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THE KIDNAPING RACKET.

The extreme difficulties under which the police authorities work in a kidnaping are again illustrated.

HAMLINE
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THE SAINT PAUL PIONEER PRESS.

AWAIT CALL IN KIDNAP CASE



With detectives on duty night and day, the show-room in the Public Safety building was transformed into a barracks after the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Pictured here is the room as it now appears, filled with bunks on which the officers may "catch a wink" as they wait.

HOW BREM



How the big blue sedan of the abducted Edward G. Bremer, 37-year-old St. Paul banker may have been intercepted Wednesday at Goodrich and Lexington avenues by the kidnapers is illustrated by the two machines above. The banker's car is believed to have been blocked by the kidnap machine as Bremer attempted to cross Lexington at Goodrich.

Although he did not realize it at the time, James Quinehan, a St. Paul milk wagon driver, (center), believes he was an eye witness to the kidnaping. Quinehan, who lives at 582 Aurora avenue, observed a big sedan pull in front of the Bremer sedan at Goodrich and Lexington. The car, he later told police, moved away after stopping at the intersection two or three minutes. The milkman saw no one in the car. At the left below is H. M. Kalscheuer, vice president of the Commercial State bank of which Bremer is president. He was inclined Friday to make light of the bloodstains found in the abandoned Bremer car, contending that the missing banker probably fought his abductors. Mr. Kalscheuer said he would not have been surprised if "Eddie had taken a poke" at the kidnapers. At the lower right is Colonel Robert E. Ham Randolph, chief of Chicago's "Secret Six"—a committee of influential Chicago business men who conducted an inquiry in crime in the Illinois city. He asserted today that all kidnapers should be hanged.

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after hour dragged by without hearing from his son or the abductors. He denied having made any statement or appeal to the kidnapers, such as he had been quoted as making, and said he intended to make none. Members of the family said he would not amplify nor alter his statement of Thursday when he asked that police authorities keep hands off the case until negotiations could be completed and his son returned safely.

He took the attitude, Mr. Bremer's associates said, that he was confident his son would be returned safely on payment of ransom, and that no public appeal to the abductors would hasten the matter in any way.

Mr. Bremer was confined to his room today and was not permitted to see callers or interviewers.

Members of the family disclosed that Governor Olson had called at the home Friday afternoon and offered every aid of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and all state police agencies, but had assured the father of the kidnaped man that no steps would be taken that would imperil the son's safe return.

Telephones at offices of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co., which Adolph Bremer heads, and at newspaper offices buzzed continuously today with queries arising from widely varying but false reports broadcast by some radio stations, ranging from rumors that Mr. Bremer had been killed to reports that he had been released and the ransom paid.

KEENAN MAINTAIN CLOSE WATCH

In Washington, an Associated Press dispatch said, Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan continued to follow the case with interest because of long friendship with the Bremer family, but he declined to discuss the crime for fear that to do so might hamper the investigation.

Although squads of federal agents have been dispatched to St. Paul, they have been ordered to "stand by" until Bremer is released to prevent his being harmed.

Three more persons told stories bearing on the Bremer case. In Minneapolis, J. A. Letourneau, 4903 Drew avenue south, told police he saw three men, one resembling Bremer, in a small coupe at the Minneapolis western city limits at 5:30 P. M. Friday.

At Drew avenue and Fiftieth street, the driver of the coupe stopped and asked Letourneau directions to Waits Bear Lake. The latter, while detailing a route, noticed the man seated in the center appeared to have a broken nose, covered with wide tape which looked as though it also was over the eyes. He wore a dark gray or black niggerhead coat and sat motionless in the car. Letourneau gave police the license number of the coupe.

In St. Paul, a canvass of the neighborhood where Bremer is believed to have been seized disclosed at least two persons whom it was unusual occurrences about the time of the crime.

Chicago Sunday Tribune
**Bremer's Fate
 Still Cloaked
 in Mystery**

Paul, Minn., Jan. 20.—[Special.]
 A wall of silence that has hidden
 the fate of Edward G. Bremer, kid-
 naper, for more than
 a week was still unbroken tonight.
 Members of the family asserted
 that they have not communicated
 with the family or made further de-
 mands for the \$200,000 ransom, except
 for an initial contact with Walter W.
 Bremer, wealthy contractor, Wednesday
 night shortly after Bremer was
 kidnapped.

Witnesses Prove Groundless.
 Developments of the day were
 valueless.
 Reports were broadcast that Bremer
 had been killed, that his body had
 been found, and that he had been re-
 leased, but these were all found to
 be untrue.

A letter received by Post-
 Office Inspector W. G. Robertson of Minneap-
 olis that a drunken member of a
 gang had slain the 37 year
 old man and enclosed a map show-
 ing where his body would be found.
 Several persons told stories of in-
 formation they believed were connected
 with the abduction but there was not-
 even a faint description of the
 possible kidnapers.

Police Stay Out of Case.
 Federal authorities and
 police, in accordance with the
 wishes of Adolph Bremer, father of
 the kidnaped man, were refraining from activity
 in the case. Chief of Police Thomas
 said that his men would not act
 in the case until the family asked them to and
 a deadline had been set for
 their entry into the case.

Police still held hopes for the
 return of Bremer, but the hopes were
 growing dimmer. The ran-
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 to be paid and the kidnapers were
 still waiting for the ransom to
 be paid.



BY DREW PEARSON AND ROBERT S. ALLEN.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—All this week one of the questions uppermost in the mind of the president has been the Philippines. This despite the devaluation of the dollar, despite the pressure of steering an important legislative program through congress.

Sec. Wallace found this out when he went to see Roosevelt about sugar the other day. Wallace wanted legislation whereby a processing tax on Philippine sugar would be used to decrease its output rather than increase it.

"Nothing doing," replied the president. "The Philippines are my problem. I've got to handle that myself."

What is worrying Roosevelt is whether to let go or hold on. It is like having the proverbial bear by the tail. If he hangs on, the United States heads not merely into independence difficulties with the Philippines but gives Japan invitation for attack in case of war. If he lets go, it is only a question of time before the islands are infiltrated with Japanese.

Meanwhile the lapse of the Hawes-Cutting bill this week makes a decision all the more imperative.

Which way that decision will go, not even Roosevelt's closest advisers know. But here is one remark he made some months past which is significant.

"When I was assistant secretary of the navy," he said, "I was studying the Philippines and had occasion to get out the war plans. I found that in case of war in the Pacific, the plans called for immediate abandonment of the Philippines. They were more of a liability than an asset."

EPIGRAM

Montana's blunt-spoken senator, Burt Wheeler, recently broke up a conversation over the relative merits of statesmen and politicians. After listening to the debate for some time, he remarked: "There isn't any real difference between them."
 "All right," demanded one of the group, "what is your definition of a statesman?"
 "A statesman," Wheeler shot back,

NO MUZZLE FOR

MANY attempts have been made in past to intimidate The Daily News. There have been all kinds of threats—libel, closing up of news sources and even violence. None has ever worked. **THE DAILY REFUSES TO BE INTIMIDATED.** Nor will it be hushed by the document served Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Howard Kahn,
 Editor, St. Paul Daily News,
 St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir: Under the provisions of Section 352 (a) of the Charter, as Commissioner of Public Safety, I am empowered to "conduct an inquiry relating to the business of his department or the conduct of any officer or employee of his department relative to the performance of his duty and shall have the power to summon and compel the attendance of witnesses, the production of books, papers or other documentary evidence to examine the same under oath and to administer oaths."
 Under the powers given me in this section I hereby summon you to appear at a hearing to be held in the office of the Mayor of the City of St. Paul in the Court House in this City.

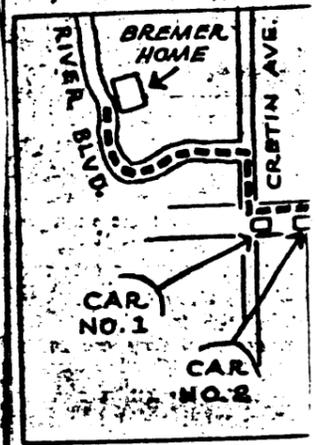


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That "finger man" has checked his movements at 28 N. Mississippi to work the morning of...

PUBLIC INVESTIGATION IS DEMANDED

Jan. 12, 1934 at 10 a. m. and to be to answer questions relative to your printed in The Daily News of Jan. 19, concerning the conduct of the Police Department. You are to bring with you any evidence in your possession.
Yours Very Truly,
John H. McDonald,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

MINOR CHARGES OF POLITICAL DOMINATION AND IMPROPER ORGANIZATION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN THE DAILY NEWS EDITORIAL OF JAN. 19, THAT THE WHOLE QUESTION OF ADEQUATE POLICING AND LAW ENFORCEMENT BE GONE INTO.

the heavy legal terminology nor the document was served by a big police this paper.

The Daily News is fully able to substantiate any charges it has made. The truth is that it has been conservative in calling attention to the deficiencies of the police department.

COMES—EVEN URGES—AN INVESTIGATING TO ITS CHARGES. DEMANDS THAT INSTEAD OF A MEMBER SESSION BEHIND THE DOORS OF THE OFFICE OF MAYOR (WHO IS REPUTED TO HAVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE POLICE CHIEF) THE INQUIRY NONE, either in the council chamber, room or any other place that Commissioner McDonald desires.

Let the hearing be complete and thorough and public. The Daily News demands the right to ask questions as well as answer them, and to see to it that the hearing is NOT A WHITEWASH AND A FARCE.

Under the administration of the present Commissioner of Public Safety there have been three kidnapings without a major conviction. Innocent victims have been machine-gunned on the streets. There have been many murders, covered-up confidence games, burglaries and assaults.

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IT IS HIGH TIME FOR A SHOWDOWN.
—EDITOR, THE DAILY NEWS.

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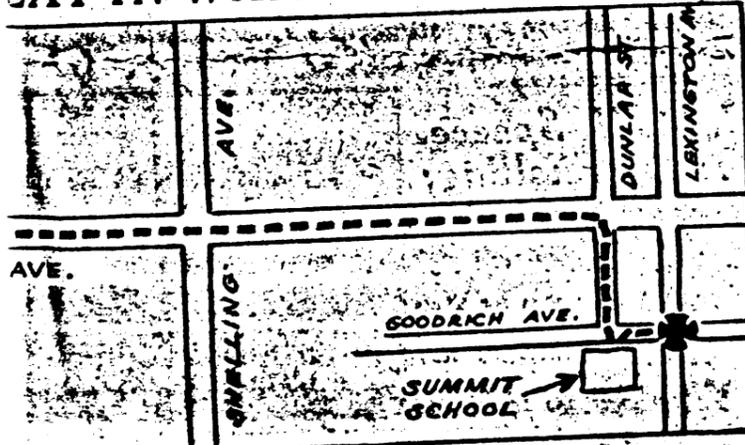
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WEATHER: Today fair and continued mild.

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LAY IN WAIT FOR BREMER



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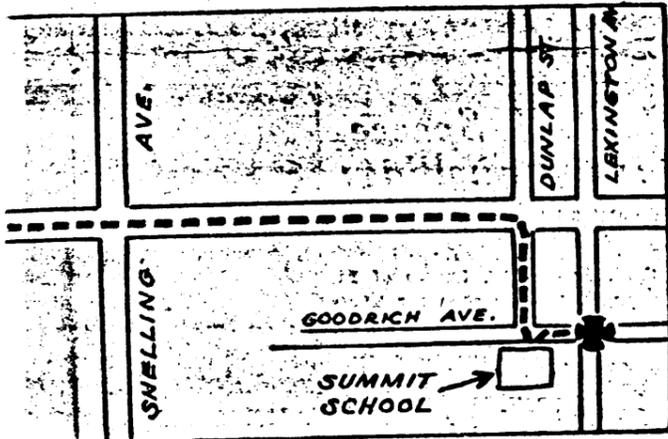
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While members of the Bremer family feverishly awaited word from kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, The Daily News learned early today, through its own investigations, that "finger men" followed the missing banker's movements and "rehearsed" the plot six days before the actual abduction.

The Daily News ascertained that two cars, containing members of the snatch mob, lay in wait for and trailed the

Inspector Tierney Tells Own Story Of Kidnaping

Inspector C. J. Tierney of the St. Paul police department and his aid in the anti-kidnap squad, Detective Thomas A. Brown, have pieced together their evidence in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping into a complete story of the snatching of the St. Paul banker. Inspector Tierney's signed story appears on page 2 of today's Daily News.

Bremer automobile, containing the banker and his daughter, Betty, 8, Thursday morning, Jan. 11.

The discovery of The News was immediately turned over to police.

Confronted with the information of "rehearsal" of the snatch, Chief of Police Thomas E. Dahill immediately assigned two men to check the findings.

The detectives so assigned admitted, after hearing the details from The Daily News, that there was no doubt but that the two cars were "rehearsing" details of the kidnaping.

Other developments Saturday night were:

Adolph Bremer, father of the snatch victim, succeeded in winning over law enforcement heads to his plea for an additional period of grace in which to pay the \$200,000 demanded for his son's release.

The aging brewer, badly shaken and in a highly nervous state, indicated that he believed a contact might be established over the week-end.

The News learned Saturday that only the one contact note, that delivered to W. W. Magee, St. Paul contractor and intimate friend of Edward Bremer, is the only one that has been received during the nearly 30 hours that has elapsed since the snatching.

Police said they felt the delay in establishing a contact was not "particularly significant" because abductors did not imagine that such a sum as they had asked could be assembled in less than a day or two. They also said that the fact that police have been called into the case would make the snatchers particularly cautious, plotting every move very carefully.

Mrs. Bremer has not ventured from her home since the abduction was reported, remained seated at a telephone, friends saying that she wanted to make sure kidnapers could reach some member of the family.

The victim's daughter, Betty, 8, has been shielded closely from the public since the snatching and has been whisked away to the home of a relative.

It was also thought possible that the snatch might have been "all set" for the morning of Jan. 11, but was "called off," either because of treacherous weather conditions, which made driving and a speedy getaway dangerous, or because of the possible presence of witnesses near the planned abduction scene.

The first kidnap machine spotted Mr. Bremer's car as it turned off

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Forecast

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FEAR FOR LIFE OF CONTACT IS MAI

More U. S. Agents Arrive For Search

More than 120 hours have elapsed since the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, banker and son of Adolph Bremer, head of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co., and today police and federal agents were impatiently waiting for some word either from him or his abductors.

Not since the delivery, two hours after the kidnaping, of a \$200,000 ransom demand to Walter W. Magee, close personal friend of Mr. Bremer, has any contact been had with the "snatchers."

Among some of the nervously waiting detectives the belief was spreading that Mr. Bremer no longer is alive.

They believe that the bloodstains found in the Bremer car near Highland park indicated that the kidnaped man had been injured so severely in the first encounter with the abductors that he either is dead or unable to move.

An additional half-dozen federal anti-kidnaping squad agents arrived in St. Paul Sunday to reinforce the dozen and a half already here.

Mr. Bremer disappeared about 2:30 a. m. Wednesday after taking his 7-year-old daughter, Betty, from their home at 92 N. Mississippi River blyd. to the Summit school.

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New Light
Hitherto unpublished letters of Charles Dickens soon may be made public, the Editorial Page Interpreter reveals today.

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ANOKA AREA SEARCHED DESPITE

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WAITS MOVE BY COLLECT RANSOM

al In Wynekoop Case



Minnesota Weather
 Generally clear
 south today; Saturday
 possibly snow
 Detailed report on Page 12.

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BREMER FAMILY REA RANSOM FOR RETUR

WANT AD 'CONTACT'

The classified ad through which the family of Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker, attempted to contact his abductors is reproduced at the right. Below is the home of Mr. Bremer at 22 North Mississippi River boulevard, (top) which he left less than half an hour before he was kidnaped, and the Summit school at Dunlap street and Goodrich avenue, to which he had accompanied his 8-year-old daughter, Betty. At the lower right is the wife of the kidnaped man.

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WIFE WAITS TENSELY





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Want Ad Signed Alice Tells Abductors That Demands Will Be Met



Police Halt All Activity On Request

Adolph Bremer — personal friend of President Roosevelt and Governor Olson—who was proffered the aid of the police forces of the nation, state and city, asked all police Thursday night to keep "hands off" the kidnaping of his son, Edward G. Bremer, until he could "get him back".

As Mr. Bremer made his request, Federal operatives who have led the way to the solution of some of the nation's gravest kidnapings mobilized in St. Paul. The St. Paul police and the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension ordered every man to a position of readiness.

But Mr. Bremer, president of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co., and a power in Northwest political and financial circles, asked them all to "wait, don't make a move that will endanger Eddie's safety".

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Federal, State and City Police Forces Agree Not to Move to Apprehend Gang Rather Than Imperil Victim; Magee Denies Receiving Word From Mob Since Original Note Was Left at His Office.

LEGION OFFERS TO ESTABLISH BUREAU FOR WIDESPREAD SEARCH FOR HIDEOUT

The family and friends of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, kidnaped Wednesday, waited early today for his abductors to direct their next move toward effecting his release.

Their all-night vigil followed publication of a classified ad in the personals column of the Minneapolis Tribune Thursday morning reading:

"We are ready, Alice."

This was the signal the family was instructed to give when preparations were complete to open negotiations toward payment of the \$200,000 ransom demanded for Mr. Bremer's release.

So far as could be determined, the kidnapers had made no attempt to contact any member or friend of the family up to 2 A. M. today. Authorities, complying with the family's request, were making no move in the case pending the safe return of Mr. Bremer.

Instructions for insertion of the classified ad were reported to have been included in the letter from the kidnapers found by Walter W. McGee, St. Paul contractor and friend of the family, at the rear door of his office at 118 West Central avenue Wednesday, after he had been informed of the abduction by a telephone call.

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Meanwhile, 21,000 Minnesota Legionnaires were summoned to aid in the search for Mr. Bremer, a fellow member, and his abductors, and the Federal Department of Justice had the full resources of its huge man-hunting machinery available for the investigation.

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"Chief of Police Dahill has been fine in offering every help he can give us, and we all appreciate it, but we do not want the police of the state or Federal authorities to do anything about it now. We want to get Eddie back home safe."

Chief Dahill said his department is in readiness, but will do nothing to impair the safe return of Mr. Bremer.

Walter Magee, contractor friend of Mr. Bremer and according to Thursday's reports, the man who received first information of the kidnaping, asserted Thursday night that he had received no word since the kidnaping was reported to him, and that "I know nothing about it, have nothing to say".

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Blake directed the government's roundup of the kidnapers of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City oil millionaire. Besides him, it is believed several of the department's undercover men are on their way to St. Paul.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington stated that J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the department's division of investigation, was preparing to use all the facilities of his nation-wide organization to solve the crime and apprehend the kidnapers.

Early in the evening it was reported that a contact with the kidnapers had been made but this was denied by Mr. Magee, who, it is expected, will be the agent of the family in the negotiations with the abductors.

Mr. Magee failed to attend an executive conference at police headquarters at 5 P. M., and this for a time lent credence to the report he was absent on a journey to meet the kidnapers. However, he returned to his home early in the evening and asserted he had received no message of any kind since the letter Wednesday morning.

QUICK PAYMENT IS EXPECTED

The impression was gained that agents of the Bremer family were prepared to make a quick payment to effect Mr. Bremer's release.

Mr. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank and son of Adolph Bremer, part owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co., was seized between 8:30 and 9:30 A. M. Wednesday as he drove from the Summit school at Goodrich avenue and Dunlap street to the bank, Sixth and Washington streets to start work.

Mr. Bremer, as was his custom, had taken his 8-year-old daughter, Betty, to the Summit school on his way to work. After leaving her there, he usually drove down Summit avenue to the loop and it is believed the kidnapers stopped his car and seized him either on Summit avenue or in the downtown district.

It is believed that Mr. Bremer and his family had intimations as recently as two weeks ago that his abduction was to be attempted. It was reported that Mr. Bremer employed a bodyguard for a time, dismissing it only a short time ago. He also is said to have told friends that, when arriving home at night, he made it a practice to make a careful survey of the premises before putting his car in the garage.

Late Thursday an air of quietness pervaded the Bremer home at 22 North Mississippi River boulevard, a large brick residence set among trees well back from River boulevard a short distance north of Summit avenue. No police guards could be seen and there appeared to be a complete lack of any activity.

A Pioneer Press reporter, calling at the house, was met at the door by Werner Hanni, head of the Justice department here. Asked permission to interview Mrs. Bremer, Hanni refused.

"Mrs. Bremer cannot be seen by any one," he said.

He then was asked if Betty Bremer

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WHEN POLITICS DOMINATES

SIX St. Paulites have been kidnaped during the past three years.

The record of this and other types of crime is so bad that residents of other cities scornfully ask: "Is it ever safe to walk on St. Paul streets without a bodyguard?"

Why is St. Paul singled out for gangster raids? No other city outside of Chicago has been disgraced by six abductions in three years.

THE FACT IS THAT THE CHAOTIC DISORGANIZATION OF THE ST. PAUL POLICE DEPARTMENT IS KNOWN IN THE HAUNTS OF THE UNDERWORLD. THE WORD HAS GONE FORTH THAT ST. PAUL IS A SAFE PLACE IN WHICH TO OPERATE.

An intelligent investigator could easily find a reason for this disorganization by a visit to police headquarters. In a department that numbers only 172 patrolmen and 23 detectives, there are 48 men of higher rank. In other words, there is approximately one "officer" to every four "privates."

There are commissioners, assistant commissioners, chiefs, assistant chiefs, inspectors, assistant inspectors, captains, lieutenants and sergeants to give orders—and very few men to carry them out.

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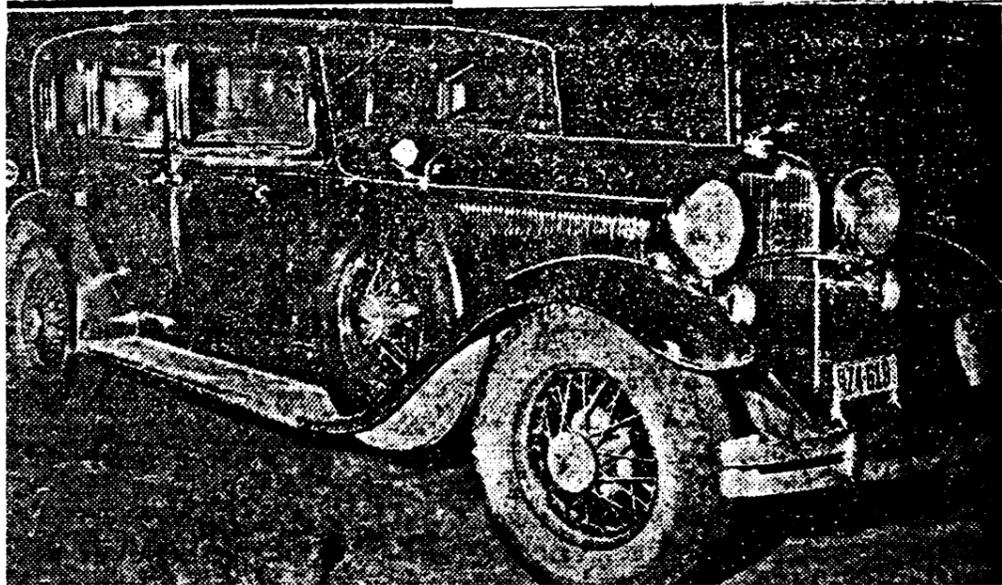


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FIRST, THAT IMMEDIATE STEPS BE TAKEN TO REMOVE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM POLITICS. Mayor Mahoney, who was elected on a platform of "removing the sinister influences" which were held responsible for alleged prostitution of the police, might well undertake this. He has not yet made good his promise to improve police administration.

