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
 U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 1002 POST OFFICE & COURT HOUSE BLDG  
 BOSTON MASS



BREMER KIDNAPING DISREGARD OBTAINING LIST CUSTOMERS WALK PAPER  
MANUFACTURERS STOP OBTAIN FROM MANUFACTURERS ONLY SAMPLES  
APPROXIMATING DESIGN IN QUESTION

HARVEY

NIGHT LETTER

RGH:APG  
 cc-Division (decoded)  
 cc-St. Paul (decoded)

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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE PERPLEXING QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE.

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# Postal Telegraph

(THE MACKAY SYSTEM)



ALL AMERICA  
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COMMERCIAL  
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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
AMERICAN	CABLE
<input type="checkbox"/>	WORLD RATE
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFERRED
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February 13, 1934.



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

REFER LETTER DETROIT TWELFTH INSTANT RE FILMOLENS CHECK THREE AND THREE EIGHTHS

INCH BREMER CASE

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Chg. Div. of Investigation  
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FILE

EDWARD G. BREMER, KIDNAPING  
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Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
801 Title Guaranty Bldg.,  
St. Louis, Mo.



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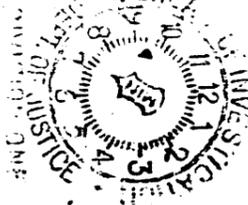
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C. D. McKean,  
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U S Department of Justice  
1002 Post Office & Court House  
Boston Mass

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
February 13, 1934.



C. D. McKEAN,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1002 Post Office & Court House Building,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

CONTACT FRANK PALMER EATON PAPER COMPANY PITTSFIELD MASSACHUSETTS AND ASCERTAIN RETAIL SOURCE NOTE PAPER STATIONERY WOVEN FINISH SIZE TEN POINT EIGHTEEN BY SIX POINT FORTY TWO LINES FORTY NINE TEN THOUSANDTHS INCHES THICK WEIGHT THIS SIZE FOUR POINT NINE GRAINS WATERMARK EATONS HIGHLAND LINEN MANUFACTURED EATON PAPER COMPANY PITTSFIELD MASSACHUSETTS

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Off. Bus. Govt. Rate  
Chg. Div. of Inv. U. S. Dept. Justice,  
203 P. O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.  
CC Division ✓

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER? VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-50

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

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

February 14, 1934.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
Kidnaping.  
St. Paul File 7-30

Dear Father:

Your assistance is respectfully requested by the Division of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice in the investigation of a recent major crime. This office is trying to locate a city or village in which, or from a portion of which, two church bells may be heard. It is reported that one of the bells rings on each successive Saturday at approximately six o'clock in the afternoon and that the same bell rings several times on the Sunday morning following. The bell that is said to ring Saturday evening and several times Sunday morning is also said not to ring at any other time during the week. This would not, it is assumed, be the regular daily ringing of the angelus. This bell does not ring Sunday evening or night. It is inferred from the times at which this bell is reported to ring that it may be that of a Catholic church.

Will you please advise me in the enclosed franked, self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, whether the foregoing description of the ringing of church bells would apply to your community, or to any other community of which you are aware.

It is requested that the contents of this letter be kept in strict confidence.

I shall be very grateful for a prompt reply and any assistance you may be able to afford us in securing the information in question.

Respectfully yours,

*Werner Hanni* 28 1934  
WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

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

February 19, 1934.

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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
Kidnaping.  
St. Paul File 7-30

Dear Sir:

Your assistance is respectfully requested by the Division of Investigation of the U.S. Department of Justice in the location of a community, a point from which could have been heard the following sounds:

1. A loud stationary siren, which would sound early each week day morning and at approximately the same time that a factory whistle blew. This siren was heard to blow only on week days with the exception of one Sunday morning at which time it gave three or four short soundings.

2. From the place from which this siren could be heard, there could also be heard a church bell which rang each Saturday afternoon and again several times each Sunday morning but not on any other day or at any other time. There could also be heard another church bell which rang only on each Sunday morning. This bell rang on only one occasion each Sunday.

3. From the same place could be heard a shifting locomotive engine and many passing railroad trains and, occasionally, aero planes.

In view of the fact that you are believed to have a stationary siren, it is respectfully requested that you advise, by return mail, in the enclosed self-addressed envelope which requires no postage, whether you believe such a place is in your locality.

It is requested that the contents of this letter be kept in strict confidence.

Your prompt reply and any assistance which you may render will be gratefully appreciated.

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Very truly yours,

Werner Hanni  
WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEBRUARY 20, 1934.

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

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING  
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Dear Sir:

The report of Special Agent Trainor dated at Kansas City, Missouri February 20, 1934 inadvertently failed to include data shown in a letter of January 12, 1934 from the Oklahoma City Office to the Portland, Oregon Office in the matter VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER, wherein correspondence records of Arthur R. Barker and Volney Davis as secured at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary are given as follows:

ARTHUR R. BARKER:

Father, Mr. G. E. Barker, 401 N. Cincinnati Street, Tulsa, Okla.  
Brother, Bert Barker, Muskogee, Okla.  
Brother, Freddie Barker, Tulsa, Okla.  
Friend, C. M. Hubbard, Harlingen, Texas.  
C. M. Hubbard, 1724 W. 21st Street, Okla City, Okla.  
Wife, Mrs. Edna Barker, Lindsay, Okla.  
Jenice Branson, Madill, Okla.  
O. J. Bridle, Pittsburg, Kansas.  
G. R. Porter, Stillwater, Okla.  
Mary Hart, Bortan, Kentucky.

VOLNEY DAVIS:

Mother, Mrs. Rodney, Davis, 832 South St. Louis, Tulsa, Okla.  
Sister, Bertha Williams, 1011 South Rockford, Tulsa, Okla. 1934  
Sister, Irene Davis, Coffeyville, Kansas.  
Sister, Mrs. Ruby Lamberson, Oxford, Kansas.  
Sister, Beulah Porter, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Friend, Henry Wood, Sapulpa, Okla.  
Friend, Lulu Johnson, Leavenworth, Kansas.

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A copy of this letter is being transmitted to the Oklahoma City, San Antonio and Cincinnati Offices who should perform investigation at the points in Texas, Oklahoma and Kentucky where the relatives and friends of Arthur R. Barker and Volney Davis appear to reside, and the Kansas City Office will take appropriate action in this connection in the Kansas City District.

WFT-jgw 1 - San Antonio  
1 - Okla City 1 - Cincinnati

Very truly yours,  
*M. C. Spear*  
M. C. SPEAR  
ACTING SECRETARY AGENT IN CHARGE

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
February 20, 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 letter of February 12, 1934, wherein you suggest further interview with Sol Goldstein, who is also known as Sol Gold, concerning the activities of ERNEST ROSSI, one of the suspects in the Holland, Michigan, Bank Robbery.

This investigation was undertaken by Special Agents M. B. Rhodes and J. T. Hartin. A copy of the memorandum submitted by Agent Rhodes, concerning this investigation, is submitted herewith. Copy is also being furnished the Saint Paul Office, with a copy of this letter.

With regard to your letter referred to above, in which you request that the relatives of ROSSI be interviewed, please be advised that a report will be forthcoming in this connection immediately.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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February 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT  
K. R. McINTIRE

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

Reference is made to Division letter, dated February 15, 1934, in the above captioned case.

The reference letter directs the attention of this office to the statement secured by Special Agent E. P. Guinane on November 27, 1933, from Sol Goldstein alias Sol Gold, 3502 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, relative to the activities of the late Ernest Rossi, who was held for investigation by this office in the Jack Klutas case (see Chicago file 26-2889). The reference letter instructs this office to again interview Mr. 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. The reference letter further instructed this office to interview relatives of Rossi in an effort to ascertain what information they have as to his associates.

In accordance with instructions received from you February 15, 1934, Special Agent J. F. Martin and the undersigned interviewed Sol Goldstein at the Chicago Division office on February 16, 1934.

Goldstein stated that he is still residing at 3502 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago; however, he does not expect to be at this address much longer in view of the fact that he recently received notice from his landlord that unless he paid his rent, he would have to vacate his apartment there; that he is unable to pay his rent and he expects to move from the above address in a few days. He promised to furnish this office with his new address in the event he moves. Goldstein's present telephone number is Nevada 4881.

Mr. Goldstein further stated that he is no longer employed as a salesman by the Emil Denmark Motor Sales Co., 3860 Ogden Avenue, Chicago; that shortly after he was released by the police subsequent to his signing the above referred to statement on November 27, 1933, he returned to Mr. Denmark's place of business and asked Denmark why he did not make some effort to obtain his release from the custody of the police subsequent to Rossi's apprehension, pointing out to Denmark that he had been held in jail for four or five days; that Denmark informed him that he made no effort to "spring" him on account of the fact that

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had he, Denmark, done so, it would have looked as though he, Denmark, were closely associated with Rossi. He also stated that 90% of Denmark's business is done with hoodlums.

He stated that a few days subsequent to his return to Denmark's place after his release, Denmark reduced his salary from \$30.00 to \$17.50 per week; that he had been an employe of Denmark for the past eight years and he could not understand the above procedure; that he went to Denmark and asked him the reason for the act. Denmark stated he could not afford to pay his salesman over \$17.50 and commissions on all sales. Mr. Goldstein stated that the above was merely a polite way which Denmark used in telling him that he did not want his services any longer; that he then quit the employ of Denmark and is now working as a salesman for the Lawndale Auto Sales Co., located at 3530 Ogden Avenue. Goldstein stated that to his knowledge there is no connection between the Lawndale Auto Sales and the Earl Denmark Company. Goldstein professed to be very bitter towards Denmark on account of the above events, and also stated that he is in constant fear of his life, not because of the fact that he knows anything concerning the hoodlums who used to call at Denmark's place, but because of the fact that he thinks they might try to "bump him off" any time because they think he probably knows something.

Concerning Goldstein's information relative to the associates of the deceased Rossi, Goldstein in substance re-stated to agent Hartin and the undersigned the facts contained in his statement to Special Agent Guinane on November 27, 1933. He contended that he knew nothing whatever of the occupations, connections and residences of the persons set forth in the statement, he merely being used by them to relay telephone messages and letters which came in for these men to Denmark's place, and that he had heard no conversations between them relative to "hot" bonds, bank robberies or kidnappings.

Agent interrogated Goldstein as to the individuals mentioned in the above statement. He stated that he has known the deceased Rossi for about four years, and that he knew him as Rossi and also as E. J. Ronson and James Bradley; that the only associates he can recall contacting Rossi at Denmark's place, either in person or by telephone, are as follows:

Earl McMann, Bill Marmon, Ted Flashe and Morris Brown.  
These are the men whom he also mentioned in his signed statement to Mr. Guinane.

As to Earl McMann, he describes him as a man 33 years of age, 5'10" tall, weight 180 lb., heavy build, smooth shaven and an Irish-American; that he is a member of the Forest Drivers Union. He was unable to furnish McMann's address or the address of the Union. He stated that he met McMann the first time about two years ago; that McMann came in to Denmark's place on numerous occasions with Jack Klutas and Rossi.

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He further stated that about one year ago Elmer Boyles, a subject in the case entitled "Frank Sonder with aliases, et al.; Glen J. McGuire - Victim - Kidnaping, Chicago file 7-8, came to Emil Denmark's place accompanied by a man whom he did not know and inquired as to whether or not Klutas was there. Goldstein told Boyles that he expected Klutas there at any time, and five or ten minutes after this conversation Klutas came there; that Boyles, Klutas and this other man engaged in a conversation, and that the name of Eddie LaRue, Identification Card No. 1214, was mentioned.

A picture of Eddie LaRue was exhibited to Goldstein, and after examining same, he emphatically stated he could not recall ever having seen this individual.

The photograph of Boyles was also exhibited to him, and he stated that Boyles is the man who came to the Denmark Company about one year ago in company with an unknown individual to meet Jack Klutas.

Gold further stated that the last time he saw Karl McMann was on January 31, 1934, this was a few days prior to the assassination of Rossi. He stated that McMann and Rossi came to his house on the above occasion and asked him how he was getting along, inquiring about the various members of his family, and left his premises, the visit of the two not consuming over five minutes.

Photographs of numerous criminals wanted by the Chicago Police were exhibited to Gold. However, he could not identify them as McMann.

Gold further stated that he does not know to what extent McMann was tied up with Rossi and Klutas; that the men never took him into their confidence, and that all he knows about McMann is that it was customary for him to accompany Rossi and Klutas to Denmark's garage on numerous occasions.

As to the individual named Bill Harmon, referred to in his statement, to Mr. Guilane, Gold stated he never met this individual and therefore he was unable to describe him; that he would not know the man if he would see him; that it was the practice of this individual to call up on numerous occasions and ask for Ernie, meaning Ernest Rossi; that these calls would come from the Southmoor Hotel in Chicago; that at no time did he ever see Harmon, McMann, Klutas or Rossi together, and he has no information whatever as to the connection of the above men and Harmon.

Concerning the individual known to him as Ted Flashe, mentioned in the statement, he stated that on numerous occasions while he was employed at Denmark's, Flashe would come into Denmark's place with Rossi; further, that he recalls taking a number of telephone messages from Flashe for Rossi. He described Flashe as being a man 33 or 34 years of age, gray hair, 4'8" tall, weighing approximately 300 lb., and smooth shaven; that this fellow was supposed to live in the vicinity of 5400 Sheridan Road. However, at no time did he ever visit Flashe in his apartment and does not know to what extent he was tied up with Rossi.

Concerning Morris Brown, mentioned by Gold in his statement to Mr. Quinane, Gold described this individual as 33 years of age, 5'6" tall, weight 140 lb., slender, dark hair and smooth shaven; that this individual resides at Cassopolis, Michigan, and is supposed to be on the staff of Governor Comstock. He stated that he saw Brown eight or ten times at Denmark's place during the past two years, and that Brown was in the company of Klutas and Rossi; that some sort of a deal was being arranged between Rossi, Klutas and Brown, wherein Brown was to fix things up with the proper state officials in Michigan so as to permit Klutas and Rossi to run beer and liquor through the state; that Brown was going to get him, Goldstein, a job as collecting graft for the booze sold and was also to get Rossi and Klutas jobs as members of the Michigan State Police. However, nothing ever came of the above proposition.

Goldstein was questioned in great detail relative to the Holland, Michigan bank robbery, which occurred on September 29, 1932, and he emphatically denied that he at any time ever heard the suspects of this robbery, namely, Klutas, Rossi, Anzone or Larus, discuss this matter; that at no time did the above individuals discuss any of their jobs with him, and he was unable to throw any light upon the possible participants in the above robbery.

Gold also stated that he attended the wake of Ernie Rossi, and that he met Anzone there and engaged in conversation with him in a bedroom at the Rossi home; that Anzone stated to him that he had seen Rossi about a week before he was murdered, and that Rossi at that time had given him, Anzone, a bad beating. Questioned as to why Rossi beat Anzone, Gold stated he did not know, as Anzone did not inform him regarding same.

Gold also stated that Edward Denmark, a first cousin of Emil Denmark, is the present Superintendent of the Bridewell Jail.

Concerning the last paragraph in the reference letter, which instructs that the relatives of Rossi be interviewed, agent was advised by Special Agent W. Carter Baum of this office that he recently interviewed Rossi's relatives along the lines outlined, and will immediately submit a memorandum to you covering the results of his interview.

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BR:AB

M. B. RHODES  
Special Agent

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

FEB 27 1934

Dear Sir:

During the evening of February 20, 1934 Mr. R. E. Newby telephoned from Washington, making reference to letter from the Kansas City Office to the Chicago Office under date of February 16, 1934 in the above captioned case, relative to the assault of Don Hassebroek, Main Teller of the National Bank of Topeka, at Topeka, Kansas, on February 15, 1934.

Mr. Newby called particular attention to paragraph two, page two, of that letter wherein reference is made to one \$20.00 bill issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota, bearing serial number IO0065097A. Mr. Newby pointed out that by reference to page 13-A of a list of bank notes paid as ransom in the instant case, which list was sent out by the Division under date of February 8, 1934, it would be seen that a \$10.00 bill bearing the above given serial number was among the ransom money.

Mr. Newby requested that it be immediately verified whether the bill recovered at Topeka, Kansas was a \$10.00 or \$20.00 bill.

I immediately communicated by telephone with Sheriff Dean Rogers at Topeka, Kansas, and he obtained the original bill referred to in my letter to Chicago above mentioned, and then called me back on the telephone and read the serial number to me, at which time he had the bill before him. It was found that the information appearing in my letter to Chicago above mentioned is correct, in that the bill is a \$20.00 bill and bears the serial number given above. I also asked Sheriff Rogers whose picture appeared upon the bill, and he stated that the picture of the late President, Andrew Jackson, appeared thereon. It is noted that all \$20.00 bills carry the picture of President Andrew Jackson, and all \$10.00 bills carry the picture of Alexander Hamilton. It might be added that Sheriff Rogers also verified the information that the name of Gloria Passen, telephone number Drexel 0780, room 21, appeared on the memorandum in the billfold found at Topeka.

The above information and verification was immediately furnished Mr. Newby of the Division by telephone.

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cc - St. Paul  
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Very truly yours,  
M. C. SPEAR  
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Division of Investigation

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

February 14, 1934.

DIVISION BULLETIN NO. 19,  
Fiscal Year 1934,  
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TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE:

It is desired that the code word BREKID be employed to designate the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, JR., Victim, KIDNAPING.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover,

Director.

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THE HEIL HOUSE  
Columbus, Ohio

2/8/34

Mr. Walter Winchell  
New York City

Dear Mr. Winchell

Please note copy of wire of Jan 26th when I turned  
in on this case. Next note copy of wire on Feb. 4th. Wherein  
is contained SO MUCH TRUTH SUCH GREAT ASSURANCE. Also copies  
of wires to Pres. Roosevelt and Mrs. E. G. Bremer  
upon completion of demonstrations.

I sent these to you in a spirit of love. I have a high regard  
for you because you are a SEEKER OF TRUTH in all things.

Yours in Truth

F.H. Seibert C.S.

cc:Division

COPY OF TELEGRAM

Feb 4 1934

MRS EDWARD G BREMER

ST PAUL MINE

YESTERDAY FOUND YOU ALL GREATLY DISTURBED MENTALLY  
ALL QUIET NOW SANKEY OTHER NOTED CRIMINALS RECENTLY  
APPREHENDED AND FEDERAL SLEUTHS CONSTANT ACTIVITIES  
REASON FOR SILENCE HAVING FOUND EDWARD DISTURBED AT  
TIMES PROOF OF EXISTENCE UNKNOWN HIDE OUT ENCOURAGES  
PROLONGMENT MY CONSTANT EFFORTS FOR PEACE FORTITUDE  
FOR ALL AND NO RANSOM COLLECTED GODS WAY

F. H SEIBERT CS

cc:Division

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JAN 26 1934 COLUMBUS O

MRS EDWARD H BREMER

ST PAUL MINN

DISREGARD SLAYING NOER FEAR ALONE KEEPS KIDNAPERS IN SHELL  
SPIRITUALLY I WILL DISSOLVE THEIR FEAR THEREBY ENCOURAGING  
CONTACT PUT ALL FAITH IN GOD WILL TREAT FATHER HUSBAND  
YOURSELF FOR PEACE FORTITUDE ALL I ASK YOU IS HAVE FAITH

F H SEIBERT CS

cc: Division

COPY OF TELEGRAM

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HU COLUMBUS O

HON PRES F D ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON DC

COPIES TELEGRAMS JAN 26 FEB 4 SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES  
UPHEAVAL ANGUISH TERROR CONSTANTLY ONLY OVERCOME THROUGH  
CONSTANT FAITH AND UNTIRING EFFORTS WITH A GOOD GOD

F H SEIBERT

CS

cc: Division

COPY OF TELEGRAM

COLUMBUS OHIO FEB 6 1934

MRS EDWARD G BREMER

ST PAUL MINN

DID I MISS DEMONSTRATING ANYTHING COMPRISED IN MY WIRES  
OF JAN 26 FEB 4 CAN YOU REALIZE THE TERROR ANGUISH UPHEAVAL  
I HAD TO CONSTANTLY COMBAT FOR FATHER HUSBAND YOU AND  
KIDNAPERS UNTIRING EFFORTS WITH A GOOD GOD HAS PROVEN  
ITSELF UNQUESTIONABLY

F M SEIBERT S S

Room 1405, 370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York City - New York

February 16, 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

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto you will please find the following communications which have been sent to Walter Winchell and, in turn, forwarded by him to this office:

1. Letter addressed to Mr. Walter Winchell, New York City dated Columbus, Ohio February 8, 1934 and signed F. H. Seibert C.S. (This letter is written on the stationery of the HILL HOUSE).
2. Copy of telegram addressed to Mrs. Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, Minn. dated February 8, 1934, and signed F. H. Seibert C.S.
3. Copy of telegram addressed to Mrs. Edward H. Bremer, St. Paul, Minn. dated January 28, 1934, and signed F. H. Seibert C.S.
4. Copy of telegram addressed to Hon. Pres. F.D. Roosevelt, Washington, D. C. dated February 8, 1934, and signed F. H. Seibert C.S.
5. Copy of telegram addressed to Mrs. Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, Minn. and signed F. H. Seibert - dated February 8, 1934.

The above listed are being forwarded to you for such action as you may deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

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Room 1405, 370 Lexington Avenue,  
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February 15, 1934

Mr. Walter Winchell,  
NEW YORK DAILY MIRROR,  
235 E. 45th Street,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Winchell:

This will acknowledge receipt of the communications received  
by you from F. H. Seibert.

I wish to thank you for your kind cooperation in this instance,  
and to assure you that the information furnished has been  
forwarded for appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

F. I. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL**

FILE NO. **7-57**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Kansas City, Mo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2-20-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2-15 &amp; 19-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>W. F. TRAINOR</b>
TITLE: <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Kansas City files of the case of Vernon C. Miller, Et Al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, and of the case of Nash, Holden and Keating, Escaped Federal Prisoners, reviewed and this report rendered setting out all pertinent facts discovered looking toward the location of Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis and others. Copies of this report furnished to every office and under instructions from the Division a concerted effort should be made to locate these individuals. Arthur R. Barker particularly wanted in the instant matter due to latent fingerprint found in this connection. Purpose of location of these individuals should be held strictly confidential.

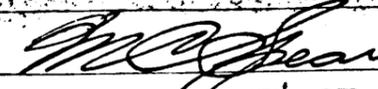
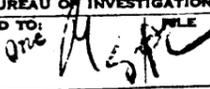
**REFERENCE:**

Division Telegram dated February 18, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

In connection with the instant case the Division telegram of February 18th instructed that all leads be immediately covered looking toward the apprehension of Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, and others of their mob, particularly as mentioned in the report by Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 27, 1933, in the case of VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased) ET AL - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Pursuant to instructions contained in the reference telegram

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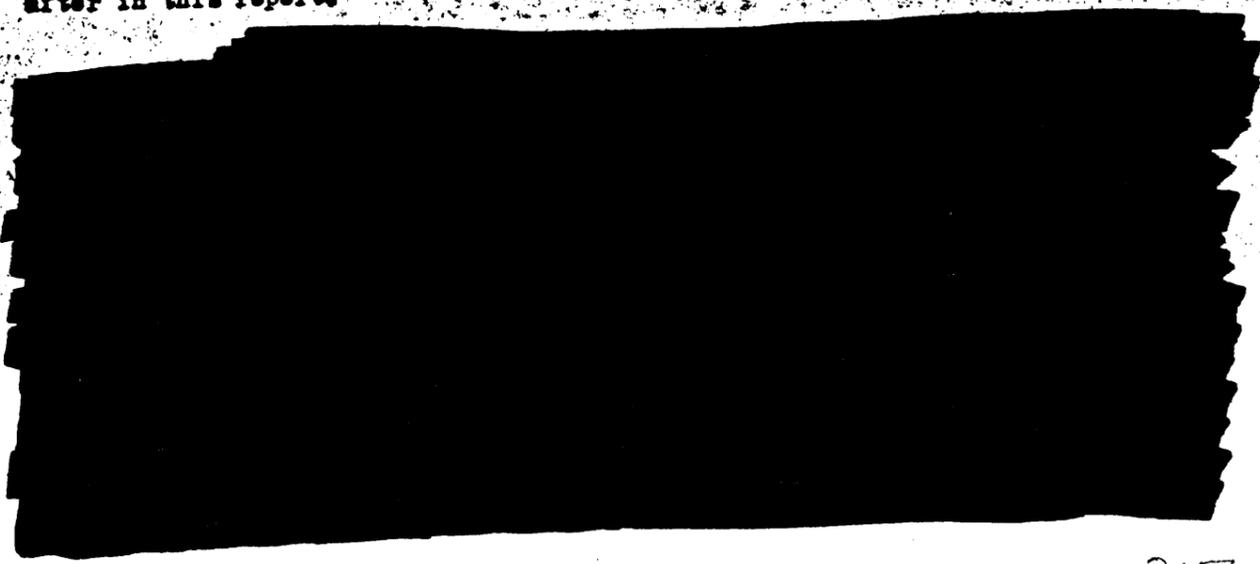
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copies of the report of Agent Trainor were forwarded on 2-18-1934 to all field offices not already in possession of copies. As an addendum to that report the Division telegram and other appropriate notations were appended. The offices already in possession of the report were furnished with a copy of the telegram by letter from this office on February 18, 1934.

Since Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, and their closest companions are prominent suspects in both the instant matter and the Kansas City massacre case, the results of investigation of leads outlined in the report of Agent Trainor of December 27, 1933, are being set out herein. It will be noted that in this case the Division wire of February 18th informs that a latent fingerprint of Arthur R. Barker has been discovered in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case. Photographs of Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Arthur R. Barker (not Lloyd Barker, as originally believed to be the true name of Doc Barker), Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, together with descriptions, criminal records and photographic copies of fingerprints have been secured by the Kansas City Office. The Division is being requested to furnish each field office with an appropriate supply of copies of the photographs of these individuals. Descriptions and criminal records are being set out herein.

Photographic identifications of Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and Sam Taran have been made showing that they were members of a group of bandits who robbed the Cloud County Bank at Concordia, Kansas, as mentioned in the report of December 27th. Sam Taran's description and identification references are being given in this report because of his close association with the Barkers, Karpis, and others. Further reference will be made to this individual hereafter in this report. b7d



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On February 17, 1934, Agent conferred with Sheriff Rogers, of Topeka, Kansas, in the Kansas City Office. He stated that he has found [REDACTED] absolutely reliable as an informant.

[REDACTED]

At the request of this Agent Sheriff Rogers brought [REDACTED] Arrangements were made whereby [REDACTED] would meet this Agent [REDACTED] periodically [REDACTED]

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Police Department at Kansas City is strongly connected with the Italian underworld and therefore no inquiries were made through that source. It is not deemed advisable to approach any of the locations in the Italian district for the purpose of investigation because of the very suspicious nature of these people and the fact that the appearance of strangers on such a mission immediately arouses suspicion, which is cooperated in by the police department.

Investigation has not yet been made at West Plains, Missouri, pursuant to the undeveloped lead in the report of December 27, 1935, in the KANMO case. The prosecutor at West Plains was reached by telephone from the Kansas City Office and advised Agent that there is a perfect State case on charges of murder against Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker at West Plains, based on testimony of eye witnesses. It is noted that these individuals murdered Sheriff C. R. Kelley at West Plains, Missouri, December 19, 1931. The prosecutor has no ballistic evidence in his possession in that case and inquired from the Sheriff and learned that likewise the Sheriff has none. Personal investigation will be made to secure whatever ballistic evidence may be in possession of any of the citizens at West Plains.

Photographs of the Barkers, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Sam Taran and James Lawson, among many others, have been recently displayed to many witnesses of the Kansas City massacre of June 17, 1933. To date no positive identifications of these photographs have been made. These interviews are being shown in another report.

The undeveloped lead in the report of December 27, 1933, in the KANMO case, for the Dallas Office at Beaumont, Texas, relative to the location of Paula Harmon, believed to be the woman who lived with the Barkers and Karpis at St. Paul, Minnesota as shown therein, has been reported by report of Special Agent C. B. Winstead rendered in the instant matter but not in the Kansas City massacre case, dated January 31, 1934. Facts are shown in Agent Winstead's report leading to the conclusion that Paula Harmon was the woman who lived at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, during June 1933 with the parties believed to be the Barkers and Alvin Karpis or Bernard Phillips. Attention is called to the fact that Paula Harmon during the past two years suffered an injury to her nose in an automobile accident. The report of Special Agent Hall, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, August 27, 1933, in the massacre case shows such a defect in the nose of the "Paula" who lived at 204 Vernon Avenue, as here mentioned. Evidently the location of Paula Harmon, who is the widow of the deceased bank robber, Charles Harmon, is an important feature in this investigation, in view of the fact she will no doubt communicate with relatives, and it is quite strongly believed that she is with the Barkers or Karpis at this time.

In connection with the possible location of Paula Harmon it is found from a review of the file of Thomas Holden, Francis Keating and Frank Nash, Escaped Federal Prisoners, that Jim Harmon, who was an inmate in the Kansas State Penitentiary during November 1931, is a brother-in-law of Paula Harmon. b7c  
Jim Harmon may now be in the Texas State Penitentiary at Austin. Inquiry will develop this and an undeveloped lead will be sent to the proper office by the Kansas City Office, if necessary. It is noted also that Jim Harmon has a niece residing at 537 Elizabeth Street, Kansas City, Kansas, named Margaret Mikuel; that Margaret Mikuel is a friend of Madeline Snyder. Madeline Snyder is the widow of Jack Snyder, former bank robber and member of the Nash gang. She has been considered during the Holden-Keating investigation to be a potential source of valuable information. It is not indicated, however, that she was located before those escaped federal prisoners were apprehended. It is noted from the Holden-Keating file that Mrs. Paula Harmon operated a Night Club in Lake Charles, Louisiana with her brother named Brannon, and later it was found that she resided with her brother, D. B. Brannon, Griffin Park, Port Arthur, Texas. She should be located, if possible, through some of those sources.

In connection with the positive identification of the men who lived at 204 Vernon Avenue at St. Paul, Minnesota, with "Paula" during June 1933, it appears that the house was examined for latent fingerprints about June 21, 1933 by members of the St. Paul Division Office. It is suggested that if there were any unidentified latent prints found that the Division be requested to make appropriate comparison of these with the prints of Arthur Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Bernard Phillips, Sam Taran, and others, if this has not already been done. On February 13, 1934, the Kansas City Office furnished to the Division latent fingerprints found at the house in Kansas City, Missouri, where Vernon C. Miller resided up to the date of the massacre. There were some unidentified prints in that group of latent fingerprints. In the letter of February 13, 1934, to the Division the Kansas City Office furnished a complete list of names with identification references as a basis of comparison of fingerprints with the latent prints. A copy of this letter to the Division is furnished herewith to the St. Paul Office for such value as it may be.

A letter from the St. Paul Office in the HANMO case to the Kansas City Office, dated June 22, 1933, showing the descriptions of the men who lived at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, shows as the description of "Number 1" a good likeness of Bernard Phillips, subject of Identification Order Number 1196. This is particularly indicated by the fact that "Number 1" was said to talk and laugh in a boisterous manner, which is a characteristic of Phillips.

Continued investigation at the State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, has failed to develop any additional evidentiary facts to link the Barkers, Karpis, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell with the massacre. However, numerous convicts have expressed the opinion that some or all of these individuals participated in the killings.

The Holden and Keating file, upon review, fails to reflect any information specifically dealing with the Barkers or Alvin Karpis until after the date of apprehension of Holden and Keating as of July 7, 1932, when they were captured at Kansas City, Missouri, with Harvey Bailey. However, investigation after that date developed that they had for at least eighteen months before that time been close connections of the Nash gang. It may be noted that they were at Kansas City at the time of the capture of Holden and Keating, as will be later mentioned herein. Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker were released from the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing on May 2, 1931, and March 20, 1931, respectively. Arthur R. Barker was released from a life sentence at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on September 10, 1932, on parole. It is therefore evident that their connection in major crimes during the past few years have dated since approximately the first of 1932 as to Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker. It is believed also that they were joined by Arthur R. Barker when he was re-

leased during September 1932. It is rumored through underworld sources that Fred Barker paid \$10,000.00 for the release of his brother, Arthur E. Barker.

The Nash, Holden and Keating files reflect that Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and Bernard Phillips were inseparable companions. They lived in Kansas City, Missouri, in various apartments for several weeks prior to July 7, 1932. When Holden, Keating and Bailey were caught, Fred Barker, with his mother, Bernard Phillips and Alvin Karpis fled together from Kansas City and two days later they took up residence at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, adjacent to St. Paul, where they lived together.

The Barkers, Karpis, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis apparently have been linked in offenses for the last two or three years. Specific participation of Volney Davis with the gang cannot as yet be placed, but underworld sources of information furnish the data that he is a part of that gang.

George E. Barker, father of Arthur E. and Fred Barker, lives at Neosho, Missouri. He occupies an apartment close to the Public Square; has no apparent means of livelihood. Buys new automobiles frequently and Agent has learned upon inquiry of the Sheriff at Neosho, and members of the Missouri Highway Patrol, that George E. Barker takes frequent trips alone in his car and remains away from Neosho for several days, when he returns alone.

It has recently been ascertained by Special Agent H. D. Bray that George E. Barker cashes checks at Picher, Oklahoma, on a Neosho Bank. Copy of his memorandum dated February 16, 1934, has been furnished to the Division, Oklahoma City and St. Paul Offices in connection with this information. It was believed advisable, upon receipt of the Division telegram of February 18th linking Arthur E. Barker definitely in this case, to immediately place a cover on the bank in Neosho, Missouri, where the father of Arthur E. Barker does his business. Agent Bray is now at Neosho, Missouri, attending to this feature.

Mrs. Katherine Barker, alias Mrs. Kate Barker, alias Kate Hunter, alias Mrs. Arrie Barker, alias Mrs. Kate Dunlop, alias Mrs. Arthur F. Hunter, is the mother of Fred and Arthur E. Barker. It is said that she is particularly fond of Arthur E. Barker and that the affection is reciprocated. It is quite evident that she would be with her sons at this time. George E. Barker, her husband, resides alone at Neosho, Missouri. Mrs. Barker is of a criminal disposition and condones the acts of her sons.

Reference hereafter in this report will be made specifically to each individual for whom investigative search is desired, and thereafter to general sources of information that may result beneficially in an effort to locate those individuals.

FRED BARKER:

Records of the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas show that Fred Barker, Register No. 9838, was received on March 12, 1927 from Cowley County, Kansas, under sentence of five to ten years for burglary. His alias was shown as Ted Murphy. He also has the alias F. G. Ward. He indicated upon being received at that institution that he was born in Missouri; of American Nationality; no religion; occupation, laundryman; that he had a 6th grade education; that he smokes and chews; that he had been married and had no children, and that his wife's name was Billie Orr Barker, of Sapulpa, Oklahoma. He indicated that his parents were both living, and that his father's name was G. E. Barker, 401 Cincinnati Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma. He gave his mother's name as Bona Barker of the same address. He listed the name of his brother, Doc Barker (Arthur R. Barker) serving a life sentence in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary for murder. He failed to list the name of his brother, Lloyd Barker, who is United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, Register No. 17245, received January 16, 1922 from Kansas City, Missouri, sentenced 25 years for robbing United States mails.

The prison records indicate that Fred Barker claimed, when entering the Penitentiary, that the offense for which he was sentenced was committed at Winfield, Kansas November 7, 1927 while he was making his home at Miami, Oklahoma. He gave as an excuse for the offense the fact that he was out of work and needed money.

The files indicate that Fred Barker began his criminal career many years ago when he was but a boy at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and he and his family are believed to be well known to the Police at Tulsa.

The report of Special Agent Fallon in the Nash, Holden and Keating file, dated September 19, 1932 at the Oklahoma City Office, indicates facts which implicate Fred Barker in the robbery of the bank at Fort Scott, Kansas, for which offense Harvey J. Bailey and others were convicted during July, 1932. Frank Nash is believed to have been a participant in the same robbery. Agent Fallon's report also reflects that Fred Barker, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis very probably murdered J. Earl Smith, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, the attorney who had been retained by Bailey to defend him in the Fort Scott bank robbery case. In this connection the St. Paul Office file in the Holden and Keating case, especially the reports of Special Agent Glass, dated at St. Paul 11-1 and 11-18-1932, will be useful in checking the St. Paul connections of Barker since it is indicated that J. Earl Smith made contact with Karpis and Fred Barker through individuals in St. Paul in that connection.

It is shown that Johanna Armor, 1518 South Troost Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, is a sweetheart of Fred Barker, and that he formerly made frequent visits to see her.

Jack Glynn, former Chief of Police and now Private Detective, 311 Chestnut Street, Leavenworth, Kansas, phone number 1362, is shown to have visited gangsters of the major type at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, and

Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, for a number of years acting as a go-between for the convicts and their friends on the outside. Agent has been advised by Deputy Warden A. J. Graham, of the Kansas State Penitentiary, that Glynn has often spoken of Fred Barker in a very friendly manner, and within the past few months told him he had seen Barker in Leavenworth. Incidentally, Glynn is shown to have been in telephone contact with Vernon C. Miller and unknown friends of Miller during the early Summer of 1933, when calls were made from Miller's residence and from the 85th Tavern and the Horseshoe Club at Kansas City. These places are now obsolete.