SECOND, THAT THE STATE MOBILIZE ITS RESOURCES TO ASSIST IN THE IMMEDIATE MANHUNT FOR THE KIDNAPERS OF EDWARD G. BREMER. It might be possible to make use of the highway patrol or even of the national guard. Certain it is that an emergency exists when citizens do not dare go out of doors with-

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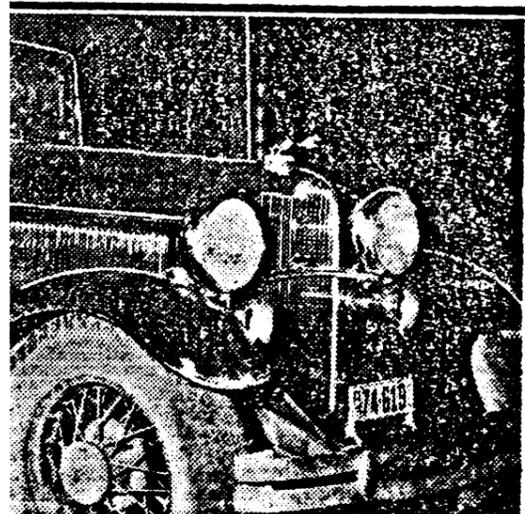
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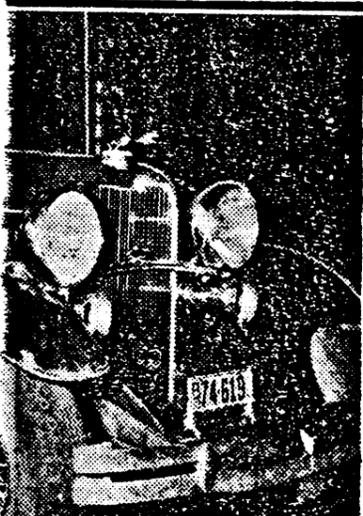
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LARGE BLOTS SHOW BANKER WAS SLAIN OR WOUNDED BY GANG THAT ABDUCTED HIM

Chief Dahill Reveals 67 Men Are On Case, Wearing Bullet-Proof Vests, Armed With Machine Guns—Ransom Cash Is Ready.

Discovery of blood stains in the abandoned car of Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker, leading to belief that he may have been slain or is seriously wounded, convinced police today they were dealing with a desperate mob and they are taking every precaution for all possible emergencies.

Shortly after The Daily News learned that three large spots of dried blood had been found in the machine from which Commercial State bank president was dragged by his snatchers, Chief of Police Thomas E. Dahill, although not yet officially in the case, said that he has 67 men on instant call and on 24-hour duty.

BULLET-PROOF VESTS.

Convinced that the criminals, even though Mr. Bremer may have been killed or is seriously hurt, may still attempt to collect the ransom, Chief Dahill said that his men have been outfitted with bullet-proof vests and equipped with sub-machine guns, ready "to do business."

Mr. Bremer, son of Adolph Bremer, head of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co. and nephew of Otto Bremer, chairman of the board of the American National bank, was seized about 9 a. m. Wednesday, after he had taken his child, Betty, 8, to the Summit school, 1150 Goodrich ave. Ransom demanded is \$200,000.

Meanwhile J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation in Washington, announced that his department is making "an intensive investigation." Harold Nathan, Mr. Hoover's chief aid, was in St. Paul today, as was Frank J. Blake, Dallas government investigator. They were aiding Werner Hanni, northwest bureau of investigations chief.

Two large splotches of blood and a smeary streak crimsoned the front cushions of the Bremer car, found abandoned Wednesday near the Highland park reservoir.

BACK SEAT FOUND STAINED.

One was at the back of the driver's seat; the streak descended along the back toward the opposite side. The largest blot was on the opposite side of the seat. They indicated that Mr. Bremer might have been struck as he sat in the driver's seat; then toppled over. Blood also splattered the right door of the car and there was a small blotch on the right front floor. There were two blots on the rear floor, but whether they were blood stains could not be determined.

Chief Dahill did not challenge the veracity of The Daily News discovery, but said that in a shuffle "might have just suffered a nose-bleed."

Checking the car today, which was found about a block from the home of Martin Thornton, 1910 Edgcombe road, a contractor, police could discover no finger prints, indicating that the abductors had worn gloves. Mr. Thornton said that neither he nor members of his family had noticed the machine, a dark blue Lincoln sedan.

VISIT FATHER'S RESIDENCE.

About 11 a. m. today County Attorney Michael F. Kinkead, Mr. Hanni, Mr. Nathan and Detective Thomas A. Brown, aid in the anti-kidnaping squad, made a mysterious visit to the Adolph Bremer residence, 855 W. 7th st., in a police car. They remained there for nearly half an hour; returned to the public safety building and went into conference. They would make no comment concerning their visit.

Today the \$200,000 ransom demanded was reported ready, awaiting crucial contact with the kidnapers for final instructions as to payment.

Adolph Bremer begged publicly for non-interference on the part of police.

ASKS "LEAVE US ALONE"

"Leave us alone to carry through our plans," he pleaded. "We want to get Eddie safely back home. That's all we ask."

Police and federal officials respected the wishes of the Bremer family, and kept out of the case, in response to a request that they do this until the abducted man is returned safe. More than a score of detectives and plain clothesmen slept at the public safety building all night, ready for an immediate call to duty. Chief Dahill stayed there until 3 a. m., when he went home for a brief sleep. Other over night developments in the case included the arrival here by plane of Frank J. Blake, ace department of justice operative, from Texas, to aid in the hunt for the kidnapers. Blake led the roundup of (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2.)

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ANOTHER KIDNAPING.

If there were any idea that the government had definitely got the upper hand on the kidnaping racketeers, the taking of Edward G. Bremer destroys that complacency and serves notice on authorities everywhere that this war is still on in profound earnest.

It is a shocking crime that disgraces American policing and law enforcement in general. The disgrace consists in the fact that although every one who has ever seriously reflected on the prevalence of crime in this country is well aware of the inadequacy of the policing system which makes such outrages as kidnaping possible, the fetish of state rights prevents the taking of the obvious steps toward the necessary reform.

Therefore, while the underworlds of Chicago and elsewhere send out these professional gangs to raid in St. Paul or whatever other city offers opportunity, solemn statesmen ponderously tell why America must never have anything that looks like a federal policing system and explain that constitutional theory prohibits anything more than a slight degree of federal co-operation with the local authorities in investigation.

The criminals have never heard of the constitutional theory that crime is a purely local concern. By the time Mr. Bremer is returned to St. Paul, his kidnapers will be well on their way to reasonably safe hideouts far from the arm of the local police. Should the police be so fortunate as to learn something of the identities of the kidnapers and their probable refuges, they can get on a train and follow, by which time their quarry will be somewhere else, Oklahoma, or New York or California.

State rights are important to preserve, but when all the states are afflicted by a common evil which their own powers are inadequate to reach, it becomes a sheer superstition to refuse to take the indicated corrective measures. America needs a federal police system capable of operating just as efficiently and quickly over just as broad an area as these new criminals. It is right, moreover, that there should be federal policing. The gangsters and racketeers are a product of a national experiment that failed. The federal government took over prohibition and in the breakdown of enforcement allowed the creation of an unexampled national underworld. Driven out of their illicit liquor trade by repeal, the gangsters have now gone into these other forms of crime. The government cannot come to grips with them and smash them forever too soon.

Crime is no longer a matter exclusively of local policing. The police forces of American cities today can cope only with crimes of local origin and execution. The police of the city where such a crime is committed do not now necessarily have the real responsibility. Neither is it the responsibility of any other particular police force. These criminals come from all places and scatter to all places. It is a general policing responsibility, and what is every one's business is no one's. Therefore it should be made a federal function.

The St. Paul police can hope to solve this crime, capture the kidnapers and put them in jail only through the occurrence of some lucky accident. If the accident happens, they will be covered with

January 19, 1934

PLAN KIDNAPER HUNT



St. Paul Pioneer Press
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Michael F. Kinkead (right), Ramsey county attorney, and George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, are shown here as they conferred Thursday regarding co-operation of State and Federal authorities in the investigation of the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Chicago Daily Tribune
January 19, 1934

Thank You

BY CHICAGO AND BUREAU STAFFS
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Today

BANKER IS HELD BY ABDUCTORS; \$200,000 ASKED

St. Paul Man Seized on Way to Work.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 18.—[Special.]—Seized by kidnapers when he was returning from the school where he had taken his 8 year old daughter, Edward G. Bremer, member of a wealthy St. Paul family, was being held today for \$200,000 ransom.

Two contacts have been made with the kidnapers, it is understood, although police have received no official notification of the crime, and the family refused to discuss it.

President of Bank.

Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank of St. Paul, is a son of Adolph Bremer, part owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing company, and a nephew of Otto Bremer, chairman of the American National bank here and Minnesota manager of the Home Owners Loan corporation.

Efforts of the family to pay the ransom had been unsuccessful by early tonight, according to reports.

The kidnaping was the second in St. Paul in seven months. Last June William Hamm Jr., president of the Hamm Brewing company was seized and held until \$100,000 ransom was paid. The Roger Touhy gang, four of whom are now on trial in Chicago for the kidnaping of John Factor, were tried and acquitted of the Hamm kidnaping here last November.

Seized on Way to Bank.

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THE MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE

HOME OF KIDNAP VICTIM



By Tribune Staff photographer. In this home at 92 North Mississippi River boulevard, St. Paul, Edward G. Bremer started his kidnaping at ended when he fell into the hands of kidnapers.



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tween 8:15 and 10 a. m. yesterday. He
took his daughter to Summit school,
as was his custom, on his way to
the bank. The child arrived safely at
the school. Mr. Bremer's failure to
arrive at the bank caused little anxiety,
as associates assumed he had stopped
on some business call.

Near noon Walter Magee, promi-
nent St. Paul contractor and a close
friend of the kidnaped man, received
the first word from the abductors, ac-
cording to reports. Magee said today
he knew nothing of the affair. All in-
formation came from outside sources.

Threats Over Telephone.

Answering the telephone in his
office, according to information, Magee
was told that his friend, Bremer, had
been kidnaped. He was warned, it
was reported that any attempt to com-
municate with police or newspapers
would result in the immediate death
of Bremer. He was also told that a
note would be found on the steps at
the rear entrance to his office. Efforts
to trace the mysterious call proved
fruitless.

Under a mat on the back steps of
the office was found a typewritten note
signed by Edward Bremer. The note
apparently had been written and then
folded and Bremer forced to sign it
without knowing its contents.

Note Demands \$200,000.

The note, it is reported, said Bremer
had been taken captive by the kidnap
gang and that he was held in a safe
place and unharmed. A demand for
\$200,000 for his safe return was made.
Again a threat of death for their vic-
tim was made unless the demands
were met or in case police and news-
papers were notified. The demand was
that the money be in \$5, \$10, and \$20
bills of used currency and not of con-
secutive numbers.

In the telephone call to Magee his
mysterious informant said that Brem-
er's automobile would be found in a
certain spot, near the Highland Park
water tower. It was not found there,
however, but was discovered about a
mile away.

Since the finding of the automobile
federal agents and police have been
attempting to track down the kidnap-
ers. Leaving lanes open to affect
Bremer's release, they withheld news
of the abduction until early this aft-
ernoon.

Officers Have Few Clues.

But so well did the gang of kidnap-
ers work that so far authorities have
been unable to locate any witnesses
and have but few clues to guide them.

While the Bremer family refused to
comment, it was authoritatively re-
ported late today that the ransom
money was ready and that the family
was waiting further word from the
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Twenty Pages

Two Cents in Minnesota

BOHN BREMER KIDNAPED IN ST. PAUL;

for the defense.

Chronology.

June 29, 1932—Haskell Bohn kidnaped early in the morning from the rear of his parent's home. Note received demanding \$35,000 ransom for safe return.

July 1, 1932—United States District Attorney L. L. Drill intimates federal kidnaping law may be invoked against abductors.

July 7, 1932—Bohn returned after payment of \$12,000 ransom. Kidnapers' hideout identified as 4538 Morgan avenue north.

March 20, 1933—Comparison of samples of Sankey's handwriting leads County Attorney Kinhead to charge Sankey with being ringleader in kidnaping of Bohn and Charles Boettcher II, Denver millionaire.

April 2, 1933—Ray Robinson, arrested in Rorketon, Manitoba, by Royal Northwest Mounted Police, makes written confession naming himself, Elkhorn and Sankey as Bohn abductors.

April 7, 1933—Ramsey county grand jury indicts three men in Bohn kidnaping.

May 28, 1933—Mrs. Verne Sankey released by federal court in Boettcher kidnaping is arrested and held on Bohn charge.

May 29, 1933—Mrs. Sankey brought to St. Paul to face charges of conspiring to kidnap Bohn.

June 12, 1933—Trial begins before Judge Boerner as police continue futile search for Verne Sankey.

June 16, 1933—Jury acquits Mrs. Sankey of kidnaping charges. Arraigned before United States Commissioner W. T. Goddard of St. Paul on Boettcher case.

ney, George A. Helsey, first assistant district attorney. Defense: William Scott Stewart of Chicago, and Thomas McMeekin of St. Paul.

Chronology.

June 15, 1933—William Hamm, Jr., kidnaped at noon in front of brewery by three men and allegedly taken to a hideout near Lake Geneva, Wis. Held captive for four days, pending negotiations for delivery of \$100,000 ransom, with death threatened for failure to follow orders.

June 19—Released by kidnapers near Wyoming, Minn., 80 miles north of Minneapolis, after W. W. Dunn, Hamm employe, delivered \$100,000 ransom in bills of small denominations. Reward of \$26,000 offered for capture of kidnapers.

June 23—Hamm joins police in search for hideout and co-operates in hunt for kidnapers. Police criticized for failure to find trace of kidnapers. State and federal government urged to step in.

July 7—Police declare Hamm held in house near Lake Geneva, Wis.

Touhy, Eddie Mc-Schaefer and Willie Sankey arrested by "rookie" policeman at Elkhorn, Wis., on charge of damaging telephone pole. Offer no resistance.

July 23—Hamm views Touhy gang but is not "certain" as to identity.

July 24—Federal warrants issued in Milwaukee for arrest of Touhy gang, also suspected of kidnaping John "Jake the Barber" Factor, Chicago speculator, who was released after payment of first installment on ransom.

July 26—Government witnesses

to indict Touhy gang. In Milwaukee bonds for gang are fixed at \$50,000 each.

July 28—United States government blocks move to free Touhy gang on bail by issuing new warrants.

August 12—First time in history a federal grand jury returns indictment under new "Lindbergh" kidnaping law, naming all four men.

August 18—Defense attorney agrees to extradition of Touhy gang to St. Paul.

August 19—Touhy gang brought to St. Paul in special armored prison car. St. Paul police take precautions against any attempted delivery of prisoners.

August 20—Suspects finger-printed and photographed.

November 9—Hamm kidnaping trial opens before United States district court in recently constructed escape-proof criminal courtroom in Ramsey county court house. Hundreds of spectators turned away. Building kept under guard.

November 10—Jury selected and government opens case. Hamm called as first witness.

November 24—Presentation of testimony completed by prosecution and defense.

November 27—Final arguments made and case given to jury.

November 28—Jury brings in verdict of not guilty for all four defendants.

December 11—Sharkey hangs self in Ramsey county jail with necktie.

December 8—Touhy gang removed to Chicago to face Factor kidnaping charge.

parked near the home of Thornton, 1910 Edgemoor, more than a mile away.

Left Daughter at School

According to deductions persons interested in the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer and his daughter, their home at 22 North M. River boulevard around Wednesday, drove to Summit school, 1150 Goodhue, and then headed on Goodhue. Betty is a pupil in grade.

If he followed his usual route, Mr. Bremer would have along Summit avenue street and then turned Washington street. It was that his abductors lay in wait at some point between rich avenue and Sixth street. He costed his automobile a forced him to drive to south end of the city.

Mr. Bremer is a native St. Paul. He is 37 years old, born in the family home on West Seventh street, where his father still lives, completing his education at

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U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast
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Edward G. Bremer.

Highlights of Other St. Paul Kidnapings

THE BOHN CASE

THE VICTIM—Haskell Bohn, 22, 1405 Summit avenue, St. Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Bohn, kidnaped June 28, 1932, and held for \$35,000 ransom.

ALLEGED ABDUCTORS—Verns Sankey, Ray Babbitt, James Sahnay and Charles [unclear] South Dakota.

CHARGE—Kidnaping.

JUDGE—Ramsey County District Judge John W. Bremer.

COUNSEL—M. E. [unclear].

THE HAMM CASE

VICTIM—William Hamm, Jr., 39, 671 Cable avenue, St. Paul, president of the Theodore Hamm Brewing Co., St. Paul, kidnaped June 13.

ALLEGED ABDUCTORS—Roger Touhy, Gus Schaefer, Willie Sharkey, Ed McFadden, Chicago gangsters.

CHARGE—Charged under the federal Lindbergh law with kidnaping William Hamm, Jr.

JUDGE—M. M. Joyce of Federal district court.

COUNSEL—Prosecutor Joseph [unclear].

BANKER IS SEIZED WHILE DRIVING CAR ON WAY TO OFFICE

Edward G. Bremer Disappears After Taking His Daughter to School—Abductors Phone Associate and Make Demands.

Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker and member of a family that for years has been prominently identified with the banking and brewing business of the state, Thursday was reported being held by kidnapers for \$200,000 ransom. Mr. Bremer is a son of Adolph Bremer, part owner of the Schmidt Brewing Co., and a nephew of Otto Bremer, chairman of the American National bank and Minnesota manager of the Home Owners' Loan corporation. He is president of the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul.

Ransom Efforts Unsuccessful. Efforts of the family to pay the ransom had been unsuccessful by Thursday noon, according to reports.

The kidnaping of Mr. Bremer was the third abduction in recent years involving members of Twin Cities brewery families. Several years ago Eugene Gluek, member of the Gluek Brewing Co. family, was seized by kidnapers near Lake Minnetonka, but released when it was discovered he was the wrong victim. The second was the \$100,000 seizure of William Hamm, Jr., president of the Hamm Brewing Co., St. Paul, in June of last year.

Mr. Bremer was seized some time between 8:15 and 10 a. m. Wednesday, possibly on Summit avenue or in downtown St. Paul. He had taken his 8-year-old daughter, Betty, to school and was believed to be headed for his office in the bank at Sixth and Washington streets.

Paul. He failed to [unclear] day.

Associate Gen. The first notice that he seized by kidnapers is reported to have come to a telephone received by Walter Magee, contractor and a close associate of the Bremer family.

The voice at the other end reported, advised Mr. Magee he could find the Bremer automobile near the Highland Park water tower at Snelling and Otto avenues, and also told of a note on the back door step of Mr. Magee's home at 1294 Lincoln avenue.

Mr. Magee is said to have tried to prolong the conversation, hastily instructing Ed Penschuck, who was in his office, to get on another line and trace the call. The caller, however, hung up.

Finds Ransom Note.

Mr. Magee rushed to his home and found the note, addressed to "Charles Magee," it was reported. The note was written on a typewriter and signed in ink. The signature was shaky.

Mr. Magee refused to discuss the contents of the note and claimed no knowledge of the affair. He did not notify the St. Paul police, who said they had no official information concerning the kidnaping. Members of the family were called in the police.

After receiving the note, Mr. Magee is reported to have set out to find the automobile. It was not [unclear].

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St. Paul Dispatch

Recognition

The unruly boy may have ideas, don't suppress him, Angelo Patri warns on Page 10 today.



ST. PAUL, MINN., THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1984

TWO CENTS IN ST. PAUL

W. G. BREMER KIDNAPED; \$200,000 RANSOM ASKED

KIDNAP VICTIM, KIN AND POLICE SIFTING CRIME

Secrecy Veils Second Major Seizure Here

Victim Member of One of St. Paul's Wealthiest Families,
Son of Adolph and Nephew of Otto Bremer, Minnesota
Manager of Home Owners Loan Corporation; Phone
Call Gave "Tip."

VANISHED AFTER TAKING HIS DAUGHTER





4 OTHER KIDNAPINGS IN 30 MONTHS HERE

Obtained \$128,400 of \$310,000 Demanded; Eight of 20 Suspects in Prison.

St. Paul has been the scene of four other major kidnappings in the past two and one-half years. From their four victims the abductors obtained \$128,400 of the \$310,000 demanded as ransom. All of the victims suffered physical hardships, but are alive today. Of the approximately 20 suspects in the four abductions, eight have been convicted. Here are details of the kidnappings in chronological order:



Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank and a member of one of St. Paul's wealthiest families, was kidnaped for \$200,000 ransom Wednesday morning.

Police say they have received no official notification of the crime and the family refused to discuss it.

Mr. Bremer is 37 years old and resides at 92 North Mississippi River boulevard. It is known he returned Tuesday from a business trip to Chicago. Efforts to effect his release are reported to have failed thus far.

SECOND MAJOR CASE IN 7 MONTHS.

It was the second big abduction in seven months of a member of a St. Paul brewing family. William Hamm Jr., president of the Hamm Brewing Co., paid \$100,000 for his release last June.

Mr. Bremer is the son of Adolph Bremer, 555 West Seventh street, part owner of the Jacob Schepelt Brewing Co., and is a nephew of Otto Bremer, 1344 Summit avenue, a Democratic power, chairman of the American National bank and Minnesota manager of the Home Owners Loan corporation.

Kidnapers are reported to have seized him between 8:15 A. M. and 10 A. M. Wednesday, possibly on Summit avenue or in downtown St. Paul.

As was his custom, he drove his 8-year-old daughter, Betty, to Summit school, 1150 Goodrich avenue, where she is a pupil in the third grade, and apparently continued on his way to the bank at Sixth and Washington streets to begin his day's work.

His route probably lay east on Summit avenue to Sixth street and thence to the bank. Somewhere along this line the gangsters are believed to have forced his automobile to a halt and taken him. He failed to show up at the bank.

According to reports the next heard of Mr. Bremer, a telephone jingled in the office of Walter W. Magee, 118 West Central avenue, general contractor, an associate of the Bremers and builder of the new state office building. Mr. Magee also said he knew nothing of the affair.

PHONE CALL TELLS WHERE TO FIND CAR.

A low voice is said to have told Mr. Magee he could find the Bremer car at the Highland park water tower, Snelling and Otto avenues, and a note on the back door step of his home, 1295 Lincoln avenue.

The contractor, trying to prolong the conversation is reported to have hastily instructed Ed Penschuck, former city deputy commissioner of public utilities, who was in the office, to get on another line to trace the call, but the kidnaper clicked his receiver and the effort failed.

Magee speeded home and found the note where he had been told it would be. It was addressed to "Charles Magee," was written on a typewriter and signed in ink. The signature was shaky, indicating the author perhaps was nervous.



IN 10 MONTHS
Obtained \$128,400 of \$310,000 Demanded; Eight of 20 Suspects in Prison.

St. Paul has been the scene of four other major kidnappings in the past two and one-half years. From their four victims the abductors obtained \$128,400 of the \$310,000 demanded as ransom. All of the victims suffered physical hardships, but are alive today. Of the approximately 20 suspects in the four abductions, eight have been convicted.

Here are details of the kidnappings in chronological order:

SEPTEMBER 24, 1931—Leon Gleckman, reputed political manipulator, kidnaped by four men. Held approximately a week in a Northern Wisconsin cabin. Ransom first demanded, \$75,000; amount paid, \$6,400, of which \$2,400 was recovered. Five men serving terms in Stillwater for the abduction.

OCTOBER 5, 1931—Morris Raitman, dress shop owner, abducted from his home, 1079 Dayton avenue, by two men. Held for several days and tortured before released. Ransom asked, \$100,000. Later reduced to \$10,000. Reported to have been paid. Two men convicted and serving prison sentences. A third still sought for complicity in the case.

JUNE 30, 1932—Haskell Bohn, youthful son of a refrigerator manufacturer, kidnaped from garage at his home, 1405 Summit avenue and held until July 6 in a Minneapolis home. Abductors first demanded \$35,000, but released Bohn for \$12,000. One man convicted and serving sentence, and the wife of another suspect, whom police since have sought, acquitted of complicity.

JUNE 18, 1933—William Hamm Jr., millionaire brewer, kidnaped by two men as he left his office. Believed to have been taken to Wisconsin and held for \$100,000, which was paid shortly before his release, June 19. Four men, three of whom now are on trial for the Jake Factor abduction in Chicago, were acquitted of Hamm kidnaping charges. The fourth hanged himself in Ramsey county

general contractor, an associate of the Bremers and builder of the new state office building. Mr. Magee also said he knew nothing of the affair.

PHONE CALL TELLS WHERE TO FIND CAR.

A low voice is said to have told Mr. Magee he could find the Bremer car at the Highland park water tower, Snelling and Otto avenues, and a note on the back door step of his home, 1295 Lincoln avenue.

The contractor, trying to prolong the conversation is reported to have hastily instructed Ed Penschuck, former city deputy commissioner of public utilities, who was in the office, to get on another line to trace the call, but the kidnaper clicked his receiver and the effort failed.

Magee speeded home and found the note where he had been told it would be. It was addressed to "Charles Magee," was written on a typewriter and signed in ink. The signature was shaky, indicating the author perhaps was nervous.

Bremer's automobile was not found at the Highland Park water tower, where the telephoner is reported to have said it had been left, but was near the home of Martin Thornton, 1910 Edgcombe road, president of Thornton brothers' contracting concern, more than a mile away.

Michael F. Kinkead, Ramsey county attorney, hastened back to St. Paul Wednesday night from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he had stopped en route to a southern resort with his wife, who is ill. This lent credence to the reports of the kidnaping. George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, conferred this morning with Mr. Kinkead.

The Bremer kidnaping follows acquittals in two St. Paul kidnaping trials. Mrs. Verne Sankey won a "not guilty" verdict in the abduction of Haskell Bohn, 1405 Summit avenue, son of a refrigerator manufacturer.

The second acquittal was that of the Touhy gang November 28. Roger Touhy, Gus Schafer, Eddie McFadden and Willie Sharkey were cleared by a Federal District court jury of the kidnaping of William Hamm. Three days after acquittal, however, Sharkey hanged himself in Ramsey county jail and the other three are on trial in Chicago for the smatching of John (Jake the Barber) Factor, speculator.

WON HIGH UNIVERSITY DEGREES.

Mr. Bremer is a native of St. Paul. Born in the family home-stead, 855 West Seventh street, he was educated in primary schools here and attended George Washington university in Washington, D. C., winning a master's and a bachelor of laws degree.

Returning here in 1919, he went to work as messenger boy in his father's bank, the Commercial State, when it was at Seven Corners. He worked himself up through all the positions, teller, bookkeeper, cashier, and finally took his father's place as president of the institution.

Mr. Bremer was married about ten years ago to Miss Emily Easwein of Minneapolis. The couple have one child, Betty. He has one brother, Adolph Jr., 855 West Seventh street; and three sisters, Louise, 855 West Seventh, whose engagement to George Banks of St. Paul recently was announced; Mrs. Franklyn Holloway Matson (Katherine Bremer), 881 Fairmount avenue, and Mrs. Victor Phillip Reim (Marie Bremer) of New Ulm, Minn. His mother is dead.

Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank, and son of Adolph Bremer, part owner of the Schmidt Brewing Co., was kidnaped Wednesday morning. He is in the center above. Police received no official notification of the kidnaping and the family refused to discuss it. Reports were that Mr. Bremer is being held for \$200,000 ransom. In the picture above are Walter Magee (upper left) who first was told of the kidnaping. Below is Adolph

Bremer, father of the missing man. At the upper right is Charles Tierney, inspector of detectives, and below him is Detective Thomas A. Brown. These two officers comprise the St. Paul police kidnap squad. In the lower center is the Schmidt brewery on West Seventh street. Inset in the brewery picture is Edward Penschuck, who was with Mr. Magee when he was notified of the kidnaping.

Victims in former kidnaping



Minnesota Weather
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 possibly snow.
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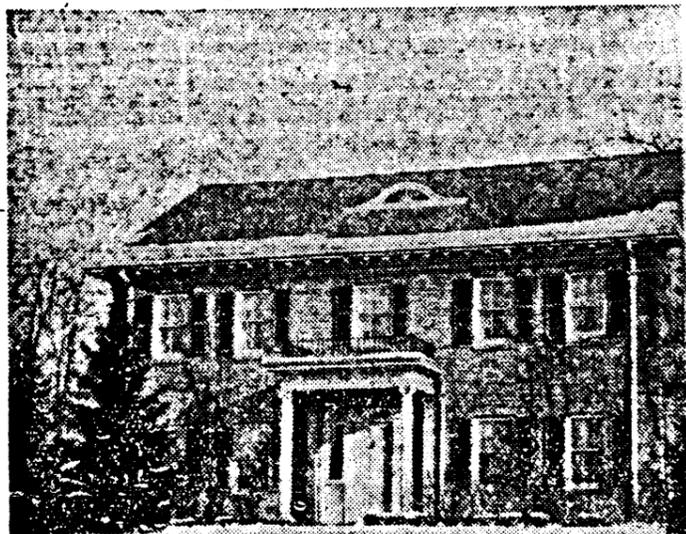
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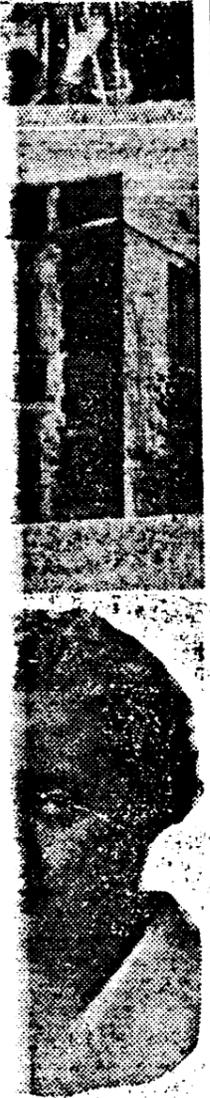
BREMER FAMILY REA RANSOM FOR RETUR

WANT AD 'CONTACT' IN

The classified ad through which the family of Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker, attempted to contact his abductors is reproduced at the right. Below is the home of Mr. Bremer at 82 North Mississippi River boulevard, (top) which he left less than half an hour before he was kidnaped, and the Summit school at Dunlap street and Goodrich avenue, to which he had accompanied his 8-year-old daughter, Betty. At the lower right is the wife of the kidnaped man.

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of some of the nation's gravest kidnappings mobilized in St. Paul. The St. Paul police and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension ordered every man in a position of readiness.

But Mr. Bremer, president of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co., and a power in Northwest political and financial circles, asked them all to "wait, don't make a move that will endanger Eddie's safety".

They agreed to wait. Adolph Bremer was the first man, so President Roosevelt said at the Chicago national convention which nominated him, to ever tell him he would some day be President of the United States.

Every power of Federal, state and city governments was at his hand Thursday night, but he politely and pleadingly refused them all, so that he might be able to negotiate for the release of his son—held for \$200,000 ransom—without imperiling that son by police interference.

"I am sorry the impression has been spread that information has been given to the police," Mr. Bremer said at his home at 855 West Seventh street. "Whatever information has been passed but has been given against my will and has created, through the newspapers, a wrong impression."

"Chief of Police Dahill has been fine in offering every help he can give us, and we all appreciate it, but we do not want the police of the state or Federal authorities to do anything about it now. We want to get Eddie back home safe."

Chief Dahill said his department is in readiness, but will do nothing to impair the safe return of Mr. Bremer.

Walter Magee, contractor friend of Mr. Bremer and according to Thursday's reports, the man who received first information of the kidnaping, asserted Thursday night that he had received no word since the kidnaping was reported to him, and that "I know nothing about it, have nothing to say".

Thursday morning reading.

"We are ready, Alice."

This was the signal the family as instructed to give when preparations were complete to open negotiations toward payment of the \$200,000 ransom demanded for Mr. Bremer's release.

So far as could be determined, the kidnapers had made no attempt to contact any member or friend of the family up to 2 A. M. today. Authorities, complying with the family's request, were making no move in the case pending the safe return of Mr. Bremer.

Instructions for insertion of the classified ad were reported to have been included in the letter from the kidnapers found by Walter W. McGee, St. Paul contractor and friend of the family, at the rear door of his office at 118 West Central avenue Wednesday, after he had been informed of the abduction by a telephone call.

21,000 LEGIONAIRES CALLED TO AID SEARCH

Meanwhile 21,000 Minnesota Legionnaires were summoned to aid in the search for Mr. Bremer, a fellow member, and his abductors, and the Federal Department of Justice had the full resources of its huge man-hunting machinery available for the investigation.

Members of Mr. Bremer's immediate family continued their refusal to comment on the kidnaping Thursday night and Thomas E. Dahill, chief of police, asserted that, at the request of the family, he is doing nothing.

However, twenty detectives were kept at police headquarters in the Public Safety building in readiness for action the instant Mr. Bremer is released. Cots were set up for them in the police assembly hall and they slept in the station. Chief Dahill also remained at headquarters all night.

Frank J. Blake, star operative of the Department of Justice, arrived here Thursday night by airplane after a flight from Dallas, Texas, but declined all comment and after his departure from Holman Municipal Airport, could not be reached again during the night.

OTHER OPERATIVES BELIEVED EN ROUTE

Blake directed the government's roundup of the kidnapers of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City oil millionaire. Besides him, it is believed several of the department's undercover men are on their way to St. Paul.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington stated that J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the department's division of investigation, was preparing to use all the facilities of his nation-wide organization to solve the crime and apprehend the kidnapers.

Early in the evening it was reported that a contact with the kidnapers had been made but this was denied by Mr. Magee, who, it is expected, will be the agent of the family in the negotiations with the abductors.

Mr. Magee failed to attend an executive conference at police headquarters at 5 P. M., and this for a time lent credence to the report he was absent on a journey to meet the kidnapers. However, he returned to his home early in the evening and asserted he had received no message of any kind since the letter Wednesday morning.

QUICK PAYMENT IS EXPECTED

The impression was gained that agents of the Bremer family were prepared to make a quick payment to effect Mr. Bremer's release.

Mr. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank and son of Adolph Bremer, part owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co., was seized between 8:30 and 9:30 A. M. Wednesday as he drove from the Summit school at Goodrich avenue and Dunlap street to the bank, Sixth and Washington streets to start work.

Mr. Bremer, as was his custom, had taken his 8-year-old daughter, Betty, to the Summit school on his way to work. After leaving her there, he usually drove down Summit avenue to the loop and it is believed the kidnapers stopped his car and seized him either on Summit avenue or in the downtown district.

It is believed that Mr. Bremer and his family had intimations as recently as two weeks ago that his abduction was to be attempted. It was reported that Mr. Bremer employed a bodyguard for a time, dismissing it only a short time ago. He also is said to have told friends that, when arriving home at night, he made it a practice to make a careful survey of the premises before putting his car in the garage.

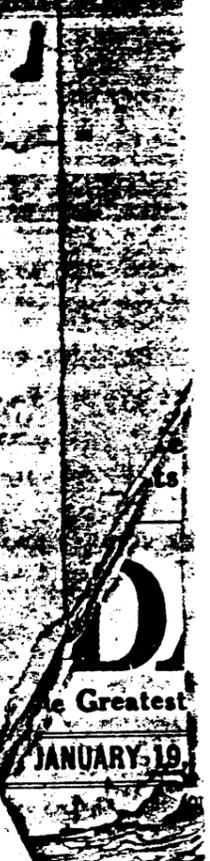
Late Thursday an air of quietness pervaded the Bremer home at 83 North Mississippi River boulevard, a large brick residence set among trees well back from River boulevard a short distance north of Summit avenue. No police guards could be seen and there appeared to be a complete lack of any activity.

A Pioneer Press reporter, calling at the house, was met at the door by Werner Hanni, head of the Justice department here. Asked permission to interview Mrs. Bremer, Hanni refused.

"Mrs. Bremer cannot be seen by any one," he said.

He then was asked if Betty Bremer

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January 19, 1934

Dispatch

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AY, JANUARY 19, 1934

TWO CENTS

WE FOUGHT WITH GIA TE BELIEVES

BLOODSTAINS IN CAR GIVE RISE TO BANKER'S OPINION

Discovery of bloodstains in the abandoned sedan of Edward G. Bremer, 37-year-old bank president kidnaped Wednesday for \$200,000 ransom, gave rise to the opinion this afternoon he may have fought with his captors.

"Ed is quick-tempered," said H. M. Kalscheur, vice president of the Commercial State bank, Sixth and Washington streets, of which Bremer is head. "I wouldn't be surprised if he had taken a poke at them (the kidnapers) if he had the chance."

"We are not alarmed about the bloodstains. They might have come from a bloody nose."

Bremer was kidnaped shortly after he had left his 8-year-old daughter Betty at Summit school, 1150 Goodrich avenue, about 8:15 A. M. Wednesday and continued on his way downtown to begin his day's work at the bank.

It was his regular habit which gave the abductors their opportunity to seize him. He followed a set routine, mornings, which undoubtedly had been studied by the desperadoes.

"Ed usually got to the bank about 8:30 or 9 A. M.," Mr. Kalscheur said. "He either would drive his car over to Walt Magee's garage on Kellogg boulevard (Walter W. Magee, cop-fraction, who is negotiating for Bremer's release) or park it in front of the bank and have a day drive at hand."

Bremer's desk, on the right corner of the bank near the entrance, was in full view of pedestrians. A customer on the sidewalk would have had a good chance of becoming acquainted with his features. The banker usually worked until 5 P. M. at his desk.

Mr. Kalscheur described the report that Mr. Bremer had a bodyguard until several weeks ago.

BREMER FAMILY KIDNAPERS TO

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Delay In Effecting Contact Causes Fear For Banker's Life

With passing of the 53d hour since first news of the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer was received, and more than 31 hours since the family indicated willingness to pay the \$200,000 ransom demanded, but no further word received from the abductors, friend, relatives and authorities late today became increasingly worried.

Unable to conceive of any ordinary reason why the kidnapers would not have by this time sent further word, probably including definite instructions as to the method of paying the \$200,000 ransom, which is declared ready, alarm was being felt for the safety of the bank president and member of the wealthy Bremer family.

The alarm was heightened by the public knowledge, withheld by police up to today, that the automobile from which Bremer was kidnaped bore blood stains, indicating that there had been a struggle, and that the victim was injured, if not slain, when he was taken captive.

AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS.

Police and federal officials sat close by telephones this afternoon, apparently anxiously awaiting news about developments. They were keeping out of the case at the request of the Bremer family, until the victim can be returned.

At the office of Chief of Police Thomas E. Dahill in the public safety building were Chief Dahill, Tom Brown and Charles Tierney, the latter two members of the newly formed kidnaping squad. In the federal building, waiting about the department of justice investigation division offices were Werner Mann, head of the St. Paul office, and ace of the division's detective force, including Frank J. Blake, Dallas, Tex., who was credited with the capture and conviction of the gang which kidnaped Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City millionaire, and Harold Nathan, chief aid of the investigation division, J. Edgar Hoover, Washington.

PUBLISH NOTICE TO ABDUCTORS.

First news of the kidnaping came at 11 a. m. Wednesday when Walter W. Magee, contractor, received a mysterious telephone call telling him his friend Edward Bremer had been kidnaped, and that he would find out where to do at the rear of his office. He immediately telephoned and communicated with the Bremer family.

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March 3, 1934

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Mr. W. A. Bremer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 315,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
Edward George Bremer, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to a letter from Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni, dated February 23, 1934, transmitting to the Division a scrapbook containing newspaper clippings relative to the above entitled case.

Among these clippings is one taken from the St. Paul Pioneer-Press Dispatch, dated February 11, 1934, under the heading "Car Clue Links Hamm, Bremer Kidnap Cases". The details set forth in this article indicate that the writer has obtained considerable information concerning the activities of the Barker-Karpis gang. It is also noted that reference is made to "A. Carter" in the sentence, "Department of Justice representatives, seeking information on the Bailey gang, checked 'A. Carter' in Kansas City, but obtained no definite information on him".

With reference to previous letters from the Division concerning a possible leak in the St. Paul Office, it is suggested that attention be given to the source from which the writer of the above article obtained his information relative to the activities of the Barker-Karpis gang, especially the apparent knowledge of the writer concerning investigation conducted by this Division in tracing the car registered in the name of "A. Carter".

Very truly yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

On April 20, 1930, the Federal Grand Jury at Peoria, Illinois, returned an indictment charging Edward Doll, alias Eddie LaBee, with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, as a result of an investigation by the Division of Investigation of the theft and interstate transportation of an automobile, the property of Dr. Horace Kreichbaum of Burlington, Iowa.

When Doll was arraigned before the United States District Court at Peoria, Illinois on May 26, 1930, he entered a plea of not guilty and was released on a bond of \$3,000. Thereafter, the case was called for trial and on April 27, 1932, Doll, having failed to appear, the bond was ordered forfeited and a bench warrant was issued on May 21, 1932.

Based on information obtained by the Division of Investigation, after an extensive search for the purpose of locating Doll, one of its Special Agents, in cooperation with the local police, arrested Doll on February 14, 1934 at St. Petersburg, Florida, where he was living as a farmer with his wife under the name of Leonard E. Foley. At the time of his arrest, he was repairing a chicken coop on the farm and, when accosted, denied his identity. However, after being confronted with his fingerprints, he admitted that he was the person sought.

After being questioned at length by Special Agents of the Division, Doll admitted participating in the robbery of the Lincoln National Bank and Trust Company, Lincoln, Nebraska, the kidnaping of Howard A. Woolverton, and the robberies of the Elm Ridge, Texas Bank, First Trust Savings Bank, Colfax, Washington, Citizens State Bank of Tapelo, Mississippi and a mail robbery at Effingham, Illinois.

The Lincoln National Bank and Trust Company of Lincoln, Nebraska was robbed on September 17, 1930 with a loss of approximately \$1,000,000 in bonds and securities and \$21,000 in cash.

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Howard A. Woolverton was kidnaped at South Bend, Indiana on the night of January 26, 1932, while driving home from a theatre in company with his wife. A ransom of \$50,000 was demanded.

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However, he was released the following night, January 27, 1932, at Chicago, Illinois on payment of \$4,000 ransom.

The First Trust Savings Bank, Gelfax, Washington, was robbed on September 21, 1932 and \$60,000 taken.

On November 28, 1932, the Citizens State Bank of Tupelo, Mississippi was robbed and loot taken amounting to approximately \$19,000 in cash and \$20,000 in bonds and securities.

The mail robbery at Effingham, Illinois occurred on October 19, 1933 with a loss of five pouches of mail.

During the investigation conducted by the Division, it was ascertained that Doll was closely associated with Jack Klutas, notorious bandit, kidnaper and bank robber, who was recently slain at Bellwood, Illinois, when the latter resisted arrest.

It was also ascertained that Doll was associated with George (Machine Gun) Kelly, Harvey Bailey and Albert Bates, now serving life sentences in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas for the crime of kidnaping Charles Urschel.

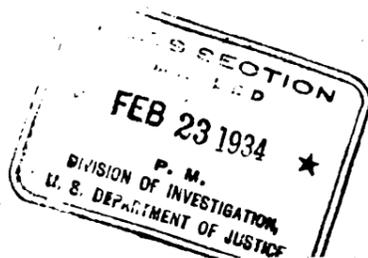
Doll's criminal record dates from January 15, 1926 when as Edward LaRue, #3455, he was arrested by the Police Department, San Antonio, Texas on charges of suspicion - fugitive. He was released on habeas corpus; as Edward Doll, #5280, he was arrested by the Police Department, Peoria, Illinois, on November 9, 1928, charged with carrying concealed weapons, and was fined \$15.50; as Eddie Doll, #5575, he was arrested by the Police Department, Peoria, Illinois, on February 23, 1930, charged with larceny of an automobile, and delivered to the United States Marshal at Peoria, Illinois, February 24, 1930, charged with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, out of which charges investigation by this Division was instituted.

The Division of Investigation has been informed that a warrant was issued at Mine Island, Illinois on December 5, 1933 charging Doll, alias LaRue, with the kidnaping for ransom of James Hackett on May 1, 1931 in the township of Worth, Illinois.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director



JKH: HCB

February 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

In regard to the attached memorandum of February 14, 1934, giving some details concerning Edward Doll, alias Eddie LaRue, I would like to have this memorandum brought up to date, including any admissions or confessions which LaRue has given since his arrest. This summary should then be transmitted by memorandum to the Attorney General, with a copy to Mr. Stanley.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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MEMORANDUM

On April 20, 1930, the Federal Grand Jury, at Peoria, Illinois, returned an indictment charging Edward Doll, alias Eddie LaRue, with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. The Automobile was the property of Dr. Horace Kreichbaum, of Burlington, Iowa.

When Doll was arraigned before the United States District Court, at Peoria, Illinois, on May 26, 1930, he entered a plea of not guilty and was released on bond of \$3,500, and thereafter the case was called for trial, and on April 27, 1932, Doll, having failed to appear, the bond was ordered forfeited and a bench warrant was issued on May 21, 1932. Since that date the Division of Investigation has been seeking his apprehension.

During the investigation conducted by the Division, it was ascertained that Doll was closely associated with Jack Klutas, notorious bandit, kidnaper and bank robber, who was recently slain at Bellwood, Illinois, when the latter resisted arrest. It was also ascertained that Doll was associated with George (Machine Gun) Kelly, now serving a life sentence in the United States Penitentiary, at Leavenworth, Kansas, for the crime of kidnaping Charles Urschel.

In addition to the charges pending against him at Peoria, Illinois, the Division suspects Doll of being involved in several important crimes committed in the Middle West during the past year.

Doll's criminal record dates from January 15, 1926, when as Edward LaRue, #3455, he was arrested by the Police Department, San Antonio, Texas, on charges of suspicion - fugitive. He was released on habeas corpus; as Edward Doll, #5280, he was arrested by the Police Department, Peoria, Illinois, on November 9, 1928, charged with carrying concealed weapons, and was fined \$15.50; as Eddie Doll, #5575, he was arrested by the Police Department, Peoria, Illinois, on February 23, 1930, charged with larceny of an automobile, and delivered to the United States Marshal, at Peoria, Illinois, February 24, 1930, charged with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, out of which charges investigation by this Division was instituted.

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT **St. Paul, Minn.** February 22, 1934

FOUR GASOLINE CANS EACH OF FIVE GALLON CAPACITY REMAINS OF THREE
DISTINCT KINDS OF GASOLINE FOUND IN CANS. ALL THREE HAD LEAD
CONTENTS TWO KINDS COLORED REDDISH TINT THIRD UNCOLORED OR PALE
YELLOW TINT. EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO TRACE MANUFACTURER OF CANS
AND FURTHER EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO IDENTIFY BRANDS OF GASOLINE.

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Edward G. Bremer

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Laboratory Report

February 21, 1934.

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

Specimens: 1 letter addressed to "Mr. Nash. We would appreciate you acting as a go between". 1 envelope addressed to Mr. Thomas D. Nash and postmarked Chicago, Illinois, 2-6-34.
1 photostatic copy of letter enclosed with the above described letter.