Fred Barker is a very close friend of Herbert Allen Farmer, a subject in the Kansas City massacre case, who resides near Joplin, Missouri with his wife, Esther Farmer, another subject of that case. Farmer's telephone number is 1541-B-2. Mrs. Hattie Farmer, mother of Herb Farmer resides at Webb City, Missouri, and, according to Farmer's own admission, Fred Barker spent much of his time when a boy at the home of Mrs. Hattie Farmer.

It is indicated by the records of the Kansas State Penitentiary that while at that institution Barker corresponded with the following individuals:

- G. E. Barker, father, Miami, Oklahoma and Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- Mrs. Carol Hamilton, sister, Route No. 1, Box 108, Sapulpa, Oklahoma.
- Mrs. G. E. Barker, mother, 401 North Cincinnati Street, Tulsa, Okla.
- F. R. Burns, Miami, Oklahoma, business.
- Jimmie Hunt, Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

ARTHUR R. BARKER:

Arthur R. Barker, alias Doc Barker, alias Claude Dale, alias Bob Barker, as prision No. 11906, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, was received February 10, 1928 from Tulsa, Oklahoma under life sentence for murder. He was paroled from that sentence on September 10, 1932, as heretofore mentioned. Due to his very affectionate relations with his mother, it is believed that they are now together. The files indicate that Jim Sprinkler, an attorney of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, probably represented Arthur R. Barker in securing his parole. It is also heretofore mentioned, rumored that Fred Barker paid \$10,000.00 for the parole. There appears to be no record in the Kansas City files as to the name and address of the parole adviser of Arthur R. Barker. This should be developed for possible additional personal history which might be obtained through that individual. Information as set out herein for the purpose of locating Fred Barker will be applicable also to Arthur R. Barker, since they are presumably together with their mother.

ALVIN KARPIS:

Records of the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing indicate that Alvin Karpis was received at the State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, on February 25, 1926 under sentence of ten years for burglary; escaped and was returned on March 25, 1930. Upon recapture he was transferred on May 19, 1930 to the State Penitentiary at Lansing where the record was obtained. Upon entrance to the Penitentiary his aliases were shown as Ray Hadley, and Earl Peel. He has other aliases shown as George Duan, R. E. Hamilton, George Waller and Ray Hunter. His number at the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, is 1539. He stated upon being received at this institution that he was arrested once at Vernon, Florida, where he served thirty days in the County Jail. This record is not shown in the fingerprint records of the Division. He showed his nationality as German, and that he was born in Canada. He stated that he was not a naturalized citizen of the United States; that he entered the United States at Montreal, Canada with his parents during 1917; that he had no religion, and that his occupation was that of clerk and baker. He stated that he had an 8th grade education; that he smoked and chewed, and that his father and mother, John and Anna Karpis, resided at 3010 Addison Street, Chicago, Illinois. He listed the names of his three sisters as Mrs. P. H. Newborne, 1108 Francis Street, Chicago, Illinois, Mrs. R. Velmute, 1551 West Grand, Chicago, Illinois, and Amelia Grooms, 1234 North Monroe Street, Topeka, Kansas. He showed that he had left home when 15 years of age to travel around the country, and that he had made his home for a considerable period of time at Topeka, Kansas. He showed that he with two other boys broke into a store at Notawoka, Kansas, and committed burglary because of the need of money, which was the offense for which he pleaded guilty and was sentenced.

The correspondence record of Karpis secured from the Kansas State Penitentiary indicates that he wrote to and received letters from the following:

- Mrs. P. F. Newbold, sister, 1141 North Francisco Street, Chicago, Illinois, (evidently correct).
- Mrs. A. E. Grooms, sister, 1234 North Monroe Street, Topeka, Kansas.
- Mrs. J. Karpis, mother, 3010 West Addison Street, Chicago, Illinois.
- Mr. L. Hummer, 303 Lawrence Street, Topeka, Kansas.
- Carol Lankersley, No. 6 East Haskell, Tulsa, Oklahoma, relationship not shown.

The locations of the sisters and parents of Karpis at Chicago, Illinois are shown in the report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, dated at Chicago 8-4-32, the Nash, Holden and Keating file.

Dorothy Slaymon, wife of Karpis, Tulsa Oklahoma Police Department 8012, is now believed residing in Chicago, Ill., possibly with relatives of there. Her mother is said to be a Mrs. Richards, of Keifer, Oklahoma.

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As above reflected, Karpis is evidently an alien. The point from which his people come in the Dominion of Canada is apparently not of record in these files. It is evident that he may have other relatives residing in Canada, to whom he might go if he fled the United States.

As previously stated, the report of Special Agent Fallon, dated September 19, 1932 in the Nash, Holden and Keating file, indicates a connection of Karpis with the murder of J. Earl Smith, and also shows connections of Karpis in St. Paul, Minnesota. These connections are followed in the reports of Agent Glass dated at St. Paul, Minnesota 11-1 and 11-18-1932 in the Keating and Holden case.

HARRY CAMPBELL:

Harry Campbell, alias Dave Campbell. This individual, who is Tulsa, Oklahoma P. D. No. 1846, is not shown by the Division records to have any past sentences, however, he is wanted by the Police Departments at Joplin, Missouri and Casper, Wyoming for robbery and burglary, and at Independence, Kansas, Stillwater, Oklahoma and Hutchinson, Kansas by the Sheriffs' Offices for robbery. He is known to be a close associate of Glenn Roy Wright, who is also wanted at many places for highway robbery, and to be a close friend of the Barkers, Alvin Karpis and members of that mob. Underworld information, especially at the State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, is to be to the effect that he is travelling with those individuals.

Campbell is known at Casper, Wyoming. He was in Casper during the Spring of 1933 for a short time when he robbed three safes. At that time he was travelling with a woman, identity unknown, and Glenn Roy Wright.

Campbell is married to one Micky Rheinsmith, daughter of Mina Rheinsmith, formerly of Casper Wyoming, and later of Midwest, Wyoming. Campbell was in Riverton, Wyoming during October, 1933, but evaded apprehension by Casper authorities. The report of Special Agent Emerson Hopp, dated at Salt Lake City 1-26-34 in the Kansas City massacre case, shows the above information with reference to his connections in Wyoming. Investigation has not been made at Midwest, Wyoming, but the Salt Lake City Office through correspondence lately learned that Mrs. Rheinsmith and her daughter are not there, and have not been for sometime past. It is not definitely known whether or not Micky Rheinsmith and Harry Campbell are married. Further investigation should be made to determine the location of this individual. If Micky Rheinsmith can be located, through her should be secured all possible additional personal data as to Campbell, whose relatives are not shown in these files and regarding whom, personal history is somewhat lacking.

GLENN ROY WRIGHT:

Glenn Roy Wright, alias Jack Hudson. This individual is wanted at Joplin, Missouri, Hutchinson, Kansas and Stillwater, Oklahoma for robbery and burglary. It is also shown that he is wanted for murder, according to records of the Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department, but the location at which he is wanted for the latter offense is not available to this office.

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He is Tulsa, Oklahoma P. D. No. 1992. He was shot at Siloam, Springs, Arkansas sometime ago where he was accompanied by Gene Johnson, who was killed by officers, Wright having been shot in the hand. He is said to be a personal friend of Karpis, the Barkers and Harry Campbell. Wright has two brothers; Harold Wright, employed by the World Publishing Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Lewis Wright, 722 North Cheyenne Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

WOLNEY DAVIS

Davis was received at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, as number 12809, on 2-3-23 from Tulsa, Oklahoma, on charge of murder, with a life sentence. He escaped on 1-8-25 and was returned on 1-25-25. On 11-3-32 he was given a leave of absence from the penitentiary to 7-1-33, but on 6-30-33 the leave was extended until 7-1-34, apparently, therefore, he is at leave at this time. The relatives of Davis, as shown from the records of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, are as follows:

Father - Rodney E. Davis, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Sister - Bertha Williams, 2508 East 8th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Sister - Beula Porter, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Davis is said to be a close associate of Harry Campbell, Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis. This information comes from sources within the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing through convicts who are acquainted with all of this mob. There is at this time no record to indicate that Davis is wanted under process at any place.

It appears that investigation should be made to determine the name and address of any parole adviser or "next friend" appointed by the penitentiary for Davis since it appears that he is receiving leniency in being allowed furlough as above shown.

A letter, dated 2-15-34, in the Kansas City massacre case, from the Kansas City office to the Division, with a copy for each field office, lists on page seven the name of Volney Davis. At this time it is desired to correct the statement made on page seven of that letter to the effect that Davis is wanted as an escape. The fingerprint records of the Division in Washington reflected such wanted notice, but personal investigation made by the Oklahoma City office, as reflected in the report of Special Agent G. A. Stevens, dated at Oklahoma City, 1-16-34, showed the record accurately and it appears that the penitentiary had not furnished such information to the Division heretofore. A disposition sheet is therefore being furnished to the Division to correct the wanted notice.

BERNARD PHILLIPS

Subject of Division I.C. #1196, is known to be a close friend of the Barkers and others of their mob. Through [redacted]

[redacted] a report has been received that Bernard Phillips is probably now dead and that he was allegedly killed by the gang in the latter part of July, 1933, in the vicinity of St. Paul. The St. Paul office has advised that it is unable to establish this allegation as true. However, Special Agent A. E. Farland, of this office, on

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8-19-34, while talking with [redacted] was told that Jack Pfeiffer, noted underworld lieutenant of Leon Gleckman of St. Paul, alcohol baron, knows all the facts in connection with the assassin of Phillips and could, if he would, furnish them to the Division. Pfeiffer is said to know where the body of Phillips was disposed of. [redacted] furnished this information with the understanding that [redacted] not be informed as to the source thereof. It is hoped to keep the good will [redacted] is a valuable source of information of this type, especially Agents Farland and H. E. Anderson, who made his acquaintance during the time [redacted]

[redacted] should not be indiscriminately interviewed, but interviews should be had by Agents in position to secure their friendly cooperation due to past acquaintances with them.

#### SAM TARAN

Sam Taran is shown as Chicago, Illinois, Police Department #C49250. He is mentioned in the report of Special Agent W. C. Baum, dated at Chicago, Illinois, 7-8-33, in the massacre case, beginning on page three. His criminal record is that shown on page four. It is indicated that he was a close friend of the deceased Vernon C. Miller and other members of this mob. The report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 1-22-34, in the massacre case, indicates that Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Sam Taran were identified as three of six men who robbed the Cloud County Bank at Concordia, Kansas, on 7-26-32 and further shows that approximately \$240,000.00 worth of bonds were stolen in that bank robbery, a great part of which bonds were recovered at St. Paul, Minnesota, through peaceable negotiations by W. S. Gordon of the Burns Detective Agency with some unknown underworld boss in St. Paul. Letter from this office, accompanying the report of Agent Suran, to the St. Paul office on 1-22-34 points out the close connections of the Barkers, Karpis and Taran with the St. Paul underworld and suggests them as likely suspects in the instant kidnaping case.

It is shown from the report of Agent Baum, mentioned here, that Taran is Minnesota State Penitentiary, Stillwater, Register #9609. Further personal history of him should be secured at Stillwater.

The report of Special Agent J. R. Green, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 6-16-33, in the case of Frank Nash, Escaped Federal Prisoner, shows that the bank at Fairbury, Nebraska, was robbed on 4-4-33 by six men, among whom it was at that time believed Nash, Taran and other members of this mob were included. In this connection the State Sheriff's

office, Lincoln, Nebraska, forwarded to the Kansas City office a circular bearing the photograph of Clyde Wimerick, alias James Woodruff, alias Charles D. Harris, Des Moines, Iowa, Police Department #9024, who was believed to have been a participant in the bank robbery at Fairbury. Wimerick is now thought to be at large and it is evident that he may be a member of the instant mob of the Barkers, Karpis and others.

In connection with the Fairbury bank robbery of 4-4-33 there was forwarded by the Nebraska State Sheriff to the Kansas City office an enlarged photograph of a latent fingerprint found at the bank on a pistol left by one of the bank robbers. This latent fingerprint photograph is being forwarded to the Division for use in connection with identifying other members of the Nash-Barker mob.

It may be stated that the only description available of Wimerick at this office is age 36 years, height 5 feet 8 inches, weight 170 pounds. One copy of his photograph on the circular mentioned above is available. More personal history of Wimerick will be secured at Des Moines through the police there and additional copies of his photograph will be obtained.

WILLIAM WEAVER

William Weaver, alias Phenix Donald, a St. Paul, Minnesota, police character, is said to be a close friend of the Barkers and Alvin Karpis. Agent recently learned from the prosecutor at West Plains, Missouri, when talking with him by long distance telephone that Weaver, alias Donald, was in the vicinity of West Plains, Missouri, with Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis on 12-19-31 when Sheriff C. R. Kelley was murdered by Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis. Further identification data and personal history is not available at the Kansas City office but may be secured from the St. Paul, Minnesota, Police Department.

Persons shown from review of the Nash, Holden and Keating files and from the file of Vernon C. Miller, et al (Kansas City massacre case) as being in particularly advantageous position to furnish information relative to Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Bernard Phillips and other members of the mob and which individuals apparently may be directly approached for assistance are as follows:

Lieutenant Arthur Katt, Chicago, Illinois, Police Department, mentioned in the report of Agent Baum, dated at Chicago, Illinois, 5-18-33, in the Nash, Holden and Keating case.

Mr. J. Finley, Florence Hotel, Pullman, Illinois, mentioned in the report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, dated at Chicago, Illinois, 8-4-32, in the Nash, Holden and Keating file.

Detective Sergeant James Healy, Chicago, Illinois, Police Department, mentioned in the report of Agent Keating as above.

Clarence Neal, Hudkins Hotel Billiard Room, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is shown throughout the Nash, Holden and Keating file to be well acquainted with the Nash gang and to have been cooperative when approached by Agents. He has a criminal record. He apparently knows the Barkers quite well and has wide acquaintance at Joplin, Missouri, from which vicinity the Barkers originally came. (Neosho, Missouri, is twenty miles from Joplin.)

Informant A, shown in the massacre file and in the Nash, Holden and Keating file, residing at Hot Springs, Arkansas. This informant furnished information which resulted in the apprehension of Nash on 6-16-33 at Hot Springs. The question of approaching him in this particular manner relative to the Barkers and others is suggested for the discretion of the Oklahoma City office.

William Wood of the American Bankers Association, Tulsa, Oklahoma, as mentioned in the report of Agent Fallon, dated at Oklahoma City, 9-19-32, in the Nash, Holden and Keating case.

Assistant Chief of Detectives Jack Bohan, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Police Department, as mentioned in the report of Agent Fallon as above.

W. E. Gordon, St. Paul, Minnesota, of the Burns National Detective Agency, as mentioned in the report of Agent Suran, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 1-22-34, in the Kansas City massacre case.

George Tobler, Deputy Sheriff, Coffeyville, Kansas, who is a nephew of Tom Hill of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. Tobler is in a particularly favorable position to secure information since Tom Hill is a criminal and friend of the Barkers. Tobler has always been cooperative and when approached the interview should be had in a very confidential manner pertaining to this particular mob.

A. J. Graham, Deputy Warden, Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, has general information regarding the Barkers and their associates, is well acquainted with Jack Glynn of Leavenworth, Kansas, who is a friend of the mob.

Lyman Ford, prisoner at the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, former member of the Nash gang, has appeared cooperative when interviewed.

George Ford, prisoner in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, comes from Eldorado, Kansas, is a member of the mob which includes the Barkers and is said to have furnished them arms and ammunition up to a short time ago when he was convicted for receiving stolen Government firearms.

George Kelley, prisoner in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, member of the mob which includes the Barkers, serving life sentence for his part in the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel. Care should be taken with reference to interviews with him since he will furnish information of value only to agents with whom he is acquainted in a friendly manner.

Ed Portley, Chief of Detectives, Joplin, Missouri, has general information regarding the Barkers and others.

Ray Watson, County Prosecutor, Carthage, Missouri, has general information regarding the Barkers and others.

W. L. Conley, State Bureau of Apprehension, St. Paul, Minnesota, has general information regarding the gang in which the Barkers are members and other underworld contacts of a major nature at St. Paul, Minnesota.

The major criminals who are politically entrenched in St. Paul, Minnesota, are outlined in various reports in the Nash, Holden and Keating file in the St. Paul office. Particular reference is made relative to the Barkers however in the reports by Special Agent John R. Glass, dated at St. Paul, in that case, 11-1-32 and 11-16-32.

The following general information may be of value in the location of the Barkers, Karpis and their friends:

Jim Springer, an attorney at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is thought to have represented Arthur R. Barker in securing his parole from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in September, 1932.

Walter Hamlin, Bureka Springs, Arkansas, operates a tourist resort where the Nash gang is said to have had a hangout.

Fred Barker is said to make frequent visits to his sweetheart or wife, Johanna Armor, 1518 South Troost Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

L. M. Marlow and wife, residence Newton Road, Osage County, Tulsa, Oklahoma, are contacts of the mob in which the Barkers are members. In this connection reference is made to the report of Agent Fallon in the Nash, Holden and Keating case, dated 9-19-32.

An attorney named Newman of St. Paul, Minnesota, is believed to have represented the Barkers and others as shown in the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall in the massacre case, dated 7-27-33 at St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Holt Motor Company and Herb Wilds Garage of St. Paul, Minnesota, are hoodlum hangouts and the managements are contacts of the gang of the Barkers. Particular emphasis should be placed on the garage of Herb Wilds since it has been learned through investigation that the Barkers used Herb Wilds' garage as a contact point to and from which they frequently placed long distance calls.

William W. Barnhart, a taxi driver, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, is said to be a close friend of this mob, as reflected by the report of Special Agent J. C. Newman, dated at Chicago, Illinois, 2-8-32, in the Nash, Holden and Keating case. It is quite possible that a taxi driver's services could have been utilized by the kidnapers in this case in delivering certain notes.

The Barkers and/or Bernard Phillips and Alvin Karpis had a sand colored Auburn 12 cylinder sedan, 1932 model, motor #324, with Missouri 1932 license tags #588014, registered in the name of Arthur F. Hunter, Majestic Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, when they were in this city for several weeks prior to the arrest of Holden, Keating and Bailey on 7-7-32. In this car the Barkers fled with Karpis and Phillips to St. Paul, Minnesota, where they arrived 7-9-32 on White Bear Lake and took up residence; that car has not been subsequently found and presumably it was turned over to one of the hoodlum garage operators in St. Paul or Chicago in exchange for another car. That automobile was purchased at Kansas City, Missouri, and identification was made in the investigation of the Holden and Keating case of Alvin Karpis and Herbert Allen Farmer as the individuals who purchased the car. However, Barkers used the car. The car was purchased under the name of Arthur F. Hunter. Mrs. Barker uses the name Mrs. Arthur F. Hunter and Alvin Karpis also uses the alias Ray Hunter. It was impossible and probably immaterial to determine which of these individuals was the owner of the Auburn car since it is shown that they traveled together with it.

Leonard E. Carson, alias Leonard O'Keefe, alias Lawrence Devault, was a close friend of the Barkers and Karpis while they were in Kansas City in July, 1932. The Barkers and Karpis lived in apartment 204 at 414 West 46th Street Terrace at Kansas City and at the same address Carson lived in apartment 205. They all fled on the same date, 7-7-32. Carson is now said to be serving a life sentence for bank robbery and murder in the State Penitentiary at Stillwater, Minnesota.

James H. Kennedy, Seville Apartments, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, telephone 2026, was shown to be a contact of the Nash, Holden and Keating gang. Holden and Keating once lived at the same address with Kennedy and investigation of the St. Paul office in connection with that case showed that long distance calls by those fugitives were placed at the telephone of James H. Kennedy from St. Paul, Minnesota.

There is sure to be a gambling den and hoodlum hangout of the St. Paul mob at Tanner's Lake near St. Paul, Minnesota, at which place members of the mob in which the Barkers are associated might gather or from which they might make long distance calls. Details as to this are shown in the report of Agent Glass, 11-18-32, rendered at the St. Paul office in the Nash, Holden and Keating case.

Lillian Holden and Marjorie Keating, 6957 South Hermitage Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, wives of Thomas Holden and Francis Keating, former escapes and now serving in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, keep in close touch with the underworld activities of this gang and surveillance of them might be of value in locating the Barkers and others.

Winnie Williams, alias Mary Phillips, the supposed wife of Bernard Phillips, 8400 Paxton Street, Chicago, Illinois, keeps in touch with the activities of this mob and if Bernard Phillips is alive she may be in touch with him. It may be noted that Bernard Phillips was known as a close friend and companion of the Barkers.

Florence Hotel, 1111 Forrestville Avenue, phone Commodore 2100, Pullman, Illinois, is frequented by members of this gang. Parties believed to have been Fred Barker, Frank Nash and others were shown to have resided there intermittently during 1932, according to the report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, dated at Chicago, Illinois, 8-4-32, in the Nash, Holden and Keating case. The management of that hotel is not cooperative. M. J. Finley, mentioned heretofore as a possible source of information, resides at that hotel and may be of assistance.

The Oak Park Arms Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, a high class

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hotel in the residential section of Oak Park, Illinois, is shown to have been a stopping place for members of this gang.

Bernard Phillips is shown to have two sisters-in-law residing during 1932 at 6144 North Washatenaw Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, according to the report of Agent Keating in the Nash, Holden and Keating case, dated at Chicago, 8-4-32.

Charles Lubecker, 2646 South Cicero Avenue, telephone Cicero 3808, and 41st and 23rd Street, telephone Brashfield 1027, Cicero and Chicago, Illinois, operates night clubs at those addresses, believed to be hangouts of this mob.

Joseph Bergl, 5348 West 22nd Street, Cicero, Illinois, phone Cicero 2702, is an automobile dealer, who furnished automobiles to this mob and is a well known major member of the Capone gang, with which the gang of Frank Nash, Barkers and others are connected.

Mary Crawford, alias Winnie Williams, alias Mary Phillips, wife of Bernard Phillips, presently residing in Chicago, originally came from Wilton, Connecticut, where her mother, Mrs. J. Wertz and sister Geraldine Williams reside.

With reference to the report of Special Agent C. B. Winstead, dated at Dallas, Texas, 1-29-34, and letters from the Kansas City office to the Dallas office, dated 1-2-34 and 1-3-34, all in the massacre case and with reference to page three of the report of Agent Fallon, dated at Oklahoma City, 9-16-32, in the Nash, Holden and Keating case, it is thought probable that Jack Carter, shown in Agent Fallon's report, may be identical with the party shown as Jack Baxley, alias Jack Carter, mentioned in the report of Agent Winstead. Agent Fallon's report shows that Jack Carter acted as a go-between for Karpis and Fred Barker. The Dallas office may be able to locate Jack Baxley pursuant to the report of Agent Winstead. It has been rumored that the party believed to be Baxley stops at the Bellerive Hotel on Armour Blvd. in Kansas City, Missouri, at infrequent intervals.

Detective Rye, mentioned in the letter from the Kansas City office to the Dallas office of 1-2-34, has recently informed this Agent among his personal notes he found calls which Jack Carter had made from the Ambassador Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, showing that they were San Antonio, Texas, 5866; Tyler, Texas, 2177W; Hutchinson, Kansas, 57F2; Hot Springs, Arkansas, 3400 and Independence, Missouri, 5976 or 5796. This should be further investigated by the interested offices to determine the identities of the parties receiving the calls and present connections of those individuals with the Barkers.

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It was determined during July, 1933, that mail had been received at the Majestic Hotel for Arthur F. Hunter, although that individual was not registered there. This was ascertained in connection with the Nash, Holden and Keating case. Arthur F. Hunter was the name given when the Auburn sedan of the Barkers or Karpis was purchased, as mentioned heretofore in this report.

Herbert Farmer, mentioned heretofore, was thought to have been with Karpis when the Auburn car was purchased. The individual who received mail at the Majestic Hotel might have been either Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis or Herbert Farmer. This information is shown as a basis for belief that the Majestic Hotel is an underworld hangout and should be watched.

At Branson, Missouri, there is an ex-convict named Clyde Higgs, alias Bonehead Hicks, Joplin, Missouri, Police Department #357, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department #3527, who served a term of ten years in the Missouri State Penitentiary for highway robbery. He is said to be in close touch with the Barkers and others and to harbor them at his tourist camp at Branson. Investigation in the massacre case showed that Higgs was in frequent telephonic communication with Vernon C. Miller's mob at the Tavern and the Horse Shoe Club at Kansas City, Missouri. These two places are now obsolete.

Jack Glynn, former Chief of Police, now private detective, Leavenworth, Kansas, phone 1362, residence 311 Chestnut Street, is a close friend of Fred Barker and was also shown to have been in frequent telephonic communication with parties unknown at the Tavern and Horse Shoe Club which were underworld hangouts of Vernon C. Miller at Kansas City.

Wick Carnes, Tommie Hill and Pearl Stanley, residing at Coffeyville, Kansas, or possibly across the line in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, are said to be close friends of the Barkers and possibly harbor them and their friends at various times.

Report of Special Agent J. J. Keating in the massacre case, dated at Chicago, Illinois, 9-23-33, and other correspondence in that case shows that one Helen Ferguson, identity unknown, who lived at 110 Home Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, associated with Mrs. Katherine Barker at the same address. Mrs. Barker lived there with two men believed to be her sons Fred and Doc. Mrs. Barker moved from the apartment to parts unknown on 6-20-33. As to how long before that the men left investigation has not shown. Mrs. Ferguson moved out of her apartment at that address on 7-23-33 and went to St. Louis, Missouri. The St. Louis office ascertained that the car of Helen Ferguson which was purchased at Chicago, Illinois, namely a Buick 8 cylinder coupe, motor #2845179, was on

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8-22-33 at 3703 Keokuk Avenue, St. Louis. Helen Ferguson purchased this car from Joe Bergl, mentioned heretofore in this report. Mrs. Frances Nash, the wife of the deceased prisoner, informed Agents that Mrs. Barker and Helen Ferguson are the women who rented the apartment. Helen Ferguson is not as yet identified. The address in St. Louis, 3703 Keokuk Avenue is that of H. W. Davies, a slot machine racketeer and gambler. It has been said at various times by convicts in the Kansas State Penitentiary that Fred Barker is in the slot machine racket. Further investigation in St. Louis might be appropriate to determine the present connection of Helen Ferguson with the Barkers.

William Engler, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #24846, and his wife, Bertha Engler, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department #20406, are known to be close friends of the mob in which the Barkers are associated. They are St. Louis, Missouri, police characters and are reputed through general information in Kansas City to have participated in the handling of the ransom funds in the Michael Katz kidnaping of 1930. Bertha Engler was in Kansas City residing in company with this mob in 1932 when Holden and Keating were apprehended.

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Descriptions and criminal records as reflected from records on file in the fingerprint section of this Division at Washington, D.C.

NAME	ARTHUR R. BAKER
AGE	34
HEIGHT	5' 5 1/2"
WEIGHT	112 lbs. (as of 2-10-23)
BUILD	Short
HAIR	Chestnut
EYES	Blue
COMPLEXION	Medium
MARKS	Flesh colored moles - one on left cheek; two on right cheek.
RESIDENCE	Neosho, Mo. - Tulsa, Okla.
RACE	White
MARITAL STATUS	Believed single. May now be cohabiting with Paula Harmon.

CRIMINAL RECORD:



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NAME  
AGE  
HEIGHT  
WEIGHT  
HAIR  
EYES  
COMPLEXION  
BUILD  
NATIONALITY  
RACE  
OCCUPATION  
RESIDENCE  
SCARS  
MARITAL STATUS

ALVIN KARPIS  
24 (Born 1910)  
5' 9"  
138 lbs. (as of 5-19-30)  
Brown  
Brown  
Light  
Tall - slim (in 1930)  
Canadian (German descent) born Canada  
White  
Clerk  
Chicago, Ill.  
I. Scar, eye upr eye  
II. Clear  
III. Small pitted eye on face.  
Believed married to Dorothy Slaymon  
of Keifer, Okla. who is now be-  
lieved in Chicago, Ill.

CRIMINAL RECORD:



No tattoos:



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NAME FRED BARKER  
AGE 32 yrs.  
HEIGHT 5' 4"  
WEIGHT 115 lbs. (1937)  
EYES Blue  
HAIR Light Brown  
COMPLEXION Dark  
BUILD Small  
RACE White  
MARITAL STATUS Married  
RESIDENCE Neosho, Mo. - Tulsa, Okla.  
OCCUPATION Laundry-man  
NATIONALITY American  
MARKS 1. Gun shot wrist inr; gun shot  
wound bs. L. finger palm hand; II. ct. sic hand inr. bs.  
L. finger. III. Ct. sic below L. eye inside; ct. sic  
below L. eye outside; ct. vic above L. eye.

CRIMINAL RECORD:

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(Fred Barker criminal record cont'd.)

Notations:



NAME	HARRY CAMPBELL
AGE	32
HEIGHT	5'5"
WEIGHT	135 lbs.
EYES	Blue
HAIR	Brown
COMPLEXION	Ruddy
RACE	White
BUILD	Medium
NATIONALITY	American
MARITAL STATUS	Believed married. Note personal history above.
RESIDENCE	Pampa, Texas and Tulsa, Okla. Note personal history above.
MARKS	Vac. Scar. upr. lft. arm

CRIMINAL RECORD:



Notations:



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NAME	VOLNEY DAVIS
AGE	31
HEIGHT	5' 8"
WEIGHT	125 lbs. (in 1925)
COMPLEXION	Fair
EYES	Blue
HAIR	Light Chestnut
BUILD	Slender
RACE	White
NATIONALITY	American (born Oklahoma)
RESIDENCE	Tulsa, Oklahoma
MARITAL STATUS	Unknown
OCCUPATION	Printer
MARKS	On left arm etc. sc. 1/4 2nd fl. ind. rear. On face - vert. et sc 1/4 x 3/4 to pt. of med.; 1/2 above eyebrow. ext. up. lge. bn col mole 1/2 x 3/4 3 below left lobe on neck.

CRIMINAL RECORD:

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NAME	GLENN ROY WRIGHT
AGE	35
HEIGHT	5' 8 1/2"
WEIGHT	135
HAIR	Black
EYES	Blue
BUILD	Medium
RESIDENCE	Tulsa, Okla.
RACE	White
TEETH	False
MARKS, etc.	cut sc. l. eye outer. Vac sc upr. & arm.

NAME  
AGE  
EYES  
WEIGHT  
HAIR  
COMPLEXION  
BORN  
MARKS  
NATIONALITY  
RACE

SAM TARAN  
35 (1933)  
Blue  
182 lbs.  
Dark chestnut - thin on top  
Balding  
Russet  
Irr. sc. cent. l. eyebrow  
Unknown  
White

CRIMINAL RECORD

NAME

MRS. KATHERINE BARKER  
(from observation of various informants  
shown in file.)

AGE  
HEIGHT  
BUILD  
HAIR  
RACE  
NATIONALITY  
MARITAL STATUS

55  
5' 6"  
Medium  
Gray  
White  
American  
Married  
Mother of Fred and Arthur.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

Each and every field office should carefully peruse all details in this report and in connection with files in the offices a complete study should be made of the matter in order to develop every possible lead looking toward the apprehension of Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and the location of Arthur R. Barker and Volney Davis. It will be noted that the latter two are at this time apparently not wanted on any state or Federal process, but it is particularly desired to locate Arthur R. Barker in connection with this matter.

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



February 20, 1934.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
Kidnaping.  
St. Paul File 7-30

Dear Sir:

Please refer to the Division's letter of February 12, 1934, regarding the results of an interview with one ALCORN, who furnished certain information in this case.

Please be advised that it is quite evident to this office that this individual has an exact knowledge of the underworld in St. Paul. The information which he furnished to the Division, in every detail, insofar as it relates to the St. Paul District, is correct.

For the Division's information, please be advised that Special Agent O. G. Hall, some months ago, had occasion to examine a number of letters taken from the room of "Chick" Berman, who is said to be a brother of Dave Berman, which letters are now in the possession of this office. From the letters it appears that the local underworld, that is the Gleckman crowd, were obligated to take steps to effect the release of Dave Berman, who about 1925 received a forty years sentence for a kidnaping. Berman was sent to either Auburn or Sing Sing Penitentiary of New York State, but through the efforts of the Gleckman crowd was later sent to another institution. In that connection one PATTON interceded for Dave Berman in New York State and was evidently using funds supplied by Dave Berman as the letters which Agent Hall examined indicated that Dave Berman had been "fleeced" of a considerable sum of money by persons in the St. Paul underworld who were to intercede for him with the Government of New York State. In that connection, Francis Keating, escaped federal prisoner, once had an automobile purchased for him by one PATTON. It is entirely possible that the two PATTON's are the same individual.

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It is my suggestion that since the informant ALCORN seems to have a very good knowledge of the underworld in St. Paul, that the person for whom he is apparently trying to make a deal for is probably

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Dave Berman, however, if that is true, then obviously the informant ALCORN must have some good connection in St. Paul and probably can give some information in the Bremer Kidnaping Case. It is my thought that when the informant is next interviewed he be asked the name of the person for whom he is interceding. If it is Dave Berman, than the Division can safely assume that the informant has some definite knowledge.

In that connection this office has been advised that about two weeks ago, a Chicago newspaper carried a story to the effect that an inmate of Sing Sing Penitentiary, New York State, had received a letter from a member of the St. Paul underworld which stated that something big was going to happen in St. Paul. I believe that the New York office should ascertain immediately the penitentiary in which Dave Berman is incarcerated in an endeavor to learn if he has received any mail from St. Paul a short time before the Bremer Kidnaping, supplying the names of the persons writing to Berman. Of course, it would be desirable to get the letter if that is at all possible. In the event this inquiry proves successful, the St. Paul Office requests that the New York Office notify the St. Paul Office by telegram of the name of the writer of the communication.

For the Division's information, Dave Berman is under indictment in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and there is said to be a detainer lodged against him in New York State. The particular crime for which he is wanted in Milwaukee is not known but it is one of serious nature and Agent Hall has learned that the St. Paul underworld has attempted to have this detainer removed.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the New York City Office with the request that it conduct the investigation indicated herein.