Examination requested by: Chicago office.

Date received: February 10, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A.Appel

February 10. The envelope and paper do not have water-marks. The envelope measures 9.5 by 4.13 inches. There is a printed form for the return address and photographs of this should be shown to printers in order to identify the stationery. This may be a post office envelope. If so, the stamp on the upper right hand corner normally printed on the paper has been torn off. There are no water-marks such as usually appear in post office envelopes.

The letter measures 8.44 by 8.4 plus inches (torn off), apparently a letter-head was torn from this paper. It is believed that the envelope and paper are part of the same stationery.

Attention is invited to the mistakes in English which may be deliberate. The "NRA" signature apparently has no connection with the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Mrs. Francis Sherwood Hale, Victim; Extortion, in which "NRA" was used.

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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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:

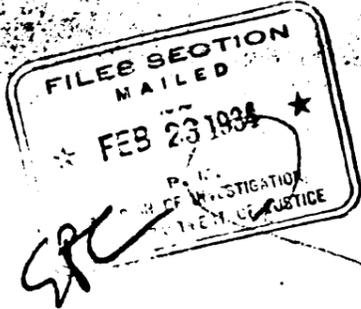
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division February 10, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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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.

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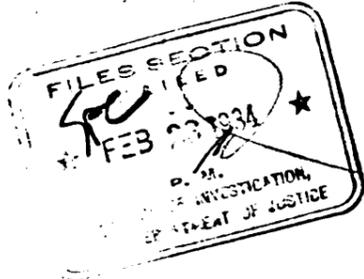
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J. E. Hoover

Director.

Enclosure: #682354



DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

February 21, 1934.

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

Number: 7-276

Specimens: 4 five gallon tin gasoline cans
1 tin funnel
Specimens of gasoline taken from the above cans

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: February 16, 1934.

Examination requested: General, Laboratory, and Fingerprint.

Result of examination: Examination by: S.F. Pickering

Three of the cans contained very small amounts of gasoline which upon examination indicated that two of them contained red dye while the third was a pale yellow. All three of these gasolines contained lead.

The possibility of identification might arise through the color of the dyes used. We are making comparisons of the various brands in the laboratory to get some idea of the differences in dyes in the different brands. We may find it difficult to get this information from the companies.

The dye in one of the samples is that known as color index No. 243 and is probably in the form of Sudan G or Sudan III. Additional information regarding these dyes will be sent in a few days.

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#404

Laboratory Report

February 21, 1934.

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

Specimens: 4 five gallon tin gasoline cans
1 tin funnel
Specimens of gasoline taken from the above cans

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: February 16, 1934.

Examination requested: General, Laboratory, and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: S.F. Pickering
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The dye in one of the samples is that known as color index No. 248 and is probably in the form of Sudan G or Sudan III. Additional information regarding these dyes will be sent in a few days.

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Mr. W. A. Roser,
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 16, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

Enclosure: #682350

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 20, 1934.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Brennan

Mr. Rorer called from St. Paul (10:30 A. M.) He advised that he desired Agents O. G. Hall, Coulter, Actesteen, Kalls, Hoonan, V. W. Peterson, Reinecke and Portenberry at St. Paul in connection with the Bremer case. Agent Portenberry is at present in the home of the victim at St. Paul and Mr. Rorer desires that he be retained at St. Paul. Mr. Rorer advised that Agent Reinecke arrived there last night, but he had not received any instructions as to the sending of two Agents back to Chicago. He was instructed that this should be done. He stated that McKee was in Wisconsin but he will leave there for Chicago and Agent Glynn will go to Chicago tonight. Mr. Rorer referred to his request of last night that a stenographer be sent to the St. Paul office from the Chicago office. He also stated he thought Agent Blake could be released.

Mr. Rorer requested that the informant by the name of [redacted] who submitted information relative to two brothers who traveled with an old woman, should be interviewed at length as the information submitted by him fits in with information they have received at St. Paul. I have telephoned Mr. Fay to treat this informant, whose identity has not been disclosed, with every possible proper consideration, as the information he has furnished appears to be checking very accurately in some respects and is tying in to some extent with the case which we are now handling.

Mr. Rorer was instructed to advise the Division of the name of the confidential informant mentioned in the memorandum of Agent Hall dated February 6, 1934, which confidential informant advised some of our Agents [redacted]

[redacted] Brown had used this license to go hunting with Barker and Karpis.

Mr. Rorer was also instructed to furnish any information possible relative to alleged criticism of the St. Paul Police Department for failing to catch the Barker-Karpis-Nash gang, by Mr. Mahoney, Mayor of St. Paul. This criticism was alleged to have been made by Mr. Mahoney in 1932 while he was campaigning for re-election.

Respectfully,

*writes Mr. Rorer
& Mr. Hanni
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Mr. Werner Hanni,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a letter which the Division is today addressing to Inspector V. A. Rorer, designating the Bremer Kidnaping Case as a special assignment under the supervision of Mr. Rorer at St. Paul. Certain Special Agents now in the St. Paul territory have been assigned to work on this case under the supervision of Mr. Rorer, and he is also authorized to call upon the St. Paul Office from time to time for any additional assistance if it should be needed, and you are instructed to comply with his requests in that connection.

All correspondence relative to this case should be handled exclusively by Mr. Rorer, and will be addressed to him, and that which is prepared at St. Paul will be prepared for his signature.

It is desired that the fullest possible cooperation on the part of the St. Paul Office be made available to Mr. Rorer at his request.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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February 23, 1934

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Mr. H. Nathan,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated February 21, 1934, addressed to Mr. W. A. Rorer, together with a copy of a letter dated February 21, 1934, addressed to Special Agent in Charge Hanni, of the St. Paul Office, relative to the designation of the Bremer kidnaping case as a special assignment under the supervision of Inspector Rorer.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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February 23, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

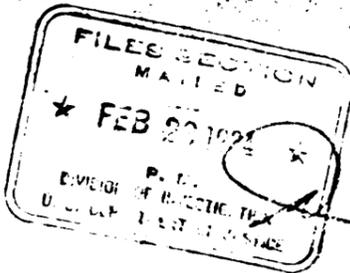
Reference is made to your request, by telephone, for the criminal record of James Martin, alias James Moore, alias James Lawrence, who indicated that he had some information concerning Frisco Ditch, in St. Paul.

You are advised that the records of the Division disclose that the criminal record of this individual was forwarded to your office by air mail on February 20th.

The question as to whether this individual should be paid \$50 and sent to St. Paul was submitted to Mr. Rorer, at St. Paul, who indicated that until he received further information from your office indicating that Martin was well acquainted with the underworld conditions in the twin cities, and further that he really had some valuable information, he would not recommend that Martin be sent there. Acting Special Agent in Charge Smith of your office was advised to inform Mr. Rorer as to the conclusions reached by the Chicago Office as to whether this man was really familiar with these conditions, and Mr. Rorer will subsequently make his recommendation to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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February 23, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request, please be advised that 3500 copies of the list prepared in connection with the Bremer case pending at the St. Paul office, have been forwarded to your office in order that they might be distributed by the Western Union Telegraph Company to their branch offices located throughout the country.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Edward N. Bremer

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February 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KENNEDY,
EQUIPMENT SECTION, UNIT FOUR.

Confirming instructions received from Mr. Quinn, I wish that you would take immediate steps to forward 3500 copies of the list prepared in connection with the Bremer case pending at St. Paul, to the New York office of the Division, in order that they might be distributed by the Western Union to their branch offices located throughout the country.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Edward G. Bremer

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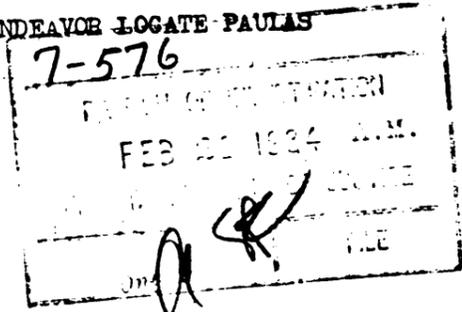
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REINTERVIEWING ALL FORMER SOURCES OF INFORMATION ENDEAVOR TO SECURE PHOTOGRAPH

AND ARREST RECORDS WIRING OTHER OFFICES IF NECESSARY ENDEAVOR LOCATE PAULAS

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
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GUS T JONES
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PREMER KIDNAPING REFER YOUR LETTER THIRD ULTIMO RECHECK ALL POSSIBLE LEADS
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 U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 370 LEXINGTON AVENUE ROOM 1403
 NEW YORK NEW YORK

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



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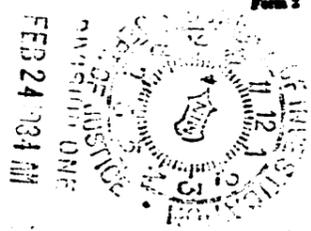
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U S Department of Justice
224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City Okla

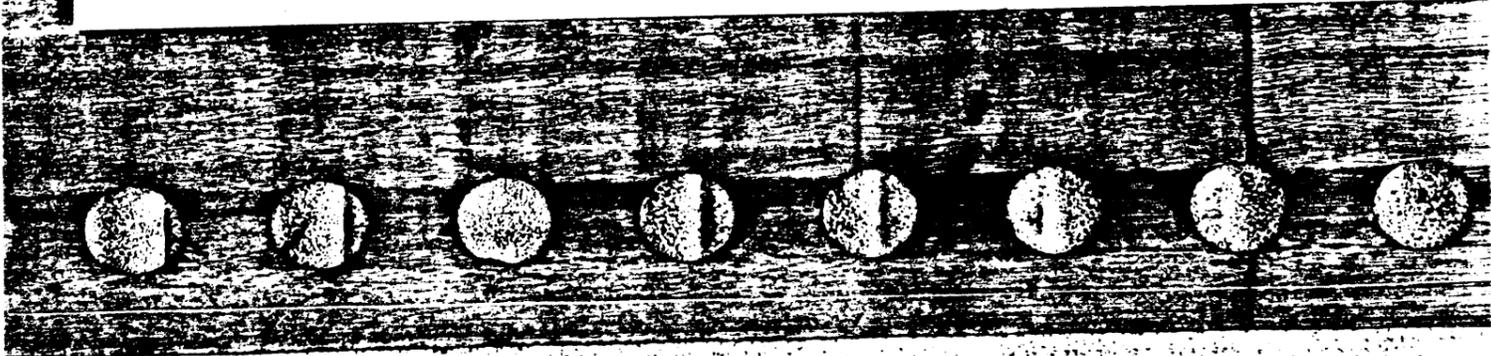
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203 P.O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

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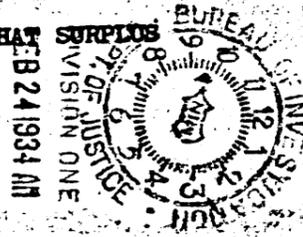
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GUS T JONES DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPT OF JUSTICE 1216 SMITH YOUNG TOWER SAN ANTONIO TEX

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R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
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KANSAS CITY MISSOURI FEB. 17, 1934. 11 P.M.

R A ALT
TAMPA TERRACE HOTEL
TAMPA FLORIDA

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

INDIVIDUAL YOU REQUESTED CONTACTED STATES HE AND WIFE MET YOUR MAN AND WOMAN IN CLEVELAND LAST JUNE AT PARKING LOT DAY BEFORE HE PURCHASED CADILLAC SIXTEEN WHICH PURCHASE DATE DEFINITELY ESTABLISHED FROM PREVIOUS FILE AS JUNE THIRD LAST YOUR MAN AND WOMAN HAD RED CHEVROLET CONVERTIBLE COUPE HAD JUST COME FROM NEW YORK WANTED INDIVIDUAL AND WIFE TO ACCOMPANY THEM TO SEE PICTURE GRAND HOTEL BUT INDIVIDUAL HAD ALREADY SEEN IT BELIEVES YOUR WOMAN WAS CALL GIRL IN CHICAGO HAD NICE APARTMENT ACROSS FROM EDGEWATER BEACH HOTEL ABOUT FIVE FIVE TWO FOUR LAKE SHORE DRIVE STOP AFTER LIVING TOGETHER ABOUT TWO YEARS YOUR MAN AND WOMAN MARRIED NEW YORK CITY ABOUT SEPTEMBER NINETEEN THIRTY TWO INDIVIDUAL HAS KNOWN YOUR WOMAN ABOUT TWO OR THREE YEARS THROUGH YOUR MAN INDIVIDUALS WIFE MET HER ONLY FEW TIMES THROUGH HIM

SPEAR ACTING

cc- Division
Jacksonville



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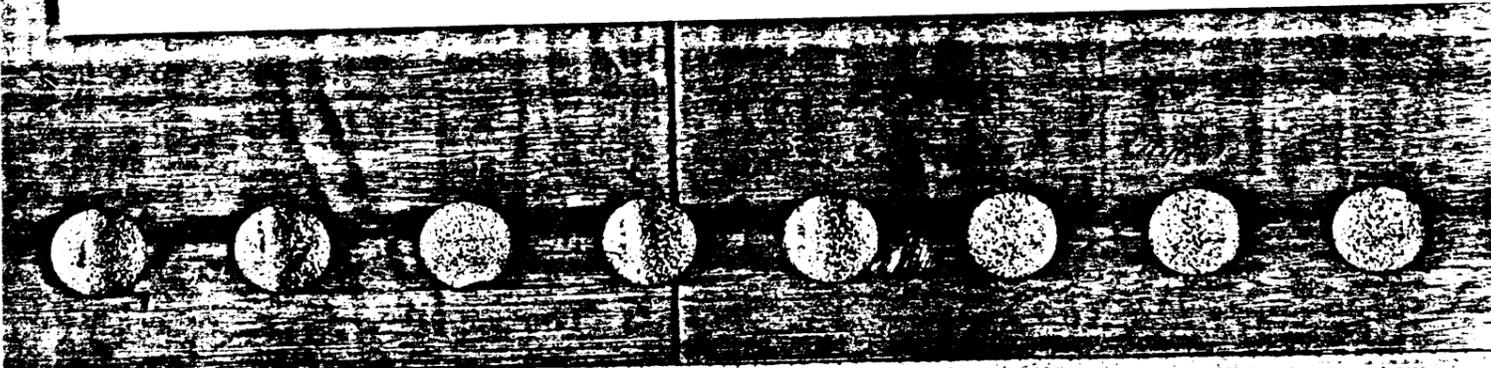
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Division of Investigation
U S Department of Justice
411 United States Court House
Portland Oregon

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ISSUED TO W J BAINARD MINNEAPOLIS FOR NINETEEN THREE FOUR FORD SEDAN STOP
NO SUCH PARTY LISTED MINNEAPOLIS DIRECTORY SUGGEST YOU CHECK FURTHER

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203 P.O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.
CC Division

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
February 20, 1934.

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

FURNISH ST. PAUL WITH TWENTY COPIES PHOTOGRAPHS BARKER KARPIS ASSOCIATES

HANNI

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

FEB 24 1934 AM

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

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
FEBRUARY 20, 1934.

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

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BREMER CASE NO CRIMINAL RECORD AT STATE BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION DES MOINES IOWA VAIL FROST VERIFY INFORMATION FROM
YOUR SOURCE AND ADVISE.

MCS-jgw

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cc - Division

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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE PERPLEXING QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE

JEN:CS

February 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

During telephonic conversation with Mr. Rorer at St. Paul today, I instructed him to have prepared tonight, and send to this office by air mail, a detailed memorandum setting forth the crime conditions in St. Paul and Minneapolis, lack of cooperation by the police, etc. I mentioned the statement made to Mr. Nathan by Chief Dahill to the effect that Assistant Chief of Detectives Brown is connected with the Bremer and Hamm kidnappings. I also informed Mr. Rorer of the telegrams being sent by the Attorney General to the Mayor and the Chief of Police of St. Paul, in reply to telegrams received from them, as to his views on the Police Department there.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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SPECIAL DELIVERY.

P. O. Box 7766
Cincinnati, Ohio

MEM:MMR

February 21, 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:-

In connection with the telegram from the Chicago office to this office dated 2-19-34, requesting the names and addresses of all game wardens in the Northern part of Indiana, the following is a list of the names, addresses and in certain instances, the telephone numbers of the Indiana Wardens, as furnished by the Conservation Department, Department of Public Works, State of Indiana, Indianapolis, Indiana:

R. D. Fleming, Capt.	R.R. #3, Fort Wayne	Anthony 35161
Charles E. Wesser "	314 S. Miami St., Logansport	179 X
Peter Bartoek	5068 150th St., East Chicago	
Clarence Downey	Box 630 South Bend	4-43084
Noah Eaton	426 W. Main St., Warsaw	
Karl Grossman	Kendallville	
Willie Hanlin	Portland	
Jacob Havel	Rensselaer	
H. M. McClean	336 High St., Logansport	
H. Menzenberger	Angola	
Cleo F. Rhodenhamel	114 S. Mountain St., La Grange	
Harry Walker	Box 19, LaPorte	
Harry White	21 N. Salsberry St., Lafayette	
Clarence Wilson	312 N. Mill St., Kuncio	
Kenneth Smith	Huntington	
Lawson Camblin	Rochester	
Herbert Sloan	110 W. South St., Bremen	
J. G. Marra	Larwill	

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Oral H. Anderson
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1806 N. Fardun St., Kokomo
E. F. D. Kirklia 606 Mechanicsburg
& Peter Bartoak,
5068 180th St., East Chicago.

Very truly yours,

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

CC Division ✓
St. Paul (3)

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SUITE L - FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
FEBRUARY 20, 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
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Please refer to letter from this office to your office under date of February 16, 1934 in the above captioned case wherein appropriate investigation is requested at the Draceton Hotel, 4249 Drexel Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

It is assumed that your office has noticed that investigation in the vicinity of this hotel was made on a previous occasion in connection with the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL, CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER; investigation by your office in that vicinity appearing in report of Special Agent W. Carter Baum, Chicago, Illinois, dated July 8, 1933, particularly at page 34 and thereafter in the last mentioned file.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

MCS-jgw

cc - Division
St. Paul

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Post Office Box 514,
Birmingham, Alabama

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JHM:1

February 21, 1934.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
Edward G. Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from this office dated
February 19, 1934, in connection with the above entitled case and
particularly one Whitely Anderson.

This is to advise that it has been ascertained from
Special Agent G. O. Pickard of this office who conducted considerable
investigation in eastern Tennessee seeking the apprehension of Banghart
and his crowd, that he at no time during the course of that investigation
received any information concerning a Whitely Anderson.

Very truly yours,

B. J. FITZSIMONS,
Acting Sp. Agent in Charge.

CC: Division
St. Paul



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[Signature]

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

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

Dear Sir:

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

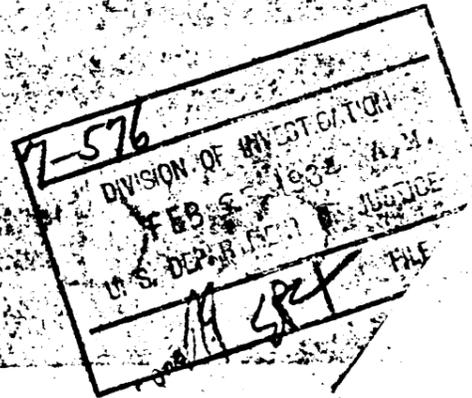
I am enclosing herewith a photostatic copy
of a letter, dated February 15, 1934, directed by this
office to the Saint Paul Office, which it is believed
will be of assistance to you in interviewing Eddie LaRue.

Very truly yours,

M. H. FURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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ENCL.
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CC: ST. PAUL



801 Title Guaranty Building,
St. Louis, Missouri,
February 19, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.

This office is in receipt of a letter from the St. Paul Office, requesting the name of the owner and the description of a car bearing 1933 Illinois license plates No. 772-064. There was enclosed with the letter from the St. Paul Office a long hand letter from Harry W. Cain of Rowan, Iowa.

The records available in this office reflect that the above referred to license plate was issued to Elma I. Webb, 810 Elm Street, Winnetka, Illinois, for an Essex bearing motor No. EL246508.

The letter from Mr. Cain is being attached hereto with the request that the necessary investigation be made at Winnetka for the purpose of ascertaining the identity of Elma I. Webb and for the purpose of obtaining a description of the car on which these plates are being used. When the letter from Mr. Cain has served its purpose, same should be returned to the St. Paul Office.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division
cc St. Paul

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Post Office Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota

February 21st, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 4807,
Jacksonville, Florida.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases;
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases;
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING
St. Paul file No. 7-30

Dear Sir:

Refer to the letter from the Detroit office, addressed to Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt at Tampa, Florida, dated February 19, 1934, in the above case, wherein reference is made to the fact that EDDIE LARUE had a hacking cough.

ident
Victim Bremer has stated that one of the persons at the house had a continual cough, in view of which it is requested that Larue's location during the period of January 17, 1934 to February 7, 1934, be definitely fixed.

Very truly yours,

W. A. MORRIS

Inspector

WAR:JMS

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

February 19, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1216 Smith-Young Tower,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the letter of your office dated February 3, 1934, concerning investigation conducted to determine the present whereabouts of Paula Harmon. It is desired that an immediate investigation be conducted in an effort to secure some lead which might result in her location. It is thought that she is with Karpis and the Barkers, suspects in this case, and for that reason it is of the utmost importance that her present location be determined.

Very truly yours,

HERBERT HANNEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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515 Hayes Building
San Francisco, California.

Feb. 17, 1934.

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



Dear Sir:

A telegram received from Special Agent in Charge Fay, New York Division Office, Feb. 15, 1934, requested that the Bullard Signal Company, San Francisco, and the J. M. Hedberg Company, San Jose, California, makers of electric sirens, used for fire and general alarms, be contacted, and the towns in the Middle West, where their alarms, or sirens are in use, be obtained, and the St. Paul Office notified.

In compliance therewith the following information has been obtained:

The Bullard Company, 275 Eighth St., San Francisco, Cal., succeeded the Sicorde Company in May, 1933, since which date no sirens have been sent to the Middle West. The belief is expressed that none has been sent by Heath Engineering Laboratories and affiliated company, since 1930.

Records of the Sicorde Company, in possession of the Bullard Company, reflect shipments as follows:

TEXAS.

McAllen	Albany	Olney	Beaumont
El Paso	Neogoches	Carland	Hillsboro
Claiborne	Farmersville	Dallas	Temple
Clarendon	Harrington	Marlin	Paris
San Benito	Laredo	Waco	Houston
Wichita Falls	Lone Oak	Greenville	San Angelo
			Lubbock

KENTUCKY

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Lexington
Louisville

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ILLINOIS

Moline Rockford
Chicago Rock Falls

LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge New Orleans

TENNESSEE

Chattanooga Knoxville

OHIO

South Columbus Cincinnati
Warren

INDIANA

Colfax South Bend
Fort Dodge

IOWA

Spirit Lake Del Rio
Fort Dodge

UTAH

Cedar City

MINNESOTA

Minneapolis

NEVADA

Round Mountain Tonopah

ARIZONA

Phoenix Tuma

The J. N. Hedberg Company, San Jose, California, furnished the following by telephone:

TEXAS.

Austin
Beaumont
Port Arthur

Forth Worth
San Antonio
Houston

Dallas
El Paso
Marshall

Long View
Amarillo
Bartlett
Laredo

ILLINOIS.