Very truly yours,



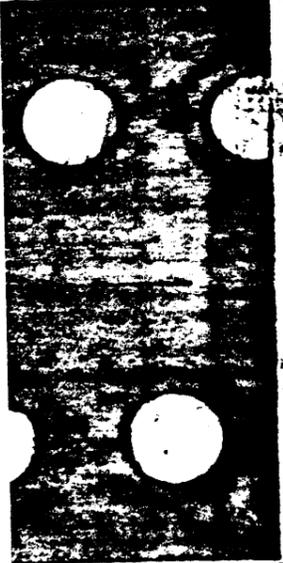
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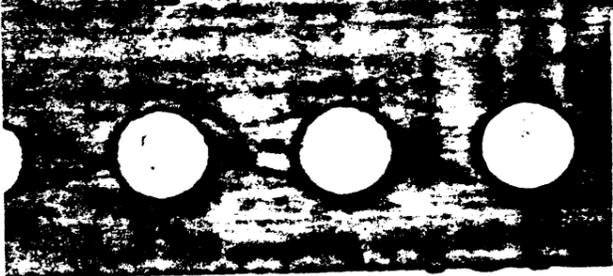
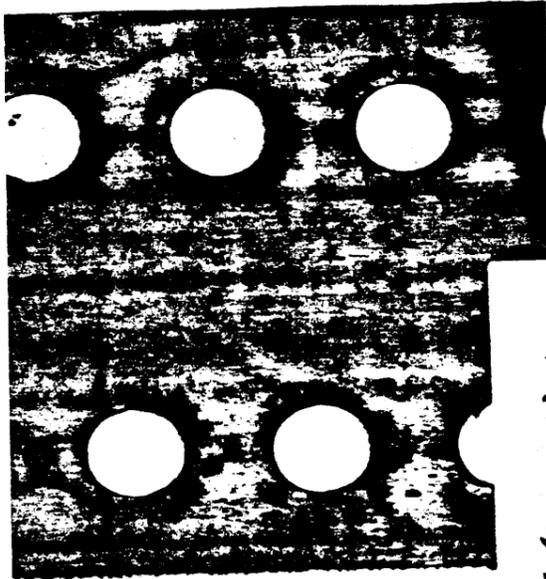
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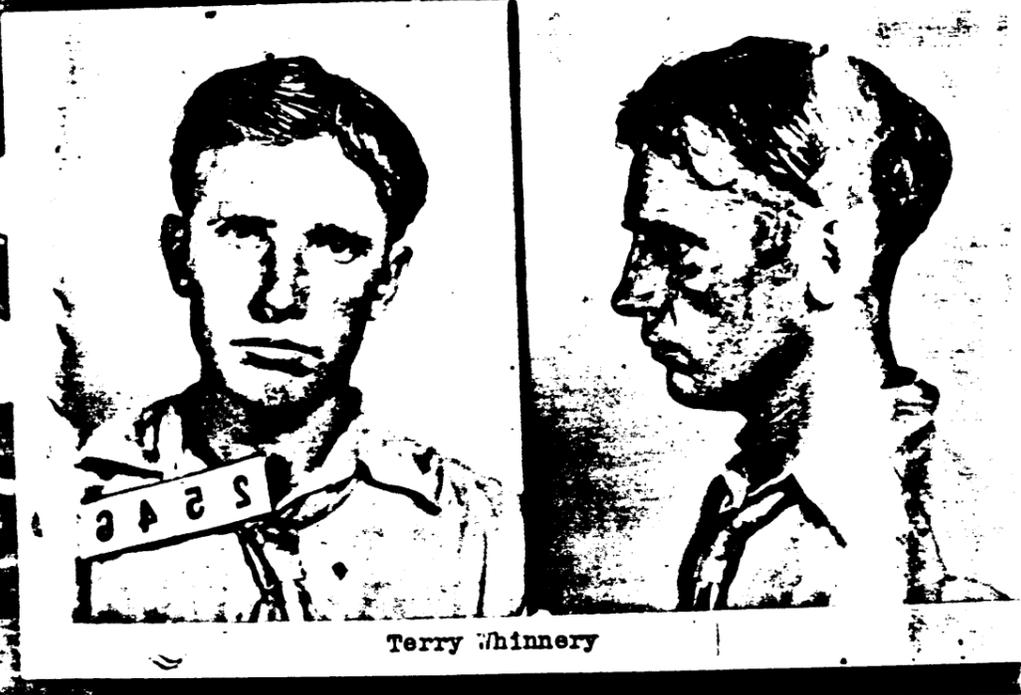
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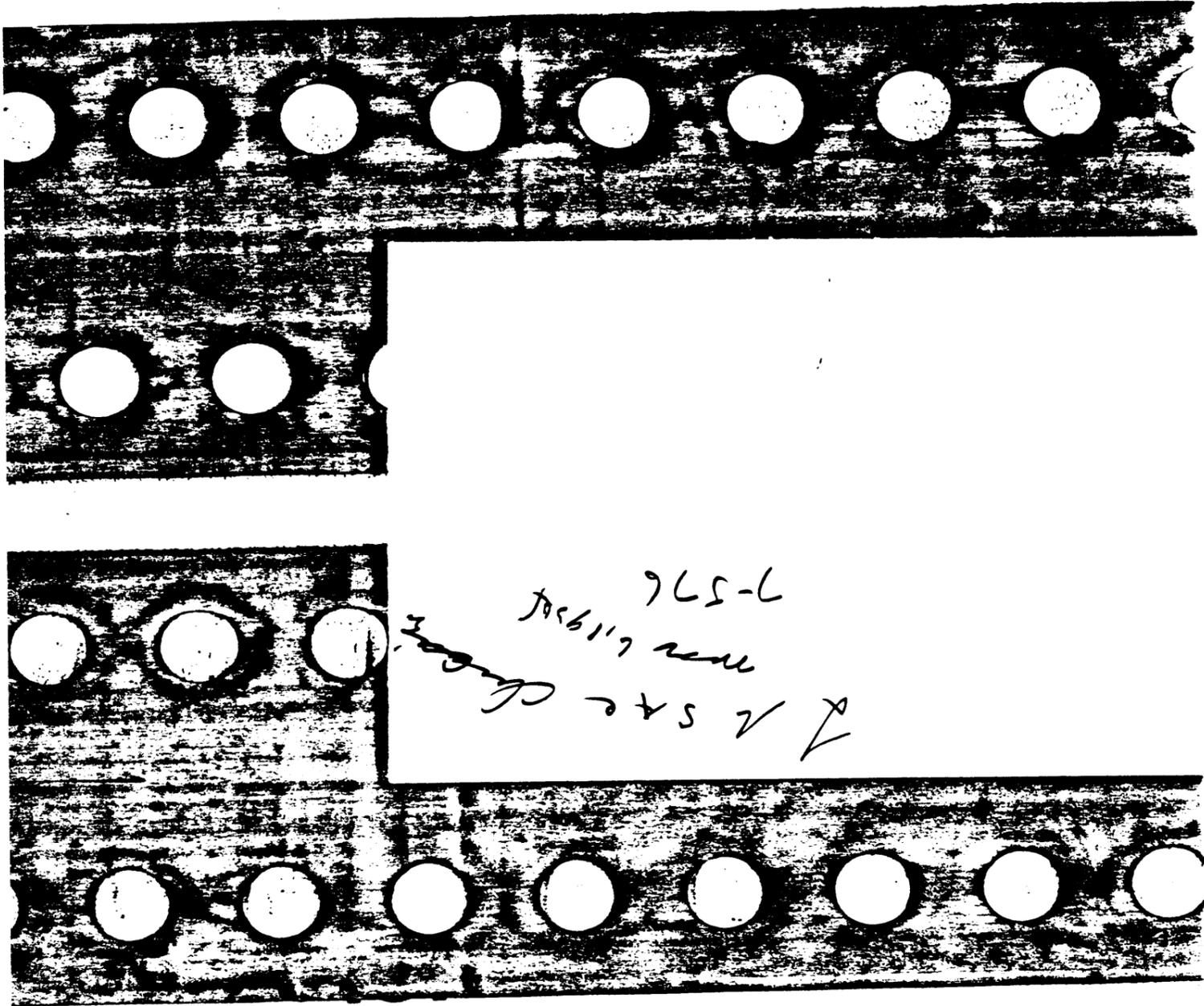
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March 3, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:

Further reference is made to Division letter of February 12, 1934, regarding the results of an interview with one Alcorn, and the letter of the St. Paul Office, dated February 20, 1934, addressed to the Division with reference to the same matter.

The letter of the St. Paul Office makes reference to one Patton, who is said to have interceded for Dave Berman in New York State, and was evidently using funds supplied by Dave Berman; and further, that Dave Berman had been "fleece" of a considerable sum of money by persons in the St. Paul underworld who were to intercede for him with the Government of New York State. It is further noted that Francis Keating had an automobile purchased for him by one Patton.

The attention of offices receiving copies of this letter is directed to the letter of the Chicago Office, dated September 15, 1933, addressed to the Kansas City Office, in the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased), Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, which set forth information obtained from Winnie Williams, on August 28, 1933. Winnie Williams is the former paramour of Bernard Phillips, subject of Identification Order #1196, and it is noted on page 3 of the letter from the Chicago Office, that during August, 1933, Winnie Williams, with Bernard Phillips, registered at the Belvidere Hotel in New York City as Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Patton. It is possible that Phillips is identical with the individual referred to as Patton in the letter from the St. Paul Office, dated February 20, 1934, and that he was in New York City during August, 1933, for the purpose of arranging through underworld contacts to have Dave Berman transferred from one penitentiary to another.

You are instructed to make every effort to locate Winnie Williams and reinterview her with reference to her visit to New York City with Phillips.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent J. R. Waller, dated at Chicago, Illinois, February 26, 1934, wherein it is noted that Bernard Phillips has been identified as an individual purchasing newspapers of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota, from news dealers. These identifications have been made at various news stands and hotels in Chicago.

The attention of the New York Office is directed to the fact that the mother of Winnie Williams, resided in Wilton, Connecticut, as reflected in the letter of the Chicago Office, dated September 15, 1933.

A transcript of a record of one Dave Berman, #2362, Police Department, Sioux City, Iowa, who may possibly be identical with the Dave Berman above referred to is enclosed. This individual as Dave Berman, #80404, was received in Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, November 25, 1927, to serve a sentence of twelve years; crime, Assault, 2nd degree (armed). The New York Office is requested to examine the correspondence on file, and record of visitors of Dave Berman, in such a manner as not to arouse the suspicion of the prison officials by indicating this Division's interests in Dave Berman. It is suggested that the files of three or four other individuals known to be serving sentences at Sing Sing, be examined at the same time in order to divert attention from Dave Berman.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 685067

cc-New York  
St. Paul  
W. A. Rorer

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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



February 19, 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 7-30.

Concerning the telegram sent by this office on this date to the Division requesting a search for photograph or other information useful in effecting the location of PAULA HARMON, please be advised that an examination of the files in this office dealing with Keating, Holden, Nash, Bailey, Webber, Harmon, Miller, Karpis and the Barkers fails to produce any information more recent than that contained in a letter from the San Antonio office on February 3, 1934, to this office and in report of Special Agent C. B. Winstead, Dallas, Texas, dated 1-31-34 and it is desired that the Division examine the files of the Identification Division in an effort to determine whether Paula Harmon alias Mrs. J. Stanley Smith alias Mrs. Doyle Benton alias Mrs. Dennis Woods has ever been arrested. It is desired that if such a record is found, this office be furnished with photographs of Paula Harmon or information as to where such photograph can be located.

The Division's attention is invited to the fact that she was once married to Charles Harmon, deceased. Charles Harmon was a bank robber with Keating, Holden, and other members of that gang. He was killed at or near Menomonie, Wisconsin, in October, 1931. It is thought that an examination of the identification records regarding him might produce some lead as to a source of information which might result in locating Paula Harmon.

On this date, telegrams have been sent to the Dallas and San Antonio offices requesting further investigation in an effort to locate Paula Harmon. It is thought that Paula Harmon is with the Karpis and Barker gang.

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Very truly yours,  
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Special Agent in Charge  
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REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2/20/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/22-2/16/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>V. CARTER HAIN - AB</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>The present location of William Sullivan, a friend of members of the Touhy gang, not known. Relatives of Ernest Rossi failed to give any information concerning his murderers. Andrew Youpel, who handled bonds stolen in the Holland Bank robbery in September, 1932, stated that these bonds came from Jules Schreiber. Schreiber and Gross arrested by Chicago Police in November, 1932, not located. Reports that Karpis and Barker were in vicinity of St. Anna, Wisconsin, proved groundless.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Letters from Chicago office to St. Paul office, dated 1/26/34 and 2/1/34, and Division letter, dated 2/12/34.</p>			
DETAILS: <p>As is indicated in the letter of reference from the Chicago office to the St. Paul office, dated January 26, 1934, Mr. Schumaker, who is employed by the Milwaukee Times Sentinel, stated that a confidential informant had advised him that the Bremer kidnaping was the work of Charles C. Connors alias "Ice" or "Ice Wagon", and a friend of Connors who operated a speakeasy in the vicinity of 12th and Robey Streets in Chicago, Illinois. As indicated in that letter, through Captain Albert Mikes of the 23d District Police Station, 2259 South Damen Street, it was determined that the last proprietor of a tavern at 1959 Roosevelt was one Peter Narducci, whose place had been closed on January 2, 1934, for failure to pay his license fee.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>W. A. Smith</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-679 FEB 23 1934 A M		RECORDED AND INDEXED: FEB 28 1934 CHECKED OFF: FEB 27 1934 PACKETED:
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A saloon and restaurant located at 1957 Roosevelt had been closed since the middle of July, 1933, according to Patrolman G. J. Miller, because of a shooting. This place had then been operated by Howard Hayden, who was known as the "half-man", being about five feet tall.

Investigation disclosed that Harducci lived at 3023-25 Taylor Street, having his abode on the first floor, rear, of that residence.

Through Captain Mikes and through Lieutenant Kerr of the Chicago Police Department, agent determined that prior to the return of legal intoxicating beverages, about two years before one William Sullivan, commonly known as "Crab" Sullivan, had operated a speakeasy at 1957 Roosevelt, which is one door from the corner of Roosevelt Road and Damen Avenue. It will be noted that Roosevelt Road is now what was formerly 12th Street in Chicago, and that Damen Avenue is the new name for Robey Street. Since information was in the files of the Chicago Division office which indicated that Sullivan was friendly with members of the Touhy gang, and since Captain Mikes, when questioned, had indicated that the only saloon keeper in his district who might be friendly with Connors was Sullivan, it was thought that the information supplied by the informant as to the location of the party who assisted Connors in this crime was based on old information.

It appeared that "Crab" Sullivan had operated for the past year a tavern at 1571-73 South Kedzie Avenue. An examination of this address established that the tenants had moved out suddenly about December 25, 1933, but it showed that a retail beverage dispenser's license for the City of Chicago for 1933, No. 1204, had been issued. A sign indicated that the store in question could be rented by calling Mohawk 1100. This number turned out to be the American Glass Co. at 1030 North Branch Street, and the party to whom agent's call was referred was a Mr. Ghindeiman, who was not in his office.

Jerry Nesladek, carrier from the Hawthorne Postal Station, 3617 Ogden Avenue, was located at his home, 5324 West 22d Place. He stated that he had seen William Sullivan at the address, 1571 South Kedzie, on numerous occasions but had no idea as to where Sullivan lived. He indicated that one Frank Prazzo, or some similar spelling, had been a regular bartender at this saloon. He said the awning above the saloon was listed as wholesale plumbing and supplies, and that the saloon ran for a patronage other than those people in the immediate neighborhood, since very few of the people who lived or operated businesses in that neighborhood frequented this place. He said that he had received mail there for the supposed owner of the saloon, who was known as William Burns or Byrnes.

Inquiry about the neighborhood of this saloon, including the hardware store of H. Kroner, 1556 South Kedzie, who was reported seen in this saloon, on several occasions, failed to reveal any information as to the present whereabouts of the tenants of this saloon, but merely information that

on a night about Christmas, 1933, all of the fixtures of this saloon had suddenly been moved from the saloon, and that none of the former operators of the saloon had been seen in the vicinity recently.

Investigation at the Chicago Police Department, Bureau of Identification, revealed that at the time of the arrest of William Sullivan on January 4, 1928, no detailed description of this man had been made, but the notation merely made that he was about 5' or 5' 1/2 tall and weighed about 160 lb. The arrest card, however, at the Bureau of Criminal Information and Statistics, showed that at the time of the arrest, Sullivan was given the address, 853 North Ridgeway Avenue. Sullivan's age was given as 25 years and his fingerprint classification was given as 17.

prints had not been submitted to the Division at Washington and it is deemed advisable to procure photostatic copies so that copies of these fingerprints may be on file with the Division at Washington.

Inquiry at 853 North Ridgeway Avenue disclosed that a Sullivan formerly had lived on the second floor but had moved into the next block at an address which was unknown to the present occupant of the first floor.

Mr. Arthur Terry, carrier for the Division Street postal Station, 4950 West Division Street, stated that a Mr. Hume had occupied the first floor at 853 North Ridgeway but had moved on April 21, 1933. He stated that there was a woman named Grace Sullivan, who lived in this flat, and that she had moved with the Humes but that she had not given a forwarding address. Mr. Terry was unable to recall anyone at this residence who resembled William Sullivan, and he said he could not recognize the picture of Sullivan. He stated, however, that a Mr. Tanney, Post Office Clerk, lived at 851 North Ridgeway and had been friendly with the Humes.

Mr. John E. Tanney, Registry Division, Chicago Post Office, United States Court House, was interviewed, and he stated that he had known Mr. and Mrs. Hume for a number of years. He stated that Mrs. Hume formerly had been a Miss Sullivan and that her sister, who was separated from her husband, lived with Mrs. Hume. This sister was named Grace Sullivan and he was unable to remember her married name. He said that William Sullivan or "Crab" Sullivan was a brother of Grace Sullivan and of Mrs. Hume. He said that Mrs. Sullivan, the mother of Grace Sullivan, formerly had lived with her daughters, but she had passed away over a year ago, and that he had seen William Sullivan at that address since her death. He said that he had never been informed of William Sullivan's occupation but had gathered that he was probably a bootlegger or that he operated a speakeasy and for this reason he was not spoken of by his relatives. Mr. Tanney said that Mr. John T. Hume, Jr. had worked for a great many years as a driver for the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. He said that Grace Sullivan was employed in a responsible

position with a Five and Ten Cent store which operated in the loop on State Street but he could not remember just which one of the Five and Ten Cent stores it was, but believed that it was the large store on State Street between Madison and Washington Streets.

Mr. Ranney said that these people attended Our Lady of Angels Roman Catholic Church in that neighborhood.

He stated that William Sullivan had a brother who had operated a printing shop and who had endeavored to obtain the Republican nomination for Assessor in the City of Chicago a number of years ago. He said this brother's name is Art Sullivan.

An examination of the Chicago city telephone directory revealed that John T. Hume, Jr., 917 North Ridgeway, had telephone No. Albany 7006. This also showed that Arthur W. Sullivan lived at 8335 South Union Avenue, Boulevard 2742.

The Chicago City directory for 1928 showed that the Central District Printing Co., 3742 South Ashland Avenue, had telephone Lafayette 5224, and that it was operated by Arthur W. Sullivan and Edward A. Litsinger. b7d

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In the group picture of William Sullivan, which was taken on January 4, 1928, is the picture of Frank Dillon alias "porky". The carrier to the saloon at 1571 South Kedzie remembered delivering mail to this address under the name of Dillon, and it was thought possible that Dillon might be the real proprietor of this speakeasy. The only description of Dillon which was available at the Chicago Police Department, where he is carried under No. 72425, is that in 1917, showing his age as 22 years, height 5'5-1/8", weight 178 lb., had dark chestnut hair, gray eyes, medium complexion and had fingerprint classification 17 M 16. Dillon's address at that time was listed as 2823 North Western Avenue.

Through the office of the City Clerk of the City of Chicago, it was ascertained that the 1933 license No. 1534, had been issued to one William Burns on January 28, 1933, and that Lawrence Birmingham was the investigating officer from the 54th District who, under Captain Albert Mikeas, investigated this place before a retail beverage dispenser license was approved. The license for 1933 No. 1534 showed the same name and address, while license No. 2078 for 1931 showed that William Burns gave his address as 515 South Kostner Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Carrier Nesladek identified a picture of one Charles Francis McGuire as a man whom he had seen around this saloon. McGuire is a known associate of Connors and other members of the Touhy gang. The file in the Chicago Division office entitled "William Sharkey with aliases (Deceased), et al.; John Factor - Victim - Kidnaping", Chicago File No. 7-24, discloses the last known address of C. F. McGuire as 135 North Central Avenue, Apartment 415. Further investigation has not been conducted by this agent looking toward the location of William Sullivan.

Information was received by telephone from the Division which indicated that it was the opinion of officials at the Division that the typewriter which prepared the ransom note in the Bremer case was similar to that which prepared a road map which was recovered in September, 1932, at Holland, Michigan from bandits who held up the bank at Holland and engaged in a gun fight with officers and citizens of Holland, Michigan before making their escape.

It was suggested that the relatives of Ernest Rossi, who was murdered in Chicago while under bond awaiting extradition proceedings for his alleged participation in the Holland bank robbery, be interviewed for such information as these people might be willing to give in view of the fact that Rossi is now dead. This information was developed and a later communication from the Division, dated February 12, 1934, again suggested such a course of action. It was also suggested that Andrew Youpel alias Berkson, Jules Schreiber alias Jules P. Schreiber and Ben Gross alias Harry Gross be interviewed, since these men in November, 1932 handled a considerable quantity of bonds which were stolen during the Holland bank robbery.

Agent, accompanied by Special Agent W. C. Jamison, proceeded to the home of Mrs. Lawrence Mangano, 5529 Flournoy Street, Chicago, Illinois, on February 6, 1934. From the family gathering it appeared that the funeral of Ernest Rossi had been that morning. Agents interviewed Mrs. Lawrence Mangano, her son, her daughter Tillie Mangano and a brother-in-law of Mrs. Mangano who lives at that apartment. There were numerous other relatives in the apartment but these persons were the only ones in the parlor, since the others were asked not to intrude.

For the further information of the Division and the St. Paul office it will be noted that Mrs. Lawrence Mangano, a gangster's widow whose husband was forcefully removed, married Lawrence "Dago" Mangano. "Dago" Mangano is a Chicago hoodlum and has been listed among the public enemies in Chicago. He is reported to have been a member of the old syndicate which was controlled by Al Capone. Just how strong his present connections are is a fact that is not known to this agent. At one time, however, he was considered as a power in the West side underworld and was extensively engaged in the liquor and beer rackets, so it is reported.

Mrs. Mangano and the other relatives at first accused agents of the Chicago Division office of beating Rossi while he was being held in Chicago and while questioned at the Chicago Division office, stating that he had large bruises about his body which must have been inflicted because of such a beating, but that Rossi would never admit that he had been struck. Agent vehemently denied that Rossi had been struck and apparently convinced these people that if Rossi received any punishment, it was not at the hands of agents of this Division and not at the office of this Division in Chicago. Mrs. Mangano and her relatives were extremely vexed at the newspaper articles which had appeared in the various Chicago newspapers which indicated the reason for Rossi's death was the fact that he had talked to agents of the Chicago Division office, and that he had supplied information to the agents. These people were informed that the Chicago Division office in no way was responsible for these newspaper reports and did not in any way support the correctness of these reports.

Mrs. Mangano finally stated that she was sitting in her kitchen on the night when Rossi was shot, which was very likely around 1:00 A. M. on February 6, 1934. She said that her son, to whom agent was talking, came in and that about five minutes later they heard the shots which caused Rossi's death. Both she and her son rushed out of the back door of the apartment, which is on the second floor, and down the steps to find Ernest Rossi dying on about the third step of the first flight of steps up from the rear yard. Rossi had died in a kneeling position with his right hand reaching for his hip pocket, as though to pull a gun, although Mrs. Mangano asserted that Rossi had not carried a gun since he was liberated on bond during extradition proceedings. Both Mrs. Mangano and her son said that neither saw any persons about the yard or about the stairs and they said they had absolutely no information as to the identity of Rossi's killers and only wished that they knew something. Three suggestions were made to Mrs. Mangano in an effort to learn from her reactions if possible the identity of Rossi's slayers. It was suggested to her that it was possible this man was killed because he was a member of the gang which held up the Holland bank, and that it was feared that if he were returned, he would inform on the remainder of the gang.

Mrs. Mangano said that she had interrogated Rossi after his release in regard to his connection with this case, and that he had sworn to her on the name of his mother that he had not been connected with the Holland bank robbery and that he did not know the culprits.

It was suggested that it was possible that while he was not connected with the bank robbery, he really knew the bank robbers, and that he would have told if extradition proceedings had been successful, but Mrs. Mangano insisted that Rossi had said that he had no knowledge as to the gang that had perpetrated this robbery.

It was suggested to Mrs. Mangano that Klutas had been killed after Rossi's detention, and that it was possible that members of the Klutas gang who are now alive might have suspected that Rossi had given information as to Klutas's whereabouts, and that this may have been a move to revenge this supposed betrayal by Rossi. Mrs. Mangano said that while Rossi may have known Klutas, she felt sure he had not been associated with this man for over a year (a fact which does not appear correct), and that she felt sure that for the past year Rossi had not been connected with any criminals but had intended to lead a law abiding life, and that she had no knowledge of the associates of Klutas or of Rossi but did not believe that this version would account for Rossi's death.

It was suggested to Mrs. Mangano that this killing may have grown out of some dispute regarding distribution of gambling territories of the like on the West side, but Mrs. Mangano and her relatives insisted in maintaining that they did not know who had committed this crime.

Mrs. Mangano informed agent that the Chicago newspapers desired to do nothing but injure people and that they were making an attempt to kill her son, by stating that he had knowledge as to the identity of Rossi's killers. From her general conversation it was apparent that if the identity of the slayers were suspected, Mrs. Mangano and her son would not give any clue since they were afraid to do so, and also possibly expect to gain revenge for this slaying. This is borne out by Mrs. Mangano's last statement to agent as he left, to the effect that she hoped this Division got the men whom it was looking for, and that she hoped they got the men whom they were looking for.

Mrs. Mangano's account of Rossi's slaying indicated that Rossi was killed by three blasts of a shotgun which was fired from a distance of not over ten feet from Rossi. Her son indicated that when he came in five minutes before Rossi was killed, there was no one waiting in the yard and that he would surely have detected anyone who was waiting in an effort to kill Rossi. Because of this he thought that the persons who killed Rossi had followed him home. He believed that Rossi had heard these

men following him and had tried to run up the steps but had been shot before he could get up the first flight of steps. He said the report that the men had been waiting for some time for Rossi, because of the number of burned cigarettes which were lying on the ground in the back yard, meant nothing, since it was his habit when smoking to step out on the back porch and flick his used cigarettes over into the yard.

Mrs. Mangano did not know where her husband could be located, and it will be noted that reports are current that "Dago" Mangano is now in hiding, and an extensive inquiry undoubtedly will be necessary to locate him. From the general character of these people, and from previous gang killings, particularly among the Italians in Chicago, it hardly seems likely that any valuable information will be secured from Mrs. Mangano or any member of her family.

For the information of the St. Paul office, Senator A. H. Vandenburg of Michigan wrote a letter to the Chicago Division office on August 26, 1935, indicating that certain men had been arrested by Sergeants Murphy and Ryan in Chicago on November 9, 1932, in connection with the recovery of \$6,000.00 of the stolen bonds obtained in the Holland bank robbery of September, 1932, but that because the insurance company had refused to prosecute these men, they had been released after surrendering approximately \$21,000.00 in additional bonds. Senator Vandenburg, who was holding hearings considering the passage of legislation to control crime and racketeering, requested the assistance of Special Agent in Charge Purvis in ascertaining the facts of this transaction, and in a letter dated September 5, 1935, to Senator Vandenburg, the Chicago Division office indicated that officers Ryan and Murphy had arrested one Ben Youpel alias Berkson, which name, however, was incorrect, since the name is really Andrew J. Youpel, one Jules Schreiber and a Ben Gross, who were attempting to obtain funds from Farrell Brothers in Chicago for bonds disposed through Reynolds and Company, Brokers in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Youpel at that time gave his address as 6811 Claremont Avenue, Schreiber's address was listed as 2644 Winnemac Avenue, and Gross's address was listed as Y. M. C. A. on the West side of Chicago, which is listed in a memorandum as the Sears Roebuck Department of the Y. M. C. A. Attorney George Lavin, with offices in the Foreman Bank Building, Chicago, appeared as attorney for these men and surrendered an additional \$15,000.00 worth of bonds which were recovered stolen in the Holland Bank robbery, and in addition \$6,000.00 worth of Liberty Bonds which were not connected with that robbery. The insurance company, which was the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co., refused to prosecute, and in view of this refusal the Chicago Police, who were paid a reward of \$749.00, refused to prosecute the case. The pictures of these men were submitted to the police at Holland, Michigan, and a report was sent by them to Chicago to the effect that these men were not identified as participants in the bank robbery.

Special Agent Charles Jenkins procured a group picture, No. 4455, from the Chicago Police Department, which was taken on November 9, 1932, which shows Jules Schreiber, Ben Gross and Andrew Youpel. It will be noted that Gross was released shortly after his apprehension, indicating that he was merely a former school pal of Schreiber and that he had met Schreiber that morning while in Chicago looking for a job.

After considerable investigation Andrew J. Youpel was located by Special Agents J. J. Metcalfe, W. S. Jamison and the writer at the home of his parents, 5811 South Claremont Avenue.

Upon questioning at the Chicago Division office, Youpel indicated that he is at the present time employed as a bartender for his uncle, who operates the Southtown Cafe at 5244 South Western Avenue, telephone Prospect 9289, and that his usual hours of employment were between 8:00 P. M. and 4:00 to 5:00 A. M.

He indicated that in 1932 he was engaged in operating a speakeasy on East 53d Street, and that he had a partner, whose name was Sigmund Lore. He said that at that time Jules Schreiber, who represented himself as an auto accessory salesman, would come into his speakeasy about once a week and buy drinks. Schreiber also brought women to this speakeasy on a number of occasions, although Youpel did not know the identity of these women. Finally, Schreiber at one time in the saloon indicated that he had certain bonds which he wished to sell but did not know just how to dispose of them. There was a man who had been frequenting the speakeasy about that time whose name Youpel could not remember. He finally remembered the first name as being Harry. He said this Harry was about 5'1" tall and weighed about 200 lb. He said that Harry had dark hair, dark eyes, and appeared obviously Jewish. This Harry, he said, indicated he had come from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he had been in the brokerage business, and that he was looking for a connection around Chicago. Schreiber and this Harry got together and Harry told Schreiber he could dispose of these bonds for him in Pittsburgh. Schreiber then had induced Youpel to enter into the arrangement and to proceed to Pittsburgh with Harry in order to dispose of the bonds. It was understood by Youpel that he was to receive several thousand dollars for his efforts to dispose of these bonds. Youpel stated that he asked where the bonds came from and Schreiber had told him that that was all right. Youpel said that of course he knew the bonds were stolen but that he did not ask any more questions about the identity of the thieves or the place where the bonds had been taken. Youpel vehemently denied that he knew Schreiber was connected with any gang in any way and said that he knew very little about the man.

He indicated that they then proceeded to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and went to several brokerage houses, and finally Harry disposed of the bonds at some brokerage house in Pittsburgh, introducing Youpel as Andrew Berken and the owner of the bonds, who had obtained them in a liquor deal. It was arranged, Youpel said, that the money should come through Farrell Brothers. He returned with Harry to Chicago, and upon learning that the money was in Farrell Brothers, Schreiber arranged to go with him to collect the funds. Youpel said that he met Schreiber and that at that time Gross was with Schreiber. He said that he had never seen Gross before, and only saw him for about fifteen minutes on that day.

He said he proceeded to Farrell Brothers and was there arrested. He said he then told his story to the police and that Schreiber told his story to the police, and Schreiber had indicated to the police that he, Youpel, had brought Schreiber into this scheme and had not revealed the true story. Youpel said he made no attempt to obtain an attorney, but that an attorney apparently had been obtained by Schreiber, and that his release was effected after several days. He said he appeared in a show-up on a number of occasions but does not believe that he was accused of any crime, stating that he had never committed a crime of violence. He said he was finally released with Schreiber, Gross having been released on the day he was arrested, at which time Schreiber made some comment on the payment for the attorney's fees. Youpel said that he told Schreiber that that was too bad, and had left for home and had not seen or contacted Schreiber since that time, and that Schreiber had not seen or contacted him. He said that he did not feel friendly towards Schreiber and would supply any information he had. He said he did not know where Schreiber lives at this time except that he knows that Schreiber had lived at some address on Winnetka Street. He said that Schreiber has a brother in the electrical business who has an office in the loop. He said that Schreiber traveled for some auto accessories concern as far as he knows, but that he does not know the name of the concern.

Youpel, who was formerly employed by the Red Top Malt Co., and whose home telephone number is Prospect 3236, promised to come to the Chicago Division office at any time to repeat his story, indicating that he would furnish the Chicago Division office with any information he might learn about the location of Schreiber.

Mr. J. A. Garnett, Manager of the Sears Roebuck branch of the Y.M.C.A., 3210 Arthington Street, examined his records from 1931 to date, and he said there was no Ben Gross or Harry Gross registered at the Y.M.C.A. Hotel during that period. There was a Rueben Gross whom he said had been registered at that address but who left in the year 1931, but that this Rueben Gross did not resemble the picture of Gross who appeared in the group picture.

The Assistant Superintendent at the Postal Station at 4028 Harrison Street indicated there was no removal for a Gross from the Sears Roebuck branch of the Y.M.C.A. Hotel, except for one Gustav Gross in 1931.

Inquiry at 2644 Winnemac Avenue disclosed that there was no record of anyone by the name of Schreiber living there, and Mrs. Hugo Windgass, the wife of the owner, who has lived there seven years, said she did not know of any tenant who had a roomer by the name of Schreiber during that time.

The Chicago telephone directory showed a Mrs. Frieda Schreiber at 2744 Winnemac Avenue, telephone Ravenswood 8383. The three-story apartment at 2744 Winnemac Avenue failed to disclose the name Schreiber in the mail boxes, and inquiry revealed that Ravenswood 8383 is now listed in the name of Mrs. Frieda Schreiber, 5050 North Glenwood Avenue, first floor.

Postal carrier Hogan of the Ravenswood Postal Station, 2311 Lawrence Avenue, stated there was a removal, dated October 17, 1933, for Sam and Frieda Schreiber to 5050 Glenwood Avenue. He said that Jules Schreiber was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Schreiber. He indicated that Schreiber had gotten into difficulty at some time over the purchase of an International truck, and that a number of registered letters had been sent to Jules Schreiber at the Winnemac address, endeavoring to collect for this truck. The carrier was of the opinion that this deal may have occurred in 1933.

Through [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] agent learned that Mr. and Mrs. Schreiber had moved in in October, 1933, and had indicated that there were merely themselves and a son. This son did not live there regularly but had been seen there on a number of occasions within the last two months. This inquiry was made on February 9, 1934, and a subsequent inquiry revealed that the [REDACTED] had been watching this apartment more intently and he did not believe that Schreiber was at home. He said that the Schreibers kept a revolver or pistol on the telephone stand, which is located between the living room and dining room. [REDACTED] is believed to be a reliable informant in this matter.

[REDACTED] examined his records and found no record under the name Sam, Frieda or Jules Schreiber.

An examination of the 1928 Chicago City Directory showed, however, that a Max Schreiber had also been living at the address 2744 Winnemac Avenue in 1928, and an examination of the Chicago telephone book and of a late loop business directory showed that a Max Schreiber operated

with one William M. Kincaid the Save Distributing Company, which was listed as manufacturers' agents. The address of this concern was 112 West Madison Street, and the telephone number Central 1418. This concern occupied Room 1103, formerly having occupied Room 1212. It will be noted that this same directory listed Schreiber as Jules P. Schreiber, and his occupation as an artist. Max Schreiber is listed in the telephone directory as living at 784 Buena Avenue, telephone Lakeview 5173.

A telephone call was made by agent to the Save Distributing Company, and agent represented himself as [REDACTED] b7E

Such a call to the home of Jules Schreiber had revealed information that Schreiber had not been at home for several months, according to his mother. Max Schreiber indicated that his brother was then on the road for the Save Distributing Company. It appears that the principal product of this company is automobile lamps and possibly other automobile accessories. Schreiber said that he had just received a letter from his brother, and that he was replying to it and would mention the fact that agent had called, of course not knowing agent's true identity. He said that he did not expect his brother in for at least several weeks, around March 1, 1934.

Since the Save Distributing Company receives about six hundred letters a day, it was thought inadvisable to place a general mail cover on the mail of this firm, but a cover was placed on the mail to the extent that the carrier should search for tracing of letters which in his opinion were received from Jules Schreiber.

Inquiry through Mr. Lewis of the Collection Department of the International Harvester Co., 611 West Roosevelt Road, by telephone, revealed that the truck deal in question had been a partnership arrangement between Jules P. Schreiber and E. W. Adams for the purchase of an International truck and its equipment as a moving hot dog and hamburger stand, which was to be taken to Oklahoma and Texas to do business among the many mushroom oil towns which spring up in that locality. This whole deal was prior to 1933, the truck having been repossessed in February, 1932, at Longview, Texas, and the last communication regarding this truck bearing the date of August 22, 1932.

The records of the International Harvester Co. indicated that Schreiber had purchased a car through the Carroll Motor Sales Co. and that he had other business dealings with the Universal Credit Co. and with a Mr. J. A. Smith, whose present address was found to be 1045 Washington Boulevard, but who was out of town. Smith sold Schreiber a Delco electric system for lighting and refrigerating the truck.

A telephone call was received at the Chicago Division office on February 14, 1934, from Eugene Wulff, Cashier of the Peoples State Bank at New Holstein, Wisconsin, to the effect that Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker had been seen at St. Anna, Wisconsin on February 13, 1934, so he was informed. It appeared that these men had stopped at a saloon in St. Anna and had been shaved by a barber.

Agent proceeded to New Holstein, Wisconsin, where Mr. Eugene Wulff, whose residence address is 1712 Illinois Street and whose telephone number is 230, was interviewed. Mr. Wulff had obtained his information from Mr. William Ree, who is the town treasurer. Mr. Ree said he was the one who had brought the information to Mr. Wulff, and he said he had obtained information that the license plates on the old Hudson car which these men were driving were numbered 400538 and were for the year 1933 in the State of Wisconsin.

Mr. Wulff drove agent and Chief of Police Harry Weiland of New Holstein, Wisconsin, to St. Anna, where W. M. Morrison, who formerly came from 124 Jefferson Avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and who has been at St. Anna for two months, was interviewed. Morrison is the barber who had shaved these men. He indicated that two men in a greenish Hudson car, about a 1926 or 1927 model, had come into St. Anna about 3:00 P. M. on February 13, 1934 and had come into the saloon, later apparently going to two other saloons in that small town and then returning to the saloon of Edmund Voelker, where the barber shop is located, each having a shave. He described the first man as about 5'5" to 6", tall, having light blond, almost reddish hair, and a rough face. He said this man would weigh in the neighborhood of 160-165 lb. This man wore a hat, a coat and dark pants, he said. The coat was light, however. He said that the larger man was about 6' tall but weighed only about 160 lb. This man had black hair, dark complexion, and he thought dark eyes. This man had on a leather jacket and dark trousers. Both men took a drink at the saloon and played the slot machine. These men talked to him about slot machines, indicating that they were not allowed in New Holstein and Kiel, nearby towns, and wondered why they were allowed to operate in St. Anna.

In examining the pictures, Mr. Morrison said that the smaller of the two men, in his opinion, was Fred Barker, but he said he was certain that the taller man was not Alvin Karpis nor any of the men whose pictures were shown to him by agent.

The various other saloons were closed for the night and agent, with Chief Weiland, proceeded to that point on the following day, February 15, 1934, and showed the pictures to William Reiser, a farmer and formerly connected with the bootleg traffic, and Edmund Voelker.

Wobler could not identify any of the pictures, although Reiser seemed to think the smaller of the two men probably was Fred Barker. All of these men described this man as being taller than 5'4" to 5'5", which is listed as Barker's height, and most contended that he weighed far more than the slight weight which is supposed to be Barker's.

Agent did not make the rounds of other saloons in St. Anna since it appeared that these men had been at both of these saloons for only a few moments. However, it was discovered that these men had proceeded from St. Anna to the next town North, which is Marytown, and had stopped at the saloon of Anton Korb, and also had proceeded from there to the saloon of Mrs. M. Arenz. These persons were interviewed as was Edward Gross, who first noticed these men when he was just North of Elkhorn Lake, coming towards St. Anna. A call at several other saloons indicated that these men had stopped in these saloons for a few moments, and varying descriptions were obtained of them but the various persons were unable to identify the pictures of Karpis and Barker in agent's possession, all of the previous identifications having been made from pictures which appeared in practically all of the Wisconsin periodicals along with articles concerning the Bremer kidnaping.