Chicago
Bloomington

East St. Louis
Rock Island

WISCONSIN

La Cross
Milwaukee
Kenosha

Green Bay
Sheboygan
West Milwaukee

IOWA

Chariton
Cedar Rapids

Davenport

LOUISIANA

Shreveport
New Orleans
Baton Rouge

Monroe
Alexander

KANSAS

Topeka
Hutchinson

Salina

MINNESOTA

Duluth

Minneapolis

OKLAHOMA

Enid

ARKANSAS

Fort Smith

NEBRASKA

Lincoln

GEORGIA

Athens
Savannah
Bessemer
Atlanta

Cedartown
Easton
Lithonia

ALABAMA

Montgomery
Mobile
Birmingham

Phoenix City
Attalla
Gadsden

OHIO

Cincinnati
Cleveland
Lancaster
Middleton

Acron
Deubenville
Columbus
Toledo

INDIANA

Fort Wayne

Gary

MICHIGAN

Flint
Jackson

Saginaw

You will note other states than those in the Middle West have been covered. The list, in fact, with few exceptions, represents all of the places where sirens have been sold by the referred to companies.

If the number of the siren is obtained, the companies can furnish the party to whom originally sold.

Very truly yours,

c.c. New York
" Division

R.E. Vetterli,
Special Agent in Charge.

625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
February 17, 1934

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
Kidnaping Detroit file 7-25

Dear Sir:

In compliance with request contained in your communication dated February 15, 1934, please be advised that the name Fred Barker was furnished this office by a representative of the Associated Press as being a suspect in this case.

The representative, who desired to know if we had any information on Barker, stated that they had received information to the effect that it had been rumored that Barker was a suspect.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

WLM:W

cc - Division ✓

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

February 15, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is had to your air mail letter of February 9, 1934, and particularly page 6, the second last paragraph thereof, wherein it is stated that information has reached your office indirectly to the effect that one, FRED BARKER, was suspected in the BREMER kidnaping.

Will you please advise of the source of this information.

Very truly yours,

WENNER HANDEL,
Special Agent in Charge.

WH:TC
CC Division ✓

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

February 19, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. B. Minstead dated 1-31-34 dated at Dallas, Texas.

The Division desires the location of Karpis and the Barkers in connection with this case. It appears that Paula Harmon is with Karpis and the Barkers and for that reason knowledge of her present whereabouts is of the utmost importance. Confirming telegram of this date to your office, please conduct immediate investigation in an effort to secure the desired information.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cc San Antonio

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Post Office Box #2344
Boston, Massachusetts.

February 19, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box #415,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

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

In accordance with the request contained in your telegram of February 15th, a search of the invoices of the Eaton Paper Company, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, was made for the period from July 1, 1933 to December 31, 1933, for the purpose of obtaining a list of the wholesalers, jobbers and other purchasers, in the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin, of note paper identical with that used in the above mentioned case.

After a conference had by Special Agent W. J. West of this office, with Colonel E. H. Eaton, President, and W. G. Glover, Merchandise Manager of the Eaton Paper Company, and after further communication with the Division, the Division's laboratory ascertained that the note paper in question was described as 19.18 inches by 6.42 inches, .0049 inches thick, folded in the middle; average weight 4.97 grams, and of linen finish. With this information Mr. Oliver, of the Eaton Paper Company, determined that that particular paper was sold by the Eaton Paper Company under its numbers 4235, 5967, A 152, C 706, C 964, P 630, P 800, and P 802; these numbers all relating to the identical paper but indicating different amounts contained in boxes in which sold, and different shapes of envelopes sold with these boxes.

Attached hereto will be found a list of firms and persons sold this identical paper by the Eaton Paper Company. In view of the extensive sale of this particular paper throughout the United States, but two states were covered, namely Minnesota and Wisconsin. Copies of this letter, together with attached list, are being transmitted to the Chicago Division Office for a search to be made at the points within the jurisdiction of that office in the state of Michigan.

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Attached to this letter addressed to your office, and to the copy transmitted to the Chicago Office, will be found one sample of note paper and envelope for each of the above Eaton numbers.

With reference to the envelope which contained the note in the above case, it may be stated that Mr. Oliver of the Eaton Paper Company reports that from the description given, the envelope was not manufactured by his concern but was apparently an ordinary so-called common business envelope manufactured in large quantities by any one of a dozen envelope manufacturers in the United States. In this connection you are advised that on the 15th instant the Division wired this office a description of the envelope in question, and after Mr. Oliver of the Eaton Paper Company had drawn a diagram meeting the measurements furnished by the Division, he arrived at the determination that his concern made no such envelope, and stated that it is a common size made by envelope manufacturers.

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cc - Division (Enc.) ✓
cc - Chicago (Enc.)
Enc.
HJW:KPL

Very truly yours,

C. D. McKEE,
Special Agent in Charge.

PURCHASERS OF NOTE PAPER DESCRIBED

AS 10.18 inches by 6.42 inches, .0049 inches thick,
folded in middle; average weight 4.97 grams,
and of linen finish, from HATCH PAPER CO.,

MINNESOTA

- Beauregard** - Parker Book & Stationery Co., 405 Belmont Ave.
City Drug Store, 309 Belmont Ave.
- Brainerd** - Brainerd Office Supply Co.
H. P. Dunn, 606 Front St.
- Duluth** - Duluth Glass Block Store Co., 132 W. Superior St.
George A. Gray Co., 113 W. Superior St.
Abbott's Drug Store, 219 W. Superior St.
Duluth Pkg. Co., Inc., 231 E. Superior St.
I. Freimuth, 2 W. Superior St.
The Frits Cross Co., 323 W. Superior St.
A and E Supply Co., (No street address shown)
Northern Drug Co., " " "
Stone's Book Store, 20 No. First St.
- Faribault** - The Book Store, 324 Central Ave.
- Minneapolis** - Hanson Booth Drug Co., 2300 - 30th St.
Burch Pharmacy Inc., 1942 Hennepin Ave.
Grais Drugs, 3400 So. Lyndale St.
J. B. Hudson, Inc., Dept. K-Class R, 8th & Nicollet Sts.
Minneapolis Paper Co. (No street address shown)
Powers Mercantile Co., Nicollet & Fifth Sts.
Minneapolis Paper Co., 400 So. 8th St.
University Drug Store, 400 - 14th Ave.
Beard Art Galleries, 68 So. Tenth St.
Bronson Ptg. & Staty. Co., 1003 W. Broadway
Bushnell Dahlquist Press, Inc., 94 So. 11th St.
J. Frank Gould & Son., 30th & Bryant Sts.
Hennepin Lake Co., 1405 West Lake St.
The Dayton Co., Seventh & Nicollet Sts.
L. S. Donaldson Co., (No street address shown)
Farnham Ptg. & Staty. Co., 415-17 Hennepin Ave.
Eagle Drug Store.
- Eveleth** - City Drug Store (No street address shown)
- Grand Rapids** - Theo. Otoresen Drug Store, (No street address shown)
- New Ulm** - Epple Bros., 125 N. Minnesota St.

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MINNESOTA (Continued)

Janesville	-	Hirshel's Pharmacy (No street address shown)
Lake City	-	Collins Drug Store, (No street address shown)
Lewiston	-	Lewiston Pharmacy (no street address shown)
Litchfield	-	Anderson Drug Co. " " " "
Little Falls	-	101 First Street - Guerin McCauley Co.
Orateona	-	Metz Pharmacy (No street address shown)
Ortonville	-	Grunderson Drug Co. (No street address shown)
Rochester	-	Eagle Drug Store (No street address shown) C. F. Massey Co., " " " " Webber & Judd, Kahler Hotel E. S. Adams, 18 Second St., S. W.
Red Wing	-	W. E. Koehler, 206 Bush St. A. M. Kuhn, Main & Bush Streets
St. Paul	-	Emporium Mercantile Co., (No street address shown) The Golden Rule St. Paul Book & Staty. Co., 55 E. Sixth Street Field, Schlick, Inc., 357 Wabash St. Schummers & Mannheimers, (No street address shown) Kusterman Bros., 2264 Como Avenue Macalester College Book Store, 1654 Grand Ave.
St. Cloud	-	Bill Malmner, 504 St. Germain St.
Tower	-	Herman F. Olson, Inc., Main & Birch Sts.
Two Harbors	-	James Drug Store, 602 First Avenue
Wadena	-	Krause Drug Co., 108 Jefferson St.
White Bear	-	White Bear Drug Co.
Winona	-	The Williams Book & Staty. Co., 52 E. 3d Street
Albert Lea	-	Lueck Sanders Drug Co., Inc., 228 So. Bdwy.
Cloquet	-	Raiters Drug Store (No street address shown) Johnson Brothers " " " "

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WISCONSIN

Appleton	-	Sylvester & Neilson, Inc., 208 College Ave. Gosman Dry Goods Co., 120-124 E. College Ave.
Beaver Dam	-	R. L. Langmack, Druggist, Front Street
Beloit	-	Bredson Bros., 435 E. Grand Ave. Johnson Drug Store, Central & White Sts. H. J. Wagner, 120 Grand Ave.
Burlington	-	Majors Pharmacy (Frank W. Major, Prop.) (No street address)
Chippewa Falls	-	Riester Dettloff, 120 Bridge St.
Columbus	-	B & E Gift Shop (No street address)
Delavan	-	Murphy & O'Neil (Central Drug Store) (No street address) Rustads Quality Drug Store, 325 Walworth St.
De Pere	-	H. C. Wheeler, 134 No. Broadway
Dodgeville	-	Miller Pridoux Drug Co. (No street address)
Eagle River	-	Mulrooney Drug Co. (No street address)
Elkhorn	-	Wolm Drug Store
Eau Claire	-	Hale Haas Corp.
Evansville	-	Collins Drug Co.
Fond du Lac	-	Dana & Worn Drug Co., 114 So. Main St. Kremer Drug Co., 9 No. Main Street Theil Drug Co., 14th & Main
Fort Atkinson	-	Strommen Drug Store, Main & N. Milwaukee Ave. Pioneer Drug Co. (No street address) Theil Drug Co., 14th & Main Streets
Green Lake	-	W. E. Whipp (No street address)
Green Bay	-	Empire Drug Co., 101 No. Washington St. Jorgensen Blesch Co., (No street address) Sequet Drug Co., 321 No. Washington St. Lison Drug Co., 323 No. Washington St. H. C. Prange Co., (No street address)

WISCONSIN

- Janesville - J. H. Bliss, 225 W. Milwaukee St.
S. K. Lippin Inc., 12 E. Main St.
Peoples Drug Co., 21 E. Milwaukee St.
W. T. Sherer, 201 W. Milwaukee St.
- Jefferson - Koerners Drug Store, 300 Main St.
- Kenosha - E. A. Brock, 706 57th St.
Ellis Phcy., Marshall T. Ellis, Prop., 2334 6th Ave.
C. H. Ernst Co., 416 58th St.
Kilbally Drug Co., 7505 Sheridan Rd. at Selma
Mansfield Office Supply Co., 435 8th St.
Schlinder Drug Store, 1529 43rd
Superior Drug Store, 2600 Roosevelt Rd.
- LaCrosse - The Hebbard Drug Store, 329 Main St.
Hoeschler Bros. (no street address)
- Lake Geneva - W. H. Hammersley (no street address)
- Madison - Charaleys Drug Store, 902 E. Johnson St.
The Emporium Co. Inc., (no street address)
Grims Phcy., 1875 Monroe
Hansen & Meank, Gay Bldg.
Menges Phcy., 26 W. Mifflin St.
Collins Phcy., 1941 University Ave.
Cramton Drug Co., 436 State St.
Menges Phcy., 1825 Monroe St.
Mosely Book Co. Inc., 10 E. Mifflin St.
H. C. Metherwood Prtg. Co., 519 State St.
Quans Drug Store, 301 S. Mill St.
Remmebold Drug Store, Inc., 550 W. Washington Ave. (Street)
Walter Drug Co., 111 E. Washington
Wingra Phcy., 2530 Monroe St.
Menges Phcy., 26 W. Mifflin St.
- Manitowish - J. Bigel Sons, 8th & Joy Sts.
Henry Henrich Co., 724 York St.
- Marinette - Lauderman Bros. Co. (no street address)
- Medford - A. J. E. Benn, 206 S. Main St.
- Marshfield - Sexton Demgen Drug Co. (no street address)
W. A. Liese (no street address)
- Hudson - J. E. Jones (no address)
- Menasha - Stimp & Hedberg, 206 Main St.,

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Milwaukee

Dredrichs Phcy., 966 N. 27th St.,
Eagle Phcy., 2337 Wells St.,
East Shore Phcy., 1800 N. Farwell St.,
Felsys Phcy., 2045 N. State St.,
Frey Schmidt Drug Co., Inc., 5921 N. Center St.,
The Grey Gift Shop, 5156 N. Downer Ave.,
Herbert M. Haertel Estate, 3310 W. Lisbon Ave.,
Kadon Drug Store, 1950 N. Mitchell St.,
Frank R. Keating, 2132 E. Locust St.,
Krygier Drug Store Inc., 632 E. Kilbourn Ave.,
Lester A. Lambek, 343 N. 25th St.,
Langer Phcy., 3201 W. North Ave.,
The Locust St. Phcy., 333 E. Locust St.,
Nelson Phcy., 7143 W. Burling
North End Phcy., 3279 No. Houlton St.,
Ogden Drug Shop, 242 Ogden Ave.,
Patterson Drug Co., 1100 So. 16th St.,
Peters Drug Store, 2101 No. 48th St.,
Prentice Drug Co., 2306 So. Kimblekinnic
Rajski Lake Bluff Phcy., 4401 No. Oakland Ave.,
Reservoir Phcy., 2301 Houlton North,
Sanders Drug Store, 1135 Ogden Ave.,
Schmidts Phcy., 3139 No. Oakland Ave.,
Shorewood Phcy., 4201 W. Downer Ave.,
South Shore Phcy., 2532 E. Oklahoma Ave.,
The Terminal Phcy., 2432 W. Burling St.,
West Phcy. Inc., 3447 Wells
Widule Phcy., 5402 West Vliob St.,
Yale Phcy., 1256 No. 27th St.,
Gimbel Bros. Inc., (no street address)
Hersfeld Phillipson Co. (no street address)
Ed Schuster & Co. Inc., Third & Garfield
Service Drug Shop 2401 N. State St.,
Baebenroth Downer Drug Shop, 3116 No. Downer Ave.,
Bellevue Phcy., 2601 N. Downer Ave.,
T. A. Chapman Co., (no street address)
Economy Drug Co., 2915 Oakland
Gimbel Bros., Inc., (no street address)
G. A. Ingersoll, 3100 N. 27th St.,
Milwaukee Drug Co., E. Michigan & No. Jefferson St.,
MacDonald Drug Shop Inc., 27th & Wells
Jasper Simon, 2601 E. Downer Ave.,
Thatcher Laboratories, 1130/1134 E. Ogden Ave.,
Yahr Lange Inc., 143 N. Water St.,
Dadds Drug Store, 147 E. Wells St.,
Siekert & Baum Staty. Co., 617 N. Water St.,
Mueller's Phcy., 2203 Capitol Drive,
Smith & Weber Inc., 1454 E. Brady

WISCONSIN

- Milwaukee** - Alvo Drug Co., 2787 S. Mississippi Ave.
 Christopherson Phcy., 3832 W. North Ave.
 Thomas B. Curley, 2918 Clybourn St.
 Wm. H. Dick, 2835 Forest Home Ave.
 Merit Drug Co., 3100 Wells St.
- Lake Geneva** - Bucknall Bros., Dept. Store, Broad St.
- Madison** - Looks Phcy., 2201 Regent
- New Richmond** - Sherman Catlin Drug Co. (no street address)
- Oconomowoc** - Hammussen Drug Co., 127 Wisconsin Ave. East
 H. B. Stevens, 110 No. Main St.
 W. C. Hermes, 153 Milwaukee St.
 Baum Phcy. (no street address)
- Oconto** - Ullspengers Drug Store, 1030 Main St.
 E. J. Ullspenger (no street address)
- Oconto Falls** - Charles M. Raymond, (no street address)
- Oconto Falls** - Chas. M. Raymond (no street address)
- Oshkosh** - Crystal Drug Co., 181 Main St.
 Heins Book & Art Store, 147 Main St.
- Portage** - John Graham Drug Co., Cook & Dewitt St.
- Port Washington** - C. E. Hoffman (no street address)
- Racine** - Anderson Drug Co., 2409 Taylor Ave.
 Avenue Drug Co., 1049 Washir Ave.
 L. A. Deras, 1100 State
 Home Phcy., 1755 Grand Ave.
 Joslyn Drug Co., 1911 Taylor Ave.
 Oscar Frings, 1520 Washir Ave.
 Red Cross Drug Co., 320 6th St.
 Schweitzers Phcy., 616 14th St.
- River Falls** - Weld Book & Art Shop, 120 S. Main
- Ripon** - The Howe Co. (no street address)
- Sheboygan** - Roenitz Drug Co., 516 No. 8th St.
 H. C. Prange Co., No. 8th St.
 I. C. Thomas & Co., 652 No. 8th St.

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South Milwaukee	-	Whalen's Book & Staty. Store, 1008 Milwaukee Ave.
Sparta	-	Berner Drug Store, 100 N. Water St.
Stevens Point	-	Baebenroths Drug Store (no street address) H. D. McCulloch, 324 Main St.
Stoughton	-	Sidney L. Scheldrup (no street address) Sidney Scheldrup, E. Main & Division Sts.
Stratford	-	R. Connor Co. Inc. (no street address)
Sturgeon Bay	-	Bassetts Drug Store (no street address)
Superior	-	De Frenhs, 1112 Superior St. Opera House Drug, 15th & Tower Roth Bros, Broadway & Tower People's Drug Store, 1142 Belknap St. F. D. Priest, 2131 East First St. F. D. Priest Estate, 2131 E. Firth St.
Walworth	-	Brown & Loftus (no street address)
Watertown	-	Bittner & Jutzlaff, 116 Main St. Wm. Gehrke, 315 Main St.
Waukesha	-	Clark Drug Co., Main & Broadway Campus Phcy., 306 East St.
Two Rivers	-	J. K. Stephany, 1618 Washington
Wausau	-	Klumbs Phcy., 2 State St. Walter H. Kummer, 6736 West Wells St. Lefebber Bros. Co. 205 No. Main St. Wehde Drug Co., 1 State St. Wehde Drug Co. 7625 State St. West.
Waupun	-	Arnold Van Hengle (no street address) Louis Ulve (no street address)
Wausau	-	Jahnke Kurth Co., 508 Third St.
West Bend	-	R. W. Boldt Drug Co. Inc., 135 1/2 Main St.
Whitewater	-	H. J. O'Comer, 95 Main St. Whitewater Phcy., 91 Main St.
Wisconsin Rapids	-	Johnson & Hill Co., Third & Grand

The following are jobbers who may sell
at points in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Chicago, Ill.

A. C. McClurg & Co., 333 E. Ontario St.
Ford Hopkins Co., 400 W. Erie St.
Walgreen Co., 5181 Broadway
Western News Co., 25 E. Austin Ave.

Dubuque, Iowa

Bustell Bros., Co., 241 Central Ave.

Fargo, N. D.

Fargo Paper Co. (no street address)

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois.

February 20, 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

As per your request contained in your telegram to this
office of even date, enclosed herewith please find twenty (20)
photographs of the following persons:

Alvin Karpis
Fred Barker
Arthur R. Barker
Volney Davis
Harry Campbell
James Lawson
Eddie Bents
Theodore Bents
Sam Taran

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
February 20, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

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

Reference is made to your telegram of February 19, 1934, in which you refer to the Director's letter dated February 12, 1934, to the Saint Paul Office, suggesting the names of suspects found on page two thereof.

You are advised that investigation is going forward on this matter in as expeditious a manner as is possible; however, it is understood that other very important investigation is proceeding with regard to KARPIS and the BARKER BROTHERS and you will receive a report on this just as soon as possible.

Immediate attention will be given the matter suggested in your telegram of reference.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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801 Title Guaranty Bldg.
Saint Louis, Missouri
February 20, 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.

In accordance with the telegraphic request
of the Chicago Division Office of February 19, 1934,
there are being transmitted herewith two copies of
a list of names and addresses of Game Wardens for the
Northern Half of Illinois. A copy of this list is also
being forwarded the Chicago Division Office with their
copy of this letter.

For your information, please be advised
that the Federal Game Warden for the Northern Half of
Illinois is Stephen Creech, located at Peoria, Illinois,
P. O. Box 306.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

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Inspector - Thomas J. Lynch,
2155 Foreman Bank Bldg., Chicago.

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Havelka, John

Knefer, Arthur

Moran, Chas.

Smith, John J.

Maggio, Anthony

Thomasulas, Peter

5418 S. Damen Ave., Chicago.

1314 S. Wabash Ave. "

14928 Paulina St., Harvey.

820 E. 29th Place, Chicago.

1112 - 23rd Ave., Melrose Park.

Oak Lawn - Cook Co.

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Woodford County
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Ford County
Shine, Charles E. Paxton, Ill.

Grundy County
Cinotto, John J. Coal City, Ill.

Kendall County
Hall, Sherman E. Box 178, Yorkville, Ill.

La Salle County
DeBolt, Harry R. #4, Ottawa, Ill.

Livingston County
McConaha, John C.

Pontiac, Ill.

Logan County
Russell, Harry L.

702 S. Madison St., Lincoln, Ill.

McLean County
Frost, John B.

505 N. Gridley, Bloomington, Ill.

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

February 20, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

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

Dear Sir:

It has been determined that PAULA BERSON was associated with FRED BARKER, DOC BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS in St. Paul, Minnesota, in June, 1933, and she is now probably with them and believed to be living with DOC BARKER. It becomes therefore very necessary to locate her and to that end you are requested to make a canvass of the photographers at Beaumont and Port Arthur for the purpose of locating a recent photograph of her.

Report of Agent M. A. Taylor, New Orleans, quotes Attorney Herdin as saying that he had seen a photograph of her taken prior to the accident and it is probable that the photograph was made in Port Arthur or Beaumont.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer
WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 515
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 21, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER with aliases
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter to the St. Paul office under date of February 19, 1934, covering investigation of the news stands in Chicago, which sell Minneapolis and St. Paul daily newspapers.

In view of the fact that only fourteen places in Chicago handle these papers it is believed that thorough and immediate attention should be given to covering these places, with a view to locating the Barker brothers, Karpis, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, and any other of their associates.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROBER,
Inspector.

WAR:JMS

CC Division

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

February 20, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

It has been fairly well established that PAULA HARMON, former wife of CHARLES HARMON, associate of HOLDEN, KEATING, et al, is now associating with DOC BARKER, FRED BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS, which makes her location very urgent.

Report of Agent C. E. Winstead, Dallas, Texas, January 21, 1934, lists a series of telephone numbers which are believed to apply to Chicago subscribers who apparently are friends of PAULA HARMON.

Letter from the San Antonio office of February 5, 1934, sets out that "CALLIE", telephone, Douglas 0869, is a negro maid of PAULA HARMON.

Please endeavor to locate "CALLIE" and through her ascertain the location of PAULA HARMON.

You are requested also to determine the identity of the subscribers of such other numbers as pertain to Chicago and through them endeavor to learn the whereabouts of PAULA.

Your particular attention is invited to "MADELINE" who is probably MADELINE SMYDER, a very close friend of PAULA.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANAU,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

February 20, 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 No. 7-50.

Dear Sir:

It becomes very necessary to locate PAULA HERMON who is now associating with DOC BARBER, FRED BARBER and ALVIN KARPIS, and to that end your attention is invited to report of Special Agent in Charge R. G. Harvey, Kansas City, March 26, 1932, captioned FRANK MASH, E. F. P.

It is suggested that through MRS. MAUD MIKUEL, 337 Elizabeth Street, Kansas City, Kansas, the location of PAULA be determined.

In the event you are unsuccessful in ascertaining the whereabouts of PAULA from MRS. MIKUEL, probably you can secure the address of MADELINE SNYDER, a very close friend of PAULA and through her it may be determined where PAULA is.

Very truly yours,

W. G. Harvey
WERNER HANNI,
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 20, 1934.

SEND FOLLOWING WIRE TO FOLLOWING LISTED PERSONS:

BREMER KIDNAPING DISREGARD LEADS CONCERNING MERIT PRODUCT FLASHLIGHTS IN REPORT R B NATHAN FEBRUARY SIXTEEN NEWYORK

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

F. J. Blake, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building, Dallas, Texas.

Dwight Brantley, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

E. J. Connelley, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice,
426 U.S. Custom House & Post Office Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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

William Larson, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice,
625 Lafayette Building, Detroit, Michigan.

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Chg. Div. of Inv. U.S. Dept. Justice,
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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
February 20, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

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

The Commercial Wall Paper Mills of Hammond,
Indiana have forwarded to this office a sample of wall
paper, which they believe compares favorably with the
design of wall paper described by Mr. Bremer. It is
understood this sample was received by said company after
Agent T. F. Mullen of this office had made investigation
at that point.

This sample is made by the Glodhill Wall Paper
Mills, of Cohoes, N.Y. It is suggested it be shown to
Mr. Bremer in the hope he may be able to identify it.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 21, 1934.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREYER - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telegram, over the signature of Special Agent in Charge Hanni, dated February 16, 1934, requesting that this office contact news dealers in Philadelphia district, selling Minneapolis and St. Paul newspapers, and to check all purchasers, whose identity appears suspicious, bearing in mind subjects Doc and Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis.

Inquiry through three large news distributing agencies in Philadelphia elicited information that the St. Paul and Minneapolis papers distributed in this district are purchased direct by the news dealers and that to obtain the desired information it would be necessary to contact approximately 1500 news dealers in Philadelphia alone. To thoroughly cover the Philadelphia district it would also be necessary to follow this procedure in every large city in the Middle and Eastern Districts of Pennsylvania, and the State of Delaware. This would require not only days, but weeks of investigative activity. The check in Philadelphia alone would require the present personnel at Philadelphia at least ten days.

Inasmuch as this procedure seemed impracticable, a telegram was despatched to the St. Paul office on the same date, suggesting that if possible a list of the purchasers of St. Paul and Minneapolis papers be obtained for the States of Pennsylvania and Delaware. No reply has been received to date.

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Kindly inform me whether it would be possible for you to obtain a list of the purchasers of these newspapers in this section direct from the newspapers there. Upon receipt of this list it would be a simple matter to comply with the instructions contained in the telegram referred to herein.

Very truly yours,

RGH:AG.

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cc:Division

R.G. Harvey,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1267
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
February 19, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subjects
Edward G. Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping

Reference is made to telegram from the New York City office, February 13, 1934, requesting that the Nichols Ten Cent Store at Bristow, Oklahoma be contacted, with the view to ascertaining the identity of persons to whom were sold certain flashlights, that is, models 626 and 636, bearing the trademark "A Merit Product".

Please be advised that Special Agent M. Sorola of this office was immediately dispatched to Bristow and there interviewed Mr. K. D. Adams, Assistant Manager of said store, who stated that the records of the firm showed that on March 3, 1933 they purchased ten flashlights bearing the trade name "A Merit Product" from the United States Electric Manufacturing Company, New York City; that nine of said flashlights have been sold and that one is now on hand.

Agent Sorola interviewed Mrs. Beulah Chestnut and Etta Wheatley, clerks at said store, both of whom stated that they remembered selling some of the flashlights, but they did not know to whom they were sold; that they believed that eight of the flashlights were sold before Christmas, 1933, and only one has been sold since that time, but they did not know to whom.

The photographs of Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, Glenn Roy Wright, Doc Barker and Evelyn Seward were exhibited to said clerks and to Mr. Adams, the manager, but they were unable to identify any of them as having been in the store in connection with the purchase of flashlights. Mr. Adams, however, did express the opinion that he believes perhaps that Fred Barker was in the store sometime in December, 1933, but was unable to particularize.

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Mr. Adams informed Agent Sorola that no records are kept of individual sales in cases of this kind, and there was no mark on any of the merchandise that would indicate they had been sold by the Nichols store.

With reference to Division letter of February 9, 1934, please be advised that lists of the numbers on the bank notes which were paid as ransom to the kidnapers for the release of Mr. Bremer have been received at this office and have been distributed to the banks in the territory covered by this office.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Division ✓
New York

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

February 20, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

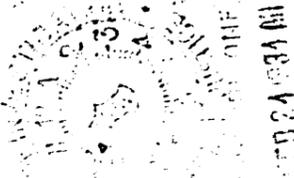
There is enclosed herewith a photograph of MRS. GEORGE ANDERSON alias MRS. ARBIE BARKER, mother or step-mother of FRED BARKER. It is requested that fifty copies of this photograph be made; twenty furnished this office and the remainder furnished to the Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Dallas, San Antonio, El Paso, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Portland and St. Louis offices. It is also suggested that the Division be furnished with at least two copies of this photograph. As far as can be determined there are no available fingerprints of this woman. It is desired that the photographs be forwarded at the earliest possible time.

Very truly yours,

WERNER BARRI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 535
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 21, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In response to circular letters sent to Catholic Churches, a reply has been received from Reverend D. P. BREWSTER, Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, 523 North Taylor Street, Marengo, Illinois, indicating that two church bells are located in Marengo, which answer to the description of those which rang in the vicinity of victim Bremer's hide-out.

It is believed that immediate investigation should be conducted at Marengo, in order to ascertain if that locality could possibly fit the description of the place of the hide-out. The Agent making investigation should bear in mind that the following sounds could be heard by the victim:

A church bell rang each Saturday afternoon at approximately between 4 and 6 P.M., which bell also rang each Sunday morning several times. In addition to the aforementioned bell, only one other bell was ever heard, which rang once each Sunday morning, bearing in mind that the church bell was never heard except on Saturdays and Sundays.

In addition to the sounding of the bells, victim claims to have heard each morning, at approximately six or seven o'clock, what appeared to be a factory whistle, which whistle blew each week day morning and each week day afternoon, at approximately 6 P.M. This whistle did not blow on Sunday.

Victim also heard each day a powerful siren, which appeared to be stationary, and which blew only each week day morning, and at approximately the same time as the morning factory whistle blew. The siren did not sound on any other day, or at any other time, with the



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exception of one Sunday morning, when it sounded three or four short blasts.

In addition to the above sounds, victim claimed that he was near a highway, and could often hear the changing of gears of cars or trucks, indicating that they were stopping or slowing down.

He also heard a ^{shifting} locomotive engine, which appeared to be some one half to one mile away, and heard many railroad trains each morning and about dusk, and of course other trains during the day.

If the vicinity of Marengo, Illinois indicates that the above sounds can be heard, this office should be immediately notified, in order that more thorough investigation may be conducted there.

Very truly yours,

W. A. BOMER,
Inspector.

WAR:JMS

St. Paul file 7-30

CC Division

1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
February 20, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 315,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:-

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

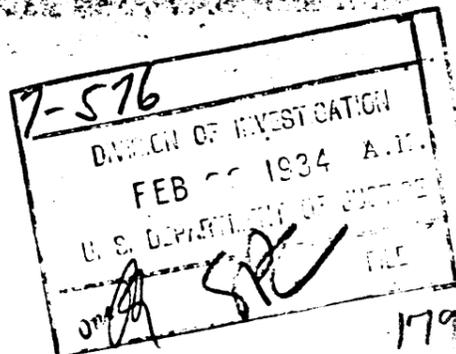
Confirming my telegram of even date, please be advised that it was learned from Mr. John J. Smith, former Deputy Game Warden and now an investigator for the Conservation Department of the State of Illinois, Room 2153, 233 North La Salle Street, Chicago, that there is no State fishing law in effect today, nor has there been a law which prohibits the use of more than one fishing line at one time by an individual.

Mr. Smith furnished several copies of a booklet entitled "Game and Fish Codes of Illinois" in force July 1, 1933, one copy of which is being sent to you herewith.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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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 966
Cincinnati, Ohio



Dear Sir:

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

In connection with investigation in the above captioned case at Des Moines, Iowa, by Special Agent G. C. Dewey, the Des Moines Police Department recently called his attention to the fact that a man had been stopping at the Birches Apartment House, 2225 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, under the name of Walter C. Johnson.

Johnson, who is about 70 years of age, 5'10" in height, 280 pounds in weight, wears glasses and also generally wears a soft felt hat, had with him a woman, supposedly his wife, another man and a chauffeur. Johnson had with him two Packard automobiles, one of which was a black color and the other a cream color, one car bearing 1934 Oklahoma license 85841 and the other Oklahoma license 55842. When Johnson first appeared at Des Moines he had Indiana license plates on his cars, the numbers of one set of plates being 80244 and having been issued by the State of Indiana in 1934. Agent Dewey advised that these plates were issued to Walter Johnson, address Antlers Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

When Johnson first came to the above address in Des Moines he gave a check for some expenses and it was returned. However, before he left he was spending money very lavishly, playing the slot machines at the Elks Club, Des Moines, frequently, and while intoxicated displayed his money very freely. He was supposed to be selling some kind of a gasoline saver for automobiles, but apparently made no effort to sell these appliances while in Des Moines.

Johnson left Des Moines, Iowa, about a week ago, apparently for the LeClaire Hotel, Moline, Illinois.

In view of the above circumstances, particularly the dis-

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playing of a large roll of money while in Des Moines, it is thought some investigation concerning him may be advisable.

Agent Dewey stated that there was some information to the effect that Johnson was supposed to be a doctor from Austin, Texas. However, in an attempt to verify this information through contact with Austin, the local authorities at Des Moines were advised they had no record of such an individual.

A telegram was dispatched by this office to the Oklahoma City Office to ascertain all information concerning the above described license plates issued for the year 1954, and a telegraphic reply was received from the Oklahoma City Office on February 15th reflecting that the Highway Officials at Oklahoma City had advised that license plates bearing the above described numbers had not been issued by the State of Oklahoma. Hence, it would appear the license plates appearing on Johnson's car were fictitious.

It is suggested that the Cincinnati Office make appropriate inquiry at the Antlers Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, for any information possible concerning the above named Walter Johnson.

It is likewise suggested that similar inquiry be made by the St. Louis Office at Moline, Illinois, the purpose of these inquiries being to determine whether Johnson may have any connection in the instant case.

It may be noted that Johnson had already left Des Moines, Iowa, prior to the time the above information was furnished to Agent Dewey by the Police Department of that city.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
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

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Commercial Cables



All America Cables

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and the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof,

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St. Paul, Minnesota
February 19, 1934.

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

ASCERTAIN WHETHER ILLINOIS HAS FISHING LAW FORBIDDING USE OF MORE THAN ONE FISHING LINE AT ONE TIME BY INDIVIDUAL

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Off. Bus. Gov't. Rate
Chg. Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
203 P.O. Building
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Cc Division

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
Edward George Bremer, Victim
Kidnaping.
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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Saint Louis, Missouri** FILE NO. **26-2689**

REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Florida	DATE WHEN MADE Feb. 23, 1934	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE Feb. 14-21, 1934	REPORT MADE BY R. L. Shivers		
(CHANGED): EDWARD DOLL with aliases: EDDIE DOLL, EDDIE LA RUE, EDWARD LA RUE, BURLINGTON FOLEY, FRANK LEWIS, ED FOLEY, EDDIE FOLEY, L. E. FOLEY, EDWARD FOLEY.		CHARACTER OF CASE: NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: LEONARD E. FOLEY, J. E. JACKSON, L. E. LONG, E. LANG, E. LANG, E. LANG, L. E. FRANKS, E. FRANKS, E. FOLEY: FUGITIVE. IDENTIFICATION ORDER NUMBER 12X4					
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Edward Doll as E. Foley arrested at Saint Petersburg, Florida, February 14, 1934; taken into Federal custody following day and removed to Tampa, Florida. Mrs. Foley taken into Federal custody for harboring fugitive, Foley; released on court order February 16, 1934. Details of her entire association with Foley obtained; denied knowledge his criminal activities. Foley admits guilt in instant case, also four bank robberies, including Lincoln Bank job, naming participants in each. Confesses he and George Kelley kidnaped Howard A. Wolverton in South Bend, Indiana, January 26, 1933, and held him in his brother's, Harry Doll's, farm home near Lockport, Illinois, the brother being under the impression Wolverton held to keep him from testifying against Edward Doll's friend on trial in liquor case. Names of persons Doll believes participated in Kansas City Massacre and Bremer case obtained.</p>					
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: FEB 26 1934			
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AT TAMPA, FLORIDA:

On March 14, 1934, the writer at Tampa, Florida, received a telephone call from Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt relaying information received from Mr. Cowley of the Division to the effect that a person by the name of L. E. Foley, believed to be residing in Saint Petersburg, Florida, on Route Number Two, Box 270-A, had been partially identified as Edward Doll with aliases, Subject of Identification Order Number 1214; that Foley and his wife, Doris Foley, had recently left Danville, Vermont, for Saint Petersburg, Florida; that it was reported Foley and his wife had about two years ago purchased property in or near Saint Petersburg, Florida, which included a tract of some twenty-five acres. It was further stated that a registered, air mail package had been sent to Doris C. Foley at Box 270-A, Route Two, Saint Petersburg, Florida, by her brother, G. H. Crane, of Danville, Vermont.

On receipt of this information, the writer, accompanied by Deputy United States Marshal Joe Moe of Tampa, Florida, proceeded to Saint Petersburg, Florida.

AT SAINT PETERSBURG, FLORIDA:

The writer and Deputy United States Marshal Moe conferred with Captain E. E. Lippard of the Saint Petersburg Police Department. In view of the information that the Foleys had purchased property in Saint Petersburg about two years ago, Captain Lippard was questioned as to whether this man, L. E. or E. Foley, was known to him or the Police Department. It was found that he was unknown to the Department and his name did not appear in the Saint Petersburg city or telephone directories.

In a conference with Postmaster Hall at Saint Petersburg, it was found that mail box number 270-A on Route Two was located at 5190 Thirty-Eighth Avenue North, Saint Petersburg, Florida, and that on January 26, 1933, an order had been left that all mail addressed to E. Foley or Doris Foley should be delivered to that box. Foley was unknown to Postmaster Hall and the other employees at the Post Office. The writer was permitted to make a search of the registry receipts at the Post Office Substation "A" for the record of the delivery of the registered mail above referred to addressed to Doris C. Foley and it was found that it had not been received at the time

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of the examination. Later in the day, Agent was telegraphically advised by Special Agent in Charge E. A. Alt that the registered mail in question had been mailed at Danville, Vermont, on the morning of February thirteenth. It was then ascertained, through the postal officials that the mail could not reach Saint Petersburg, Florida, by air mail until the morning of February 22, 1934.

Mr. A. W. Tyler is the rural carrier who delivers mail on rural route number two at Saint Petersburg. On being interviewed Mr. Tyler stated, by referring to his book, that L. E. Foley and Doris C. Foley, resided at 5190 Thirty-Eighth Avenue North and received mail in Box 270-A and apparently were operating a chicken farm at that place known as the Sunshine Poultry Farm. Questioned as to whom he had observed at the residence, Mr. Tyler stated that he had seen no one at the place except Mr. and Mrs. Foley; that he last saw Foley at the mail box two days before this inquiry. The photograph of Edward Doll appearing on Identification Order Number 1214 was exhibited to Mr. Tyler and after viewing it closely he stated that the photograph looked like the impression he had retained of Foley, but he was unable to make any positive identification, but added that "he looks like my impression of Foley".

It was further stated by Mr. Tyler that Foley had purchased by property located at 5190 Thirty-Eighth Avenue North, which included a house and some thirty-five acres of land from Luther A. Pinholster, who formerly lived at that address, and who now lives a block north of the Foley residence.

After the interview with the Postal officials, the writer again contacted Captain E. E. Lippard, advising him of the Foley address and inquired of him whether he knew any reliable person in that vicinity who could be contacted in a confidential manner. Before informing him that Foley had purchased the property on which he was residing from Luther Pinholster, Captain Lippard stated that Mr. Pinholster formerly lived at the Foley residence and now resides a short distance therefrom and could be safely contacted by him.

The writer, Captain Lippard and Deputy United States Marshal Joe Moe then drove by the Foley residence and looked the place over, after which an effort was made to locate Luther A.

Pinholster at his residence. Mrs Pinholster informed Captain Lippard that their husband was at that time at the Foley's residence doing some work for Mr. Foley. It was decided to call at the Foley residence and ask for Mr. Pinholster.

On arriving at the Foley home, the writer turned his automobile into the driveway leading to the house and stopped where it could be readily seen from the inside of the residence which faces Thirty-Eighth Avenue. Captain Lippard went to the front door of the house and rang the bell. It was answered by Foley and he was asked by Captain Lippard if Mr. Pinholster lived there. Foley advised that Mr. Pinholster did not live there but that he was working in the field back of the house and directions for locating Mr. Pinholster were given to Captain Lippard by Foley. This was a normal inquiry and could not in any way have aroused Foley's suspicions.

As Mr. Lippard went around the house to the field where Mr. Pinholster was working, Foley came out of the back of the house with a white greyhound dog. The writer at that time had gotten out of the car and was looking at the tires on the automobile. As Foley came out of the house he was a short distance from the writer and on observing the greyhound, Agent went over to the dog and began playing with him and looking him over, which enabled the writer to engage Foley in a conversation and permitted a close view and examination of Foley. The writer conversed with Foley for approximately five minutes about the dog which lead to conversation about the local race track, his chicken farm and chickens. This contact was so casual that it is the writer's belief it was impossible for Foley to have suspected its purpose. At the time Agent left Foley he was building a chicken coop and while walking away from him Captain Lippard and Pinholster came up from the field and Captain Lippard said to the writer, "The property you want to see is located farther down the road", and pointed in a northerly direction. The writer, Captain Lippard, Deputy United States Marshal Joe Moe and Mr. Pinholster then entered Agent's automobile and drove down the road in the direction in which the property had been pointed out.

Mr. Pinholster, on being questioned concerning E. Foley informed Agent that from around the first of January, 1934, Foley and his wife had contacted him relative to the purchase of the

piece of property on which they are now living; that they had observed a for sale sign on the property and contacted him direct without going through the local real estate man; that they claimed to have come to Saint Petersburg, Florida, from the state of Vermont; that satisfactory negotiations were made by them for the purchase of the property and he sold it to them on January 12, 1934, for a price of \$10,000; that \$2,000 was paid down on the property at the time the deed was delivered and part of the proceeds of this payment were used by him to pay the sewerage and paving taxes which had been levied against the property.

Questioned as to Foley's associates, Mr. Pinholster stated that he and his wife attended the dog races almost every night; that they moved on the property around January 12, 1934; that he had been there almost daily after that time but had not observed any visitors or callers other than a sister of Mrs. Foley, who has been in Saint Petersburg since sometime in January, 1934. Mr. Pinholster further advised that the property in question was deeded to E. Foley and wife, Doris Foley, and that they gave him a mortgage on the said property for \$8,000. The details concerning the purchase of this property will appear hereinafter in this report. Mr. Pinholster stated, among other things, that one reason Foley did not pay cash for the property was that according to Foley he had some bonds which would not mature until around the first of July, 1934, and for that reason he desired to purchase the property in that manner.

It was impossible to make a definite identification of Foley as Edward Doll, the Subject of Identification Order 1214, at the time Agent was talking to him. There was a slight resemblance between him and the photograph appearing on the Identification Order, particularly noticeable was his mouth. At that time he was dressed in a pullover sweater with long sleeves which obstructed a view of his arms above the wrist and no identifying marks were visible.

After talking with Mr. Pinholster he was requested to exhibit the signature of E. Foley on the papers signed by him in connection with the transfer of the property. At Mr. Pinholster's home these papers were examined and it was found that on one of the papers was the full name Edward Foley, but most of them had been signed with the name E. Foley. It was observed that the

"Edward" appearing on the paper held by Mr. Pinholster was unmistakably the same as the "Edward" appearing on the Identification Order 1214, and beyond the question of a doubt written by one and the same person. After this examination, Agent was satisfied that Foley was the Subject, Edward Doll, of this investigation.

The writer, Deputy United States Marshal Joe Moe and Captain Lippard then proceeded with Mr. Pinholster back to the Foley home. Captain Lippard and Mr. Pinholster left the automobile and started to go to the field back of the house for the purpose of ascertaining if Foley was still in the rear of the residence so that if he had left the house in the meantime the suspicious of any one who may have been on the place would not be aroused. When Captain Lippard reached a point where he could observe Foley it was found that he was still in the backyard working on the chicken coop; he immediately signalled the writer, who, with Deputy United States Marshal Moe accompanied by Captain Lippard went to within a short distance of where Foley was standing and called to him. When he came over the writer informed him that he wanted to talk to him and at that time Captain Lippard said, "Mr. Foley, these gentlemen are Federal officers and I am Captain Lippard of the Police Department". Agent then told Foley that he believed that he was Edward Doll, a person for whom the Division was seeking. He stated that his name was not Doll but Foley, and when asked if he had any tattoo marks on his arms, he readily replied that he did. On being requested to show the marks, he exhibited some of each arm, the tattoo marks comparing identically with those listed on the Identification Order in the description of Doll.

Foley was told that he was going to be taken to Police Headquarters and he asked permission to see his wife and change his clothes, which was not granted. As he was being taken from the premises, his wife came out of the house and he told her the Federal officers had mistaken him for some person and were taking him to Police Headquarters. Agent and Captain Lippard took Foley to Police Headquarters and left Deputy United States Marshal Joe Moe at the Foley residence with instructions to keep Mrs. Foley under observation at all times and to see that she did not destroy anything and to arrest and hold any person not known to him who called at the Foley home.

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On reaching Police Headquarters, a check was made of all the tattoo marks appearing on Foley and they were found to be identical with those listed on the Identification Order as appearing on Edward Doll. After this examination, Foley still maintained that he was not Edward Doll.

Agent immediately communicated telephonically with Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt at Jacksonville, advising him that Foley and his wife, Doris C. Foley, were in custody. He directed the writer to keep them under constant guard pending his arrival in Saint Petersburg, Florida, and under no circumstances to permit them to communicate with each other or any outside person.

Foley was then placed in solitary confinement at the Saint Petersburg City Jail and the writer and Captain Lippard proceeded back to the Foley home and brought Mrs. Foley to the City Jail. A guard was placed at the Foley home with instructions to arrest and hold any person who called at the house.

On returning to the police station with Mrs. Foley, Edward Foley admitted that he was the Subject of mentioned Identification Order.

The writer had been instructed by Mr. Alt to try to ascertain from Foley his activities since July, 1932.

After reaching the City Jail, Foley informed the writer that he had information which would be of great value to the Government. He stated that he knew he had not been arrested on the automobile case, but stated that he wanted to go to Washington or to talk to somebody higher in authority. During the conversation with him, he admitted knowing Frank Nash, George Kelley, Harvey Bailey, George Bates, Kathryn Kelley, Keating, Holden and others whom the Division has recently investigated. He would not discuss his activities with any of the aforementioned persons or reveal the nature of his connection with them. He likewise would not comment on his activities since July, 1932, stating that while he recognized the writer's position, he wanted to treat with somebody higher in authority; however, at all times he maintained that his wife, whom he married in New York City in July, 1932, had never known anything about his past or rackets; that he had always told her that he

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was employed by the Government as Chief of the Narcotic Squad and that his salary from the Government was \$750 per month, and he also lead her to believe that he had been in the cattle business, was a man of means who owned oil property in and around Dallas, Texas, and part of his income was derived from land, bond and cattle holdings.