It became apparent that these men were undoubtedly in this neighborhood looking over the slot machine situation, making inquiries in various places about who owned the slot machines in a rather off hand manner, and playing the slot machines in each saloon. These men apparently did not miss any saloons in any town, and if not looking up slot machines were undoubtedly engaged in looking over these saloons for some motive other than merely to obtain refreshment. Both men drank cautiously and were not intoxicated.

Later inquiry revealed that the person, William Reiser, who had obtained the license number, was not sure whether this license number was 400138, 400338, or 400538, but he was sure it was a 1933 Wisconsin license plate, and that the car was a 1926 or 1927 Hudson sedan.

Because of the nature of this inquiry, further investigation was not deemed advisable, since the parties undoubtedly were Karpis and Barker.

In talking with Cashier Wulff and Chief of Police Weiland agent ascertained that the section of the country around St. Anna and immediately East of Lake Winnebago was formerly a hot bed for stills, and that there was one man in that vicinity who had two Studebaker trucks and who ran a thousand gallons of alcohol into St. Paul about every night.

There were also other enterprisers who ran alcohol south into Milwaukee and Chicago. Mr. Wulff said that there was one place which had a bad reputation in that section, however, and that this was Cap Welling's place at Peebles, Wisconsin. This is a saloon at Peebles. Mr. Wulff said that he was formerly on the Bankers Protective Committee in Wisconsin and that the investigator for the Wisconsin State Bankers Association had investigated Welling's place on a number of occasions, looking for bank robbers, and that it was the report that either at Cap Welling's place or at other places nearby bank robbers from over the entire United States hid away for various periods of time. In connection with the possible location of houses in that vicinity where gangsters might stay or more particularly might keep kidnaped persons, it was the opinion of Mr. Wulff that the most logical place would be the so-called Fox place at Peebles. This place was formerly a fox ranch but the ranch was removed and merely the house left. This house is a two or three story house and stands between two paved highways. There is a railroad about three or four blocks away. This information is being supplied at this time so that at the time of entering general investigations in that neighborhood, this location can be examined.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**CHICAGO OFFICE:** Will obtain photostatic copies of the fingerprints of William Sullivan from the Chicago Police Department and will send these fingerprints to the Division for the fingerprint files in Washington. This office will make a further effort to locate the fingerprints of Ben Gross alias Harry Gross and of Jules Schreiber alias Jules P. Schreiber, and submit these fingerprints to Washington. Further efforts will be made to locate Schreiber in an effort to obtain his story as to where he obtained the stolen bonds, and in that way learn the identity of the various men who robbed the bank at Holland, Michigan.

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FEBRUARY 15, 1934.

WERNER HANVIL  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
205 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS BREMER VICTIM KIDNAPPING NO FEDERAL REGULATION USE OF SIRENS  
INVESTIGATION DISCLOSES GENERALLY NO REGULATION USE OF STATIONERY SIRENS MOVING  
SIRENS REGULATED BY MUNICIPALITIES RECOMMEND POSTMASTER PRINCIPAL CITIES BE  
CIRCULARIZED FOR LIST OF FACTORIES USING SIRENS

BLACK ASSISTANT

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cc - Division ✓  
9:45 A.M.



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**U. S. Bureau of Investigation**

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

February 21, 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 20, 1934, and our reply thereof of the same date concerning P.H. Newbold and Emily Newbold, nee Karpis, Special Agent W.C. Jamison, at the Bureau of Records and Statistics of the Chicago Police Department, found an arrest card for Philip Newbold reflecting the following data:

Residence: 1141 North Francisco Street  
Nationality: American  
Occupation: Machinist  
Marital Status: Married



A check was made at the Bureau of Identification and the files of the Detective Division, but no record other than the above could be found. The record failed to show any arrest under the name of Emily Newbold or Karpis.

In an endeavor to obtain further information, Lieutenant Philip Carroll, attached to the DesPlaines Street Station, was interviewed telephonically by Special Agent K.R. McIntire, and advised that P.H. Newbold and his wife, Emily, had been kept under surveillance at the residence, 1141 North Francisco

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Street, Chicago, Illinois, for several days, in connection with a case they were investigating involving one Larry O'Keefe, and finally were taken in and questioned by the following officers:

Thomas Connolly, attached to the 22nd District Police Station.  
Walter Bailey, attached to the Headquarters Detective Staff.  
George Tapling, attached to the States Attorney's office.

These officers were telephonically interviewed by Agents McIntire and Jamison, but advised they were unable to furnish any physical description of Philip or Emily Newbold.

Mr. Joseph Healy, attached to the investigative staff of the States Attorney's office, telephonically advised Agent McIntire that he was unable to furnish a description of P.H. Newbold, but he had the following data with respect to Emily. He described her as follows:

Name: Emily Newbold  
Age: 33 to 34 years  
Height: 5'5"  
Weight: 140 to 145 lb.  
Build: Stocky  
Hair: Black  
Complexion: Fair  
Has one daughter, aged 11 or 12 years.

Very truly yours,  
*M. H. Purvis*  
M.H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

February 20, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

With reference to my teletype message of the 20th instant, concerning the inquiry of the Division as to the significance of the fingerprints of Lillian Dickman, which appeared on the American Game Association Membership Card in the above case, Victim has advised me that Lillian Dickman is his personal and business secretary, who opens all of his business and personal mail and that she could have put her fingers on this card at the time when it was received by him through the mails from the American Game Association.

The Victim, later, talked with Miss Dickman and advised me that this membership card was enclosed with the letter which was handed to her by the kidnapers and that, undoubtedly, her print was placed upon the card by her when she opened the letter.

Very truly yours,

*W.A. Rorer*  
W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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February 10, 1934.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan telephoned. He stated that he had heard from Kansas City and an air mail letter is being sent to St. Paul and Chicago; that George Kelly, in Leavenworth, stated that in the Woolverton kidnaping the residence that was used was a farmhouse of a Swede, who is innocent, who lived outside of Aurora, Illinois. He furnished a description of the house so that if there is such a house Chicago should be able to locate them. He advised that they had not used LaRue's brother's home, as Kathryn had stated; that the Swede thought that Woolverton was a witness in an alcohol case but when he saw Woolverton's photograph in the paper he made them take him out of the house and release the victim.

Kansas City has indicated that the Karpis mob was planning to assemble in Oklahoma over the week-end and they have plans laid to catch them. Mr. Nathan thinks it is very valuable that they be caught.

As far as the St. Paul situation is concerned the Agent in the house has come to Mr. Nathan and informed him that Edward Bremer is very bitter toward Mr. Nathan because of Mr. Nathan's statement to him that he did not believe that he was telling everything he knew. Mr. Nathan does not believe it would result in any benefit for him to talk with young Bremer again. He asked what was thought here and I asked him if he did not think it just as well to go ahead and see Bremer again right away and even if it made him more angry than ever it would build up the psychology for Mr. Rorer's talk with Mr. Bremer upon his arrival tomorrow. He stated he still did not think it would do any good but unless he heard to the contrary he would see Bremer at 2:00 P. M. today.

I asked Mr. Nathan to take the descriptive data sheets which are used in the Division to prepare the cards for use on the computing machine and have Agents go over this list with the two witnesses, the woman and the Priest, who believed they could give descriptive information so that every point possible on that list could be covered with an opinion of those witnesses as to the appearance of the kidnapers they saw. He stated this would be done and this suggestion, which came from Mr. Coffey, will be complied with.

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Concerning the wallpaper angle I asked him what he thought of assembling the sample books of all wallpaper manufacturers. He thinks it is a good idea if Bremer will, in fact, tell the truth in his identification of the wall paper sample, which is a matter of speculation. Mr. Cowley has advised that there are probably 55 wallpaper manufacturers in the United States and that their sample books might be obtained.

*Prepare suggested release. Improved not used lights identified*

Mr. Nathan further believes it is still a good idea to publicize or circularize the country about the three searchlights and the one swinging light with the peculiar red types of glass over them. He thinks this is a very important thing to do and these lights were sent to the Division day before yesterday. He suggests that on their arrival further thought be given to the publishing of the location of these lights for the purpose of obtaining any information possible.

Respectfully,

*H. H. Clegg.*



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letter + photos to  
St Louis &  
Cincinnati.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

With regard to the signal lights used in the Bremer case and submitted to the Laboratory, I reached a Mr. B. G. Landis, 3613 22nd Street, Northeast, who is the local representative of the Burgess Flashlight Company, by telephone last evening. He was unable to identify the lights from their description but advised that there are only two principal manufacturers in the country who make flashlight cases—The Niagara Searchlight Company, Niagara Falls, New York and the Blake Manufacturing Co., which is somewhere in New England.

I talked with Mr. Bruce Nathan at New York and requested that he immediately contact these two manufacturers with a view to obtaining lists of the distributors and subsequently of the dealers in these flashlights in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Minnesota. I told him the matter should be expedited and leads sent out from his office.

This is being confirmed by letter to-day to the New York office and also letters to the Chicago and St. Paul offices, transmitting photographs of these signal lights in order that the latter offices may be prepared to run down the leads when received from New York. For record purposes, these lights are described as follows:

There were a total of four signal lights used. Three were of the searchlight type, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " long, two of which had black gun-metal stocks and one nickel plated. These three searchlights bore on the butt end the trade name "A Merit Product". They were equipped with three cells each, Ever-Ready batteries and were also equipped with a 3.8 v. lamp marked "Japan". The fourth light was a red electric lantern. It bore the trade name "Light Master Pocket Lantern"—"Throws 500 foot beam". This lantern was equipped with four "sure light" battery cells and had a 2.5 v. Mazda lamp.

All four of these lights were especially equipped with two red lens each. These special lens bore the trade name "Filmo Lens". They do not appear to have been designed for flashlight use but give the appearance of having been made to serve as automobile tail lights or stop lights. The Ever-Ready batteries all bore the date—

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put into service before October 1934. All batteries and all lights were exhausted.

A photograph of the signal lights is attached hereto.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 14, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN	_____
MR. TOLSON	_____
MR. CLEGG	_____
MR. SOWLEY	_____
MR. EDWARDS	_____
MR. EGAN	_____
MR. CUNN	_____
MR. LESTER	_____
MR. LOCKE	_____
MR. ROPER	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

There is attached hereto a suggested release concerning the signal lights that were found during the course of the investigation of the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 15, 1934

In connection with the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer, Jr., of St. Paul, Minnesota, the kidnapers apparently used four signal lights for the purpose of notifying the contact or pay-off man when and where to deliver the money. Four such signal lights have been found. Three of them are of the regular searchlight or flashlight type, about 9½ inches long and two of these lights had black gunmetal stocks. The other was nickel-plated. All three of them bore the trade name "A Merit Product" on the end. They were equipped with three cells each, Ever-Ready batteries, and were also equipped with a 3.8 v. lamp marked "Japan". The fourth light was a red electric lantern. It bore the trade name "Light Master Pocket Lantern"---"Throws 500 foot beam". This lantern was equipped with four "sure light" battery cells and had a 2.5 v. Mazda lamp.

All of these lights were especially equipped with two red lenses. These special lenses bore the trade name "Filmo Lens". These lenses do not appear to have been designed for use on a flashlight, but appear to have been made to serve as a lens for an automobile stop light. The Ever-Ready batteries all bore the date---put into service before October, 1934. All of the batteries and all of the lights were exhausted when they were found.

Photographs of this equipment are attached hereto, and if any information is available as to where this equipment was purchased and the identity of those who possessed this equipment, this information should be immediately communicated to the nearest office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. The addresses of the offices of this Division may be obtained at any police department or Sheriff's office in the United States.

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MR. NATHAN	.....
MR. TOLSON	.....
MR. CLEGG	.....
MR. COWLEY	.....
MR. EDWARDS	.....
MR. EGAN	.....
MR. GINN	.....
MR. LESTER	.....
MR. LOCKE	.....
MR. ROBER	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Alt called from Tampa (12:15 P. M.). He advised that LaRue is insisting that he be permitted to employ an attorney for his case. Mr. Alt told him that he would have to take this up with the United States Attorney and that LaRue could not employ an attorney until he had talked with the United States Attorney. Mr. Alt advised that LaRue's wife has employed Mr. Lieb, a former Agent of the Division, to represent her in her endeavor to have the property put in her name.

Mr. Alt advised that late yesterday afternoon she conferred with Assistant United States Attorney Graham and he permitted her to see LaRue this morning to arrange for the deeds, etc., on the property; that Lieb was there this morning talking to LaRue in the presence of Agent Main; that before Lieb left LaRue wanted to know whether he would send a telegram to Frank Hays in Chicago requesting that he send \$1000 to LaRue's wife. Mr. Alt stated that he objected to this but Assistant United States Attorney Graham stated there was no way in which we could stop this action. Mr. Alt stated that they wanted to keep LaRue from getting an attorney. Mr. Alt was advised that they had removal papers and if LaRue gets an attorney and becomes insistent, he can be removed from there, *but to follow advice of US atty*

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Mr. Alt advised that the stenographer has arrived at Tampa and the report of this matter is being dictated; that it will be forwarded to the Division just as promptly as possible.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

L. E. Powell, Jr. and E. W. Smith, Receivers

SPECIAL AGENT DEPARTMENT



W. G. SLAUGHTER,  
CHIEF SPECIAL AGENT

Norfolk, Va. Feby. 21, 1934.

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Mr. J. E. Hoover,  
Director, Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Dept. of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I have a copy of your circular of February 8th with accompanying lists of numbers of five and ten dollar bills which have been paid as ransom money. That I may place a copy of this in the hands of each of my division men, would appreciate it if you could let me have ten additional copies of same.

Yours truly,

Chief Special Agent.

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ROY B. HOAG  
SECY. AND COMPT.



"WHERE CLINTON CROSSES STATE"

# THE SCHENECTADY SAVINGS BANK

Chartered 1834

SCHENECTADY, N.Y.

February 21, 1934

WALTER B. BRADSHAW  
ASST. TREAS.  
ANGIE I. WALDRON  
ASST. TREAS.  
ARTHUR H. BRADY  
PRES. SAFE DEPOSIT

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

Dear Sir:

We have received the  
numbers of the Lindbergh ransom bills, Edward G B  
and thank you for your courtesy in this  
matter.

Very truly yours,

Secretary and Comptroller



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Washington, D. C.

February 20, 1934.

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Rorer called from St. Paul (11:10 A. M.) He advised that they had ascertained where the three flashlights used in the Bremer case were bought; that they were bought in an F&W store in St. Paul the Saturday before Bremer was released; that there was a girl there who made an identification of Karpis; that she recognized his photograph without any trouble; that he wore a black cap that was peculiarly shaped; that it was not a chauffeur's cap, but looked like one. Mr. Rorer stated that they found such a cap in the car that Magee used with the shell signs on it. The girl stated, further, that he had high hunting boots on and that the clothes he wore looked like a uniform. Mr. Rorer states that this description fits in with the one given by Mrs. John Miller of the man who left the note in the can. Mr. Rorer further states that the girl claims that she remembers distinctly filling these lights with 5¢ arrow batteries. He requested that this be checked with the laboratory. After talking with Mr. Coffey Mr. Rorer was advised that in the three flashlights there was an "ever ready" battery, three cells in each one. They bore the stamp "Good until October, 1934". In the swinging lantern there was a "sure light" battery. Mr. Rorer asked whether there were any fingerprints unaccounted for on the lights and he was advised that there was one fingerprint and a fragment of a fingerprint which had not been accounted for. Mr. Rorer advised that they are getting the fingerprints of this girl and will send them to the Division immediately.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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Alvin Karpis*

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February 23, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS alias GEORGE  
DOWN alias H. H. HAMILTON  
alias RAYMOND BARKER alias  
GEORGE HALLER; UNKNOWN SUB-  
JECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim. Chicago File 2-881  
(Kidnaping.)

Reference is made to your letter dated February 20, 1934,  
in which you request fifty (50) copies of the photograph of Mrs.  
George Anderson, alias Mrs. Arrie Barker, the mother or step-  
mother of Fred Barker, containing the further request that twenty (20)  
copies of this photograph be sent to the St. Paul Office, and that  
a suitable number of copies be sent to the offices to which copies  
of this letter are being forwarded.

I am enclosing herewith to the St. Paul Office 20 copies of  
said photograph; to

Kansas City	5 copies of photograph
Oklahoma City	" " " "
Dallas	" " " "
San Antonio	" " " "
El Paso	" " " "
San Francisco	" " " "
Salt Lake City	" " " "
Portland	" " " "
St. Louis	" " " "
Division	" " " "

while 10 copies are being retained in the Chicago Office.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent

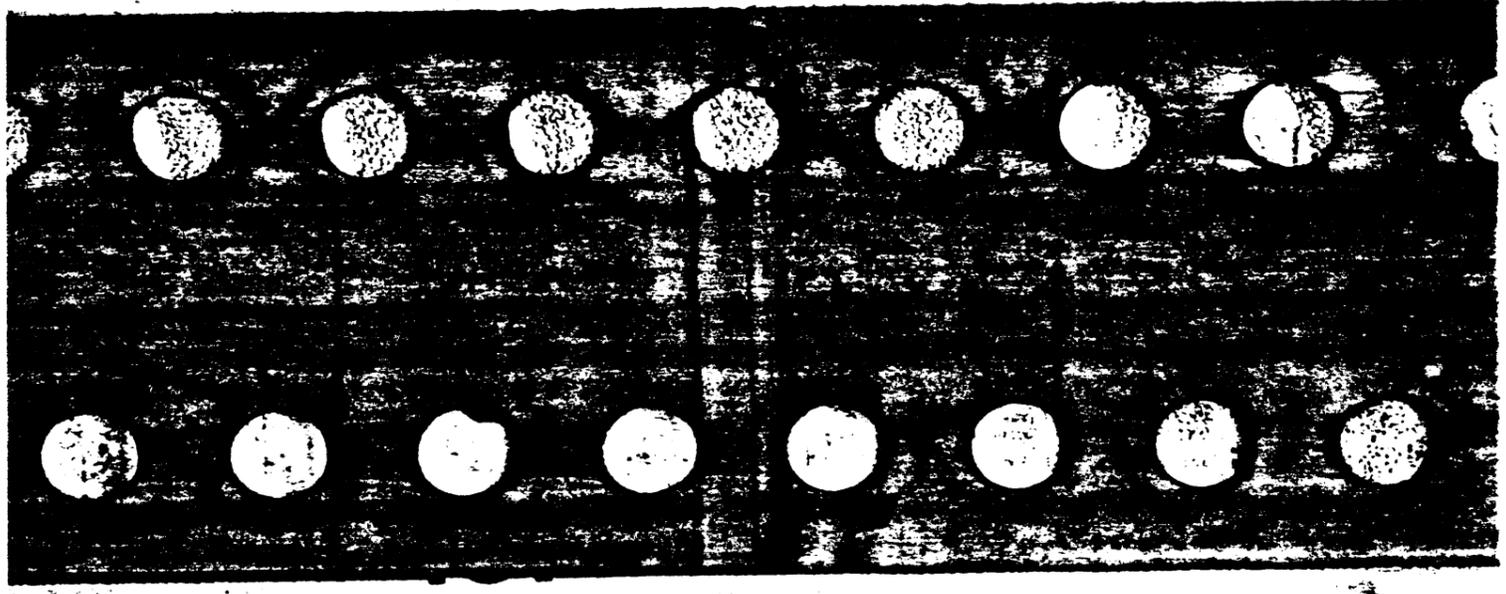
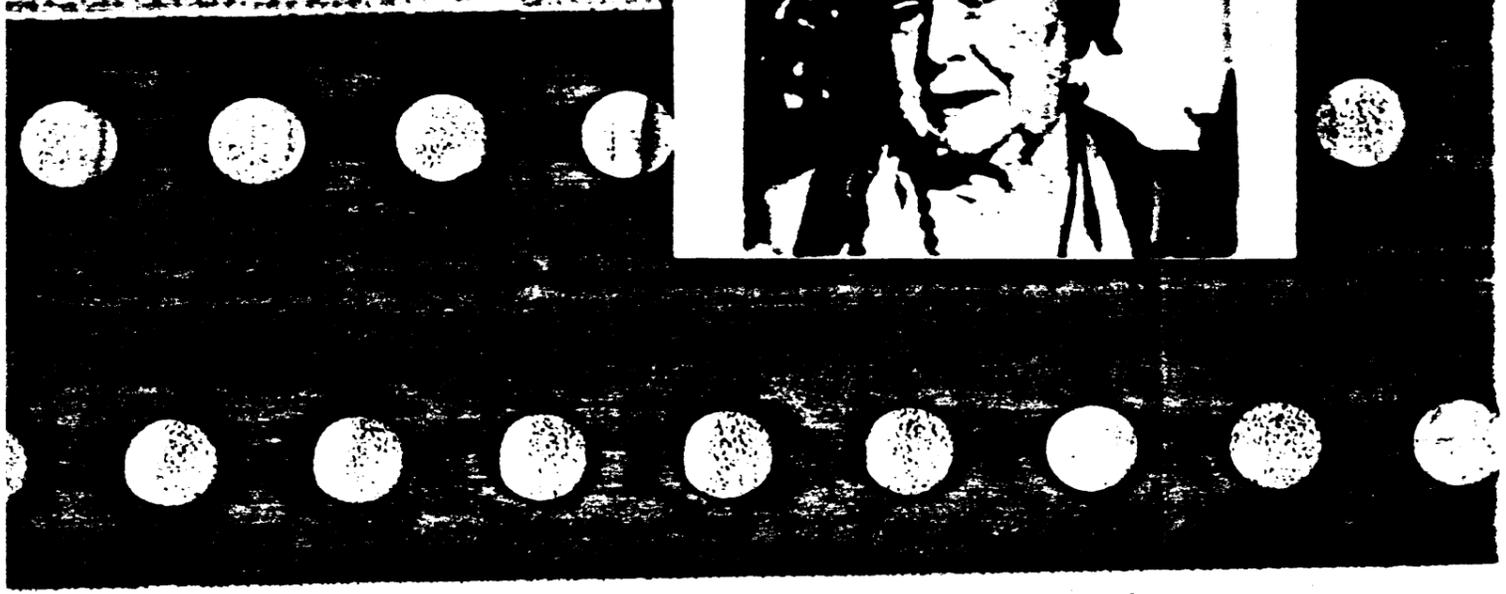
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Mrs. Geo. Anderson, alias  
Mrs. Arrie Barker.  
(MIA)

Age: 59  
Height: 5'4"  
Weight: 150-160  
Hair: Medium Blonde,  
Marcelled, Bobbed

Dresses Well

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March 3, 1934

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

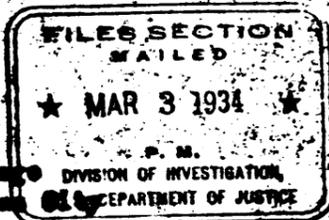
RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Chicago  
Office, dated February 22, 1934, transmitting photograph  
of Mrs. George Anderson, alias Mrs. Arrie Barker, the mother  
or stepmother of the Barker brothers.

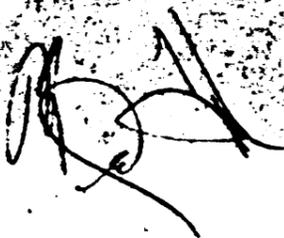
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cation Unit for the purpose of locating a prior record on  
this individual, but without success. Therefore, in the event  
an arrest number is learned during the course of the investiga-  
tion, the Division should be furnished with this information  
immediately in order that an appropriate stop notice can be  
placed in the files of the Identification Unit.

Very truly yours,



Director.

cc-Chicago  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City  
Dallas  
San Antonio  
El Paso  
Salt Lake City  
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San Francisco  
St. Louis



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- To:  Director
- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Appel
- Mr. Renneberger
- Mr. Schilder
- Chief, Unit *L*
- Chief Clerk
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- Mr. *Newby*

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E. P. Coffey.

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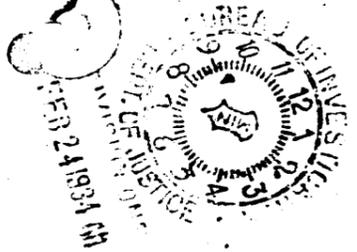
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- Mr. Cowley
- Mr. Little
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- Mr. Stapleton
- Mr. Stein
- Miss Gandy
- Miss Finnell
- Washington Field Office
- Stenographic Pool
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*[Signature]* H. CLEGG

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Kansas City, Mo.  
February 16, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE - 9-57  
cc-KANSAS CITY MASSACRE CASE - 88-780

On February 5, 1934, Captain Kellie, State Highway Patrol, Springfield, Missouri, called the Kansas City office and advised that he desired an Agent to meet Sergeant Kohler at Joplin, Missouri, the following day.

Sergeant George B. Kohler, State Highway Patrol, Joplin, Missouri, advised Agent that the reason for Captain Kellie's call was that the newspapers had stated that Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis were wanted in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping case at St. Paul.

Sergeant Kohler advised that his troop at Joplin, Missouri, and at Springfield, Missouri, had [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He advised that to date they had identified two of the members as being wanted on serious charges, but that they were deferring apprehension of these two members in the hope of learning plans of various jobs being anticipated by the gang and in the hope of securing information as to the location of Barker, Karpis and others badly wanted.

Sergeant Kohler advised that investigation had shown that Fred Barker's father, residing at Neosho, Missouri, frequently makes trips to Picher, Oklahoma, where he contacts one W. M. Roley, a promoter, and cashes checks with Roley, drawn on the order of Barker's bank account at Neosho, Missouri; that Roley in turn cashes these checks at Marr's Grocery Store, No. 1, at Picher.

He, Sergeant Kohler, advised that his investigation reveals that the elder Barker probably meets Fred Barker at the filling station of Earl Slade, north of Picher on U. S. Highway no. 66.

Sergeant Kohler stated that [REDACTED]

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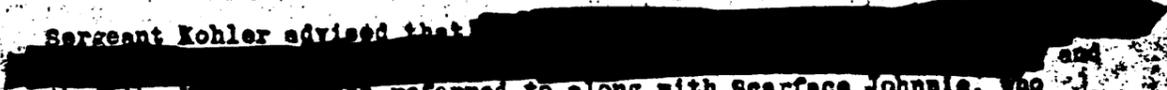
Sergeant Kohler advised



Sergeant Kohler advised that George Calvin, who is now being held at the County Jail at Springfield, Missouri, for attempting with arms to rob a bank at Reed Springs, Missouri, was talking and was furnishing valuable information, which was proving to be correct, but that they expected to receive additional information from Calvin of more importance; that Calvin had advised that Fred Barker was known as "the Kid."

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Sergeant Kohler advised that



that the kid was often referred to along with Scarface Johnnie, who was spoken of as now being in South Dakota.

Sergeant Kohler advised that Scarface Johnnie is believed to be Louis (Slick) Austin, alias "Slick" Lewis, who has a large red scar on the right side of his face running diagonal from the temple to the chin, or from the corner of the jawbone to the eyebrow, dark complexion, about 5 ft. 10," slender, age 35 to 45, with gray hair over ears and temple. This information was picked up by association with the gang. His information is that Scarface Johnnie will be back in Joplin soon.

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Searface Johnnie is supposed to be a partner of James Marvin Parham,  
Springfield, Mo., P D No. 207, who is described as

34 years

5 ft. 8 in.

165 pounds

slight

hair brown

eyes gray

tattoo - girl's head on right and left forearms.

Captain Eslick was later interviewed and he and Sergeant Kohler advised  
that they had the utmost confidence in their informant, [REDACTED]

At this time no information has been received from the St. Paul office  
indicating that Bromer could have been held as great a distance from  
St. Paul as Picher, Oklahoma. However, this information is being sub-  
mitted for possible future reference.

Respectfully submitted

H. D. BRAY  
Special Agent.

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# The Dominion Bank

Head Office

Toronto 2, 20th Feb'y., 1934.  
CANADA.

SW/206

Mr. John E. Hoover,  
Division of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:-

Referring to your circular letter of the 8th instant re list of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases, in order that we may supply each of our branches with a copy, we shall be obliged if you will forward us fifty (50) additional circulars.

Yours very truly,

*[Signature]*  
for Secretary.



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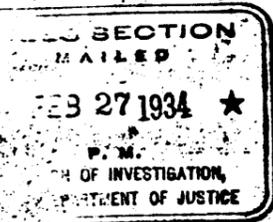
The Secretary,  
Head Office,  
The Dominion Bank,  
Toronto 2, Canada.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your communication dated February 20, 1934, requesting additional copies of the circular on bank notes paid as ransom in kidnapping cases. I am pleased to comply with your request and am today forwarding you fifty copies under separate cover.

Very truly yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG**

**BREMER KIDNAPPING**

**FILE NUMBER: 7-576**

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
February 21, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In telephone conversation with Mr. Purvis, of Chicago, I called attention to the fact that the home of the parents of Karpis, who is being sought in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping case is said to be 1141 North Francisco Street, where his sister, Mrs. Newbold, also resides.

Mr. Purvis stated he did not know this and he placed a cover on this residence last night. He stated that Mrs. Sbarbo, a stenographer of the Chicago Office, was proceeding last night to St. Paul to report to Mr. Rorer.

Respectfully,

*[Signature]*  
H. H. Clegg.

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ASST. PROSECUTOR

February 23rd, 1934.

J. Edgar Hoover Esq.,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of yours  
under date of February 8th enclosing list of bank  
notes paid as ransom in kidnapping cases. I am  
turning this list over to Chief Martin for his attention.

Yours very truly,

*A. J. David*  
Prosecutor of the Pleas.

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Laboratory Report

February 21, 1934.

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

Specimens: 1 envelope addressed to Walter Magee postmarked Chicago, Ill., dated 2-1-34. 1 note enclosed beginning "Walter Magee: inform Adolph Bremer we are ready to follow"

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: February 15, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A.Appel.

February 15. The envelope measures 3.51 by 6 inches. There are no water-marks. The ink printing was probably written by the person who inscribed the ink script in the letter.

The letter is written on note pad paper glued at the top. The sheet measures 7.84 by 5.07 inches and there are light purple lines .35 inches apart. There is no water-mark.

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 TRANSMITTAL.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
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 February 15, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

Enclosure: 691262

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Laboratory Report  
February 20, 1934.

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

Specimens: 1 envelope addressed to "Mr. Dickman, Commercial State Bank,  
St. Paul, Minn.", postmarked Chicago, Ill., Feb. 4, 1934.  
1st page of enclosure begins "Give this to A. Bremer"  
2nd page of note begins "this only way to get him back".

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: February 9, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel.

February 10. There is no water-mark in the envelope which measures 6.52 by 3.64 inches. There is no water-mark in the paper which measures 4.98 by 7.99 inches (each sheet). Attention is invited to the spelling of attend as "atent", they as "the", and address as "addrees". The peculiarity of the printing is the manner in which the r is made, appearing very much like a y written on the line. These printed characters are distinctly unusual and easily recognizable.

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February 23, 1934

Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
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:

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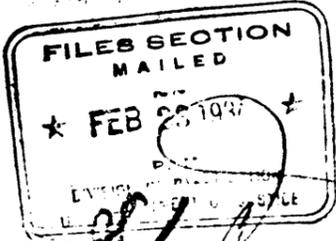
Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

Director.

Enclosure:

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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February 23, 1934.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with  
aliases, UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
Kidnaping. St. Paul File 7-30

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are newspaper clippings  
in the above entitled matter which appeared in the St. Paul  
and Minneapolis newspapers.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hanni*

WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RETAIN PER FORM 4-34 dated 7/13/67

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*Werner Hanni*

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# CAR CLUE LINKS HAMM, BREMER KIDNAP CASES

Couple Who Fled Grand Avenue Place May Have Lived in Vernon Avenue House.

"A. CARTER" IN SIFT AGAIN

Apartment Rented Under Name That Led to Tracing of Auto to Kansas City.

Evidence of a probable connection between the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer and William Hamm, uncovered Saturday by the Pioneer Press and Dispatch, was under investigation Saturday night by police and Department of Justice agents.

The evidence showed that a gang which fled from a residence at 204 Vernon avenue, rented at the time of the Hamm kidnaping, apparently directly connected with a couple who made a similar hasty flight from an apartment at 628 Grand avenue on the night after Mr. Bremer was seized for \$200,000 ransom.

The apparent connection was traced by the Pioneer Press and Dispatch through an auto used by the couple in the Grand avenue apartment. The car, it was found, was purchased the same day that the Vernon avenue gang sold in St. Paul an auto with a Missouri license.

The license for the new auto was traced to the address of the garage where the car was sold on the Grand avenue. This garage has since been closed and efforts by police and officers to find the garage Saturday were fruitless. The sale of the Missouri licensed auto to the Vernon avenue gang was made by a widely known St. Paul finance company. Officials of the company where the new car, a small coupe, was purchased, said the purchaser paid cash and that they believed the cash came from the same finance company.

The name used by the purchaser to get the new car was the same name as that used by the man who rented the apartment on Grand avenue, six months later.

Evidence of the presence of a gang (Please Turn to Page 2, Col. 8.)

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at 204 Vernon avenue was disclosed to police by the Pioneer Press and Dispatch the night of June 13, 1933. This was the night of the May William Hamm Jr. was released by his kidnapers after \$100,000 ransom was paid. Before police made an inspection of the place, the occupants returned, packed up hastily and fled. Among fingerprints in the place on June 20 were found those of Frank Nash, gangster who was shot down a few days later in Kansas City with four officers. He had been arrested at Hot Springs, Ark., and friends, identified as members of the notorious Harvey Bailey gang, attempted to effect his release at the Kansas City Union depot. The killers escaped.

At the time the gang fled from the Vernon avenue home neighbors said they appeared heavily armed and had machine guns in their equipment.

On June 25, the Pioneer Press found in the garage on University avenue, a sedan, believed the one used by the Vernon avenue gang. Police checked the car and confirmed this. It had been listed to "A. Carter" of Kansas City, Mo.

### Title Found Legal.

The garage proprietor told police he had bought it for cash on June 10, ten days before the flight from Vernon avenue. The title to the auto, he said, had been checked and found legal and clear. Department of Justice representatives, seeking information on the Bailey gang, checked "A. Carter" in Kansas City, but obtained no definite information on him.

The couple rented the Grand avenue apartment December 7. The man represented himself as an employee of the Associated Press, which was a fictitious representation.

He was described as being about 35 to 40 years old, small of stature, and having a light complexion and sandy hair. His wife was small, dark, apparently about ten years younger than her husband and spoke with a noticeable Irish brogue. The name given by the husband was one indicating Scandinavian extraction.

### Fled After Abduction.

The couple fled the apartment the night of January 17, less than 24 hours after Mr. Bremer was kidnaped. The flight occurred before news of the kidnaping had become public.

They took all their belongings, and according to the caretaker of the apartment, also took a quantity of linen which was property of the apartment owner. At stores nearby, the couple were described as "liberal spenders" who paid cash for all purchases. Officers were attempting Saturday without success to trace the whereabouts of bills proffered by the couple for purchases.

At the time of the Vernon avenue disclosure officers said they were convinced the gang there had knowledge of it not actual participation in the kidnaping of Mr. Hamm.

When the information uncovered by the papers was submitted to Department of Justice officials Saturday, one termed it "the best thing we have learned yet locally." A number of agents were assigned to investigate the occurrences.

Police were also checking the evidence for any possible connection between it and the shooting early January 13 of Roy McCord, Northwest Airways radio operator, by occupants of a mysterious coupe. The shooting occurred within three blocks of the Grand avenue apartment.

Minnesota Weather

settled tonight and Saturday,  
lightly light snow in north,  
slowly rising temperature.

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ST. PAUL, MINN., FRIDAY

FEBRUARY

## GANG BEAT BREMER

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### BREMER

In a silk dress, Bremer  
21-day imprisonment in  
is pictured here. He was  
of his home at 92 North

General telegraph, Northwest and local news. Editorial page and its daily features.



TWO CENTS IN ST. PAUL

# H GUN BUTTS

## lid YOUNG BANKER NEAR COLLAPSE AS HE RECOUNTS SUFFERINGS DURING 21 DAYS OF CAPTIVITY

### Kidnaping Story Told By Bremer

Statement Gives Full Details of Abduction and Release.

Following a press conference at 7 P. M. today Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped January 17 and held for \$2,000 ransom, told in his own words the story. He was freed in St. Paul on Wednesday night.

#### EDWARD G. BREMER.

...the baby at school I think about 8:20 A. M., the morning of January 17 and driving away I drove to the corner of Goodrich and Lexington avenue but stopped for the highway. As I stopped the door of the car was opened and my right arm was extended through the door with a gun pointed toward me. A gruff voice said "Don't move or I'll kill you." I quickly put the car in low gear to cross the street and looked up and saw a car squarely in front of me. I had placed my left foot through the door and the foot reached the running board. By this time the man who had opened the left door apparently had got inside my car.

#### Struck Over Head.

He began striking me over the head and must have hit me fifteen or twenty times. I tried to get out the right door and bumped into something there and it apparently was another man who also struck me over the head. My eyes became filled with blood and I was dazed. They pushed my head down under the dash board. Meanwhile my left foot was still outside the left front door for I had been thinking all the time that someone surely would see me as many people are taking their children to school by that route at that time of day.

Finally, I don't know when, they pulled my leg into the car and we started out. We drove awhile I don't know how long or I don't know where, but it must have been ten or fifteen minutes later that they stopped the machine. They put goggles over my eyes and told me to get out. I had recovered my senses somewhat and distinctly remembered the commands to get out of the car which I did. Then they placed me in another machine.

I was placed in the back part of another car and I was told to...

Brushes Away Tears as He Tells of Death Threats; Dragged About When Injured Leg Failed Him.

### FATHER WEEPS OVER NARRATIVE

#### SUSPECTS CLEARED.

Milwaukee, Feb. 2.—(AP)—After questioning two men many hours Milwaukee police said they are satisfied the prisoners had no connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul.

Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul bank president and kidnap victim, spent three weeks of pain and hunger at the hands of abductors who enforced every detail of carefully laid plans on him.

He told his story today to reporters for the first time since he returned to St. Paul early Thursday morning.

His father, Adolf Bremer, head of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co., listened to the recital and wept silently as his son recounted particular hardships. The son's face was pale and drawn. He is intensely nervous, and he frequently placed his hands over his face, threw his head back and drew his breath with a whistling sound through his teeth as if in great pain.

Visibly upset and in a state of semi-collapse, the young banker related his experiences as he sat in an easy chair in his home, while a physician waited in attendance.

As he began his story, the 37-year-old banker's voice broke, tears brimmed his eyes, and he brushed his forehead with his hand.

Dr. H. T. Nippert, personal friend and physician, sitting close at his right, gripped the kidnap victim's arm.

"This will be very brief," he encouraged.

It was a story of brutal sluggings, punctuated with threats of death that the slender banker garbed in a dressing robe, white shirt open at the collar, and wearing bed room slippers, recounted. Before the interview, he posed for photographers and the flashlights of the photographers unnerved him.

#### "He Is or 20 Times."

With an effort he controlled himself, then launched into a recital of how two men slugged him "15 or 20 times" over the face and head with the butts of pistols.

His eyes were filled with blood, Bremer said, and the invaders ransacked his head under the dash board.

At the outset of his story, which he told of leaving his daughter, Bremer, at about 8:20 A. M.

Edwards of St. Paul, G. Bremer, in his living room

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tioned the names of several of the boys whom I knew and was reared with out at the brewery.

I was told to sign some notes but I don't know whether they were signed at that stop or a later stop. The car started and we proceeded to drive. I don't know how many hours. We drove and stopped again many hours later and it was perhaps at that stop that I signed certain notes.

At this stop there was undoubtedly another car accompanying us. Meanwhile I was down at the bottom of the car and couldn't see or hear much. All I could hear was that they were refilling the car with gas. We again started to drive and we drove until it must have been dark. They later told me I could sit on the seat because no one could see me after dark. We again stopped and this time the car left us.

#### Walked Up and Down.

I was awfully cold so I asked if I could walk up and down. They walked up and down with me then, so that I could warm up.

Then the car returned and I again was put into the machine. We drove several hours more and there was another stop.

Here I was taken out of the car and led some distance, where we went downstairs. I was sat on a chair. They then examined my head and washed off the cuts as best they could.

I told them to cut the hair off because I would rather have that done than to have an infection set in. After that, they put some water in front of me and when they took off the bandages it was dark.

I washed my hands and face in the dark as best I could and then I again was bandaged up and put to bed.

Undoubtedly it was the next morning that they put me back on the chair and served me with breakfast. I sat on that chair until I imagine it was time to go to bed and I was put to bed.

That routine in the house continued all the time I was there.

I was told that unless I behaved as I should, I would be chained to the bed. I consequently acceded to every wish.

After several days one of the boys came in. Every conversation that transpired was in a whisper. They told me I had acted very well and one suggested that my bandages be taken off while I was sitting in the chair in the corner provided I would not turn my head.

If I did they told me they would replace the bandages and they would

try to escape through the other or were thwarted. He was slugged, and some 15 minutes later the kidnapers stopped the car. Bremer was then transferred to the gang's own machine where he was forced to lie down with goggles, which had been placed over his eyes, still in place.

"My watch was taken away and they asked me who I would like to have as contact man and I mentioned Walter Magee," Bremer explained. "I was told to sign some notes. Then we drove for I don't know how many hours."

When it became dark, he was permitted to sit on the seat. During the interim, several stops had been made and once Bremer heard gasoline being put into the car's tank. Finally, the ride ended and he was led some distance where they went downstairs.

"I was sat on a chair," he went on. "They then examined my head and washed off the cuts as best they could."

"I told them to cut the hair off because I would rather have that done than to have an infection set in. After that, they put some water in front of me and when they took off the bandages it was dark. I washed my hands and face in the dark as best I could and then I again was bandaged up and put to bed."

The next morning he was allowed to sit on a chair and "I sat there until I imagine it was time to go to bed and I was put to bed," added Bremer.

#### Threatened With Chaining.

"That routine in the house continued all the time I was there. I was told that unless I behaved as well as I should I would be chained to the bed. I consequently acceded to every wish."

Conversations were carried on among the gang in whispers, the victim explained. After several days Bremer was allowed to go without bandages over his eyes on his promise not to turn his head.

"Before anything was placed in front of me my head was covered so I could not see any one placing anything in front of me."

"Some days eats were hard to get because I did not eat. I was allowed to sit until I could not sit any longer and then placed in bed."

Here Dr. Nippert interceded, feeling Mr. Bremer's pulse and asking him if he was all right.

"I think you better cut the story short," suggested Dr. Nippert.

"My head aches," said Bremer as he raised his hand to his head.

Bremer, however, resumed his story where he had broken off.

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from closing the door went out on  
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week and they sort of pulled me into  
the bathroom."

After the ransom was paid, Bremer  
was placed in the bottom of the car  
among gasoline cans. After dark he  
was permitted to sit on the seat.  
They made one stop and leaving two  
guards with him, other members  
of the band went out "to find out  
whether or not the money was  
marked."

When the gang learned the money  
was not marked, the other members  
returned and Bremer was told the  
party was going to Rochester.

Told Where to Go.

"Then they said, 'We will put you  
off on a dark street in Rochester.  
You are to get out of the car when  
you are told and face in the same  
direction. This is not the direction in  
which you are to walk. You are to  
count up to fifteen very slowly be-  
fore you remove the bandage-blind-  
folds."

"Then turn about face and go  
to the Rochester depot and take  
the 9:40 bus to St. Paul. When you  
arrive in St. Paul you are to get  
off before you get to the bus de-  
pot, get into a cab, and get to your  
house without anyone seeing you  
so that there will be absolutely nothing  
in the morning paper."

Bremer followed instructions but  
arrived at the Rochester bus de-  
pot too late. He then took a train  
to Owatonna, west of Rochester, and  
it was there that he connected with  
the bus going to St. Paul. He ar-  
rived home about midnight Wednes-  
day, having been released about 8  
P. M., at Rochester.

St. Paul Home Raided.

Developments were:  
Two men were under arrest in  
Milwaukee for questioning.

A home was raided in Sioux  
City, Iowa, as the possible kid-  
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ly found.

Twenty-eight federal agents  
were said to be working in St.  
Paul.

Other government operatives  
were reputed to be on the case  
in Sioux City, Iowa; Bismarck,  
N. D.; Rochester, Minn.; Kansas  
City, Memphis and in the district  
around Faribault, where the ran-  
som money was paid.

St. Paul police Bertillon ex-  
perts worked on the car provi-  
ded by the kidnapers to de-  
liver the ransom in an effort to  
obtain fingerprints. Results were  
not announced.

Dr. H. T. Nippert, Bremer  
family physician, who received  
three communications at one  
time from the kidnapers, denied  
the gang took him to the hideout  
to treat Bremer.

Gang Had \$2,000 in Bills.

The Milwaukee suspects, an Asso-  
ciated Press dispatch said, were ar-  
rested Thursday night while speed-  
ing in an automobile bearing a Min-  
nesota license. They carried weap-  
ons and \$2,000 in \$5, \$10 and \$20  
bills.

Serial numbers of the bills were  
being checked to determine if any  
of the ransom notes were among  
them. Conflicting stories were told  
by the pair to police, one saying  
they were in Milwaukee on an al-  
cohol deal and the other stating they  
intended buying slot machines.

The men identified themselves as  
Gust Chiaberotti, alias Gust Rotty,  
23 years old, of Milwaukee, and  
Ben Larson, 31, of Grand Rapids,  
Mich.

The car they were driving was  
stolen from Dr. Oscar Olson of Grand  
Rapids, Minn., but Larson insisted  
he was from Grand Rapids, Mich.

Detectives also questioned the pair  
regarding the holdup of a messenger  
for a Duluth butcher this week.

In St. Paul, Bremer told Thomas

M. Dahill, chief of police, he saw  
only two of his kidnapers.

Can Recall Assaults.

Although the gang is believed to  
number ten or more men, the only  
two whom he will be able to recog-  
nize, if caught, are those with whom  
he fought in his attempt to escape  
seizure the morning of January 17.

In Sioux City, Sheriff William R.  
Tice told the Associated Press that  
Department of Justice Agent Noon-  
non, working out of the Twin Cities,  
requested aid last Saturday in  
searching for Bremer's kidnapers'  
hideout.

A raid was made on a house near  
Floyd cemetery in the eastern part  
of the city, but it was said nothing  
was found.

M. F. Kinkead, Ramsey county at-  
torney, revealed that federal opera-  
tives have taken over the case.

"While I am not at liberty to dis-  
close what he told me, I interviewed  
Edward Bremer Thursday with Mr.  
Nathan, Mr. Hanni, and Chief Da-  
hill," he said. "Any statements on  
the case at present will have to  
come from the federal operatives,  
who now are in charge of the in-  
vestigation under Mr. Nathan.  
Whether we will enter into the case  
depends on developments. All I can  
do now is to corroborate statements  
made by physicians and others that  
Edward Bremer was beaten by his  
abductors and is in a highly nervous  
condition."

Federal Web Being Widened.

Bending methodically to the task  
of hunting Bremer's kidnapers, fed-  
eral agents were reported to be  
swinging in ever-widening circles out  
of St. Paul.

Special points of search, besides  
Sioux City, were said to be Roches-  
ter, Faribault, Bismarck, Memphis  
and Kansas City, but agents refused  
to confirm this.

St. Paul police today went with  
Walter Magee, intermediary in the  
kidnaping, over the route he traveled  
in delivering the \$200,000 ransom.

Magee was accompanied by Chief  
Dahill, Inspector of Detectives  
Charles Tierney and Werner Hanni,  
chief federal investigator in the St.  
Paul district. They drove south on  
highway No. 1 to Faribault, where  
they took a cross road. Whether  
the trip was productive of clues  
was not revealed.

Police also scrutinized every part  
of the coupe provided by kidnapers

for Magee to carry the ransom.  
They hoped to find fingerprints which  
could be compared with Bertillon rec-  
ords and lead to apprehension of the  
gang. However they would not di-  
vulge if they got any prints of  
value.

Microscope Use Reported.

Evidence of the minute details into  
which authorities are delving to find  
the gang was the reputed summon-  
ing to St. Paul of scientists to ex-  
amine under the microscope clothing  
worn by Bremer when he was a cap-  
tive in the hope of finding some  
hair or particle that might give  
them a clue to the abductors.

Authorities disclosed that had Bre-  
mer told them he would have been  
released ten days earlier if it had  
not been for a published report that  
250 federal agents were in the Twin  
Cities working on the case.

"They got cold feet," Bremer was  
quoted as having said.

He overheard the gang talking  
about the danger of detection, offi-  
cers said, and it did not make a  
move until the captive's father,  
Adolf, issued a pledge through  
newspapers of co-operation with the  
desperadoes and freedom from po-  
lice interference.

Dr. Nippert estimated that Bremer  
lost fifteen pounds during his im-  
prisonment.

The physician denied a report that  
he was taken to the kidnap lair to  
treat the 37-year-old banker for in-  
juries received when being cap-  
tured.

Victim Much Improved.

Bremer's condition was reported to  
be "very much improved" by the  
family physician.

"Edward has a two-inch cut on the  
top of his head, but it is healing  
nicely," said Dr. Nippert. "A head  
wound usually bleeds profusely and  
that probably accounts for the blood  
in the car."

"What did he get to eat while he  
was being held?"

"He didn't say. He did say that  
they (the kidnapers) forgot to feed  
him two or three times."

Bremer was kidnaped January 17  
after he had taken his 8-year-old  
daughter, Betty, to school. The first  
communications, a telephone call and  
a note, were received that morning  
by Magee, who became the interme-  
diary in the case.

Later, Dr. Nippert received three  
messages in one envelope which  
were called to his attention by an  
early morning telephone call and  
the smashing of the glass in his  
front door by a thrown dentifrice  
bottle.

Then followed a period of silence.

# Bremer Held At Iowa Farm, Sleuth Says

"Highly Authoritative" Tip on House Near Creston Revealed by State's Criminal Bureau Chief.

## WILL ASK BANKER TO EXAMINE PLACE

The place where Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul was held prisoner while in the hands of kidnapers was believed to have been found Monday night.

It is a farm house nine miles southwest of Creston, Iowa, which is about 50 miles southwest of Des Moines.

The information came from Park A. Findley, chief of the Iowa State Bureau of Criminal Investigation, who said that positive information had been given him that Bremer was in the farm house near Creston almost all of the three weeks he was imprisoned. Mr. Findley's announcement was made to the Des Moines Register, and the Associated Press reported that paper had quoted him as saying:

"I can't violate the confidence of these sources and naturally there are some things that cannot be told while the investigation is continuing.

Source "Authoritative."

"The tip on the Creston farm house came to me first tonight from a person whom I consider highly authoritative in the problem of this kidnaping, and one with whom I am sure the Federal Department of Justice can establish no contact."

Mr. Findley, however, that he had notified Department of Justice agents in Chicago, and that he had

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effort to identify his abductors. Agents who accompanied him, as he limped into the Postoffice building, were seen carrying bundles of pictures. On both occasions he made his exit through a side door as Department of Justice agents attempted to keep his visits a secret.

Adolph Bremer, father of the victim, admitted Monday night that a Catholic priest helped to establish contact between the family and the kidnapers. He refused to confirm the report that Rev. John Deere of Prior Lake was the intermediary, but admitted "he doesn't reside in the Twin Cities."

Attempts to speak with members of the priest's household were balked when the telephone operator's report that St. Paul was calling was met with banging telephone receivers. Three times persons at Father Deere's home answered but refused to converse.

One of his legs injured when he tried to prevent his kidnapers from closing the door of his automobile, the 37-year-old bank president discarded a cane he used the first few days since his release last Wednesday night at times leaning on the shoulder of a Federal agent, as he entered the Federal building.

Mr. Nathan and Werner Hanni, district chief of Bureau of Investigation, both denied that Bremer was in conference, but newsmen who know him saw his entrances and exits both in the morning and afternoon. When he made his exit after the first visit investigators employed a ruse to lure reporters to their offices.

Chief Dahill was closeted with Bremer when Federal investigators conferred with the victim Monday afternoon. He refused to discuss the nature of the conference.

It also was reported that authorities investigating the story of Mrs. Cressens Dehmer, said to have witnessed the abduction, reported that she had not seen the kidnapers and would not be able to identify them.

# GUNS, MASKS FOUND IN CAR IN MINNEAPOLIS

Woman Suspect in Gluek Plot Among Band Rounded Up in Police Raids.

*St. Paul Dispatch*  
NEW BREMER CLUES FOUND

Banker Again Confers With Cops; Auto Used for Ransom Identified as Stolen.

A new kidnaping in the Twin Cities was believed thwarted today as Minneapolis police seized an auto loaded with what appeared to be equipment of a gang of "snatchers."

Simultaneously, the Minneapolis police arrested fifteen men and three women. One of the women was said by the police to have been involved in the attempted kidnaping several years ago of a member of a Minneapolis brewery-owning family. One of the arrested is a fugitive from highway robbery charges in Duluth.

Federal agents, working on the kidnaping here of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul bank president who was released last week after payment of \$2,000 ransom, went immediately to Minneapolis police headquarters to question the prisoners.

Stolen Automobile Used.

Other developments in the Bremer case today were:

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Disclosure that Mr. Bremer is still under considerable suffering from the effects of his 22 days in captivity, and that his leg, injured when the abductors slammed his auto door on it, is not improving.

Continuance of Mr. Bremer's efforts to aid the federal agents by a third two-hour conference in their office.

M. F. Kinkead, Ramsey County attorney, and two assistants, James F. Lynch and William Desmond, left for Iowa, presumably to check a farmhouse near Creston where Iowa officials said Mr. Bremer was held.

Authorities holding the coupe furnished by the kidnapers to Walter

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Agents, contractors and police for delivery of the ransom, to give out any information re it. It was learned, however, the coupe probably is one from a St. Paul physician. The physician declined to comment, questioning the federal agent's information.

The auto seized in Minneapolis was taken near Eleventh and Second avenue south, on the skirts of the loop district.

Chloroform in Suit.

Detectives reported the car contained, in the back seat, a home-made chloroform mask, bottles of chloroform, a roll of heavy tape, several towels, a nickel-plated pistol. The car equipment was taken to police quarters. Three silk mufflers, a box of sleeping tablets, a found in the car.

The automobile was found after police arrested in a ward Doran, 24 year old, of Duluth.

At the same time police arrested two persons, a man and a woman, under arrest for the ransoming of the coal company, the Warde-Smith Coal Co., on Second avenue south, in which taken Monday.

John S. Johnson, 49 year old, a coal company director, given a statement implicating "finger woman" in the case. "finger woman" in the case, holdup, police said. She was arrested Monday night. She was up in the attempted kidnaping of Carl Gluek several years ago, said.

Had Talked Over 1

She was about to be released when Johnson gave his statement to detectives. He said she had been talked over in her mind and that, at first, it was a robbery while he was on collections for the company. Johnson, police said, is on probation on an embezzlement charge.

## KIDNAP GANG'S HUNTED IN 2

ST. P. PLAN

Auto Theft in Omaha

Car May Have Been in Freeing Bremer

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He said he would request that Bremer, who was released Wednesday night at Rochester, Minn., after payment of \$200,000 ransom, be taken to view the farm house. Bremer does not know where he was held but it is reported he will be able to identify the wallpaper in the room in which he was kept.

Dahill Awaits Details. Federal men working on the Bremer case in St. Paul, headed by Harold Nathan, first assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Department of Justice investigating branch, were not available when word of the Iowa investigator's announcement was received. Thomas E. Dahill, St. Paul chief of police, said he had received no official information on the report and until he does "will not announce our plans."

Immediately after making his announcement, Mr. Findley left his home and could not be reached, the Associated Press said.

In Chicago, Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation there, said his operatives would make immediate investigation of the report.

Mr. Purvis also said that he had not been notified officially of the Creston development but added "we will be glad to co-operate with Iowa and other authorities on the investigation of the tip."

May Be in St. Paul Jurisdiction. Mr. Purvis said it is possible that the jurisdiction of the investigation may come under the St. Paul office of the Federal department rather than the Chicago office. "It may be however," he continued, "that Findley has been informed of possible Chicago angles of the case of which we are not aware."

Mr. Findley's disclosure brought to four the Iowa locations in which Mr. Bremer is reported to have been held. Federal agents investigated a Sioux City house, Polk county authorities visited several farms near Des Moines and Federal operatives were reported to be inquiring into a tip regarding a supposed hideout near Mason City. None of these clues has resulted in positive information.

His movements guarded with the utmost secrecy, Bremer conferred twice Monday with Department of Justice operatives here who took unusual precautions to keep details of the conferences undisclosed.

The kidnap victim spent two hours behind closed doors with Federal agents Monday morning and one hour in the afternoon, apparently viewing numerous photographs in an

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# KIDNAP GANG'S L HUNTED IN 2 ST ST. PAUL, IOWA Auto Theft in Omaha Car May Have Been in Freeing Brem

Three searches for the hideout, two in Minnesota other in Iowa, and a request for information on the alleged fugitive's whereabouts, may be efforts of federal agents to track down the kidnapers. Bremer was released Wednesday to his relatives after payment of ransom, police and FBI operatives ran down every lead to their attention. St. Paul and Minneapolis were reported to have searched a cabin occupied by a motorist who stopped at the cabin after his car had run into a line and was confronted by armed men.

Another search, led by police, was said to have been made in Southern Minnesota. Department of Justice agents devoting their attention to Southwestern Iowa men refused, however, to report that a farm might have been the kidnapers' hideout. Thomas E. Dahill, chief of police, who earlier announced a search of the community whether the kidnapers had brought results.

From Iowa, it was reported that men had been making searches in parts of the state, 15 to 25 miles east of St. Paul. A possible suspect in the Bremer kidnaping was seen in a car there on the day the man was released.

License Plates Changed. The cab was found Tuesday morning in South Omaha with different license plates. The taxi company told detectives in Omaha that the cab had been driven 800 miles since being stolen. The cab theft came to attention when it was learned that Mr. Magee first had been instructed to deliver the ransom at Des Moines at about the same time the Omaha cab was missing. The distance the cab was driven while missing is about equivalent to a trip to St. Paul via Des Moines and return.

Tulsa, Okla., authorities revealed, according to the Associated Press, that they had been asked by St. Paul police for the fingerprint classification and photograph of Campbell, who is wanted for the killing of J. Earl Smith, attorney who refused to serve Harvey Bailey, convicted kidnap-er, when he was tried for bank robbery at Fort Scott, Kan. Sheriff Charles Price of Tulsa said he had a tip two weeks ago that Campbell had been seen in St. Paul.

Chief Dahill admitted that St. Paul police had asked for the information on Campbell, but would not say that he is wanted here specifically for questioning in the Bremer case. He added, however, that "anyone is a suspect."

ONE RANSOM CAR

Red Lanterns Placed Along

Road Guided Magee to Payoff Spot.

Several red lanterns, placed along narrow country road, and a south-bound passenger bus figured in the setting for payment of the \$200,000 ransom to effect release of Edward Bremer, St. Paul bank president, held by kidnapers for 23 days, it was learned Tuesday night.

Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor and contact man named by the abductors, was instructed in a note found in the side pocket of the payoff car, directing him to pick up a certain bus between St. Paul and Farmington, 20 miles distant, at 9:10 P. M. the night of February 6.

The additional details revealed Tuesday stated that Magee was told to follow the bus at a distance of 100 yards and to keep behind it until it reached Faribault, 55 miles south of St. Paul.

It was learned several days ago that Magee was instructed by the kidnapers to go to a parked car in downtown St. Paul, read the abductors' note of instruction and then drive away in the machine with the ransom money.

It became known also Tuesday that Magee, after reaching Faribault, left the route of the bus and turned off on the first small road to the left after leaving Faribault. He then continued until he reached several red lanterns placed along the road. By pre-arrangement, the kidnapers winked car headlights four times. This was the final signal for Magee to stop his machine and place two large bundles, containing the \$200,000 in \$5 and \$10 bills, by the roadside.

Meanwhile the search for the gang that kidnaped Bremer January 17 proceeded behind a veil of secrecy clamped down by Federal Department of Justice agents who are leading the hunt.

15 Arrests Fail to Give Bremer Clue In Minneapolis

Man in Suspect Car Found Wanted in Duluth on Robbery Charge.

Federal Department of Justice agents continued running down every clue that presented itself Wednesday in their effort to apprehend the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, but so far as could be learned made little progress in the investigation.

Questioning of fifteen men and three women arrested in a police roundup Wednesday in Minneapolis failed to reveal any connection with the kidnaping. Those held were questioned both by Minneapolis police and a Federal agent.

M. F. Kinkead, Ramsey county attorney, and two assistants, James F. Lynch and William Desmond, had not returned early today from a trip by motor to Iowa, which has been reported several times as the location of the hideout of the kidnap gang. Whether their journey concerned the kidnap investigation could not be ascertained.

The persons arrested in Minneapolis were viewed by victims of recent holdups at a special "showup" Wednesday night, but none was identified. Only one, Edward Doran, 24 years old, was found to have a police record. He is wanted in Duluth on highway robbery and automobile theft.

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15 MILL CITY ARRESTS FAIL OF BREMER CLUE

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charges and will be turned over to authorities there. The others were held for further investigation. Doran's car, seized shortly after his arrest and found to contain adhesive tape, chloroform and a chloroform mask, at first led to the belief the materials were to have been used in another Twin Cities kidnaping.

Later, however, it was discovered the car had been stolen from a physician and that the materials were in it when it was taken. Meanwhile, it was learned that Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor paid the \$200,000 ransom February 6 to effect the banker's release the following night, spent a miserable hour after dropping the ransom near Faribault trying to find his bearings.

As additional details of Magee's experience were revealed, the Associated Press learned that after placing the cash on the ground when the headlights of an automobile flashed four times, the designated signal, Magee continued driving along a little-used country road near Faribault and soon became lost. He found himself an hour later near Zumbrota, 30 miles off his course, and returned to St. Paul by a round-about route.

The car which Magee drove, left for him at a street intersection in St. Paul by the kidnapers, was a stolen machine with a fake insignia of an oil concern on the side to identify it, it was learned.

KELLY PAL HUNTED IN MAINE BY U. S. AGENT. Portland, Me., Feb. 14.—(P)—The far-flung investigation being con-

ducted by the Department of Justice into the activities of kidnapers has set Maine law enforcement agencies on the trail of a henchman "Machine Gun" Kelly suspected being in hiding in this state. Kelly is serving a life sentence the kidnaping of Charles Dumas, Oklahoma City oil man.

Following the arrival of a special agent here and a raid on a farmhouse at Gorham, ten miles from this city, it was disclosed that authorities were seeking Edward Kelly, described as an associate of Kelly. The Federal officer, accompanied by Portland police, visited the suburb farm Tuesday night.

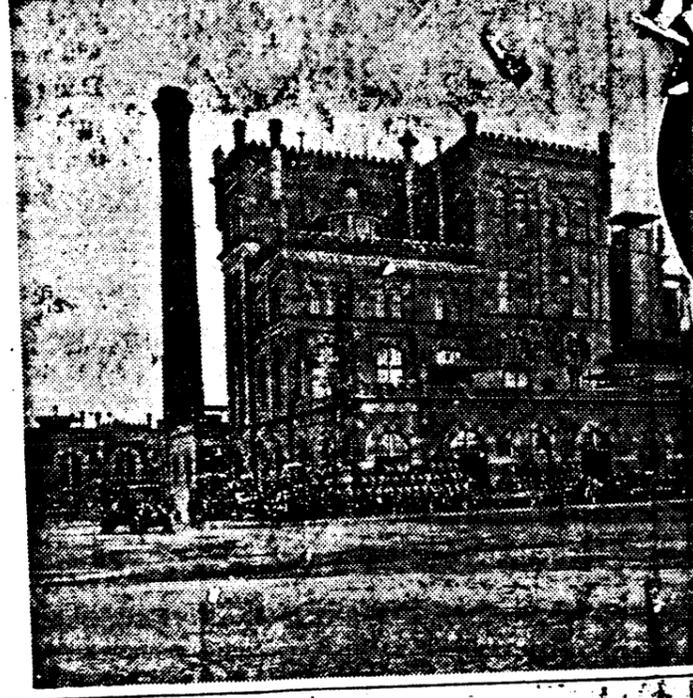
Published stories that the Federal agent's visit here and the search for Kelly were connected in some way with the search for the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, were denied. Bremer's name was never mentioned during the time the Department of Justice representative was here, police said.

TWO BREMER SUSPECTS QUERIED IN BALTIMORE

Baltimore, Feb. 14.—(P)—The Department of Justice is investigating the records of a woman, arrested on the theory she might have had some connection with the kidnaping of Edward Bremer at St. Paul. The woman, police said, told that she had gone to school with Bremer's sisters and that she had seen Adolf Bremer, father of the kidnaped young man who paid the \$200,000 ransom.

Harold Nathan, first assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal department's bureau of investigation and in charge of the Bremer kidnaping investigation here, said Wednesday night he had received news of the arrest of two suspects in Baltimore. St. Paul police also asserted they had not been informed of the arrest.

# HIGH SPOTS IN KIDNAPING OF EDWARD G. BREMER



## DR. NIPPERT REVEALS CONTACT WITH GANG

### Bottle Hurling Through Glass Jan. 20 Called Attention to Notes.

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The bottle incident, except for the finding of the letters.  
Awakened by Crash.  
"I was awakened about 6:15 A. M. that morning by a crashing sound," Dr. Nippert said. "I remember that I glanced at my watch. At the time I thought that a storm window had banged, and turned over and went to sleep.  
"About 7 A. M. I arose and went to the bathroom to shave. A moment or so later Mrs. Nippert called to me, 'Why don't you answer your phone?' I hadn't heard the phone ring because it was muted. Mrs. Nippert had been ill and had muted the phone without telling me. I slipped into the hall and answered

## BREMER RELEASED AT ROCHESTER, RETURNS HOME BRUISED, EXHAUSTED

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and nervous strain and the let-down that would come after something like this."  
Dr. Joseph Sprafka, once known as "Galloping Joe," University of Minnesota football star, confirmed information that a ransom had been paid, but he said he did not know the exact amount.  
"Do you know whether a ransom was paid?" Dr. Sprafka was asked by a Dispatch reporter, as the doctor left the Adolf Bremer home after attending the victim.  
"Sure it was paid."  
"How much?"  
"I don't know how much, but I do know a ransom was paid."

### APPEARS VERY TIRED.

Dr. Sprafka, a personal friend of the abducted man, said that Mr. Bremer had a full growth of beard and appeared very tired and nervous.

A possible clue to the gang was given by Douglas Street, 33 years old, chauffeur for Dr. Waltman Walters, Mayo clinic physician at Rochester. Street said he saw two well dressed men in an automobile bearing a New York license at Lewiston, Minn., about 3 A. M. today. Lewiston is 37 miles east of Rochester.

The first two persons known to have seen the banker after his release are Howard McGonn and Mrs. Jennie Haight, ticket sellers in the Rochester bus depot. They said Bremer walked into the bus station about 8 P. M. Wednesday and asked about bus connection

### NO HARM IN TRYING.

Dressed as a trained nurse, a Twin Cities newspaper woman gained entry to the home of Adolf Bremer, 853 West Seventh street, through a rear door shortly after 11 A. M. today while the remainder of the news representatives were kept outside.  
She lasted only about three minutes, however, being ushered firmly from the front of the home. She fled down the street as photographers, recognizing her, attempted to get her picture.

gratitude to all persons connected with the successful return of his son. Included in this note were the names of Walter Magee, contractor and personal friend of the Bremer, who received first notice that E-G Bremer had been kidnaped.

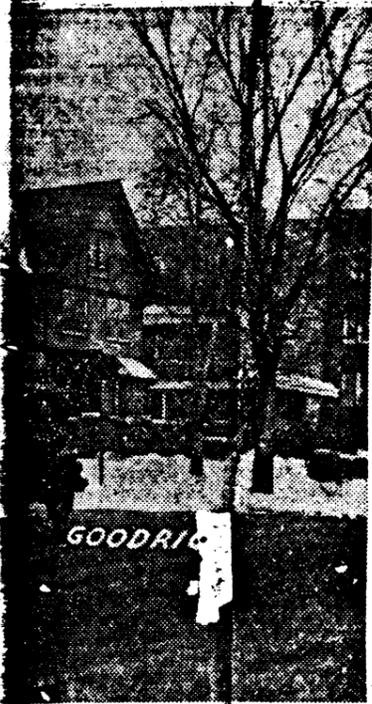
Mr. Newcome, also was mentioned in Adolf Bremer's note. Just what part he played in the return was not disclosed. "I have nothing to say," Mr. Newcome replied to questions. "I didn't even want my name in the statement."

The family was jubilant over his release, which freed them from the fearful anxiety under which they had lived since the abduction.

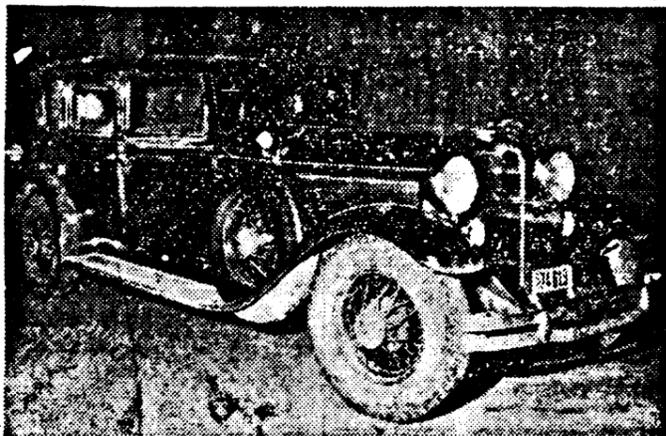
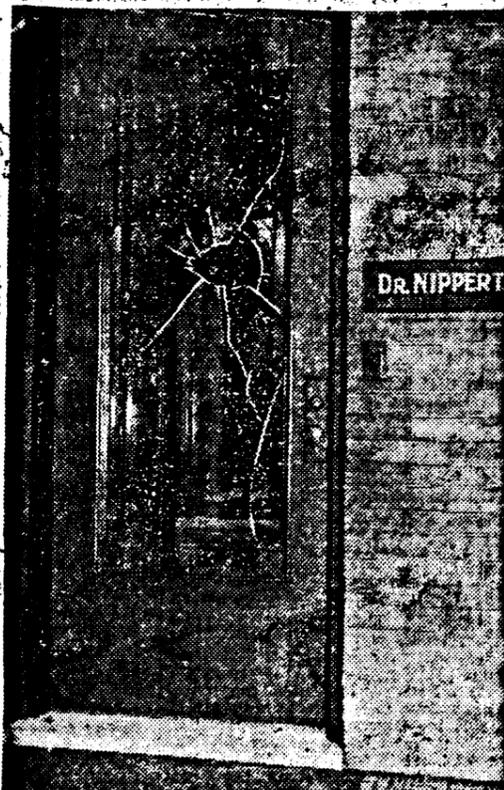
Two messages to the kidnapers were given to the gang by Adolf Bremer on the last day of the

ST. PAUL DISPATCH

# INCLUDING BLOODSTAINED AUTO



A dentifrice bottle was hurled through the front window of the home of Dr. T. Nippert, 706 Lincoln avenue, family physician for the Bremers, January 20, to attract his attention to notes that had been slipped under the door. A close-up of the front door is shown.



Among the high spots in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer are: Top left, the palatial home of the victim at 92 North Mississippi River boulevard.

Top center: How the big blue sedan of Mr. Bremer was intercepted by kidnapers at Goodrich and Lexington avenues on Wednesday morning, January 17.

Lower left: The rear stoop of the office of Walter Magee, contractor, where a note from the kidnapers was found.

Lower center: The Schmidt Brewing Co., on West Seventh street with inset of Edward Penschuck who was with Mr. Magee when the note was found.

Lower right center: Walter Magee who was first informed of the kidnaping.

Lower right: The Bremer automobile on which bloodstains were found.

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## HUNTED AS BREMER KIDNAPERS



#### Call From Pay Station.

Dr. Nippert said the maid, who first answered the phone, reported to him that the call was made from a pay station.

"The maid said she heard the operator instruct the caller to deposit a coin," the physician said. The call, he said, was not traced.

"After answering the call I went downstairs, not waiting to dress fully, and found that the front door had been smashed," Dr. Nippert continued. "Under the door I found the large envelope."

On the outside envelope was written in ink and, according to Dr. Nippert, in the kidnaped man's hand writing: "Dr. M. T. Nippert, Personal."

#### Note from Victim.

"Inside the large envelope I found three smaller ones. These were square, somewhat like women's stationery. One of the three was addressed to me. I opened it and inside was a note from Edward. It was dated Friday night (January 19). I forgot the exact wording, but I was instructed to deliver the other two notes to Adolf Bremer and Walter Magee. The note also cautioned me against notifying police."

Dr. Nippert said he followed instructions, delivering all three notes that morning to the kidnaped man's father.

"They have all three notes now for all I know," the physician said. He added that he received no further telephone calls and that he had not seen the abduction victim or other members of the family.

"What messages were in the notes to Adolf Bremer and Walter Magee?" Dr. Nippert was asked.

"I don't know," he replied. "I turned them over as I was instructed. That's all I know."

"Was the full ransom (\$200,000) paid?" he was asked.

"I wouldn't know as to that," the doctor replied. "I'm sure I don't know."

#### CONGRATULATIONS FLOOD HOME OF ADOLF BREMER

Messenger boys took scores of congratulations today to the home of Adolf Bremer, 555 West Seventh street, on the safe return of his son, Edward, after 21½ days in the hands of kidnapers.

The messages contrasted with the flood of "crank" letters received by the family from all parts of the country during the time the kidnap victim was missing.

Rochester where he could board a bus. It was thought that Mr. Bremer did this, but that point could not be confirmed immediately.

Both ticket sellers said he appeared dazed and was unshaven. They said his eyes appeared to be in good condition.

L. J. Mosher, ticket agent at Rochester for the Chicago North-western railroad, said today he was positive the man who bought a ticket for Owatonna from him last night was Bremer.

Merrit Horn, a cab driver at Rochester, said he was convinced he drove Bremer from the bus depot to the railroad station after the victim had learned he would be unable to get a bus-out of there for St. Paul Wednesday night.