Foley did state to Agent that he believed he could clear up the Kansas City Massacre and probably furnish definite information on the persons responsible for the Bremer kidnaping; that in this kidnaping he took no part whatsoever, nor did he ever confer with any persons when the Bremer kidnaping was discussed; that from the first of January, 1934, until the date of his arrest he had been in Saint Petersburg, Florida; none of the members of his gang knew of his location there and that he had not been contacted by any one by telegraph, telephone or otherwise; that he did not suspect anything when Agent first visited him because he was absolutely sure in his own mind he had covered himself most completely.

Mr. Alt arrived in Saint Petersburg about midnight of February 14, 1934. Foley was then questioned by Agent Alt and the writer for the remainder of the night and the following day until about four o'clock in the afternoon. During this period, Mrs. Foley was also interviewed from time to time. Her general statements were to the effect that she did not know her husband, Edward Foley, had ever been engaged in any illicit enterprises or criminal activities and at that time she was not acquainted with the various offenses with which Foley had been connected. Her complete statement will be detailed hereinafter in this report.

On February 15, 1934, Agent Alt contacted Assistant United States Attorney Nathan Graham, Tampa, Florida, and advised him of the type of person that had been apprehended in Saint Petersburg. Mr. Graham informed that he would immediately file complaints before the United States Commissioner at Tampa, charging Foley with the offense alleged in the Identification Order with reference to the interstate transportation of a stolen automobile from Burlington, Iowa, to Bushnell, Illinois, on or about November 8, 1929, for which offense an indictment is pending against him at Peoria, Illinois. Mr. Graham also filed a

complaint against Doris S. Foley, charging her with harboring a fugitive, her husband, in the city of Saint Petersburg, Florida, on or about February 14, 1934. Both were taken into custody by the United States Marshal and later on February 15, 1934, both Foley and his wife were removed to the Hillsborough County Jail at Tampa, Florida.

On the morning of January 15, 1934, there was received at the Post Office in Saint Petersburg, Florida, a registered package directed to Doris C. Foley, Route Two, Box 270-A, Saint Petersburg, Florida, bearing the return address of Glenn Crane, Danville, Vermont. The writer was permitted to view with package at the Post Office by Postmaster Hall and arrangements were made for its delivery to Doris C. Foley at the city jail in Saint Petersburg, Florida, who was then in custody of the United States Marshal. After this package was delivered to her it was seized by Deputy United States Marshal H. P. Munck and opened in her presence. It was found to contain \$900 in currency, consisting of eighty-one \$10 bills and eighteen \$5 bills of Federal Reserve and National Bank currency. The numbers of these bills were obtained and transmitted to the Division for comparison with the numbers of the ransom bills paid in the known kidnappings. Agent Alt was subsequently advised by the Division that these bills did not constitute ransom notes and the money was returned to Mrs. Foley, at the direction of Assistant United States Attorney Nathan Graham, on February 19, 1934.

Doris Foley stated that the \$900 found in the package forwarded to her by her brother from Danville, Vermont, came into her possession as follows: That at Christmastime in 1933, her husband, Foley, gave her \$500 in cash, which consisted of three \$100 bills and four \$50 bills, all new. The remainder, \$400, she had had in her safe deposit box in the bank in Danville, Vermont, for a long time and represented funds which she had withdrawn from her checking account in that bank; that Foley had always told her never to keep any great amount of money in banks for most of them in the country were shaky.

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At the County Jail, the interrogation of Foley was continued. He stated most emphatically that he had plenty of information to impart, but that he would not make a wiggle admission with reference to himself nor would he give any information in which the Division was interested until he was assured that his wife would be released. He had previously informed the writer that he knew he had been picked up for the Lincoln Bank robbery and the Hackett kidnaping, but stated that he had absolutely nothing to do with the Hackett snatch, but could impart valuable information on the Lincoln "job".

After being committed to the County Jail in Tampa, Foley was constantly interviewed by Agent Alt, Special Agent H. E. Andersen and the writer. The statements made by him during these interviews were recorded by Agent Andersen and will appear hereinafter.

Doris Foley on being interviewed by the writer and Special Agent R. L. Main, stated that her maiden name is Doris Crane; that she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Crane, who reside in Danville, Vermont; that she has a brother, Glenn Crane, who operates a dairy in Danville, Vermont, and a sister, Mrs. Newell Goff, presently residing in Saint Petersburg, Florida. She stated that she was first married to J. F. Barton, a musician of Providence, Rhode Island; that for several years prior to the first of 1931 she and Mr. Barton had resided in Chicago, Illinois, and that he was employed in the orchestra at the R K O Palace Theatre; that on March 17, 1931, she was living in an apartment at 5240 Sheridan Road in Chicago, Illinois, and on that day while downtown in the city of Chicago waiting for a bus, she was picked up by Eddie Foley near the Wrigley Building and was driven home by him in his Cadillac sedan which bore a Texas license plate. She stated that in November, 1929, and 1930 she had been divorced in Chicago, Illinois, from her husband, J. F. Barton, and that on the date she met Eddie Foley, Mr. Barton was living with her in her apartment at 5240 Sheridan Road; that he has lost his position, was broke and she had permitted him to stay with her in her apartment; that she gave Foley her telephone number the first day he met her and on observing the Texas license plate on the car at that time, asked him if he were from Texas and was informed that he was a rancher and cattle buyer from either El Paso or Dallas, Texas.

She stated that after meeting Foley on March 17, 1931, he gave her a considerable "rush" until around the middle of April, 1931, being in her company almost nightly, taking her to dinners, prize fights, hockey games, theatres, etc.; that a short while after she first met him, Foley informed her he was a private investigator; that around the middle of April, 1931, his calls and his association became less frequent; that when he did see her he informed her that his work was responsible for his absences and that at that time; namely, April, 1931, Foley was living at the Crest Hotel in Chicago, as E. Foley.

Doris Foley stated that she left Chicago, Illinois, the last of May, 1931, in company with her former husband, J. F. Barton, and drove to her home in Danville, Vermont, in the latter's automobile; that she had not seen Foley for several days before she left Chicago, but had informed him of the names of her parents and their residence at Danville, Vermont; that after she had been in Vermont a few days she received a long distance telephone call from Foley from Chicago, Illinois, and he told her to write to him at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago, under the name of L. E. Franks, and explained the use of that name by saying he was on an important case; that a few days later she received a telegram from him from Chicago, asking her to call over long distance telephone collect to him at the Harrison Hotel in Chicago. She stated that she called him as directed and he informed her that he would be in New York on July 26, 1931, and asked her if she could meet him there; that this was sometime around the middle of June; that she did not hear from him then until about July 24, 1931, when she received a telegram from him informing her that he would be in New York City on August 1, 1931; that she heard nothing further from him and he did not appear in New York City, so far as she knows, on the date just mentioned.

She stated that she went back to Chicago, Illinois, in the latter part of September, 1931, to her former residence, 5240 Sheridan Road, Apartment 204; that she tried to locate Foley at the Crest and Harrison Hotels for about two weeks without being able to reach him; that after she had been in Chicago for some two weeks or more Foley called her and she met him downtown; that thereafter she saw him for a few weeks, possibly two or three times a week until around the first of October, 1931, when his calls on

her became more frequent. She stated that when she first saw Foley after her return to Chicago in September, 1931, he had disposed of the Cadillac automobile and in their travel around the city they used taxi cabs; that in December, 1931, Foley purchased a Chevrolet coupe.

Questioned as to any trips she may have made with Foley from Chicago, Illinois, Doris Foley stated that she only left the city with him on one occasion, which was Thanksgiving morning, 1931, when they flew from Chicago to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for Thanksgiving dinner and returned to Chicago the same day. She further stated that in the fall of 1931 Foley left Chicago, Illinois, by plane for Kansas City, Missouri; that she accompanied him to the airport in Chicago and on this trip the plane had to make a forced landing because of inclement weather somewhere near Libertyville, Missouri; that on January 2, 1932, Foley left Chicago for Texas and was gone twenty-six days, informing her that he had to look after some of his ranch properties and oil wells; that he called her by long distance telephone from Dallas, Texas, regularly during that period and at one time sent her a Western Union money order for Sixty-Five Dollars; that at about this time Foley informed her he had taken an examination for the Government Narcotic service and had received a position with the Government as a Narcotic Agent which paid him \$750 a month.

Doris Foley stated that Foley returned to Chicago from Texas around February 1, 1932, and they were together in Chicago from that time until April, 1932; that she did see him several times a week and that any absences from the city would be explained by Foley as business trips in connection with his work; that at that time he was supposed to be living at Seventy-Second Street and Jefferies Avenue with a boy friend in some apartment.

Doris Foley stated that in the latter part of April, 1932, she left Chicago and went to her home in Danville, Vermont; that from that time until July, 1932, she remained in Danville, and received numerous telephone calls and telegrams from Foley from Kansas City, Chicago and other places she could not recall. In this connection she stated that while Foley was in Dallas, Texas, in January, 1931, she wrote to him in care of General Delivery.

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Pursuant to arrangements previously made, Doris met Eddie Foley in New York City, July 26, 1932, and they were married there on July 27, 1932, under the name of Leonard E. Foley and Doris Barton; they remained in New York City at the Biltmore Hotel two or three days and then went to the home of her parents in Danville, Vermont, where they stayed for approximately ten days, when Foley informed her he had a number of cases coming up in Federal Court at Dallas, Texas; that she and Foley left Danville, Vermont, around August 10, 1932, and went to Dallas, Texas, where they registered at the Adolphus Hotel under the name of Mr. and Mrs. E. Foley; that after they had been there a few days, Foley informed her that all of his cases except one had been postponed.

She stated that they remained at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas almost a month; that during the period they were in Dallas, Foley left her for two days, informing her that he had to go to Big Springs, Texas, to look after some of his properties.

In this connection, it will be noted that it was at this time that Foley and George Kelley robbed the bank at Blue Ridge, Texas, as will be recorded hereinafter.

Doris Foley further stated that sometime in September, 1932, she and Foley left Dallas, Texas, for Portland, Oregon; that Foley informed her he had to go to Portland to work for the American Legion Convention; that they proceeded by train via Los Angeles, California, and on arriving in Portland they checked in at the Benson Hotel under the name of Mr. and Mrs. E. Foley, and after a day or two had to give up this room and moved to an address she does not remember.

They remained in Portland, Oregon, about a month, during which period Foley left her in Portland, telling her he had to go to Tacoma, Washington, and was gone for a period of about three days.

It will be observed further in this report that it was during this period the robbery of the Colfax, Washington, Bank occurred, which was done by Foley, Ed Bentz, George Kelley and George Bates.

According to Doris Foley, they bought a Chevrolet coupe in Portland, Oregon, from the Chevrolet company and it was purchased in her name, being given to her by Foley. When they left Portland, she and Foley went to Denver, Colorado, where they stayed for three weeks at the Cosmopolitan Hotel; that from Denver they went to Fort Worth, Texas, and she and Foley rented a house at 4026 Modlin Street, had a telephone installed in the name of Doris Foley and the day the telephone was installed Foley went to Dallas for some purpose and returned either that day or the following morning. When they had been in Fort Worth for about a month, about midnight one night a telephone call came for Foley and after answering it he told her he had to go to Oklahoma City immediately; that some man in a bootlegging ring he had been investigating had double-crossed him and he would have to get to Oklahoma City right away; that they packed a few necessities and left Fort Worth in the Chevrolet coupe and drove to Oklahoma City, arriving there at about daylight the following morning; that she and Foley went to some hotel, the name of which she could not recall, but believed to be the Skirvin, located near Bishop's Restaurant, where they registered and Foley immediately left to make some contact; that he returned to the hotel, informed her it was necessary for him to go to Birmingham, Alabama, and she would have to go back to Fort Worth for all of their belongings.

Doris Foley stated she then drove to Fort Worth, arriving there about dark and during the night packed all of their effects and met Foley the following day at the same hotel in Oklahoma City; that they left immediately and drove to Birmingham, Alabama, where they stayed for about ten days at the La Salle Apartment; that they left Birmingham and went to Montgomery, Alabama, to the Jefferson Davis Hotel, spending Thanksgiving day of 1932 at that place; that after two days in Montgomery, Alabama, they went to New Orleans, Louisiana, to the Ponchartraine Hotel, where they remained for a period of approximately ten days.

It will be observed that it was while they were in Birmingham and Montgomery, Alabama, that the Bank at Tupelo, Mississippi, was spotted and the get-away map prepared by George Kelley, George Bates and Foley. They robbed this bank after the Foleys reached New Orleans, Louisiana.

On leaving New Orleans, Louisiana, Doris and Eddie Foley proceeded to Chicago, Illinois, around December 5, 1932, where Doris became very ill.

Doris Foley states that Foley informed her that he had a case in Texas and that it was absolutely necessary that he go there on that case, but he did not want to leave her while she was ill and suggested that she have her sister-in-law from Danville, Vermont, come to Chicago, and stay with her until he returned.

This suggestion was carried out and her sister-in-law Mrs. Glenn Crane, arrived in Chicago at the North Park Hotel where the Foleys were staying, on December 8, 1932. Foley left Chicago, on December 9, 1932, and on the following day called Doris Foley from some town in the south and the following night, December eleventh, he called her from Nashville, Tennessee, and advised her that the case he had left on had been satisfactorily settled and it would not be necessary for him to go to Texas and asked her to meet him in Toledo, Ohio, with the automobile.

Doris Foley stated that the following day she met Foley in Toledo, Ohio, and they then drove on to Danville, Vermont, to the home of her parents, where they stayed until January 2, 1933; that they left Danville on that date and went to Saint Petersburg, Florida, stopping en route at hotels overnight; that they lived in Saint Petersburg at 146 Ninth Avenue North until April 26, 1933, and during that period they were joined by her father, Mr. F. A. Crane; that while they were in Saint Petersburg, Foley left for several days to go to Texas and she later met him in Atlanta, Georgia, in the aforementioned coupe, and drove him back to Saint Petersburg, Florida; that they left Saint Petersburg, Florida, April 26, 1933, and drove to Danville, Vermont, where they arrived May 1, 1933; that in the latter part of May, 1933, she traded the Chevrolet coupe, purchased in Portland, Oregon, for a Chevrolet sedan at the Chevrolet company in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and that this car was registered in her name, Doris Foley; that they left Danville, Vermont, around the latter part of May, 1933, and drove to Chicago, Illinois, that they stopped overnight at Cleveland, Ohio, at the Hollendon Hotel around June 1, 1933; that in driving into a parking lot in Cleveland that night, Foley met a man and woman who were accompanied by a small girl, who drove into the parking lot at

the same time that Foley spoke to these people, saying, "Hello, Big Shot".

It has been ascertained that the people she refers to are George and Kathryn Kelley and their daughter, Pauline; however, Mrs. Foley on being shown the photographs of George and Kathryn Kelley stated that she could not identify them as the persons as at that time Kathryn was wearing blonde hair.

Doris Foley stated that the following day she and Foley proceeded on to Chicago to the North Park Hotel; that at that time they were accompanied by her nephew, the son of Glenn Crane. She stated that they remained in Chicago for four or five weeks, attending the Worlds Fair and returned to Danville, Vermont, around July 4, 1933; that Foley remained with her in Danville for about three weeks and then left her there and went to Chicago, Illinois; that about August 1, 1933, she returned to Chicago, Illinois, and found Foley at the North Park Hotel, under the name of E. Foley; that during the period he was away from her he called her over the telephone and sent her telegrams from Chicago, Kansas City, and other places; that on meeting Foley at the North Park Hotel they checked out and went to the Park Sheridan Apartments, 5026 Sheridan Road, and remained there for a month; that she left Foley in Chicago and drove to Akron, Ohio, en route to her home in Danville, Vermont; that Foley could not accompany her because he was out on some cases, which she believed were in Kansas City, Missouri; that she stopped in Akron, Ohio, for a few days at the Mayflower Hotel as the guest of Jasper McKinney, the Chief of Detectives of the Akron, Ohio, Police Department.

She states that she was in Akron at the time George and Kathryn Kelley were arrested in Memphis, Tennessee; that from Akron, Ohio, she proceeded to her home in Danville, Vermont, driving the Chevrolet sedan, just referred to; that she did not hear from Foley until about September 30, 1933; that he communicated with her by telephone from Chicago and about two weeks later she met him in Burlington, Vermont, and drove him to Danville; that from around the first of August on Foley told her that stocks were going down and he had to get money from her to assist him with his expenses; that Foley left

her in October, 1933, and went to Albany, New York, and took the train from there to Cleveland, Ohio, and then went on to Chicago to the North Park Hotel, where she wrote him several letters; that he was in Chicago about two weeks and then returned to Danville, Vermont; that she met him in Albany, New York, and he told her he was endeavoring to get a transfer to Albany; that around this time she made several trips to Albany with Foley and stopped there at the Wellington Hotel; that sometimes he would remain in Albany and let her return to Danville alone, but that for a period of about a week before Christmas, 1933, Foley was with her continuously at her home in Danville.

On December 27, 1933, Foley left Danville, Vermont, and drove to Albany, New York, where they spent the night at the Wellington Hotel. The following day they drove to Poughkeepsie, New York and spent the night at some hotel in that city, their travel being delayed because of inclement weather; that from Poughkeepsie they drove to New York City and took the steamer "SHAWNEE" from New York to Jacksonville, Florida, having with them the Chevrolet sedan, hereinbefore referred to. They arrived in Jacksonville, Florida, January 1, 1934, and drove immediately to Saint Petersburg, Florida, where they registered at the Pennsylvania Hotel, and remained there until January 17, 1934, on which date they moved into their residence at 5190 Thirty-Eighth Avenue North, Saint Petersburg, Florida, the place where they were arrested on February 14, 1934.

Doris Foley stated that at no time during her association with Edward Foley did she meet any of his friends or acquaintances. As aforesaid, she was unable to identify the photographs of George and Kathryn Kelley as any persons known to her. She further stated that the friends and associates of Foley did not at any time communicate with him through her and had never tried to locate him through her.

After Foley's arrest, his residence was searched by Deputy United States Marshal Joe Hoo, accompanied by Special Agents R. M. Austin and Chaymon Fletcher of the Birmingham Office. A thorough search was made and nothing was found of value pertaining to this investigation, with the exception of notes of endearment bearing the handwriting of Foley, which had at some time or other been sent to his wife. There were also found in the house, a 38 calibre blue steel four-inch barrel Colts revolver, number 204651, and a Spanish blue military automatic

pistol 765-1914, number 51238. Both of these guns were loaded and are in the possession of Mr. Moe. The search of the premises aforementioned, was authorized by Assistant United States Attorney Graham, Tampa, Florida, and was made by and with the consent of Doris C. Foley.

On February 16, 1934, Doris C. Foley was released from custody on an order of United States District Judge Alexander Akerman at the request of Assistant United States Attorney Nathan Graham. She was kept under constant observation until February 19, 1934, when further surveillance was considered unnecessary.

The following, which was dictated by Special Agent H. E. Anderson, covers interviews with Eddie Foley from February 16 to 20, 1934, inclusive, at the County Jail in Tampa, Florida:

All statements made by Foley were made in the presence of Special Agents R. A. Alt, H. E. Anderson, R. L. Shivers and R. L. Main, and all crimes as detailed by Foley will be set out under proper headings hereinafter.

With respect to the instant charge; namely, the transportation of Buick automobile in question from Burlington, Iowa, to Bushnell, Illinois, Foley admitted to the writer, Special Agents R. A. Alt and R. L. Shivers that he stole this automobile in Burlington, Iowa and drove it to Bushnell, Illinois, and turned it over to a man in that city who disposed of it for him. He frankly admitted the theft and transportation of said car as alleged in the indictment and asserted that he would plead guilty to this charge.

THE LINCOLN NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY ROBBERY LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

For several months prior to The Lincoln Bank robbery, which according to Foley occurred on September 17, 1930, he was associated with a group of bank robbers known to him as

Big Homer Wilson
Eddie Bentz
Gus Stone

Big Slim
One Shorty (fictitious)
Old Charlie.

When the gang just mentioned decided to rob the Lincoln Bank, Foley and his associates spent several months in perfecting their plans, mapping the get-away roads and determining the inside layout of the bank. About a week before the robbery in question, Foley carefully looked over the inside of the bank to determine whether any vaults were located in the basement. He did this under the guise of having business with the bank.

About ~~thirteen~~ on the morning of September 17, 1930, Foley and the other individuals, above mentioned, drove up to the side of the bank in a Buick sedan belonging to the gang, Slim, the driver of the car, was left outside, while Gus entered the bank carrying a sub-machine gun, followed by the others who carried revolvers. Old Charlie, Gus Stone and Shorty held up the customers in the bank, numbering about fourteen, while Foley went to the vault. Big Homer Wilson was supposed to guard the door but, according to Foley, he was first at one place and then another in the bank.

Foley scooped the contents out of three safes in the vault, placing his loot in four laundry bags which had been brought along for that purpose. Before he had finished his task, Old Charlie came to his assistance.

Eddie Bentz in the meanwhile was "cleaning" the tellers cages. The robbery lasted about five minutes.

After the gang left the bank the retreat was covered by Eddie Bentz. While the hold-up was in progress a crowd collected outside of the bank, whereupon Gus Stone went outside with a machine gun to hold them off.

Directly after the hold-up, Foley and the rest of the gang drove towards Chicago, but stopped at a secluded spot in the state of Kansas where the bonds, mortgages, stocks and other commercial paper were sorted and the cash divided. It was found that the cash stolen amounted to \$42,000, which was split seven ways.

After dark, while still in the state of Kansas, they burned all the commercial paper which appeared to them to be worthless as far as a turn-over was concerned, such as deeds and mortgages.

At the same time they buried in an automobile inner tube, which was tied with string, a considerable amount of paper which appeared to be of possible value. They retained about \$700,000 in stocks and bonds, including about \$35,000 in Liberty bonds, and then proceeded on to Chicago, Illinois.

Foley stated that he subsequently disposed of the Liberty bonds through one Dewey Berlovich, a road contractor at Des Moines, Iowa. Berlovich sold \$15,000 worth of the bonds in Des Moines, Iowa, paying Foley eighty-two (82) percent of their face value. Berlovich also disposed of \$1,000 worth of the bonds in Saint Paul, Minnesota, in the same manner and attempted to sell \$14,000 worth of the bonds at Chicago, Illinois, where he was arrested with the bonds in his possession.

Foley's statement with relation to the disposition of these bonds corroborates the information furnished by Berlovich which appears in the report of Special Agent O. C. Dewey, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, August 28, 1933, in the case entitled EDDIE DOEL with aliases - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.

Foley stated that sometime after the robbery in question, Gus Winkler of Chicago, was arrested at Buffalo, New York, and identified as a participant in the bank robbery at Lincoln and to keep Winkler from being removed to Nebraska for trial in this case, the Capone Syndicate negotiated with Foley's gang for the return of the bonds. The Syndicate promised to pay Foley and his associates, through Big Gus Winkler, the sum of \$35,000, for about \$600,000 in negotiable paper, which the gang still had. \$300,000 worth of negotiable paper coming from the robbery was turned over to Gus Winkler by Big Homer, as Foley recollects. Winkler, as a matter of fact, did not turn over \$600,000 but did release \$536,000.

It is Foley's understanding that Prosecuting Attorney Towle of Lincoln, Nebraska, was paid \$10,000 for the part he took in arranging the deal for the restitution of the securities; that an investigator for The Secret Six at Chicago, Illinois, who was in on the arrangements, was also paid \$10,000 for the same purpose, and that someone else, whose identity Foley does not know, received the sum of \$5,000.