At 10:30 A. M. today Clarence Newcome, general manager of the Schmidt brewery, took a paper wrapped package into the Adolf Bremer home. Through the wrappings could be seen a small black bag. Soon afterwards, Mr. Newcome, Harold Nathan, first assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Department of Justice division of investigation, and another agent, entered an automobile and sped away. The surmise of reporters was that the bag may have been used as part of the line of communication from the kidnapers. The theory, which was not verified, was that the kidnapers checked the bag at a railroad station where it was picked up by the St. Paul contact man, who in some manner was given the baggage check.

First announcement of Bremer's release was made by Werner Hanni, chief of the Department of Justice office here. Hanni refused to give details of the return, merely saying that the banker had been released unharmed at Rochester by three men in a small car.

Chief of Police Thomas Dahill, Inspector of Detectives Charles Tierney and Detective Tom Brown of the St. Paul police department rushed to the Adolf Bremer home to participate in the questioning of the abducted man. Meanwhile no one was permitted in the yard. Then M. F. Kinkead, Ramsey county attorney, appeared at the home. The door, at first, was shut in his face, but was reopened a short time later and the attorney went in.

Through Gathers Outside. Scores of photographers and reporters gathered outside the home awaiting an opportunity to speak to the victim.

Inside the home in addition to Adolf Bremer, the wife and daughter of the banker and other members of the family and friends, was Otto Bremer, chairman of the board of the American National bank, head of the Minnesota Home Owners Loan corporation. Both Adolf and Otto Bremer are friends of President Roosevelt. Otto is the kidnaped man's uncle.

Police and federal agents, who have been working on the crime since it was committed, redoubled efforts to trail the perpetrators, but the gangsters are said to have covered their tracks well.

Particularly happy over Bremer's return were his wife Emily, 92 North River boulevard, and 8-year-old daughter Betty, who was the last to see him before he was kidnaped.

The crime occurred shortly after Bremer had taken his daughter by automobile from home to Summit school, 1150 Goodrich avenue, where she is a pupil in the third grade, and continued on his way downtown to the Commercial State bank, Sixth and Washington.

But he did not reach the bank. After he had said goodby to Betty, and seen the school's doors close behind her he set out through one of St. Paul's wealthiest residential districts for downtown.

Along the route his kidnapers awaited him. They seized him; abandoned his car near the home of

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# Victim Able to Hideout of Gang By Wallpaper Design

ST. P. Pioneer Press Feb. 9, 1934  
\$200,000 Placed in Road Near Faribault by Magee on Signal  
of Car Lights After One Contact Attempt Fails Due to  
Money Being Under Time Lock in Bank.

Three separate investigations seeking the apprehension of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, were launched Thursday night following his release Wednesday night. Independent efforts to track down the gang which held the banker a prisoner for 21 days were started by the Federal Department of Justice, which threw the entire weight of its nation-wide organization into the hunt, St. Paul police, and the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

Other developments:  
It was learned that the full \$200,000 ransom demanded by the kidnapers was paid, an unverified report stating the fortune in cash was thrown from an automobile on a side road off Highway No. 1 near Faribault Tuesday night when another car's headlights were flashed four times as a signal, the Associated Press says in a copyrighted story. Bremer is reported to have told officials he can identify the gang's hideout by the wallpaper design.

Although the utmost secrecy veiled the kidnap investigation, authentic reports were that no important clues were gleaned by authorities during several questioning of the kidnapers and associates of the Bremer family, asserting they had been instructed "not to talk" and refused absolutely to discuss the case or answer any questions. It was announced a statement will be issued by the Bremer family at 9 A. M. today.

The kidnap victim was reported still in a highly nervous condition early today the result of mental strain rather than physical injuries at the hands of his abductors.

Except for the presence of a dozen detectives, there was no unusual activity at police headquarters Thursday night. Thomas E. Dahill, chief of police, and Inspector Charles J. Tierney left the station shortly before 10 P. M. for their homes.

Chiefs of the Federal Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation remained in their offices in the Post-office building until nearly midnight.

Dahill Refuses to Comment.  
Chief Dahill responded to all queries regarding the kidnaping with the assertion: "I am not free to make any statement regarding the case tonight."

Asked whether reports that Alvin Karpis and Freddie Barker, fugitives wanted for murders in West St. Paul and West Plains, Mo., were being sought for the Bremer kidnaping, Chief Dahill replied: "I can neither affirm nor deny it."

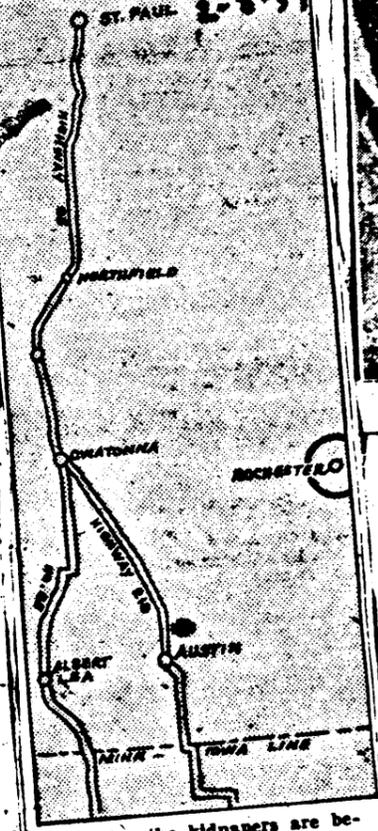
The Associated Press stated it learned the \$200,000 ransom, \$83,000 in \$5 bills and the remainder in \$10 bills, was delivered Tuesday night by Walter W. Magee, St. Paul contractor, who received the first message from the kidnapers a few hours after the abduction January 17.

The payment was made after a hitch in previous arrangements for turning over the ransom had aroused fresh anxiety among the family and caused issuance of a public appeal by Adolf Bremer, St. Paul brewer and father of the kidnap victim, the story says.

Magee Withholds Details.  
Magee, asserting he had been instructed not to say anything until a later date, refused to answer any questions concerning the kidnaping or reveal details of the ransom payment.

It was learned Bremer, the Associated Press stated, had been in St. Paul prior to Saturday night when he received instructions from the gang. Bremer is believed to have been in St. Paul at that time and to have been in contact with the kidnapers for an assumed

## Pass Kinhead: St. P. Div. News Feb. 8, 1934



Where the kidnapers are believed to have passed County Attorney M. F. Kinhead and his family in southern Minnesota as they sped to get their victim in hiding, is shown by the cross on this map. The point is on highway No. 218, near Austin, and southwest of Rochester.



ALVIN KARPIS.



FRED BARKER.

## St. P. Div. News Feb. 8, 1934.

### Kidnap Suspects



ALVIN KARPIS.



FRED BARKER.

# U. S. Agents Keep Secret Bremer Clue

ST. P. Div. News  
Reticence At Washington  
May Indicate Feder  
Agents Are On Tra  
Of Fresh Clue.

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The department of justice maintained the strictest secrecy today as to actions following the return of Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker.  
"We are pressing the search for the kidnapers," was the only comment of Atty. Gen. Cummings. "Reluctance to discuss the case indicated federal agents might be following some fresh clue. Cummings declined even to make known exact amount of ransom paid, he pointed out that the Bremer kidnaping was comparable to that of John J. O'Connell, Jr., of Albany, N. Y., in that both victims were held 22 days.  
Records of the Bremer case showed that the St. Paul banker was abducted Jan. 17 and freed midnight Feb. 7, although St. Paul dispatches gave 8 p. m. as the time.

MR. BREMER RETURNS.

Every one will rejoice with the family of Edward G. Bremer in the successful conclusion of their efforts to obtain his safe return.

Needless to say, however, the "happy ending" is not yet. That will not take place until these and all other kidnapers are smashed.

The federal and local authorities are now released from the restraint under which they were placed by the personal consideration which had first right of way. The kidnapers have at least one day's start. They may make their getaway now, but they will be caught. Persistence and nation-wide organization will track them down, as it did Sankey. These are the great contributions to crime detection which have been contributed by federal entry into this field.

There should be more of this federal policing than there is. Kidnaping is one of the most harrowing, brutal of all crimes, but it is only one side of the crime problem in America. Americans will not be able to hold up their heads until all professional crime, not merely that of kidnaping, is under as complete control as it is in other countries.

How Brought Bremer Release, Attorney General Announces

Feb. 8.—(AP)—Attorney Cummings said today of the kidnaped Edward G. Bremer was effected of a ransom. Cummings said that Bremer was held near St. Paul, Minn., before midnight and returned to St. Paul train and bus. It is clear that a ransom was declared. The ransom demanded was fixed at \$200,000 but whether all part of that was paid was

not indicated by the attorney general. He noted that Bremer had been held for 22 days, the same length of time as was John O'Connell of Albany, N. Y. He said the Bremer case was the only one over which the Department of Justice has had charge that has not been solved, with the exception of the Lindbergh case.

Kidnaping Menace Worse Than Rule Under Tyrant, Olson Says

at of life under conditions than under the rule of a unless police and citizens the menace of kidnaping" emphasized today by Governor Olson, he announced his calling of law enforcement at his office at 10 A. M. Governor Olson, calling the connection with the Ed- ward kidnaping, said that

after this meeting contact will be made with federal agencies to obtain "united action" between Minnesota and the federal government. Governor Olson's statement said: "All law enforcing agencies and all law-abiding citizens must join together to crush the menace of kidnaping. Unless that is done it will grow to such an extent that no one will be safe and we will live under

Successful Marked Up by Kidnapers

collection of ransom and re- Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul marked completion by kid- of the fifth successful major in St. Paul in less than a half year.

er was seized January 17 0,000 ransom and freed Wed- night after payment of an used amount.

other four kidnapings were: Gleckman, reputed political ator, seized September 24, y five men, four of whom Stillwater prison, for \$75,000 \$4,400 was paid, of which as recovered.

Rutman, dress shop owner, October 5, 1931, and tortured 0,000 ransom, of which \$20,000 was paid; two men convicted same and a third is sought.

of Baba, son of a refrigerator company, seized June 28, 1931, the Sankey gang for \$25,000, of which \$12,000 was paid, in St. Paul prison for the abduction Sankey is in custody.

THE ST. PAUL POLICE.

Since the rise of professional gang depredations, the Pioneer Press has believed that in the nature of these well organized crimes, the major weapon of society for the vindication of law and protection of its members must be the federal authority.

The Bremer case has confirmed this newspaper in that view more strongly than ever.

But the local police are gravely mistaken and derelict in their duty if they believe, because those things are so, that they can wash their hands of their rightful responsibility. The three major kidnapings in the past two years have become the shame of St. Paul. They have held this city before the rest of the country in disgrace. And for this unhappy condition the police cannot avoid a share of blame.

No excuses that can be offered adequately answer the question, "Why in St. Paul alone of all cities have the kidnapers been so successful?"

The only answer that covers the question is simply this, "There are conditions in St. Paul that cause kidnapers to believe that here more than anywhere else they may commit their horrible crime with the greatest degree of safety."

Since federal policing is just as sharp here as anywhere else, the reason for this belief which the kidnapers hold, and apparently with too good justification, is that the local side of policing is below standard.

The answer therefore to the devastating question being directed at St. Paul must be found in police laxity.

For despite all that may be said in extenuation of the police due to the character of this particular crime and the mobility of these new criminals, the local field is the responsibility of the local police. It is the job of the local police to know what goes on in the local underworld while these crimes are being planned, and what goes on after they have been committed. It is their job to know these criminals and to know when they are here and why. All too plainly the St. Paul police know none of these things. And if some "finger" of the St. Paul underworld is responsible for this series of kidnapings, then all the greater the blame on the police for being ignorant of that.

Will there be more kidnapings in St. Paul?

There undoubtedly will be if the kidnapers of Edward Bremer are not caught. The St. Paul police in their easy-going regime have reduced their work practically to routine investigations of petty offenses mainly the work of amateurs or novices.

It is time for this easy-going regime to end. The police themselves should have ended it long since. This Bremer case is a test between them and the underworld. St. Paul has a right to a better decision of that issue than it has heretofore had.

# PERSONALITIES IN THE BREMER KIDNAPING



After 22 anxious days **EDWARD G. BREMER**, young St. Paul banker, was released by his kidnapers near Rochester, Minn., Wednesday night . . . His release brought an end to the terrific strain under which his pretty young wife, **MRS. EDWARD G. BREMER**, has been ever since he left home Jan. 17 to take their daughter Betty, 8, years old, to Summit school . . . No less relieved than the young wife was the aged father, **ADOLF BREMER**, who was reported today to have paid \$200,000 for his son's return and who issued a public statement expressing his heart-felt gratitude to all those who co-operated . . . First news that there had been a kidnaping was received by **WALTER W. MAGEE**, prominent contractor and friend of the Bremer family, who received the ransom note . . . Further contact with the kidnapers was established through two notes and telephone messages received by **DR. H. T. NIPPERT**, family physician, when a milk bottle was thrown through his glass front door—a development which was published first and exclusively by The Daily News, denied by others and confirmed today by Dr. Nippert . . . Recovery of Mr. Bremer and hot pursuit of the kidnapers was brought about and continued largely through federal agents operating under the direction of **WERNER HANNI**, chief investigator of the St. Paul district, federal department of justice.

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# Still Shaken, Sobs As He Recalls Woe

## Viciously Beaten By Kid- napers Who Threatened To Chain Him To Bed, Banker Relates.

Haggard and worn from 23 days in the hands of kidnapers, Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, told for the first time today of his "snatching" on Jan. 17.

His story, interrupted several times by sobs as he recalled events in the kidnaping and by cautions from his personal physician, Dr. H. T. Nippert, Mr. Bremer told of a vicious beating by his abductors, threats of being chained to his bed unless he complied with their every demand, of lying in the rear of automobiles, of the lack of food, and finally of his release in Rochester Tuesday night.

Clad in a dark lounging robe, patent leather slippers, a white shirt open at the neck, Mr. Bremer related more than a score of news-  
men photographers and mo-  
at his home, 92 N.

After  
camera men  
to take two pictures,  
Bremer  
started his story.

### Dad Visibly Worried.

In the home with Mr. Bremer were his father, visibly worried by his son's condition; Dr. Nippert, who occupied a seat directly to the right of Mr. Bremer as he told his story; Walter W. Magee, contractor and friend, the contact man who delivered the \$200,000; Adolph Bremer, Jr., brother, a department of justice agent, and a friend of the family.

The flashing of the cameramen's bulbs, and the pictures were taken by Dr. Nippert that they must hurry, "for you must remember that Mr. Bremer has been in a dark room for several weeks, and that it's hard on his eyes."

"I'm all in," Mr. Bremer said in greeting to a newspaper friend.

With the cameramen through with their picture taking, Mr. Magee told newspapermen that according to understanding Mr. Bremer could tell his story, and no questions would be asked by the newspapermen. He said Dr. Nippert wanted to be present during the questioning, because of the victim's condition.

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Mr. Bremer clasped his hands before him, and, as he started his story, started to sob, and pounded his right fist on the side of the chair.

"Well, I think I got baby to school about 8:20 a. m.," he began.

At this point Mr. Bremer, who had evidently been looking forward to telling his story, broke down and started to cry.

His father cried in sympathy. Dr. H. T. Nippert, Bremer family physician, reached over and patted the young kidnap victim on the shoulder. With an obvious effort, Edward braced himself and went on telling the story in a clear tone, and did not falter throughout the narrative.

### Gun Poked Into Car.

"I drove up to the corner of Goodrich ave. and Lexington parkway, and stopped for the arterial highway. As soon as I stopped the door next to me on my left opened, and an arm with a gun was pushed into the car.

"Don't move or I'll kill you," the man said.

"I put the car in low gear, preparing to go across the street, when I looked up and saw a car parked squarely in front of me.

"I then opened the right-hand door to go out, and by that time the man with the arm in the car started to hit me across the head.

"As I started to get out the right side, another man must have been there, because I bumped into some-  
blows from that source. Fifteen or twenty. Blood was streaming down  
into my eyes.

# BANKER TELLS OF LONG CAPTIVITY



Sobbing, nervous, highly agitated, Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, today told the story of his abduction and three weeks' captivity as he reclined in a large chair at his home at 92 N. Mississippi River boulevard, on the arm of which was seated his father, Adolf Bremer, wealthy brewer. The two are shown in the pictures above. Throughout Mr. Bremer's story, his father frequently showed signs of nervousness, and hatred for his son's abductors blazed in his eyes as Edward told of hardships he had suffered at the hands of his snatchers.

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stop. constantly about for one  
Inspected Messy.

"At that time they took some cans out of the car and got more gasoline. After dark they allowed me to sit on the seat. After dark they also let me out of the car with two attendants. They said, 'We will find out if the money is marked.'"

"I told them I don't think they had to worry about that. The car drove away, and when it returned, they said everything was all right — that the money wasn't marked."

"After driving some time they said, 'Now we are nearing Rochester, Minn. We'll put you off on a dark street. Get out of the car, face the direction we are in but which is not the direction you are to walk. Count 15 slowly before you remove the bandages. Turn about face and go into Rochester. Be sure not to let anyone recognize you. Go to the bus depot. Take the 9:40 bus to St. Paul. In St. Paul don't go to the bus depot. Get off before you get there. Get a cab and go home. But don't let anybody see you.'"

"I got out of the car, carefully counted 15, heard the car stop, so I didn't remove the bandages until I heard the car start again."

**Tried Not To Stagger.**

"I removed the bandages. I could make out a car with lights in back. I turned and tried not to stagger. I walked in circles a few minutes so I could walk straight. I walked five or six blocks, but couldn't find the bus depot. I asked and found out there was no bus to St. Paul that night."

"The woman in the bus depot said, 'I think you can catch a train leaving for Owatonna in five min-'

The fifth and final contact was Mr. Magee and led to the payment of ransom, Tuesday night.

In compliance with instructions in the final message, Mr. Magee drove to a place where he found a small parked automobile. Mr. Magee carried the \$200,000 ransom with him in two covered bushel baskets.

In the parked car, he found a note giving him further instructions for paying the ransom. Further details of the ransom payment were not made public, according to Harold Nathan, chief department of justice agent.

# Did Make It Crime by Kidnap Ransom

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Ashurst, Democrat, Ariz., is preparing to introduce legislation to pay a fine in kidnaping cases. If such a law would come to wiping out kidnaping in this country.

not and we started to drive I don't know where.

We had driven for 10 or 15 miles—I don't know how long—stopped and put goggles over my eyes. I was then told to get out of the car, and I was placed in the trunk of another machine and told to lie on the floor.

As at that time that my car was taken away from me. I told me it was to be used for all other purposes, and asked me if I would like to have as a man.

named Walter Magee as the man who would like to have them get me out with, and told them I knew men whom I had grown up with.

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The car then started and we were to drive on—I don't know how many hours. Then we stopped and perhaps it was at that time that I signed the notes. At that time there was undoubtedly a car accompanying us, as I heard them refilling the car's gas tank.

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called a cab for me. I bought a ticket; got into the seat, and pulled my hat down over my eyes and rode that way until the cab reached Owatonna. At Owatonna I took a cab to take me to the bus station.

"In St. Paul, as the bus was crossing the Wabasha st. bridge, I asked the driver to let me out there. I walked up along the side of the courthouse and luckily no one passed me.

"I crouched near the courthouse until a cab went by. I told the cab driver I wanted to go to the West End Commercial club. When I got out of the cab I turned and walked up to the door of the Commercial club, and after the driver left, I walked the few blocks to my father's home and reached the side entrance of the house.

"And that is the story." As he finished, Mr. Bremer showed plainly the strain he had been under during the telling of his story, and appeared to be near a collapse.

Search in Six States. Search for the kidnapers of Mr. Bremer spread to six states today with nearly 200 federal agents and police striving to strike a fresh trail after going up a half dozen blind alleys.

Developments were: Disclosure that federal agents are confident that Mr. Bremer was transported outside of Minnesota and that consequently they have jurisdiction under the federal Lindbergh anti-kidnaping law.

W. W. Magee, St. Paul contractor and contact man, with officials went over the route he took in delivering the \$200,000 ransom, which carried him southward toward Faribault.

Harold Nathan, first assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, national head of the bureau of investigation, and Chief of Police Thomas Dahill called to the Bremer home today for a conference with members of the family, which continued for more than an hour.

Disclosure from a close friend of Edward Bremer that he had informed him that he would have been released about 10 days ago but that the abductors heard of 200 federal men and police in the case and became frightened.

Two men, August Chiaverotti, 34, Milwaukee, and Ben Larson, Grand Rapids, Minn., held in Milwaukee, where they were arrested for speeding Thursday night, found armed and in possession of \$2,000 in small denomination currency. They were driving a small coupe, which police said had been stolen from a Grand Rapids physician.

Finger prints on the green Chevrolet coupe in which Mr. Magee delivered the ransom forwarded to the national identification bureau in Washington.

Today federal agents and police began to run down clues, some of them supplied by Mr. Bremer, in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, Missouri and Illinois.

The Wisconsin angle developed after arrest of the two men at Milwaukee; North Dakota became a center of activity as a result of information that may link the kidnapers with a bank robbery in that state while Mr. Bremer was held.

The Daily News learned that an acetylene outfit, stolen in Owatonna, was used by the robbers. The same night it was stolen, an Owatonna motorist missed his license plates, later found on one of the kidnapers' automobiles. They were on the car in which Mr. Magee delivered the ransom money.

Both Sioux City, Ia., and Kansas City remained under suspicion as probable location of the snatchers' hideout, with the former considered the most probable place.

Operatives also were understood to be checking to determine whether any of the mob had fled to Chicago, where Verne Sankey and Gordon Alcorn were captured.

During the time Mr. Bremer was held prisoner, the kidnapers made five contacts with his family. The first occurred almost immediately after the kidnaping. Walter Magee, a contractor and friend of the kidnaped man, received a note and a telephone call announcing the kidnaping and naming him as a negotiator.

He then received a wife and

# CAN IDENTIFY 2 OF KIDNAPERS, VICTIM REVEALS

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Banker's Family Maintains  
Silence as 28 U. S. Agents  
Study Case Here.

## SIoux CITY HOUSE RAIDED

Home Investigated as Possible  
Gang Lair; Wide Federal  
Net Is Spread.

Two men were under arrest today in Milwaukee for questioning in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping as the St. Paul banker revealed that he can identify two of his captors.

Bremer, released Wednesday night at Rochester, Minn., on payment of \$200,000 ransom, was still in seclusion this morning seeking to recover from the nervous strain of 21 days of captivity.

Members of the Bremer family and persons connected closely with the case continued to maintain tight-lipped silence, presumably on instructions from federal authorities.

St. Paul City Home Raided. Developments were: A home was raided in Sioux City, Iowa, as the possible kidnap lair, but nothing was reported found.

Twenty-eight federal agents were said to be working in St. Paul. Other government operatives were reported to be on the case in Sioux City, Iowa; Bismarck, N. D.; Rochester, Minn.; Kansas City, Mo., and in the district around Faribault, where the ransom money was paid.

St. Paul police Bertillon experts worked on the car provided by the kidnapers to identify the ransom in an effort to obtain fingerprints. Results were not announced.

Dr. H. T. Nippert, Bremer family physician, who received three communications at one time from the kidnapers, denied the gang took him to the hideout to treat Bremer.

Gang Had \$2,000 in Cash. The Milwaukee suspects, an Associated Press dispatch said, were arrested Thursday night while speeding.

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Serial numbers of the bills were being checked by Milwaukee St. Paul police. Conflicting stories were told by the pair to police, and saying they were in Milwaukee on an alcohol deal and the other stating they intended buying slot machines.

The men identified themselves as Gust Chiaverotti, alias Gust Rotty, 23 years old, of Milwaukee, and Ben Larson, 33, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

The car they were driving was stolen from Dr. Oscar Olson of Grand Rapids, Minn., but Larson insisted he was from Grand Rapids, Mich.

Detectives also questioned the pair regarding the holdup of a messenger for a Duluth butcher this week.

In St. Paul, Bremer told Thomas E. Dahill, chief of police, he can identify two of his kidnapers.

Can Recall Assaults. Although the gang is believed to number ten or more men, the only two whom he will be able to recognize, if caught, are those with whom he fought in his attempt to escape seizure the morning of January 17.

In Sioux City, Sheriff William E. Tice told the Associated Press, that Department of Justice Agent Neenan, working out of the Twin Cities, requested aid last Saturday in searching for Bremer's kidnapers' hideout.

A raid was made on a house near Floyd cemetery in the eastern part of the city, but it was said nothing was found.

Federal Web Being Widened. Bending methodically to the task of hunting Bremer's kidnapers, federal agents were reported to be swinging in ever-widening circles out of St. Paul.

Special points of search, besides Sioux City, were said to be Rochester, Faribault, Bismarck, Memphis and Kansas City, but agents refused to confirm this.

St. Paul police today went with Walter Magee, intermediary in the kidnaping over the ransom, to deliver the \$200,000 ransom.

Magee was accompanied by Chief Dahill, Inspector of Detectives Charles Tierney and Werner Hanni, chief federal investigator in the St. Paul district. They drove south on highway No. 1 to Faribault, where they took a cross road. Whether the trip was productive of clues was not revealed.

Police also scrutinized every part of the coupe provided by kidnapers for Magee to carry the ransom. They hoped to find fingerprints which could be compared with million records and lead to apprehension of the gang. However, no prints of value.

Microscope Use Reported. Evidence of the minute details into which authorities are delving to find the gang was the reported summoning to St. Paul of scientists to examine under the microscope clothing worn by Bremer when he was a captive in the hope of finding some hair or particle that might give them a clue to the abductors.

Authorities disclosed that Bremer had told them he would have been released ten days earlier if it had not been for a published report that 250 federal agents were in the Twin Cities working on the case.

"They got cold feet," Bremer was quoted as having said. He overheard the gang talking about the danger of detection, officers said, and it did not make a move until the captive's father, Adolf, issued a pledge through newspapers of co-operation with the desperados and freedom from police interference.

Dr. Nippert estimated that Bremer lost fifteen pounds during his imprisonment.

The physician denied a report that he was taken to the kidnap lair to treat the 37-year-old banker for injuries received when being captured.

Victim Much Improved. Bremer's condition was reported to be "very much improved" by the family physician.

"Edward has a two-inch cut on the top of his head, but it is healing nicely," said Dr. Nippert. "A head wound usually bleeds profusely and that probably accounts for the blood in the car."

"What did he get to eat while he was being held?" "He didn't say. He did say that they (the kidnapers) forgot to feed him two or three times."

# DNAP 'FINGER MAN' SUSP *rick Named in Three St.*

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# PECT HUNTED Paul Cases

## FUGITIVE IS MENTIONED AS BEING IN MILL CITY PRIOR TO HAMM AND BREMER CRIMES

Father of Haskell Bohn Demands Sankey Be Brought  
Back to Minnesota for Trial; "Impaired My Health  
and Made Pauper of Me," Manufacturer Says; Asserts  
He Will Go to Washington If Necessary.

FEAR EXPRESSED THAT PRISONER WILL  
SIT IN EASE IF SENT TO LEAVENWORTH

(BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

Chicago, Feb. 1.—A nationwide search for Jack Ferrick, alleged  
"finger man" in the Morris Rutman kidnaping in St. Paul, began  
today following Verne Sankey's capture Wednesday in Chicago.

Word to hunt Ferrick was flashed  
to police and federal agents in all  
sections of the United States as  
a result of a conference here be-  
tween St. Paul officials and De-  
partment of Justice agents.

Ferrick is suspected of having  
been the "finger man"—that is, the  
one who picked out the victims—in  
the abductions of Haskell Bohn, Wil-  
liam Hamm and E. G. Bremer in St.  
Paul.

He has been a fugitive since the  
Rutman kidnaping several years ago  
in which he is alleged to have been  
the man who poured gasoline and  
oil on the merchant and burned him  
to extort \$10,000.

Seen in Mill City.

Police reported they had informa-  
tion that prior to both the Hamm and  
Bremer kidnapings, Ferrick was in  
Minneapolis. Hamm, wealthy brew-  
er, was released last June on pay-  
ment of \$100,000 ransom and Bremer,  
a bank president, is still missing  
after two weeks' absence although  
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return him to St. Paul for the Has-  
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Chicago authorities instituted the  
search for Ferrick, former narcotic  
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man of St. Paul, on the theory that  
he may have been the "finger man"  
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Feb. 1, 1934

## AUTO TAG NUM BREMER CASE

Woman Scraped  
Plate; Ohio Check  
Car Ownership.

Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul  
banker, kidnaped January 17,  
is missing at 2 A. M. today.  
His family waited for the ab-  
ductor to break their sixteen-day  
fast.  
Other than the first note  
demanding \$200,000 ransom, deliver-  
ment of the ransom in 48  
hours after Mr. Bremer was  
kidnaped, no word has been received  
from the kidnapers, representatives  
of the Bremer family asserted.

Meanwhile, St. Paul police  
are checking to determine the  
ownership of a large sedan with Ohio  
license plates seen cruising Thurs-  
day morning near the missing man's  
home at 92 North Mississippi River bo-  
levard.

The license number of the car  
was believed to be the same as the  
one obtained later in the day by  
an individual living in the Western apart-  
ment at 136 North Western avenue.  
St. Paul police also observed the car  
near Selby and Western avenues  
at P. M. and that two suspi-  
cious appearing men left the car.

The license plates were  
covered with mud, but the woman, he-  
ing suspiciously aroused, scraped it  
and obtained the number, which was  
reported to Ohio authorities.  
The woman said the machine  
was parked near the intersection of  
the streets for several hours.

## HIS KIDNAPERS TALK OF BREMER, MAN SAYS

Brookings, S. D., Feb. 1.—(AP)  
A man claiming he had been kidnaped  
and drugged in Minneapolis Saturday  
said he overheard two men talking  
about the Bremer case. He  
said Johnson, a local cafe owner,  
was back at home today after hav-  
ing been picked up in a dazed condition  
at Iowa Falls, Iowa.

Johnson, 45 years old, president  
of the South Dakota Restaurant  
Association, says he remembers little  
of the incident after he was ordered  
to get into an automobile on a Minneapolis  
street. He was recognized in Iowa  
by Forrest Duggan, a former Bremer  
kidnaping resident and now a partner  
in Iowa City, and was returned  
to his home Wednesday night.

The sheriff's office said the  
incident apparently was a robbery attempt  
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son's assailants purposely discov-  
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sheriff found Johnson had \$2.40 out of  
his pocket and he remembers having in Min-  
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\$265 and \$315

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\$73, \$78, \$85, \$95,  
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#### Demands Sankey Be Returned.

"I will go to Washington, if necessary, to demand that Sankey be turned over to Minnesota for trial," Mr. Bohn said. "I was the first person outraged by one of his kidnappings. The first kidnapping was in Minnesota and the first prosecution should be there."

"I lost twenty pounds in the time my son was away. The worry impaired my health and interfered with my business to such an extent it made a pauper of me."

"If Sankey is sent to Leavenworth penitentiary on a federal sentence, he will sit in a cell or recreation room and do nothing the rest of his life."

"If he is brought back to Minnesota and committed to Stillwater prison, he will be put at hard labor and pay some of the penalty he deserves for his crimes."

Mr. Bohn arrived in Chicago this morning with Thomas E. Dahill, St. Paul chief of police; M. F. Kinross, Ramsey county attorney, and William Desmond, assistant county attorney.

Mr. Bohn immediately engaged attorneys to serve garnishment papers to obtain the \$2,500 cash found in Sankey's room to repay him in part of the \$12,000 ransom he put up for the release of Haskell Bohn.

Sankey was captured Wednesday in the chair of a Chicago barber shop, where he had been receiving mail under the name of W. E. Clark. Police and federal agents had trailed him six months.

#### Gave Up Without Fight.

Unarmed, he gave up without a fight. His captors found poison pills in the hem of his coat which he apparently carried to make good his threat "never to be taken alive."

Sankey confessed to kidnaping Bohn and Charles Boettcher II of Denver, who was released for \$60,000 ransom, but denied knowledge of the Hamm and Bremer abductions in

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#### HIS KIDNAPING OF BREMER, MAN

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Johnson, 45 years old, president of the South Dakota Restaurant Association, says he remembers little that happened after he was ordered into an automobile on a Minneapolis street. He was recognized in Iowa Falls by Forrest Duggan, a former police resident and now a publisher in Iowa City, and was returned to his home Wednesday night.

The sheriff's office said the attack apparently was a robbery attempt and expressed the belief that Johnson's assailants purposely discussed the Bremer case within his hearing so he would think they were "rough guys" and offer no resistance when found. Johnson had \$1.40 out of \$14 he remembers having in Minneapolis.

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# NEWS



HER: Fair and colder tonight and Tuesday.

PRICE TWO CENTS

# DNAPING REFUSED

## U. S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ORDERS SEARCH IN BREMER CASE; ATTORNEY ARRESTED

**No Word Received From Banker's Cap-  
tors; Ginsberg Quizzed, Released;  
Blood On Car Is Human;  
Friends Confident Contact  
To Be Made Soon.**

An intensified nation-wide search for Verne Sankey in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping was ordered in Washington today by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, department of justice.

His plea for the arrest of Sankey as the brains of the Bremer kidnap mob went out to all heads of bureaus today as Minneapolis police, beginning a general roundup, had arrested Abe Ginsberg, disbarred attorney, for questioning in the Bremer case.

Sankey, sought for months in the Charles Boettcher

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# Bremer Adds

## FATHER GRANTS MORE TIME TO RETURN BANKER

Parent of Kidnaped Victim  
Announces Officials Agree  
to Extension.

### STILL HOPES FOR CONTACT

Keenan Threatens "Relentless  
Hunt" for Abductors of  
St. Paul Man.

The kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, missing since January 17, were given an extra day today by Adolf Bremer, the victim's father, to negotiate without police interference for his release.

"With the hope of making contact I have decided to extend the time until Thursday night, February 8," the elder Bremer announced at noon.

"Officials have agreed to this." The father appealed Sunday through newspapers to the gang, setting a three-day time limit to arrange for payment of the demanded \$200,000 ransom in return for his son. He promised no interference would be made by authorities in that period.

#### Relentless Hunt Threatened.

Meanwhile a relentless manhunt for Bremer's kidnapers was threatened Tuesday night by Joseph E. Keenan, assistant United States attorney general, in a speech at Atlantic City, N. J.

Police and federal officials have kept out of the case thus far so as not to endanger the banker's life.

Although the elder Bremer said no communication was received from the kidnap gang in the past three days, speculation arose over whether some news of the missing man had come from his captives. It was understood today's brief statement was issued in "contemplation" of contact by Thursday night.

Whether the time extension was motivated by a message from the gang or by the family's belief that three days and three nights was not sufficient time for final negotiations, was conjectural.

#### Further Attitude Uncertain.

The elder Bremer would not reveal whether, if no message is received by Thursday night, he would carry out his veiled threat to give the authorities a free rein in hunting the gang.

Today was the twenty-first day the banker has been absent from home and grave fears have been expressed as to whether he is still alive. It

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# 'Day of Grace'

## BREMER KIDNAPERS GIVEN EXTRA DAY

Father of Victim Announces  
Officials Agree to Extension  
for Return.

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was located his automobile, found abandoned shortly after his abduction, was bloodstained.

An Associated Press dispatch from Atlantic City quoted Bremer as saying in an address at the fifty-eighth annual convention of the United States Brewers' Association that the federal government will wage a "warring war on the 'snatch racket' and allied crime."

"As head of criminal prosecution in the Department of Justice for the past seven months," he said, "my job has been to drive out the racketeer and let him know he has no place to live in America."

"We will never give up until young Bremer has been returned alive or the kidnapers are dead."

#### Record Nearly Tied.

The kidnaping of Bremer drew close today to tying the record for the longest seizure in modern criminology.

Twenty-one days have elapsed since the bank president was kidnaped January 17 after he had taken his young daughter to school.

John J. O'Connell Jr., heir to the O'Connell brothers' political dynasty in Albany, N. Y., was released by his kidnapers last July after a 23-day seizure and payment of \$40,000 ransom.

Young O'Connell's imprisonment is the longest on record in the nationwide wave of kidnapings since the abduction and murder of Charles Augustus Lindbergh Jr. Prior to the O'Connell case, the snatchers of Charles Boettcher II in Denver, held the record at sixteen days.

ST. P. Daily News Feb. 7, 1934.

# Bremer Kidnapers Given Extra 40 Hours As Deadline Passes

Police Agree To Hold Off Until Thursday Night For Contact Hope Not Abandoned

## CONTACT TIME EXTENDED

An additional 40 hours was granted today to kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer to establish contact with the victim's father, Adolf Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer.

The deadline originally set at noon today was extended by enforcement officials until "Thursday night" at the request of Mr. Bremer.

"In hopes of making a contact the officials have agreed with me to extend the time until Thursday night, Feb. 8," the terse statement signed by Mr. Bremer said.

### Hope Not Abandoned.

It was assumed that "Thursday night" meant midnight Thursday.

While the family spirit was broken by failure of the abductors to heed the earlier plea of Mr. Bremer for the safe return of his son, hope for the youthful banker's safe return has not been abandoned.

"By the time another day has passed, we believe that it may not be necessary to specify the deadline that is meant. We are hopeful of success in obtaining Edward's return," a spokesman for the family said.

Mr. Bremer remained in the seclusion of his home, crucial to the failure of the kidnapers to contact him. He had promised the immediate payment of the \$200,000 ransom if communication were established and proof furnished that his son still is alive.

Meanwhile, local, state and federal officials remained in readiness to launch the most extensive manhunt since the Lindbergh kidnaping when word is received from the Bremer family that they no longer expect to contact the kidnapers.

### U. S. Actions Veiled.

Movements of the department of justice as usual were veiled in secrecy. Police detectives will run down every possible clue as soon as orders for the manhunt is issued.

Mr. Bremer was kidnaped Jan. 17 near Goodrich ave. and Lexington Blvd. His bloodstained automobile was found the following day on Edgumbe road. Three contacts were made by the kidnapers within a week after the kidnaping. Since that time no word has been received from the abductors.



EDWARD G. BREMER.

Extended for 40 hours, this noon, was the "deadline" set by Adolf Bremer, father of kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, for a contact by the abductors or his son. Mr. Bremer is 36 years old, 6 feet tall, weighs about 180 pounds, has dark brown and a full top of hair and gray eyes. Missing since Jan. 17.

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# St. Paul Dispatch

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## REMER RETURNS KIDNAP RANS

### BREMER FAMILY STAGES HAPPY REUNION



The Edward G. Bremer family had a happy reunion today. Released by kidnapers after 21 days of fearful captivity, the St. Paul banker (left) returns to his wife and 8-year-old daughter, Betty, (together on the right) whom he had not seen since the January 17 when he left his colonial home at 92 North River boulevard to take Betty to school.



TWO CENTS IN ST. PAUL

# NS HOME; RANSOM PAID

REUNION

## Bank Chief Released at Rochester

Abduction Victim, Severely Beaten and Exhausted, Is Ordered to Bed by Physician, Who Says Patient Is Extremely Nervous; Is Wearing Full Beard When He Appears at Father's Home in St. Paul.

THREE MEN IN SMALL CAR FREE CAPTIVE;  
WALTER MAGEE ACTS AS CONTACT MAN

(FURTHER DETAILS AND PICTURES ON PAGES 3, 4 AND 5.)

E. G. Bremer, 37-year-old St. Paul banker, returned safely to St. Paul early today on payment of an undisclosed amount of ransom reported to be the full \$200,000 demanded by kidnapers who had held him 21 days since January 17.

The president of the Commercial State bank, tired, nervous and showing painful evidence of ill treatment by his abductors, was released about 8 P. M. Wednesday at Rochester, 85 miles south of here. Three men released him from a small coupe.

Mr. Bremer bore marks of having been beaten about the head and face, and he had a full growth of beard. He appeared at the home of Adolf Bremer, his father and president of Schmidt's Brewery, shortly after midnight. The home is at 855 West Seventh street.

### WALTER MAGEE DELIVERS RANSOM

Walter Magee, wealthy contractor friend of the family, was the intermediary who delivered the ransom. Full details of the delivery were not disclosed, though it was learned that Magee had taken from the pocket of a small coupe at the contact spot, a note from the kidnapers, standing with his back to the curb while reading the communication. The car now is in the garage at the Adolf Bremer home.

After replacing the note in the pocket of the car, Magee then set two "bundles of money" on the seat. It was presumed the ransom was wrapped in two large cardboard suitboxes tied with heavy cord in accordance with the gang's earlier instructions.

It was not revealed where the payment was made or what the instructions were. In view of the family's earlier statements, that they were ready and eager to pay the full ransom, the view was held in some quarters that the entire \$200,000 was turned over to



seen since the morning  
at 92 North Main

## FATHER OF BREMER EXPRESSES THANKS

Father of Kidnap Victim Hopes  
Other Families Will Be  
Spared Such Agony.

Thankfulness for the return of his eldest son, held 21 days by kidnapers who demanded \$200,000 ransom, was expressed today by the happy father of Edward G. Bremer, banker.

His statement said:

"I am so happy to tell you that

### MAYOR NONCOMMITTAL

Mayor Mahoney refused today to make any comment regarding the return of Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped banker.

"I don't want to say anything about it until I know more about it," he said. "I don't know anything about it at all."

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 and the Governor and the splendid co-operation of the police."

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### OWATONNA MAN'S CAR USED TO DELIVER RANSOM

A small coupe, owned by E. J. Petronik of Owatonna, was reported to have been used for delivering the ransom money for the release of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker seized January 17 for \$200,000.

Reports were that Walter Magee, wealthy contractor friend of the banker, drove the automobile when he turned the ransom over to the gang.

The coupe was reported to have both side windows soaped and a rear window slightly opened. The windshield was not soaped.

Petronik could not be reached immediately for confirmation.

the captors.

One source of information said that a note enclosed with the ransom money read:

"To the parties holding Edward:

"I have done my part and kept my word 100 per cent, as I said I would. This money is not marked and you have the full amount asked for. Now, boys, I am counting on your honor.

"Release Edward and tell him to come to my house first.

"(Signed) Adolf Bremer."

Unconfirmed reports were that the full \$200,000 ransom was paid Wednesday. The elder Bremer is said to have dispatched the money, \$85,000 of which was in \$5 bills, and the remainder in \$10 bills.

### U. S. AGENTS TAKE CHARGE

Reporters were not permitted to talk to Mr. Bremer immediately because of the activity of the federal men and the fatigued condition of the kidnap victim.

Mr. Bremer, on revealing his experiences to friends, told of how he realized he was being kidnaped and tried to escape.

When his car was stopped at Goodrich and Lexington avenues one of the kidnapers climbed in the front seat with him with a gun in his hand. Mr. Bremer opened the door on his left and tried to get out.

As he did this, another of the kidnapers met him on the left side of the car and pushed him back into the seat, climbing in beside him.

Mr. Bremer was struck on the head by both men at about the same time, he believes. He does not remember being transferred from his own car into the automobile of the kidnapers.

The next thing he recalls was that he was being taken somewhere in an automobile. He had a bandage over his eyes so that he couldn't see and he says he has no idea how many men were in the car with them.

Mr. Bremer expressed the belief that there must have been ten or twelve men in the gang, basing his opinion on the number of voices he heard in the place where he was being held a captive.

The room in which he was kept was dark. His eyes were not bandaged. During the entire time that he was held, two men sat back of him at all times.

He was warned not to attempt to look around.

"One look and we'll blow your damned brains out," Bremer related he was told.

### GUARDS WORKED IN RELAYS

The guards worked in relays. Two men would remain with him for a while and then they would be relieved. From their conversation and the number of changes made in the guards, Mr. Bremer believes there were ten or twelve men involved in watching him.

One close friend of the Bremer family, who declined to permit his name to be used, said:

"He (E. G. Bremer) put up a hell of a battle (with the kidnapers). The blood in his car was not all his. He has a leg injury that he got when he stuck his foot out so they couldn't close the door. It seems they got the door closed and his leg may have a very bad bruise or worse. He was treated well enough while they had him, considering all the circumstances.

"Both he and his father were in bed this morning and under the care of a doctor and a nurse. He is suffering from the shock

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TWO CENTS

# INTERCEPTED, STER HINTS

## OPERATIVES STUDY CLUE OF HIDEOUT IN VICINITY OF ANOKA

Minneapolis postal authorities intimated today that kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, 37-year-old St. Paul banker, have attempted communication with their prisoner's family through the Minneapolis post office.

Although he said he could not say how many communications had been intercepted, Wirth S. Hughes, Minneapolis postoffice inspector, said "I understand that letters to the family have come through the Minneapolis office."

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Robertson said he has conferred frequently with Werner Hanni, chief of the Justice department's investigation bureau in St. Paul. The postmaster said his last conversation with Hanni was shortly after noon today.

Meanwhile, silence still blanketed any activity this afternoon by the victim's family toward effecting the banker's freedom, as federal and Twin Cities authorities investigated a new clue.

The banker, in the hands of abductors 175 hours at 3 P. M. today, might be captive in a hideout near Anoka, the clue indicates.

Although unverified, it was reported that an ice cutter told authorities Tuesday that he observed two automobiles on a county highway the afternoon of January 17, several hours after Bremer was made prisoner at Goodrich and Lexington avenues.

The front car, in which two men rode, was a tan coupe, the ice cutter is reported to have said. The rear car was a large sedan bearing three men. Both cars turned north that day and went toward Anoka. Monday the tan coupe again was observed, this time near his ice house off the county road. Its occupants asked him how to get to Minneapolis. After giving them directions he followed them and saw them

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LATEST MARKETS

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## KIDNAPERS DEMAND AFTER GETTING

### Think Bremer May Have Been Injured

A three-day period of delay between the payment of \$200,000 ransom and the release of Edward G. Bremer, 38, kidnaped banker, was reported as the demand of his abductors in a note delivered to the victim's father, Adolph Bremer.

The demand was the subject of uneasy conjecturing on the part of police investigators who called any such procedure as "highly unusual."

The report of the demand recalled that bloodstains were found in the automobile from which Bremer was kidnaped a week ago Wednesday. Police were aware that such a demand might follow an unexpected accident in which Bremer sustained injury.

Federal Agents Mass.

The unprecedented "massing" of federal department of justice in the Twin Cities also was seen as a factor in causing such a demand for delay. Release of Bremer under such a plan might occur hundreds of miles from St. Paul.

The number of federal agents working on the case could not be ascertained, but some reports ran as high as 200. Agents of the federal bureau were stationed at the Minneapolis headquarters Wednesday night and then proceeded to St. Paul on Thursday morning.

be eager to locate Verne Sankey, 41, and Gordon Alcorn, 27, South Dakota kidnaping suspects. Sankey and Alcorn are wanted on kidnaping charges in St. Paul and Denver. One police theory of the kidnaping held that headquarters for the abductors was being maintained in the heart of St. Paul's most exclusive neighborhood. One telephone call to the Bremer family was reported traced to an exchange in this district.

In support of this theory, police had the story of Roy McCord, Northwest Airways radio operator, who was subjected to a machine gun attack by several men in this district recently.

Believed Held Outside City.

McCord was wounded and his automobile perforated by machine gun slugs. McCord wore his khaki airways uniform, which closely resembles St. Paul police uniforms.

Detectives believed that while the kidnapers' headquarters was within the city limits, that Bremer was being held somewhere within an hour's drive from the city. They refused to reveal on what they based their deductions, but inferred that considerable evidence had been made public.

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However, it was learned that at least one of the notes was written in longhand, was unsigned, and gave directions for a contact. It was understood the letters had been shown to members of the Bremer family. Postoffice inspectors were said to be assisting the Department of Justice agents in the investigation. Wirth S. Hughes, Minneapolis postoffice inspector, said, "I understand letters to the family have come through the Minneapolis office," but

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Department of Justice operatives after several hours of investigation in Anoka county termed the man's information "the best clue yet."

In Minneapolis Tuesday two men who were involved in the Urschel kidnaping case, in Oklahoma appeared at police headquarters to report that they had heard they were suspected of having a connection with the Bremer case and wanted to ward off such suspicion.

Both said they knew nothing of the Bremer case. The men are Isadore Blumenfeld, alias Kid Cann, who was acquitted in the Urschel case, and Barney Berman, who was found guilty of handling part of the Urschel ransom money and now is seeking a new trial.

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## 3-DAY RANSOM.

### 'NOTHING TO ALARM,' POLICE AVER, CITING SIMILAR INSTANCES

New contact with the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, being held for \$200,000 ransom apparently had been made up to 8 A. M. today.

Relatives of the man who was kidnaped eight days ago denied reports that any word had been received from the abductor since the first note left for Walter W. Magee, St. Paul contractor, shortly after the kidnaping.

Fear expressed in the quarters that the missing man might have been seriously harmed by abductors which arose because of blood found in his abandoned automobile, were dispelled by police officials who asserted that the failure of contact after eight days was "nothing to be alarmed at."

They pointed out that in many other kidnapings as many as fourteen days had passed from the time of the abduction to the release of the victim.

Chief of Police, Thomas Dahill again remained all night at his offices in the public safety building, taking only short naps. He said there had been no activity during the night in regard to the Bremer case. Police have assumed a "hands off" attitude so far, at the request of Adolph Bremer, father of the kidnaped man.

An unusual activity was reported during the night at either the Edward Bremer home or that of his father.

Meanwhile Federal Department of Justice agents were investigating several notes purporting to be from the kidnapers and mailed in Minneapolis to members of the Bremer family. The envelopes were unstamped and the letters were turned over to Postmaster W. C. Robertson, who gave them to the Federal operatives.

#### Confirms Receipt of Notes.

Mr. Robertson confirmed these facts but declined to discuss the notes further. Another note addressed to Mr. Robertson and asserting that Mr. Bremer had been "bumped off" was received by him Saturday. Police branded it the work of a crank.

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#### Nathan and Blake Silent.

Harold Nathan, first assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Justice department's division of investigation, who is in charge of the special agents sent here on the kidnaping, refused to comment, as did Frank Blake, an ace investigator of the division, and Werner Hanni, in charge of the Northwest office.

However, Mr. Hanni has conferred frequently with Mr. Robertson recently and talked to him shortly after noon Wednesday.

A statute makes it a Federal offense to use the mails in a scheme to extort money, and the Federal agents were investigating the notes from that angle.

Both police and Federal agents, however, asserted they have no knowledge of what moves if any the Bremer family is making in the case and this statement was borne out by the fact that all their activity so far has been on information originating outside the family.

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St. Paul Dispatch, Jan 25, 1934.

## in Bremer Case

**HAS. CONNORS  
ALSO LINKED IN  
FACTORY SEIZURE**

Heavily Armed Squads of U. S.  
and Local Sleuths Watch  
City Building.

**OTHER SUSPECT CITED**

Connors Kept Under Close Sur-  
veillance; Operated by  
Gangster's Friend.

Charles (Ice Wagon) Connors,  
bank robber, former Minnesota  
convict and now a Touhy gang  
operado with headquarters  
around Chicago, was sought today  
that city in connection with the  
kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer,  
37-year-old St. Paul banker, ac-  
cording to the Associated Press.

Meanwhile, no further contact or  
word has been received from the  
kidnappers of Mr. Bremer who was  
snatched in St. Paul about 8:30 A. M.  
January 17. Relatives, friends, busi-  
ness associates, federal and city  
authorities waited in vain for word  
in the snatches.

Officials say the only word re-  
ceived thus far was a note, demand-  
ing \$200,000 ransom, placed a few  
days after the kidnaping, at the  
back office door of Walter Magee,  
St. Paul contractor and friend of  
Connors.

More than eight days have elapsed  
since any clue has been received  
regarding the whereabouts of Mr.  
Bremer or his kidnapers, and also  
regarding his safety, according to  
officials. Bloodstains were found in  
the front and rear seats of his auto,  
which was found abandoned about  
10 miles from the scene of the kid-  
naping.

The Associated Press message said  
that Connors, for whom Chicago po-  
lice and federal authorities were con-  
ducting an intensive search today,  
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Federal agents also watched the  
Chicago underworld for traces of  
Ernie Sankey, wanted for the  
Catcher kidnaping in Denver. San-  
key, who was reported to have been  
en route to Chicago by train, has  
been linked also with the William  
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"We ... ing routine activi-  
ties in ... on with the Bremer  
case." H. Purvis, chief of  
the federal division of investigation  
in Chicago, said.

Other developments today were:

Adolph Bremer, father of the  
missing man, and Mrs. Edward  
Bremer who remained in their  
homes awaiting news, were re-  
ported to be "standing the strain  
well."

A "gray guard" of nearly 1,000  
letter carriers in St. Paul and  
Minneapolis is working under or-  
ders to watch closely every build-  
ing and report immediately any  
incidents out of the ordinary, ac-  
cording to Dr. A. A. Van Dyke,  
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of reports have come in and have  
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tives slept at police headquarters,  
as federal agents were bunking  
in their headquarters.

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stamped letters mailed to the  
Bremer family in Minneapolis re-  
ported to have contained direc-  
tions for a contact with the kid-  
napers, had led authorities to the  
conclusion they were written by  
a crank and not by the kidnap-  
ers.

A woman employe of the City  
of St. Paul obtained an auto li-  
cense number which she said  
was reported to her as being on  
the kidnap car. This was being  
checked.

Connors served eight years in the  
Minnesota penitentiary for complicity  
in the holdup of a bank at Hopkins  
in 1920.

A circular mentioning Connors and  
three others, including the notorious  
Basil Banghart, in connection with  
the holdup of a truck with valuable  
mail at Charlotte, N. C., last Novem-  
ber 15 by four desperadoes, was re-  
ceived today by Melvin C. Passolt,  
superintendent of the State Bureau  
of Criminal Apprehension.

Connors, a former Minneapolis  
gangster, was convicted in Henne-  
pin county of a first degree robbery  
charge for his part in the Hopkins  
bank holdup and was meted an in-  
determinate sentence of 5 to 40 years.  
Superintendent Passolt at the time  
was chief of detectives in Minneapo-  
lis and recalled Connors as "one of  
the toughest gangsters in the coun-  
try."

Committed to Stillwater prison No-  
vember 26, 1920, Connors, alias Eu-  
gene Crotty, served until September  
21, 1923, when he was ordered out  
of the state. He was born in Mil-  
waukee and operated many years in  
Chicago. He is 54 years old.

In the circular received from the  
Postal department today, Ludwig  
Schmidt, alias "Dutch" Schmidt, and  
Isaac Costner, also are sought with  
Banghart and Connors for the Char-  
lotte mail truck holdup. The aliases  
of Larry Kelly and Ope Kelly are  
cited after Banghart's name.

Connors is 5 feet 4 inches tall,  
weighs 175 to 176 pounds, has brown  
hair mixed with gray, brown eyes

# KIDNAPING AND BELIEVES

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## REPORT: \$200,000 PAID BUT GANG ASKS SEVERAL DAYS DELAY IN BREMER RELEASE

### Unusual Requirement of "Grace" Period Makes Police Uneasy; Victim May Be Injured Or Snatchers Merely Wary Of Swarming U. S. Agents

A new demand was reported to have been made by kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer as the 197th hour since his abduction elapsed at 1:30 p. m. today.

The new order, said to have been contained in a note delivered to Adolph Bremer, wealth brewer and father of the snatch victim, was to the effect that a period of several days will have to elapse between payment of the \$200,000 ransom and the release of the missing president of the Commercial State bank.

Reports also persisted today that Adolph Bremer had paid the ransom money and expected his son's return later this week.

#### Police Fummed

As police stood ready to join in a manhunt the minute the missing banker is freed, the demand for a "grace" period between payment of the ransom and release of Mr. Bremer, was subject to much uneasy conjecturing at police headquarters.

It was called "highly unusual," but it was thought that it might have been made because Mr. Bremer was slugged after his abduction and because a period of time would be necessary to allow him to recover sufficiently to make his release possible.

The unprecedented massing of federal department of justice agents in the Twin Cities also was seen as a factor in causing such a demand for delay. Release of Bremer under such a plan might occur hundreds of miles from St. Paul.

The number of federal agents working on the case could not be ascertained, but some reports ran as high as 250. Leaders of the federal forces held a conference in their Minneapolis headquarters Wednesday night and then disappeared on a mysterious mission.

#### Believed Held Outside City

The federal men were known to be eager to locate Verne Sankey, 42, and Gordon Alcorn, 37, South Dakota kidnaping suspects. Sankey and Alcorn are wanted on kidnaping charges in St. Paul and Denver. One police theory of the kidnaping held that headquarters for the abductors was being maintained in the heart of St. Paul's most exclusive neighborhood. One telephone call to the headquarters was reported traced

## ANOTHER MAY HAVE GAVE CAR LICENSE

Two unidentified eye-witnesses, both women, who think they may have espied the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer when they seized the St. Paul banker January 17 and spirited him away supplied police today with clues that may be significant.

One of the women believes she witnessed the actual abduction from about twenty feet from where the automobile was halted on the corner of Lexington avenue and the school where he had left his 8-year-old daughter Betty a few minutes before.

She told a story of a brief scuffle in the Bremer car as he apparently resisted the kidnapers. His automobile was found later, the interior splattered with blood.

The second witness was reported to have obtained the license number of the gang's car.

Meanwhile relatives said they had received no communication from the kidnapers since their first note January 17, when they demanded \$200,000 ransom.

# BREMER BLOCK POLICE EFFORT, CUMMINGS SAYS

St. P. Dispatch  
S. Attorney General Avers  
Families Often Hamper Kid-  
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DIRECT, MAGEE ASSERTS

Victim's Friend Admits Whole  
Policy Is to Keep Lines  
Open.

Washington, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Attorney General Cummings said today that lack of co-operation with police on the part of the Bremer family had obstructed progress in the search for Edward Bremer, wealthy St. Paul victim kidnaped.

He said that generally non-co-operative attitudes on the part of the families of kidnap victims made police work more difficult.

In such instances, the attorney general said, families "are not the best judges of their own welfare."

The Justice department had no new information on the Bremer case, Cummings said.

## BREMER CONFIRM CUMMINGS VIEW.

Members and representatives of the Bremer family confirmed today a statement by Attorney General Cummings that they are not co-operating with federal and police authorities in the attempt to find the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank.

Mr. Bremer was kidnaped for \$200,000 ransom on the morning of January 17, and except for a first note delivered immediately after the abduction, the Bremers insist, no communication has been established with the abductors.

The family members said their determination to keep all possible avenues of communication open for the kidnapers to get in touch with them is the cause of Attorney General Cummings' statement. They said they want immediate and unhampered communication.

"That statement (by the attorney general) is absolutely right," said Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor, friend of the Bremer family, and recipient of the kidnap note.

"We are not co-operating with the authorities because we wish to leave open every possible chance for the holders of Mr. Bremer to communi-

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# BREMER HAMPER SOLUTION, CHARGE

Families Apt to Refuse Police  
Aid in Kidnapings, Cum-  
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cate. We are interested in obtaining his release. That is all. We wish to extend every assurance that we will not communicate with the authorities."

Mr. Magee and members of the Bremer family declined to make any comment on the attorney general's observation regarding the family's welfare.

### Other Developments.

Other developments today were: Family members and representatives said that though nine days have passed since the abduction, no word has been received from the kidnapers after the first note.

Department of Justice agents and police worked for "tips" regarding houses, apartments, and progress toward Bremer or approval of the kidnapers.

Deputies from Hennepin county sheriff's office in the vicinity of Medicine Lake, western Hennepin county, reported that a dazed man there was seeking a ride to the Twin Cities, saying he had been "taken for a ride" by gangsters. The deputies found nothing.

Adolph Bremer, father of the missing man, and also Mrs. Edward Bremer, were reported bearing up well under the continuing strain.

A number of persons connected with the underworld in the Twin Cities who disappeared immediately when news of the Bremer kidnaping became public began reappearing within the past 48 hours, according to information received by federal agents. They displayed themselves prominently in public to establish alibis in case they are questioned later in connection with the crime.

### Ready to Receive Notes.

Magee has held himself or members of his office staff ready through the entire nine days to receive further communications from the kidnapers, at his office or at his home. Other friends of the family, and also members, are continuously on the alert for any communication but thus far have received none considered authentic.

A flood of "crank" mail has reached the family, it became known today, including letters from all manner of crystal gazers, numerologists, and others claiming psychic powers. These letters have given location of the kidnap hideout as being in almost every part of the United States, and describing it. Some have offered for a sum of money to invoke their psychic powers to give positive information regarding Bremer's whereabouts.

# BREMER NOT HARMED, GANGLAND REPORT SAYS

St. P. Dispatch  
1-26-34

Another night passed with apparently no word from kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, who has been held by his abductors nine days up to this morning.

Relatives of Mr. Bremer still contended that no word has been received from the kidnapers regarding negotiations, with the exception of one note demanding \$200,000 ransom left for Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor, shortly after the kidnaping.

According to reports in underworld circles early today, the missing banker is alive and unharmed. The same reports state that negotiations are deferred until the kidnapers have been assured by the "finger man" that the "heat" is removed.

There was no activity reported at either the Adolph Bremer or the Edward Bremer homes, Thursday night. Adolph Bremer, father of the kidnaped man, said he still has received no word, and the same report was made by those at the Edward Bremer home.

Chief of Police Thomas Dahill said today that if any negotiations have been carried on by the Bremer family with the kidnapers he has "not been taken into their confidence."

Nathan, Werner Hanni, chief of the Northwest office of the division, and Frank Blake, ace investigator of the department, all were absent from their living quarters early today.

Announcement of the Federal agents' new stand was understood to have been relayed to the Bremer family late Thursday through Thomas E. Dahill, St. Paul police.

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# U. S. AGENTS START SIFT

(Continued From Page 1.)

chief, and C. E. Newcome, general manager of the brewing company of which Adolph Bremer, father of the kidnap victim, is head.

Nathan held a lengthy conference with Chief Dahill about 2 P. M. and immediately afterward the chief drove to the brewery, directly across the street from the Adolph Bremer home at 455 West Seventh street. He conferred for some time with Mr. Newcome. It was shortly after this that the sudden activity on the part of the Federal operatives was observed.

Mr. Bremer was seized at 8:30 A. M. January 17 at Goodrich and Lexington avenues while on his way to work. His automobile, the front and rear seats stained with blood, was found several hours later on the Edgcombe road several miles from the scene of the abduction.

Since the first letter found on the rear doorstep of Mr. Magee's office demanding \$200,000 ransom, no communication of any kind has been received from the kidnapers, associates of the family asserted.

Until Thursday night, both police and Federal agents have maintained a "hands off" policy to permit the family to effect the victim's release, concentrating their efforts meanwhile on running down various clues originating from outside sources.

One of the most promising of these was supplied police Thursday by two unnamed women who believed they witnessed the abduction.

One of the women believes she was only twenty feet from the scene of the abduction at Goodrich and Lexington avenues and told of seeing a brief scuffle in the Bremer car as the banker apparently resisted his kidnapers. The second witness was reported to have obtained the license

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# KIDNAPING RACKET IS BLOT ON ST. PAUL'S REPUTATION, SAYS ATTY. GEN. CUMMINGS

## Deplores Reluctance Of Bremer Family To Co-Operate, But Federal And Local Authorities To Keep Hands Off Case For 24 Hours More.

"St. Paul has not added to its reputation as a pleasant place to live by recent happenings such as the Edward Bremer and other kidnappings," U. S. Atty. Gen. Homer S. Cummings said today in Washington.

His unsolicited statement came as the 221st hour since Mr. Bremer's abduction elapsed at 1:30 p. m., while reports were that the kidnappers and city authorities will maintain their hands off in the snatching investigation for another 24 hours.

Said Atty. Gen. Cummings: "The understandable reluctance of the Bremer family to co-operate fully with federal agents has been a handicap. In fact the reluctance of families to consider the safety of the victim is often the most short-sighted policy for their safety."

It was understood that no move has been made so far to apprehend the kidnapers, and that federal agents have not interfered with negotiations of Adolph Bremer, wealthy father of the victim and close friend of President Roosevelt, for the payment of the \$200,000 ransom and the release of his son.

Reports have been published that a so-called "truce" of federal agents had been called off. These, it was understood, were based on a thing more than the fact that sons were unable to locate J. Frank Blake, ace federal investigator, and Werner Hanni, northwest chief of the federal bureau of investigation.

However, both were located at their offices today, where it was learned that nothing of importance had occurred during the night and that no intervention is planned for at least 24 hours.

Authorities, it was understood, have merely been running down clues and rumors since Mr. Bremer's abduction nine days ago, but have not attempted to interfere with negotiations or to learn the details of any contemplated contact.

Reports current also were to the effect that federal agents were mobilizing in Minneapolis in preparation for an intensive search for Mr. Bremer, but Walter W. Magee, St. Paul contractor and receiver of the first ransom note and contact telephone call, spiked these rumors with the statement that "there are no grounds so far on which the kidnappers could enter the case any more."

Mr. Magee had reference to the fact that to date there has been no proof of a violation of the federal Lindbergh anti-kidnaping law.

Mr. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank, was kidnaped at 1:30 a. m. Wednesday, Jan. 17 at Goodrich ave. and Lexington parkway after he had taken his only child, Betty, to the Summit school, 1130 Goodrich ave.

## BREMERS KEEP UP HOPES FOR EARLY SOLUTION

St. P. Dispatch 1-24-34  
Officials Refrain From Interference So Contact Can Be Made.

### KIN SUFFER FROM STRAIN

Mystery Deepens "as Time Passes, Apparently Without Word From Kidnapers.

Relatives of Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker, still were hopefully awaiting word today from abductors who request \$200,000 ransom for return of the victim who has been absent for ten days.

All possible steps to assure a secret contact with the abductors without interference by police or federal agents have been taken by Adolph Bremer, wealthy brewer and father of the kidnaped man. He has announced he is ready to pay the ransom when given sufficient proof by the actual kidnapers.

Chief of Police Thomas Dahill indicated he is abiding by the wishes of the elder Bremer by the fact that he spent Friday night at his home instead of remaining at his office as he previously had done. There was no activity on the part of the police force.

No unusual incidents were reported in the night at the two Bremer homes. Although Adolph Bremer and the wife of the abducted man have been confident of the safe return of the banker, both are tired, suffering from the strain.

The relatives again maintained that no word had been received from the kidnapers with the exception of the first ransom note addressed to Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor, found shortly after the abduction which occurred at 1:30 a. m. January 17, of Goodrich and Lexington avenues, St. Paul.

## Bremer Asks

### Kidnap Contact

St. P. Dispatch News  
Ransom Is Ready, Police

Out, He Says

1-24-34  
Assurance that the \$200,000 demanded for release of kidnaped Edward G. Bremer is ready and will be paid without police interference was given today by Adolph Bremer, father of the missing president of the Commercial State bank.

As the 245th hour since the missing banker's abduction passed at 1:30 p. m. today, Mr. Bremer said that the money would be paid as soon as kidnapers identify themselves.

"We are anxiously awaiting a contact with the kidnapers," Mr. Magee declared. "All we ask is that they identify themselves properly and the ransom will be paid."

"We have been assured that our telephone wires are not being tapped and that no interference will be made with any possible emissary of the kidnapers."

A device through which the family could gain assurance that young Bremer was still alive was offered by Dr. Orland F. Scott, Chicago criminologist. In a telegram to Adolph Bremer, Mr. Scott said:

"If you have any way of communicating with his kidnapers, require that they submit his signature and some phrase or incident known only to him and you written across the printed text of a current newspaper."

"You then can check his handwriting for double verification of authenticity inasmuch as a newspaper can not be forged. You also will have proof that the message must have been written since the paper's publication."

## BREMER GIVE MOB PLED OF NO 'T

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St. P. Dispatch 1-24-34  
MESSAGE GIVEN TO

Joseph Wolf Conveys Parent's Sympathy to F of Victim.

The kidnapers of Mr. Bremer were assured Friday by Adolph Bremer, father of the victim, that all means of communication are being kept open for further negotiations.

The elder Bremer, St. Paul and friend of President Roosevelt, dictated a message to the police stating that every precaution is being taken to safeguard the victim against observation until the ransom has been paid and released.

"We are anxiously awaiting contact with the kidnapers," he said. "All we ask is that they identify themselves properly and the ransom will be paid."

"We have been assured that our telephone wires are not being tapped and that no interference will be made with any possible emissary of the kidnapers. Meanwhile, police activity in the case has simmered down to waiting as the tenth day of the abduction of the 37-year-old president of the Commercial State bank passed without any further word from his kidnapers."

Mr. Bremer was seized at 1:30 a. m. January 17 at Goodrich and Lexington avenues.

Except for the first note dictating \$200,000 ransom, soon after the abduction, no communication has been received from the kidnapers.

The personal sympathy of President Roosevelt was conveyed today to Adolph Bremer, father of the kidnap victim and close of the President, by Joseph Democratic national commit from Minnesota. Mr. Wolf of the Adolph Bremer home at 85 seventh street on his way

# BREMER LOOK FOR ACTION ON APPEALS

St. P. Dispatch

Magee Also Believes Word  
Will Be Forthcoming in  
Few Days.

Relatives and friends of Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank, sat through another anxious week-end awaiting word from the kidnapers who are holding him for \$200,000 ransom.

The 23rd hour since his abduction on January 17 passed at 1:30 P. M. today. Relatives said the only message was delivered immediately after the crisis to Walter W. Magee, St. Paul contractor and friend of the Bremer family. Mr. Magee, and other representatives of the family, today that no further word has

come. "I am optimistic," Magee said, "that we will hear something in the next few days. The appeals by Adolph Bremer (the missing man's father), and assurance that the ransom is ready for payment to the kidnapers as soon as authentic word is received ought to bring some results soon."

The second appeal by the father, who is president of Schmidt Brewing Co., was made today.

St. Paul police were still standing with the wishes of the kidnapers that avenues of communication might be kept open for

# Bremer Captive 29 Hours; No Further Contact

No further contact with kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank, had been made up to 1:30 p. m. today as the 29th hour since his abduction elapsed, members of the family said today.

Although Mr. Bremer has been held captive for \$200,000 ransom for 12 days, members of the family indicated they were confident he would be returned safely. Adolph Bremer, father of the victim and wealthy brewer, renewed his plea that kidnapers communicate with him.

The ransom money is ready, he said, and he asserted there would be no police interference. Mr. Bremer was kidnaped at Goodrich ave. and Lexington pkwy. at 8:30 a. m. Jan. 17 after he had taken his only child, Betty, 8, to the Summit school, 1159 Goodrich ave.

St. P. Daily News  
Jan. 29, 1934.

Chicago Herald-Examiner  
Jan. 30, 1934

# BREMER ALIVE, GANG PEEVED, SAY U. S. MEN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(By International News Service.)—The kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy young St. Paul banker, are "sore" at members of the victim's family and this accounts for the lack of contact between the snatchers and those who are attempting to effect his release, according to confidential reports of federal agents working on the case.

Some hitherto unrevealed details of the case are contained in the reports which the agents have made to the Department of Justice. According to these reports, the kidnapers instructed Bremer's father, Adolph Bremer, wealthy brewer, immediately after the kidnaping, to indicate his willingness to pay the \$200,000 ransom by placing an NRA blue eagle insignia in a certain window.

## PRESENT HALF EAGLE

After consulting with friends, the elder Bremer posted the insignia, as demanded—but he tore it in halves, indicating that he was willing to pay \$100,000 to obtain his son's release.

The kidnapers quickly noted the significance of the mangled blue eagle, according to federal agents' reports, and within a few hours sent a note to the elder Bremer which substantially was as follows:

"Getting smart, aren't you? Trying to pitch a few curves, eh? Well, now you can look for us."

Since that time nothing has been heard from the kidnapers.

Federal agents on the case remain confident, however, that young Bremer is still alive.

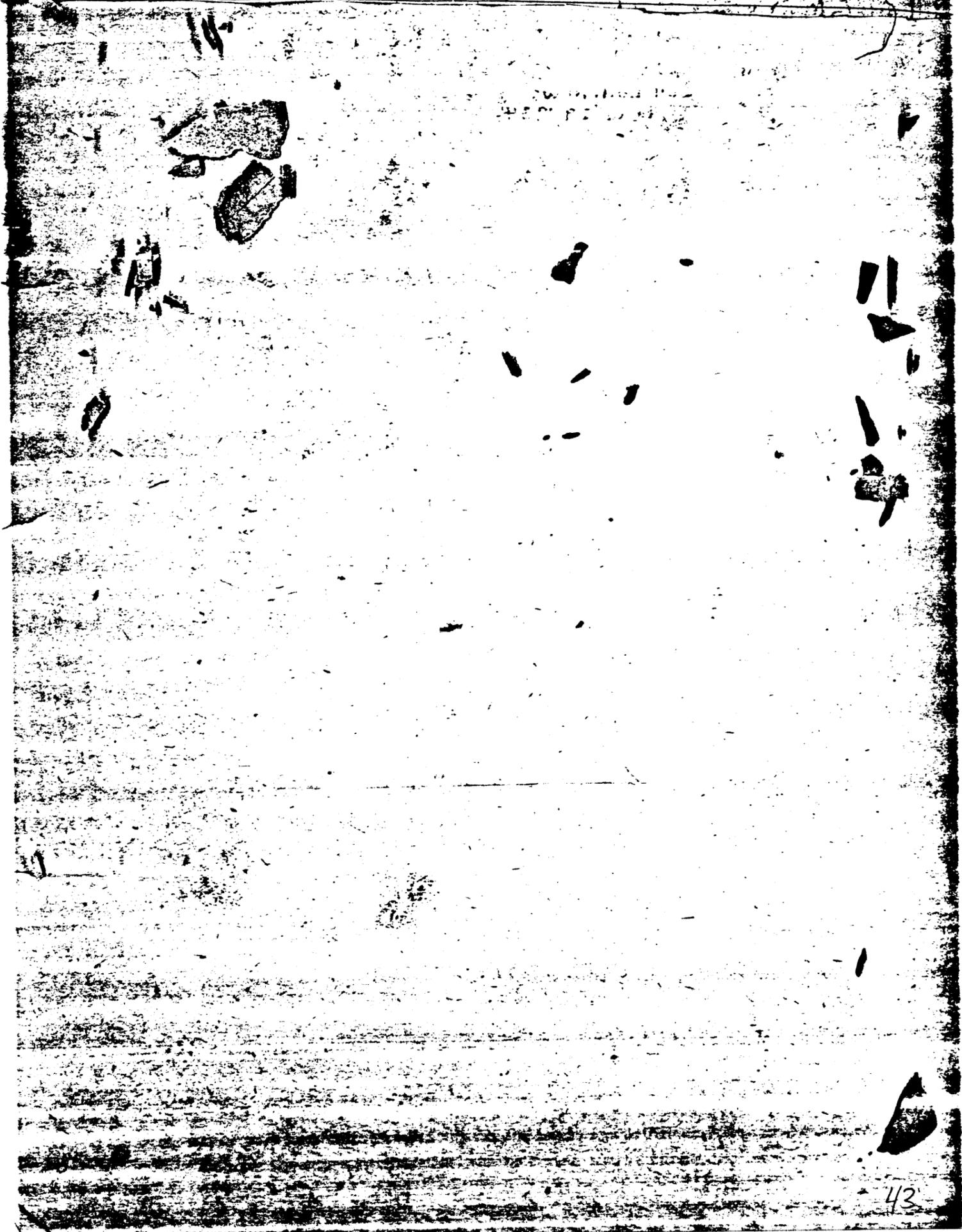
## WAIT FULL AMOUNT.

Their reports indicate that the "job" was done by a band of professionals, who realize that their victim is worth probably \$200,000 to them alive and nothing at all to them dead. Only amateur "snatchers" are disposed to do away with their victims, according to the federal agents, unless, of course, the situation gets "too hot."

In the Bremer case, the federal agents as well as police are lying low at the request of the Bremer family. Hence, it is held, the kidnapers have not a great deal to fear.

The long silence of the kidnapers is ascribed in federal reports as being due to their "pique" over the effort to cut the ransom in half and also due to their desire to impress upon Bremer's family their seriousness in the whole business.

# KIDNAPED AND WILL CITY, SOUTH



# RUGGED IN KOTAN SAYS

## SAYS ASSAILANTS WERE DISCUSSING BREMER KIDNAPING

Brookings, S. D., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Declaring he had been kidnaped and drugged in Minneapolis Saturday by two men whom he overheard talking about the Bremer case, Herman S. Johnson, a local cafe owner, was back at home today after having been picked up in a dazed condition at Iowa Falls, Iowa.

Johnson, 45 years old, president of the South Dakota Restaurant association, has a bump on his head and says he remembers little that happened after he was ordered into an automobile on a Minneapolis street. He was recognized in Iowa Falls by Forrest Duggan, a former Brookings resident and now a patrolman in Iowa City, and was returned to his home Wednesday night.

Mrs. Johnson disclosed she had received a note from her husband Monday, saying he had been kidnaped by two men whom he had overheard talking in a Minneapolis cafe about the Bremer case. The note, mailed at Iowa City, was written on a piece of paper which appeared to have been torn from a grocer's sack.

# BREMER RANSOM M TO KIDNAPER

## Banker's Release Is Expected Today

Release of Edward G. Bremer, 36, kidnaped banker, was expected within 24 hours today following a series of rapid-fire developments.

Representatives of Adolph Bremer, the victim's father and personal friend of President Roosevelt, were reported to have renewed contact with the victim's captors and have dispatched a negotiator with \$200,000 ransom to a designated payoff rendezvous.

Arrangements for the delivery of the ransom money were said to have been contained in two notes thrown through a glass door in the home of Dr. H. T. Nippert, Bremer family physician, 706 Lincoln ave.

The reported receipt of these notes was followed by the insertion of an advertisement in two Minneapolis newspapers. The advertisement read:

"Rose, please 'phone today. D. O. C."

### WILLING TO MEET TERMS.

Police who have remained out of the case lest their work endanger young Bremer's security believed this advertisement signified that members of the family were willing to accede to the wishes of the abductors. The "D. O. C." initials were believed to mean that the family wished to pay the ransom on delivery of Bremer. The initials were to be reversed

try.  
D. C. signature may have re-Nippert was seen. The sign-lead "Doc," a contraction for between the three letters, how-

Kidnap Note Hurled Through Door.



The hole made in the front door at the home of Dr. Nippert, 706 Lincoln ave., Bremer family physician, is said to contain a new kidnaping note, is shown in above. The note is believed to have contained ad-structions which will lead to early release of Edward Commercial State bank president, who has been held since last Wednesday.

**SO NO DISPLAY**

**OTOR COMPANY**

**OTOR CAR CO.**

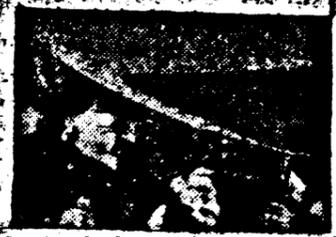
**ow-Down Score Card**

**of Motor-Car Buying**

activity in the neighborhood of N. 7th st. Mysterious callers ring the night. It was reported taken from a vault in the Bremer's leading bank in another, Otto, and conveyed to t. Several planes left the air-

summit school and was on his way to the Commercial State bank, of which he is president.

His absence was first discovered after Walter Magee, a contractor and close friend, received a tele- phone call and note saying that Bremer had been kidnaped. The note demanded \$200,000 ransom in small bills.



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# KEY ON WAY REPORT SAYS



# PRIME RECORD EMBLAZONS ST. PAUL'S

## BANKER HELD FOR \$200,000 DRIVER WITH KIDNAP RICH BREWER'S SON KIDNAPED

**FEAR FOR BREWER AS BLOODSTAINS ARE FOUND ON CAR**

**Kidnapers Hold St. Paul Banker For \$200,000**

**KIDNAPPERS HOLD ST. PAUL BANKER; NOTE ASKS \$200,000**

**\$200,000 Ready for**

## BANKER IS HELD FOR \$200,000 RANSOM NOTE REPORTS BRI

**POLICE SUSPECT VERNE SANKEY IN \$200,000 ST. PAUL KIDNAPING**

**BLOOD STAINS ON AUTO KIDNAPED BANKER**

"I cannot conceive of a responsible editor publishing an invitation to the underworld to come to St. Paul and loot and plunder the city. The Daily News must accept responsibility for this 'advertising'."—Mayor Wil-Mahoney.

Mayor Mahoney's police department, NOT the Daily News, is responsible for the story of Paul's shame being emblazoned on the front pages of newspapers from coast to coast. The headlines are from front page stories carried by a diverse newspapers as the Cincinnati Enquirer, the Herald-Post of Louisville, the Seattle Times, the Cleveland Plain Dealer, the Chicago Herald-Examiner, the Denver Post, the Morning Oregonian of Portland, the Public Ledger of Philadelphia, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Baltimore Morning News, The Sun of Baltimore, the

Los Angeles Examiner, the Free Press Bulletin of Winnipeg, the Chicago Tribune, the New York Herald Tribune and New York World-Telegram.

One of the headlines was clipped from a newspaper of JAN. 18. The Daily News editor's action of which caused Mayor Mahoney to direct Commissioner McDonald to suspend editor of this paper to the city hall Monday, JAN. 19.

**ROTTEN CONDITIONS A TERRIFIC PRIME RECORD, KIDNAPINGS, MURDERS, ROBBERIES, SLUGGINGS—THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT HAVE GIVEN ST. PAUL ITS BLACK EYE.** The Bremer kidnaping, a \$200,000 business deal, in the heels of the \$100,000 Hamm kidnaping, which followed the less expensive Bohn kidnaping—all unsolved—

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## SEE FINAL KIDNAP

## FIND MCCORD GUN

# ST. PAUL'S SHAME ACROSS CONTINENT

## \$200,000 RANSOM BANKER WITH KIDNAP SON KIDNAP 200,000 Ready 00,000 RANSOM NOTE REPORTS

**Banker Seized By Kidnapers, Ask \$200,000**

**Kidnaper's Seize Son of Roosevelt Friend in St. Paul**

**KIDNAP GANG HOLDS BANKER FOR \$200,000**

**St. Paul Brewer's Son Seized After Taking Girl to School**

**NOTE THREATENS DEATH**

**BANKER KIDNAPED BY ST. PAUL GANG**

**Edward G. Bremer Held for \$200,000 Ransom**

**NOTE THREATENS DEATH**

**News of Snatching Secret for Day: Victim Son of Wealthy Brewer.**

**MEAGER CLUES UNCOVERED**

**FATHER BEGS POLICE TO DROP KIDNAP PROBE**

**BANKER IS HELD BY ABDUCTORS; \$200,000 ASKED**

**Banker's Captors**

**BREMER IS DEAD**

Los Angeles Examiner, the Free Press Bulletin, the Chicago Tribune, the New York Times, the New York World-Telegram, the New York World-Telegraph, every one of these headlines was clipped in my paper on Jan. 18. The Daily News is a public enemy which caused Mayor McDonald to dismiss Commissioner McDonald from his post. This paper is to be city hall's enemy.

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these are the things which caused the unhappy reputation.

Perhaps His Honor the Mayor would like us to suppress all news of kidnaping and crime in St. Paul. Maybe that would help our reputation among other things.

**BUT HOW CAN WE HELP THE CITIZENS OF ST. PAUL IF THIS WERE DONE!**

There is only one way St. Paul can overcome its reputation as a tough town. That is to capture these kidnapers, murderers and racketeers and get a police department that will prevent future gangster activities.

That is what The Daily News is seeking in directing attention to the city's unsavory crime reputation.

—EDITOR, THE DAILY NEWS.

# ST. PAUL DAILY NEWS



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PAUL, MINN., TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1934

WEATHER: Increasing cloudiness; rising temperature; Wednesday, rain or snow, much colder. PRICE TWO CENTS

# KIDNAP CONTACT RD GUNMAN CLUE

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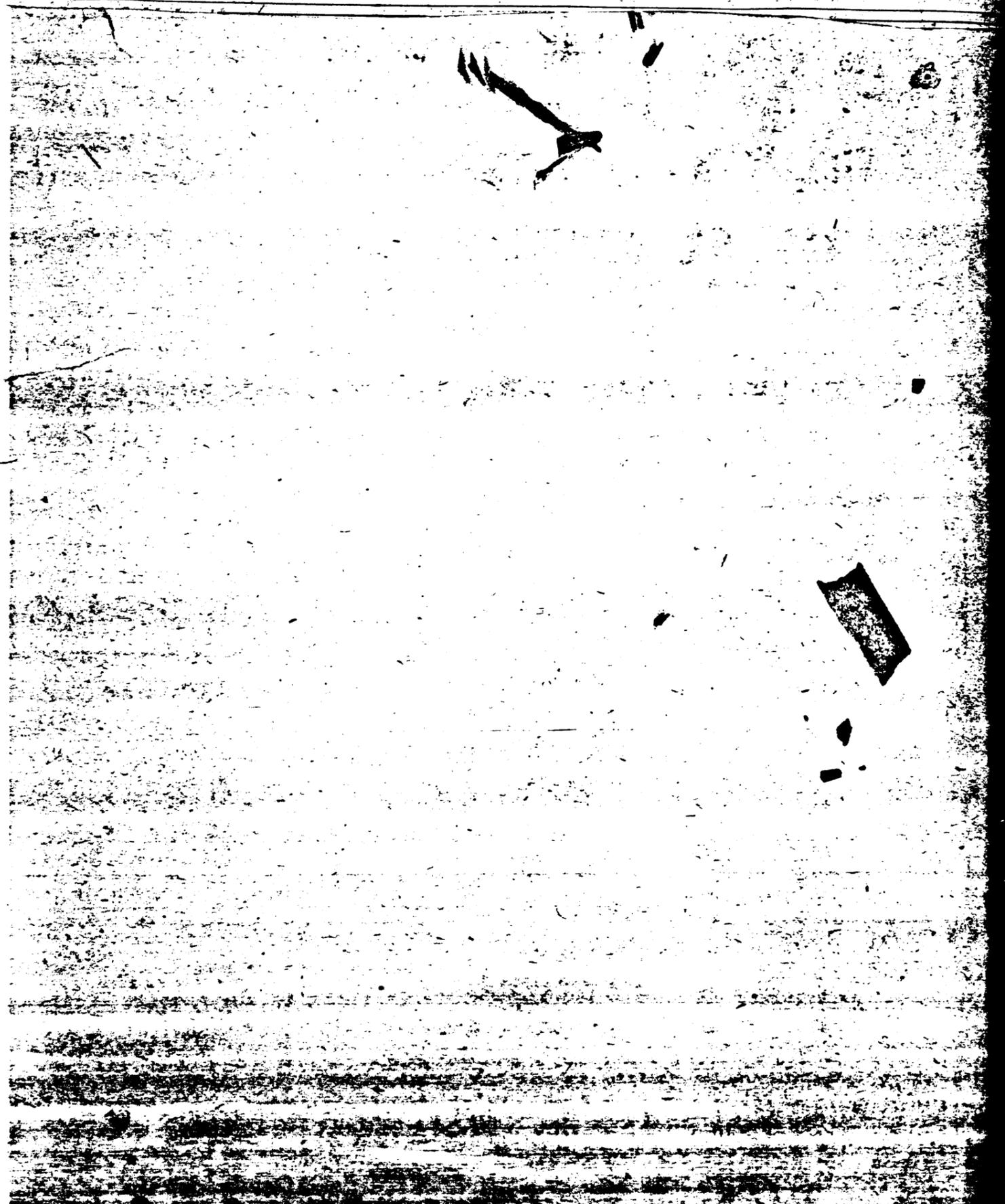
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ST. PAUL, MINN., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1934.

## SEALED LIPS HOLD KID *Outcome Locked in Hideout*





WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1934.

TWO CENTS IN ST. PAUL

## OLD KIDNAP MYSTERY *in Hideaway of Gangsters*

### HOPEFUL WAITING ATTITUDE ASSUMED BY FAMILY WHILE OFFICIALS KEEP SILENCE

"We Have Heard" Father of Banker Kidnap Victim Insists as Rumored Time for Release Arrives; U. S. Department of Justice Forces Noncommittal on Developments as Week Passes Vainly.

#### REPORT PERSISTS THAT NEW CONTACT WAS MADE, DESPITE FIRM DENIALS

From rumors which daily have swollen the wake of the abduction, reared only one apparent fact at noon today: That the family of Edward G. Bremer, 37-year-old St. Paul banker, has not completed negotiations with the kidnapers.

The banker, snatched at 8:30 A. M. Wednesday in a daring daylight coup at Lexington and Goodrich avenues, had been gone 172 hours at noon.

Members of the Bremer family maintained their tight-lipped silence, denying reports that contacts have been made or soon will be. Walter W. Magee, St. Paul contractor and first contact man said: "I have nothing to say."

#### Developments in Case. Factual developments today were:

Disclosure by a filling station attendant that he observed what was believed to be the kidnap auto on Monday night in the neighborhood of the Bremer residence. Police heard nothing until today when they learned that the car had been seen in the neighborhood of the Bremer residence. Police heard nothing until today when they learned that the car had been seen in the neighborhood of the Bremer residence. Police heard nothing until today when they learned that the car had been seen in the neighborhood of the Bremer residence.



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ST. PAUL, MINN., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY

# REPORT KIDNAPE HIDE OUT IN HI

## PHONE CALL TO DOCTOR'S HOUSE TRACED; FOUR MEN SNATCHED BREMER, BELIEF

### Banker Thought Held Within 100 Miles Of Twin Cities; Two Cars Seen Dashing From Mill City, One Resembling McCord Gun- men's Coupe.

While wild rumors continued to flood the Northwest in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, The Daily News learned today that local contact men probably are nesting in an apartment in the Hill district of St. Paul and that the missing banker is being held within a maximum of 100 miles of the Twin Cities.

The News also discovered that four men are believed to have participated in the snatch, and that two of them, after conveying the missing banker to a hideout within 50 or 100 miles of St. Paul and Minneapolis, returned to the capital city to effect contact for Mr. Bremer's release on payment of \$200,000.

These startling developments in the case, which are being followed up by federal agents, came today as the 173d hour since the banker was grabbed elapsed at 1:30 p. m.

Location of the local contact men was established after The Daily News investigated the third contact, by telephone, to the home of Dr. H. T. Nippert, 706 Lincoln ave., Bremer family physician, and discovered that it probably came from an apartment house in that vicinity at about 2 a. m. Monday. Checkup revealed that no business houses in the vicinity were open at that hour Monday morning, and that the call came from a pay station of an apartment house.

That four men participated in the snatch was revealed in new information uncovered by The Daily News today.

A fifth contact man, it was believed, was left behind in St. Paul to drop the first ransom note at the door of the office of Walter Magee, 118 W. Central ave., thus affording the four snatchers more time to hide out the son of Adolph Bremer, wealthy brewer, and close friend of President Roosevelt.

The Daily News learned today (Continued On Page 2, Col. 1.)

## Police, Federal Officers Search Hill Apartments

More than 175 hours elapsed since Edward G. Bremer was kidnaped, relatives and police, nerves shattered, were anxiously awaiting new directions from the captors.

A moon snow storm lent fresh hope that under a clear, calm weather, some new effort at communication might be made tonight. A vigilant watch was being kept by relatives and all friends with whom the kidnaped banker had contact in the effort to deliver Mr. Bremer and obtain the \$200,000 ransom.

It was believed that Mr. Bremer's release will be a speedy one when final directions are received, since new reports hold that the kidnaped banker is being held within 100 miles of St. Paul.

Evidence that negotiations might be attempted this afternoon was seen in the fact that a number of relatives were missing from their usual haunts today.

It was said that "high pressure" methods were being used on the St. Paul underworld in an effort to develop some new clue. It was reported that all underworld residents are being interviewed in the case, although thus far this field of activity had produced little results.

Police and federal officers this afternoon continued their search of Hill district apartment houses, requesting proprietors for names of persons who rented apartments recently for a short period. It was thought that this line of inquiry might reveal the name of the kidnapers' contact man in the telephone call to Dr. H. T. Nippert's home early today. Dr. Nippert is the Bremer family physician and a close friend of the family.

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to St. Paul. The Daily News, in his demand for a complete "public inquiry" of crime conditions in the city.

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**Foreign Policy Dinner Friday**

**France To Be "Subject Of Talks By Experts."**

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**Ransom Effort Failure?**

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ST. PAUL, MINN.

# KIDNAPERS' NOT MILL CITY POS

Old president of the Commercial State bank would  
made Sunday, no messa was received, friends as  
ed.

The Bremer family was represented as being determined to re-  
fuse payment of the ransom unless a note signed by Mr. Bremer with  
instructions for payment is received.

The \$200,000 ransom, however, was known to be in readiness at  
the American National bank, headed by Otto Bremer, uncle of the  
missing man, for immediate payment when such instructions are re-  
ceived.

**Developments included:**

It was learned that delivery of the initial letter from the  
kidnapers at 10 A. M. Wednesday to the rear doorstep of the of-  
fice of Walter W. Magee, contractor at 118 West Central ave-  
nue, was witnessed by a man. He saw a blanket covering a large  
object in the rear of the large black sedan carrying the man  
who delivered the letter, apparently indicating Mr. Bremer was  
a captive in the car at the time.

Authorities searched the area around Anoka, Minn., on the  
strength of an anonymous letter received Saturday in Minne-  
apolis and stating Mr. Bremer had been killed "by accident" and  
his body hidden near that city. The letter was believed to be a  
hoax but authorities were searching regardless of this belief.

Persistence of false rumors of the return or death of Mr.  
Bremer and checking by police of numerous "tips" and clues,  
none of which proved of value.

St. Paul police and Federal agents continued their inactivity in  
the case, but as the hours passed with no word of any contact with  
or message from the abductors, the density of detectives and their  
superiors who have been at head-  
quarters constantly since Wednes-  
day noon neared the breaking  
point.

Members of the family of the  
missing man also were reported as  
showing the strain of their long  
wait.

**Adolph Bremer Better.**

Adolph Bremer, 855 West Seventh  
street, father of the victim, was in  
seclusion in his home in a serious  
nervous condition brought on by  
aggravation of an illness from which  
he has suffered for two years. He  
was attended Saturday by a physi-  
cian but was reported much im-  
proved Sunday.

Members of the Bremer family  
made several hurried trips from  
their homes Sunday, but friends as-  
serted that had nothing to do with  
the kidnaping. Adolph Bremer Jr.,  
brother of Edward, and Mr. Magee  
remained at the latter's office most  
of the day, apparently in expecta-  
tion of a message.

The initial letter found by Mr.  
Magee after he had been informed  
of its presence and the kidnaping by  
telephone call, bore the signature  
of the missing banker in a shaky  
scrawl.

**Witness Name Withheld.**

The name of the man who wit-  
nessed the delivery of the initial  
message from the kidnapers was  
withheld, but it was learned from  
reliable sources that he has  
gone to police.

When a large black  
sedan to that believed to be  
the kidnapers, passed him  
east on Central avenue.

His attention was drawn to the  
machine, he said, by the fact that  
it went through a stop signal at  
Rice street and Central avenue. As  
the machine passed him, drawing  
close to the curb, he observed that  
a blanket had been thrown over some  
object on the floor in the back seat.

The machine stopped in front of  
Mr. Magee's office at 118 West Cen-  
tral avenue and one man jumped out  
carrying a piece of white paper in  
his hand. He ran toward the rear  
of Mr. Magee's office building while  
the car continued slowly down the  
street.

**Hears of Kidnaping.**

The observer is said to have  
stated that he entered the store at  
that point and saw nothing further.  
He did not realize until he read  
newspaper accounts of the kidnaping  
the following day that he had wit-  
nessed delivery of the note. He  
did not notice the license number of  
the car and could not identify the  
occupants, he told police.

His story, indicating the kidnaping  
was the first of the case.

Market News  
Closing Stocks  
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# THE ST. PAUL

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ST. PAUL, MINN., MONDAY, JANUARY

# ALARMED KIDNAPER CONTACT MAN IS

## Made Wary By Early Report Of Abduction

Early reporting of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping to the police last Wednesday was seen by police late today as posing the reason for delay of the kidnapers in again communicating with the family or friends. Officers pointed out that in the original ransom note, kidnapers explicitly warned Walter W. Magee, contractor and friend of Bremer, selected as the contact man, not to report the abduction to the police. Since then it has been revealed that Magee instead of following that instruction, communicated with police almost immediately.

### Uncertain Of Contact

Knowing that he did not follow their instructions, the kidnapers it is declared, probably are uncertain over who to contact to contact the family, fearing that if they again use the contact man, police will be promptly "tipped off" and there may be an attempt to double cross them in the delivery of the money. Police and federal agents continued to wait developments. Intensified nation-wide search for Verne Sankey had been ordered earlier in the day by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the investigation division of the department of justice, on the basis of reports that Sankey heads the gang which has Bremer in its clutches.

### Attorney Questioned

The contact man, Walter W. Magee, was questioned by police late today. Magee is a contractor and friend of Bremer. He was reported to have been kidnapped last Wednesday.

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**DETECTIVES SEEK NEW  
POLICE THEORY**

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WEATHER: Fair and colder. Tonight and Tuesday.

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## KEY IN KIDNAPING SEARCHING REFUSED

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Entire Church Congregation Votes Indorsement Of Editorials; Phone Calls, Letters Pour In.

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#### Really Human Blood.

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LATEST MARKETS

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Physicians asserted, however, that the amount of blood was insufficient to indicate that the banker had been shot.

No skin tissue was found in the analysis, indicating, physicians said, that it is more likely that Mr. Bremer was struck a forcible blow in the face which caused a possible blood.

#### Freed In Chicago.

On May 13, 1931, Ginsberg was released by Chicago police after having been held nearly a week for questioning in the kidnaping of James Hackett, Blue Island gambler. He was freed when no charges were filed against him.

Ginsberg, with Edward Flattery, also of Minneapolis, was arrested in the Morrison hotel, Chicago, by a squad of investigators for the Illinois state attorney's office, who had been watching them for several days on a tip they were planning to kidnap Hackett. At the time of Ginsberg's release he was wanted by Duluth authorities, but was released in Chicago when they failed to request his extradition.

Ginsberg is known in St. Paul because of his activities in court here and in Minneapolis. He was accused of "double-crossing" the Gleason brothers, one of whom is serving a

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NOON EDITION

Two Cents in St. Paul

# ER KIDNAPERS POLICE AND

## "ALL HOOEY," AVERS VICTIM'S BROTHER OF OF REPORTED MOVES

Police, members of the Bremer family and friends insisted today that no contact has been made with the kidnapers of 37-year-old Edward G. Bremer since the first one Wednesday.

Their denials came after it was disclosed that a patent medicine bottle had been hurled through the window of Dr. H. T. Nippert, 706 Lincoln avenue, physician for the Bremer family, and a brewery truck had left the back of the home of Adolph Bremer, father of the missing man, at 855 West Seventh street, on an undisclosed mission.

In a telephone conversation this morning Adolph Bremer Jr. denied emphatically that any word had been heard from Edward or his kidnapers since he was abducted about 8:30 A. M. Wednesday.

"NO CONTACT WHATEVER."

"Has any contact been made?" Mr. Bremer was asked.

"None whatsoever."

"How about the Dr. Nippert angle?"

"That's all hooey."

"How about Schmidt's company truck in the rear of the Bremer home last night?"

"That's all hooey too."

"Have you heard anything from the kidnapers or Edward?"

"Not a thing."

"How is your father?"

"He is pretty bad."

"Is he under the best care of a doctor?"

"No not that bad."

Previously Dr. Nippert said that the small bottle which had crashed through his window contained any message, either inside or inscribed upon it.

Persons following the Bremer home regarded it peculiar, however, that the bottle tasser was found at the home of the Bremer family physician without an ulterior motive.

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Washington, Jan. 22.—(AP)—In an address in which he mentioned the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, Senator Copeland, Democrat of New York, said tonight:

"The dictatorship of the criminal world must not go on. We have started warfare on this organized racket and we are going to finish it. We, the American public, are going to be the dictator."

The New Yorker, who headed a special committee which investigated crime last summer, stressed the need for new Federal legislation to deal with kidnapers.

"America, China and Mexico," he said, "lead the world in the kidnaping industry. America is in the lead in the baby kidnaping—the most heinous of all."

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Although the bottle hurled through Dr. Nippert's front door contained no message, he asserted, it was thought possible it was a signal from the kidnapers, perhaps indicating that the next contact will be made through the physician.

Dr. Nippert's home is set 30 or 40 feet back from the sidewalk and the bottle made a clean hole through a plate glass door one-fourth of an inch thick, continuing on to shatter against the inner door of the vestibule and cracking the glass in it, showing the bottle must have been hurled with considerable force by some one standing probably only a few feet from the door.

This eliminated the possibility that the bottle had been thrown as a prank and led to the conclusion the thrower had some definite purpose. The possibility that this was to indicate Dr. Nippert as the man to conduct final negotiations for Mr. Bremer's release was strengthened by the physician's assertion that he would gladly act in such a capacity.

#### WILLING TO BE CONTACT MAN.

"I would be perfectly willing to act as a contact man if I could be of any use to the Bremer family and help to end their long suspense," the 65-year-old physician asserted.

Dr. Nippert has been a friend of the Bremer family for twenty years or more and has treated all of its members at various times. Recently he has visited the home

of Adolph Bremer, and has called there several times since the abduction.

He also has visited the Edward G. Bremer home at 92 North Mississippi River boulevard many times and if the kidnapers watched either house they could easily have ascertained his close association with the family.

"I was still in bed at 6:30 A. M. Saturday when I heard a crash of glass," Dr. Nippert said. "I glanced at my watch so I know the time. However, at the time I thought that the wind had blown something over

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Weather  
Warmer in far south  
Saturday cloudy, pos-  
sibly snows in north;  
warmer in south.

# St. Paul Dispatch

ST. PAUL, MINN., FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1934

Exclusive Service of the  
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## BLOODSTAINS FOUND IN

## Banker Knocked Out, Inv

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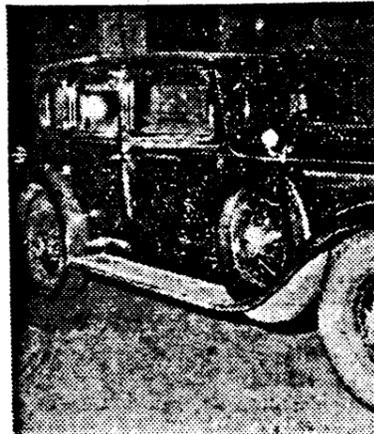
MRS. Edw. G. Bremer  
Fri. Jan. 19, 1934.

THE ST. PAUL DAILY NEWS

### WIFE WAITS TENSELY



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Without Green Cover  
Is Incomplete.



TWO CENTS IN ST. PAUL.

# BREMER AUTO

## ors Believe

### 'S INTERIOR INDICATES VICTIM HIT AND DRAGGED FROM FRONT TO REAR SEAT

of Family and Friends Increase as No Word Comes  
Contact With Abductors; Father Pleads With Of-  
ficials to Refrain From Goadng Desperadoes to Vi-  
olence; Legal Forces Ready.

#### BY ARM OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXPECTED TO TAKE HAND IN SOLUTION

Bloodstains on both front and rear seats of Edward  
Bremer's automobile today inspired fears for the safety  
of the 37-year-old bank president, held for \$200,000 ran-  
som by kidnapers who have threatened him with death.

Blood was on the front seat of the Bremer sedan when it  
was near 1910 Edgumbe road shortly after 10 A. M., Wednesday,  
as police revealed today.

Indications were that the kidnaped president of the Com-  
mercial State bank was struck on the head when he resisted his  
abductors as they invaded his car.

#### VICTIM KNOCKED OUT, THEORY.

When sources close to the family said, the presumably unconscious  
Bremer who at 8:15 A. M., Wednesday had left his daughter Betty, 8  
years old, at the Summit grade school at 1150 Goodrich avenue and  
went for his office, probably was dragged into the back seat by  
his captors.

The rear seat also was stained with blood, a friend of the family  
said.

A ransom note, left at the office of Walter W. Magee, contractor  
and friend of the missing man, gave instructions for assembling  
\$200,000 for his freedom and warned he would be killed if the police  
were summoned or the newspapers notified. The office is at 118 West  
Washington avenue.

Feeling his son's life was in jeopardy, Adolph Bremer, chief  
of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co. here, begged law enforce-  
ment agencies Thursday night to assist in their efforts to hunt down  
the abductors.

Failure of the kidnapers to contact the Bremer family added to  
the uncertainty surrounding the case, which has prompted the  
assignment of a special detail of investigators from Washington here to  
solve the mystery.

#### NO FINGERPRINTS LEFT BY GANG.

The desperadoes apparently were gloved for their crime, since  
attempts to obtain fingerprints on the Bremer car failed.

Bremer's dark blue Lincoln sedan, abandoned about a block from

## BLOOD IN BREMER AUTO RAISES FEARS OF FAMILY

(Continued From Page 1)

city in the West for possible kidnaping hideouts.

George St. Marie, 2150 Fairmount  
avenue, an acquaintance of the kidnap-  
ing gang, said he saw two men drag-  
ging Bremer the night before he  
was abducted.

"I was bowling with Mr. Bremer  
and his brother, Adolph Jr., Tues-  
day night," St. Marie, an employe  
of a public utility concern said,  
"when I noticed two strangers  
whispering and looking intently at  
Mr. Bremer."

"I heard one of the men say to  
the other 'that isn't the man, it's  
the other' and pointing to Mr. Ed-  
ward Bremer."

Both acted suspiciously, St. Marie  
said, "and might have been connect-  
ed with the kidnaping."

Bremer, underworld reports said,  
was marked for abduction by a Chi-  
cago gang last fall and for a time  
went about with a bodyguard. Re-  
cently, however, he has been unac-  
companied. Bremer returned Mon-  
day night from Chicago, contrary to  
first reports that he returned Wed-  
nesday, a few hours prior to his  
kidnaping.

Dr. Russell R. Neice, physician  
in the Medical Arts building, Minne-  
apolis, reported to police he saw a  
man who resembled published pic-  
tures of Bremer in a coupe with  
another man at Broadway and Em-  
erson avenue north, Minneapolis, at  
6 P. M. Thursday. The man who  
resembled Bremer had a bandage  
about his eyes, according to the  
reports made to police. Dr. Neice



Bloodstains were found in the car (top) of Edward St. Paul banker who is being held by kidnapers for \$200,000. The center picture is where Walter Magee, contractor, found the kidnapers. The place is the rear stoop of Magee's home at 118 West Central avenue. At the lower left is Thomas E. Dahill, chief of police, who is "standing by" at the request of the missing man. At the lower right is Otto Bremer, Minnesota manager of Home Owners Loan corporation.

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Thornton asserted that neither he nor any one in his household saw the sedan at any time, either when it was parked on the road or afterward.

Magee adopted a policy of absolute silence today concerning his operations. "I have nothing to say," he said. "I don't want to give a short answer to questions, but that's the stand I'm going to take from now on."

It was reported a telephone call was supposed to have been made at 9 A. M. Thursday to the home of Adolph Bremer, 225 West Seventh street, to establish another contact following publication of the ad. "We are ready—All right" in a Minneapolis newspaper.

The call, however, was not made.

The \$200,000 ransom money was demanded by the abductors in \$5, \$10 and \$20 used bills not having consecutive serial numbers.

From distant points in the nation federal operatives converged on St. Paul. J. Edgar Hoover, director of investigation of the Department of Justice, told the Associated Press in Washington a special detail of agents has been sent to St. Paul. Frank J. Blake, ace investigator, flew from Texas to help here.

Harold Nathan of Washington, assistant to Hoover, arrived in St. Paul and went into conference this morning with Thomas E. Dahill, chief of police; M. F. Kinkead, Ramsey county attorney, and Werner Hanni, chief federal investigator in St. Paul, in the Public Safety building.

While they presumably planned a man hunt, all officers were said to be following a "stand by" policy until Bremer is safely returned.

Robert G. Flynn, fourth district American Legion commander, planned to confer in St. Paul this noon with Michael F. Murray of St. Cloud, state commander, on mobilizing 21,000 American Legion members to search every hamlet and

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WEATHER

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast  
Partly cloudy and  
colder today.

# The Minneapolis

Sixty-seventh Year. No. 240.

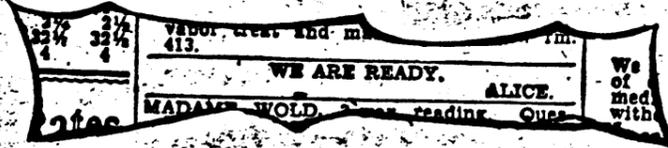
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## WANT AD NOTE TO PAVES WAY FOR

# KIDNAP GANG BREMER RANSOM

## Victim's Family Awaits Word After Negotiator Gets Orders by Phone

### WANT AD INFORMS KIDNAPERS



**WALTER MAGEE**  
The indexes looking for a  
down above printed in the Thurs-  
day morning edition of the Minne-  
sota Tribune, was designed to in-  
form the kidnapers of Edward G.  
Bremer that members of his family  
were ready to deal with them.

**ADOLPH BREMER**  
Mrs. Alice, was reported to have  
been suggested by the kidnapers  
in their communication with Wal-  
ter Magee, St. Paul contractor,  
whom they are reported to have  
named as contact man. Mr. Magee's  
picture appears below, along with  
that of Adolph Bremer, St. Paul  
merchant and father of the kidnaped  
man.

### Cryptic Message in Tribune Ad Says 'We Are Ready'

### U.S. Ace Investi- gator Rushes by Plane to Aid Hunt

With the way to contact paved by a two-line "personal" advertisement, members of the St. Paul Bremer family settled down Thursday night to await the second move on the part of the men who abducted Edward G. Bremer and are reported to be holding him for \$200,000 ransom.

Throughout the day it was anticipated that contact would be established somewhere around 5 p. m. but, although several mysterious moves were made by those leading in the hunt for the kidnaped man, no verification had come early Thursday night that such a contact had been made.

**'We Are Ready' Ad Says**

It was a want ad inserted in the personal column of the Thursday morning edition of the Minneapolis Tribune which paved the way for a first contact with the abductors.

The two-line ad read: "We are ready."

It was signed: "Alice."  
This terse message conformed to instructions reported to have been given by the kidnapers when they had a typeset note, signed by Bremer, on the back door of...

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Warmer, Rain Or Snow

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## SIGNATURE ON IDENTIFIED A

### Police Certain Kidnaped Banker Is Still Alive

See  
On

Although 72 hours have elapsed since his kidnaping, and despite blood stains found in his abandoned automobile, police today are sure that Edward G. Bremer, banker "snatch" victim, is alive.

They have positively identified the signature on the ransom note delivered to Walter W. Magee as his.

The note, they are certain, was signed after Mr. Bremer had been taken prisoner at Lexington and Goodrich aves. about 9 a. m. Wednesday and after, therefore, the scuffle or fight which resulted in the bloodstains on the upholstery and floor of the car.

As the hours rolled by without any further word from either the kidnap victim or his abductors, however, the nervous strain and tension both at police headquarters and among Mr. Bremer's friends and relatives heightened.

#### Sixty Detectives Ready

At the police station nearly three-score detectives, on constant duty since the kidnaping, were fretting in impatience as another morning came with no real developments. They were reaching their nerves' ends.

At the Bremer home, 55 N. Mississippi River Blvd., Mrs. Bremer, although composed, was reported in a highly nervous state.

A peculiarity of the ransom note, however, which the investigators are convinced was the 20th that was addressed to "Charles Magee," is that it was pointed out that anyone who

napera knew, also, that Mr. Magee's first name was Walter, not Charles.

#### Find Eye-Witness

Discovery of an eye-witness of the kidnaping brought little help to police except the placing of the place of the crime.

James Quinehan, 583 Aurora ave., Minnesota Milk Co. driver, told police he saw two big cars at the intersection of Goodrich and Lexington aves., between 8:20 and 8:30 a. m. Wednesday. One car drove directly in front of the other, blocking it.

moment later both drove away. Police believe it was here the kidnapers grabbed Mr. Bremer, possibly forcing him at gun-point to drive his car to some place not now known.

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