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The foregoing took place during the spring following the bank robbery and negotiations between the Foley gang and the Capone Syndicate were held at the Lexington Hotel in Chicago, Illinois.

It was stated by Foley that Big Homer Wilson knew Al Capone well and was friendly with some members of the Capone Syndicate and that he and Gus Stone were also very friendly with and close associates of Gus Winkler, it being Foley's opinion that Gus Stone had an interest with Gus Winkler in the slot machine racket at that time on the north side of Chicago.

On a later date, \$10,000 was paid by the Capone Syndicate through Winkler to Foley and the other members of his gang and at a later date an additional \$5,000 was turned over to them. This money was evenly distributed among members of the gang. It is Foley's understanding that the Capone Syndicate refused to pay the remainder of the money they had promised but that Gus Winkler told his outfit that he would make it good. This was never done, however, as far as Foley knows.

Foley stated that no one connected with the bank had anything to do with the robbery and that there was no violence in connection therewith.

Foley stated that the loot obtained was less than they had anticipated because the robbery was not timed correctly in that one of the bank employees who had the combination to a particular safe did not enter the bank shortly before the robbery as Foley thought to be the case.

Foley stated that no one, with the exception of those he has named, participated in any way in the robbery and that those serving time and those suspected, outside of the above named, were innocent.

As to the bonds concealed in the inner tube and hidden somewhere in Kansas, Foley stated that he and other members of the gang had made numerous efforts to locate it since that time but had been unable to do so and that their desire to locate the bonds was because one of the gang knew of a banker who was in the hole

and he had offered them ten cents on the dollar for the bonds they had so he could use them to cover up.

NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS AS FURNISHED BY EDDIE FOLEY

EDDIE LA RUE - the Subject of this investigation.

BIG HOMER WILSON - Chicago character, bank robber, and friend of Al Capone. Mentioned in reports in Bremer Kidnaping case. He is also known as **BIG JIM**; **CHARLIE POTATOES**, **CHARLIE STONE** and **BIG MOOSE**.

EDWARD BENZ - alias Ned R. Dewey, Seattle, Washington, Police Number 6894, well known to the Division. Also mentioned in the Bremer Kidnaping.

*Believed to be
An Individual,
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who is presently out of the country and whose name Foley refused to give. Foley indicated that he is known to George Kelley and George Bates.

OLD CHARLIE

- a Chicago character and bank robber. Known to Harvey Bailey and possibly known to George Kelley Kathryn Kelley and George Bates. Reported to have a long criminal record.

BIG SLIM (deceased) According to Foley, this individual was killed by gangsters at Redwing, Minnesota, about a year ago.

GUS STONE

- Native of North or South Carolina, Chicago character, hoodlum and bank robber. Friend and associate of Frank Nash and Doc Stacey, Frank Hayes, and Gus Winkler. Believed by Foley to be the man who manned the machine gun in the Kansas City Massacre, June 17, 1933, and also believed to be the man who bumped off Gus Winkler at Chicago.

KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

In connection with this, Foley furnished the following information:

That whenever this matter was discussed by members of the gang who were in the position to know, they claimed that it was their opinion that the person who manned the machine gun during the massacre was Gus Stone.

According to Foley, Frank Hayes of 745 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois, told him that Gus Stone manned the sub-machine gun at the Union Station Massacre at Kansas City. Hayes also told Foley that Gus had not been so see him since the Massacre, although he, Hayes, is holding \$500 which belongs to Gus.

According to Foley, it is well known that Hayes is the contact man in Chicago for numerous hoodlums and that if Hayes were kept under surveillance sooner or later Gus would appear at his place. To Foley's own knowledge, Gus is well acquainted with Doc Stacey of the O. P. Inn, as Foley has driven Gus to Doc Stacey's place on numerous occasions.

Foley stated that he did not believe that Gus was likely to be known to the Kelleys or Bates, but knew that Gus is known to Harvey Bailey and is also well known to one "Red", who is now serving life at Canyon City, Colorado.

"Red", according to Foley, escaped from Canyon City and went to Chicago, where he contacted his old associates. He left hurriedly, however, when he found out that Gus was going to place him on the spot. Upon learning that he was to be placed on the spot, "Red" left for Canyon City and on the way sent a wire to the prison officials that he was returning. He was arrested at Salt Lake City; however, and transferred to the penitentiary, where, according to Foley, he is now held.

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While in Chicago on the occasion just mentioned "Red" was paid some money by Gus to bump someone off which he failed to do. "Red" became ill at Chicago on this occasion and spent some time in the hospital there about a year ago last spring. The hospital in question is located on Jackson Boulevard at the Union Square.

Foley stated that either Gus or his wife used to visit "Red" while he was in the hospital.

Foley stated that Gus frequently visited in either North or South Carolina where his parents are supposed to reside. He also stated that Gus' mother is afflicted with cancer or ulcers of the stomach and during the summer of 1931 she was in a Chicago hospital for treatment, the name or location of the hospital he did not know. He states that he frequently saw Gus during that summer and Gus was continually complaining about the doctor and hospital bills that he had to meet; that it was also his understand that Gus' sister has a similar affliction; that Gus' father was a visitor in Chicago at the time Gus' mother was in the hospital.

Foley also stated that during the summer of 1931 while he, Foley, was registered at the Harrison Hotel in Chicago, under the name of E. Franks, Gus was also registered there with some woman; that it was his understanding the woman companion was a waitress from some neighboring restaurant. He further stated that in the summer of 1930, when the plans for the robbery of The Lincoln National Bank and Trust Company, Lincoln, Nebraska, were in the making, he, Foley, was stopping at the Chiefton Hotel in Council Bluffs, Iowa; that Gus would come to see him there and registered at that hotel, but he does not remember under what name; that Gus was also staying during this summer at the Fontett (he was not sure of the spelling of the name) Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska, and would make regular trips between Omaha and Council Bluffs so the two of them could confer.

He further recalls Gus stating that during the World War he first enlisted in the Canadian Army, but he does not know whether or not his entire army career was with the Canadian army.

Foley further stated that Gus frequently visits Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he seemed to be well acquainted.

Foley described Gus Stone as follows:

Age:	About 42 years
Height:	5 feet 7 inches
Weight:	150 to 160 pounds
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Dark
Complexion:	Medium
Glasses:	Sometimes wears hook-over gold rimmed glasses
Characteristics:	Is ordinary looking, and wears high, heavy black work shoes; always wears suspenders except when carrying a gat and then wears a belt; in summer often goes without his coat; dresses in rough clothes; is foreign looking (Dutchman with Jewish characteristics as to money)

With reference to the Kansas City Massacre, Foley, apparently in all sincerity, stated that it is his absolute belief, "Gus Stone is the man you are looking for in that job as the machine gunner". He stated that while he did not know, he was of the opinion that the job was pulled by about four individuals. He stated that he was unable to furnish information in reference to the associates of Gus at the time of the Massacre or thereabouts, June 17, 1933.

Foley stated that Gus is the type that for no apparent reason whatever would "smile in your face and shoot you in the guts".

He stated he is positive George Kelley was not in on that Massacre, as he was with him on the day it happened.

It will be noted from the statement of Doris Foley that she and Eddie Foley were in Chicago, Illinois, at the

North Park Hotel the date the massacre occurred, June 17, 1933.

Before Foley mentioned the name of the man he thought to be responsible for the Kansas City Massacre, he had stated several times that the man who killed Gus Winkler was the man who manned the machine gun on the Kansas City Job.

Edward Foley denied knowing Richard Gallatas and after carefully viewing his photograph, stated that he was positive that he had never seen that man.

EFFINGHAM, ILLINOIS, MAIL ROBBERY

In October, 1933, according to Foley, he and Eddie Bentz left Bentz' apartment on Kingston Street in Chicago, Illinois, and drove to Effingham, Illinois, to look over the mail room at the depot, preparatory to robbing the mail there. At that time they had a Buick sedan, stolen by Bentz.

Foley registered for himself and Bentz at a tourist camp located about twelve miles east of Effingham on the old highway running to the east. They arrived at this place at about ten P.M. and stayed in a small brick cottage. He described the tourist camp as having six small brick green and red cottages, a large residence and a combination store and lunch. He said that as he remembered, he registered under the name of Lang or Long. The next morning when they went to the shed adjoining their car they discovered that one of the tires was flat and the man who runs the camp learned of this; that after the tire was fixed, they spent the day in mapping the roads for their getaway and after dark they went to the depot where they noted the location of the mail room, the position of the tracks, etc., and then returned to Chicago.

Bentz had previously informed him that large sums of money, \$50,000 or more, were due to arrive at Effingham from

New York City on the Pennsylvania Railroad for transfer to the Illinois Central, going to Memphis and New Orleans. During the laying of their plans, they discovered that the New York train Bentz had reference to arrived at Effingham at approximately eight-forty P.M.

Associated with them in this enterprise were one "RED" who is wanted in connection with the Luer Kidnaping case and one JIM EVANS. Evans and Red at that time were stopping in Chicago, and Evans was driving a Plymouth coupe with a Berwin or Burwin, Illinois, city license tag stuck in the windshield.

A few days after Bentz and Foley laid their plans, he, Red, Jim Evans and Bentz drove to Effingham in the stolen Buick car. They stopped to eat at a small town of about 5500 population east of Effingham. When they arrived at Effingham a short time before nine-thirty P.M., Foley left his three companions get out of the car and walk towards the depot, about two blocks away and he circled around town in the car and timed himself so that he drove up to the mail room at the depot at approximately the same time the others arrived. Foley remained in the car and his three companions stuck up the man in charge of the mail room and stole several pouches of mail.

Foley and his companions then drove three blocks east from the depot, then wound around until they crossed the Mattoon highway, passed over the railroad track and took the first road to the north out past the airport. At the airport, Foley noticed a broken down truck in the middle of the road.

While Foley drove, his companions looked through the mail sacks, but failed to find any bundles of currency, as Bentz had lead them to believe they would. They continued on and a few miles from Hoopston, Illinois, they stopped where the highways divide and tossed the mail sacks over a fence into a corn field.

Shortly after that Foley left his companions and hitchhiked to Chicago. The others continued in the car to some road house, the name and location of which Foley does not remember.

Foley drew a diagram of the place where the sacks were thrown over the fence and indicated the spot with a large dot. The diagram in question, which is initialed by Agents R. A. Alt, R. L. Shivers and R. L. Main, was prepared February 19, 1934, and is being retained in the Jacksonville Office file in this case.

It is noticed in a circular from the Post Office Department issued on October 14, 1933, that on the night of October 10, 1933, at about ten-thirty P.M., three men held up and robbed A. H. Kroes, an employee of the American Railway Express, at the Union Station, Effingham, Illinois. A. H. Kroes at that time of the robbery had custody of the mail and several pouches of first class letter mail were stolen from him. The robbers made their escape in a 1932 Buick, dark green sedan, bearing Illinois license. The mail pouches were later found in a rifled condition on United States Route One, near Boswell, Indiana.

A circular issued by the Post Office Department on December 31, 1933, on Marcus Roseco Cutler with aliases and bearing the latter's photograph, was exhibited to Foley and he stated positively that this individual had nothing to do with the robbery in question.

Foley further stated that the individuals who are now serving sentences for this robbery had nothing to do with it and are innocent.

BREMER KIDNAPING MATTER

Foley was interrogated at great length to determine whether he had any connection with the Bremer case, or whether he knew any of the men who had committed the crime.

Foley most emphatically denied any connection with the offense, stating that at the time of the kidnaping and all the time that Bremer was held he was residing in Saint Petersburg, Florida, with his wife, Doris, which statement is verified by her and reputable citizens of Saint Petersburg, Florida; how-

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ever, in this connection Foley stated that late last summer he registered under the name of Lang or Long at the Gary Hotel, Gary, Indiana, for the purpose of meeting one WHITEY ANDERSON, a convict who escaped from the Joliet Penitentiary within the last four years. (He previously had stated that Anderson escaped either from Joliet or Peoria, Illinois; however after refreshing his memory he stated quite positively that the escape was from Joliet.) He described Whitey Anderson as

Age:	About thirty years
Height:	Between 5 feet 9 and 10 inches
Weight:	140 pounds
Build:	Very slender
Complexion:	Light
Glasses:	Given to wearing sun glasses
Occupation:	Bank robber.

Anderson at the time of his meetings with Foley was driving a Ferrar-plane Essex sedan of dark color. Foley described him as a jumpy, nervous type who will shoot without provocation. According to Foley, Anderson has no outstanding characteristics, but is a good dresser and generally has a woman to travel around with him.

At this meeting, which was pre-arranged, there were present Ed Bentz and a brother of Jack Pfeiffer of Saint Paul. Pfeiffer's brother was formerly in some legitimate business, a doctor or a druggist, or a businessman. He can be easily located and identified through his brother who is known to the Saint Paul Division Office.

During this meeting, which took place in a park in Gary, a discussion was had in connection with arranging for a kidnaping case and \$200,000 was mentioned as the ransom. Foley states that he refused to take any part in this arrangement and that later Whitey and Bentz left Gary, intimating that they would kidnap a prominent doctor in Rochester, Minnesota, and that it is his opinion that for unknown reasons they were unable to carry this out and proceeded to Saint Paul where they pulled the Bremer job.

At this meeting, these men also discussed the kidnaping of ex-Governor Small's son in Kanakee, Illinois. In fact, this latter matter was the reason for the meeting in Gary. It developed during the conference that ex-Governor Small lived across the street from his son's home and his house was at that time believed to be under guard and for this reason the plan to kidnap his son was abandoned; however, during the discussion of the proposed Small kidnaping, it was stated by Bentz and Whitey Anderson that if he were kidnaped he would be held for a ransom of \$200,000 and that it would be handled in such a way as to keep it from being a Federal offense, and that commenting on their proposed trip to Rochester, Minnesota, to kidnap some prominent physician, Bentz and Anderson stated that he would be held for \$200,000 ransom and that if they should ever kidnap any person in the future it would be for ransom in the sum of \$200,000.

One WAYNE WHITEY, who is now serving twenty-five years for his participation in the robbery of the Madison Bank at Madison, Wisconsin, last fall, was to be the fourth man in the gang in the Rochester snatch.

It was Foley's opinion that the Bentz gang was responsible for the robbery of the bank at Grand Haven, Michigan, last summer at which time one of the members was shot and later sent to the Michigan State Prison for twenty-five years. The man who was caught and convicted was referred to by Foley as being named Earl. In Foley's opinion the persons who participated in that robbery are the same individuals responsible for the Bremer kidnaping.

In commenting on the robbery of the bank at Grand Haven, Michigan, Foley stated that the driver of the car ran off and left the other participants who had to make their getaway through the streets.

Foley stated that Pfeiffer's brother had been shot during the hold-up of the Northwestern Bank in either Saint Paul or Minneapolis, in 1932 or 1933, and for that reason he has a noticeable limp. He described the individual in question as follows:

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Age: 36 to 40 years
Height: 5 feet 9 or 10 inches
Weight: 170 pounds
Build: Heavy
Hair: Dark
Complexion: Medium dark
Residence: Saint Paul or
Minneapolis.

Foley based his opinion for naming the Whitey Anderson and Bentz crowd as the persons responsible for the Bremer kidnaping on the fact that they left him in Gary, Indiana, to go to Rochester, Minnesota, and the further fact that if they did kidnap any person they were going to hold him for \$200,000 ransom, which seemed to be very definite in their minds.

Photographs of George William Larson, Milwaukee Police Number 24954; James O'Brien, Nebraska Penitentiary Number 10215, and those of Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis and Melvin Furlong with man aliases, Peoria, Illinois, Police Number 3940 (the latter being furnished the Jacksonville Office by Walter William, Superintendent of the Police, Peoria, Illinois) were exhibited to Foley. After carefully viewing same, he stated that he did not recognize any of them by names or photographs and did not believe that any of them were known to him.

Foley advised that he could readily identify the photograph of Whitey Anderson if furnished with one and suggested that photographs of all escapes from the Joliet Penitentiary who had not been recaptured be secured and exhibited to him.

LINDBERGH KIDNAPING MATTER

In connection with this case, Foley was carefully questioned on many occasions. He emphatically stated that he had no idea who was responsible for this job; that he, along with members of the gang with which he has been associated these many years, feel certain that this crime was not committed by professionals; that in his opinion no organized gang of hoodlums was responsible for the kidnaping, as he felt sure if it had been two or more well known gangsters, snatchers or bank robbers responsible for the crime it would have gotten out through one of them and percolated through gangland as he knows it; that if he were solving the Lindbergh kidnaping, he would look for somebody closer to home; that this is not only his opinion, but the opinion of those with whom he has discussed the matter, and that if it were the act of hoodlums or gangsters, they were persons who were not known to the "big shots".

Foley stated that with reference to the O'Connell, Hamm and Hackett kidnaping cases he would emphatically and truthfully state that he had no information whatsoever to offer; that he had no knowledge of the persons involved in these cases and that he has been informed that several attempts have been made to frame him in connection with the Hackett case.

He also stated that he could give no information in connection with the Holland, Michigan, bank robbery and that if he had any information in connection with the robbery he would freely give it. He stated that he did go over the Holland job on one occasion, but felt that it was too dangerous; that he was certain there would be no reason for withholding any information in connection with this job if he had it, since he had given so much other information in connection with other cases, including bank and mail robberies and kidnaping cases and that if the gang still at large knew that he had furnished Agents with the information contained in this report his life would not be safe on the inside or outside.

TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, BANK ROBBERY

PERPETRATORS:

GEORGE BATES
 GEORGE KELLEY
 EDDIE FOLEY

Foley stated that he, Bates and Kelley spotted this bank from Montgomery, Alabama, and that while he and his wife, Doris, were residing at the Ponchartrian Hotel in New Orleans, he, with Kelley and Bates robbed this bank between two-thirty and two-forty-five PM. around December 1, 1933. They obtained between \$14,000 and \$16,000 in cash and \$5,000 in Liberty bonds. All three entered the bank, the cages and the vault. He, Foley, manned the Tommy while Bates and Kelley carried revolvers. They used a Chevrolet sedan which belonged to Bates and during the robbery left it parked near the railroad track with the motor running. He, Foley, drove the car and mapped the get-away. After the robbery they all drove to New Orleans; however, he left the car on the outskirts of the city, after the loot was divided, and proceeded to the city on a bus. At that time Bates was living at the Bienville Hotel in New Orleans. This job was planned a week in advance and all three spotted the bank.

Asked whether Harvey Bailey was in on this job, he stated that he had not worked with Harvey Bailey for six years.

Foley also stated that after each robbery he left the gang as soon as possible and returned to the hotel where he had planted his innocent wife.

THE BLUE RIDGE, TEXAS, BANK ROBBERY

PERPETRATORS:

GEORGE BATES
 GEORGE KELLEY
 EDDIE FOLEY

This robbery took place in August, 1932, and, according to Foley, the participants were living at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas, Texas. This robbery was not planned in advance, they

were all broke, needed money and were willing to take a chance; that in robbing the bank they only obtained about \$1,000 and \$400 or \$500 in Liberty bonds. The reason for the small loot was that while in the bank they were frightened because of a shot or two which were fired accidentally by some one on the street, who knew nothing about the bank robbery.

COLFAX, WASHINGTON, BANK ROBBERY

PERPETRATORS:

GEORGE BATES
GEORGE KELLEY
EDDIE BENTZ
EDDIE FOLEY

According to Foley, this job was pulled in September, 1932, by above persons, at which time Foley was residing with his wife at the Benson Hotel at Portland, Oregon. The robbery occurred between two-thirty and two-forty-five in the afternoon; they obtained \$15,000 in cash and made their get-away in the Chevrolet sedan belonging to Bates. He, Foley, drove the car and handled the inside and outside work during the robbery.

When questioned as to additional bank robberies, Foley remained silent, saying that he had given sufficient information, and when asked why he had not robbed more banks recently he said that during the last few months his love for his wife had grown to such an extent that he lost his guts and his self-confidence; that his plan was to settle down on his chicken ranch in Saint Petersburg, knock off a couple of big jobs and retire from the racket; that he felt positive that no one knew of his residence in Saint Petersburg, Florida, which he believed that he had covered completely.

He stated that after each robbery he gave a certain amount of money to his wife, telling her that it was his salary from the Government as a Narcotic Agent, or \$750 a month, or that it was from the sale of cattle or lands which he owned in Texas, or the income from investments that he had made.

HOWARD A. WOLVERTON KIDNAPING

In connection with this case, Foley held out giving information for three days. He stated that an innocent man had been implicated in the commission of the offense and that if it were not for trying to protect this man he would freely give all the information he had; however, after it became apparent to Foley that the Agents interviewing him knew of his connection with the case and the man he was endeavoring to protect and being convinced of the fact, he finally decided and so stated that he would detail the snatch from the beginning to its conclusion. He then stated as follows:

That by preliminary arrangement he met George Kelley in Chicago about three weeks before Wolverton was kidnaped; they discussed kidnaping at that time and decided they might find a victim at South Bend, Indiana; they drove to South Bend in Kelley's Chrysler sedan and looked over the city directory. When they noted Wolverton's name, they read the notation to the effect that he was president of a foundry, as well as an official in one or more of the local banks; they then looked over his house, determining that he had a nice residence, after which they checked his habits for two or three weeks. At that time Foley was stopping at the Harrison Hotel in Chicago while George Kelley and his wife, Kathryn, were registered at the Wacker Hotel there.

While discussing the plans for this kidnaping with Kelley, Foley stated that he had agreed to furnish the hide-away. After this he drove to his brother's home, located on a farm five miles from Lockport, Illinois, between Chicago and Joliet, off Highway Four, which is served by a rural route from Lockport, Illinois. At this place he informed his brother, Harry Doll, that he had a friend who was going to trial the following day in a big liquor case and that he, Foley, had been able to fix all of the witnesses except one and that he would have to get this witness out of the way and he desired to bring him to the farm home of his brother for safe-keeping for one day. After considerable persuasion Harry Doll finally consented to permit him to bring this man to the farm for one day only.

After this, Foley drove his brother's wife and three children to the home of her brother in Chicago; that his brother, Harry, knows the address of this man in Chicago.

All of these arrangements having been made for the hide-away he and Kelley drove from Chicago to South Bend, Indiana, that afternoon and arrived at South Bend about five o'clock in the afternoon. They immediately spotted the Wolverton house and noted that the Wolverton's Pierce Arrow was there. While cruising around waiting for Wolverton to come out, however, they missed the car and did not see it again until about ten-thirty P.M. when they saw it stop temporarily in a parking lot in South Bend, and they observed two women and Mr. Wolverton in the car. The machine was tailed when it left the parking lot, to the home of the Studebaker's and it was noted that the Wolverton's remained in the Studebaker home for approximately one-half hour.

Kelley and Foley knew the route the Wolverton's would take to drive their car home, so parked their own car at a stop street about one and one-half or two blocks from the Studebaker residence from where they were able to observe the lights flash on the Pierce Arrow car as the Wolverton's started out of the driveway. When the Wolverton car stopped opposite their machine at the stop street, he jumped on the left running board of the car and held them up with a revolver. He told the Wolvertons that it was a hold-up, opened the rear door and got in. Mr. Wolverton was driving the machine and his wife was in the front seat. There was no other occupant. He instructed Wolverton to drive through town and not to make any disturbance to indicate what was going on. Wolverton, at his direction, drove to highway number two or twenty and Kelley followed in his Chrysler sedan. Foley asked if he were Mr. Wolverton and he said, "Yes".

After they had driven about five miles west he instructed Wolverton to turn off the road, stop and switch off his lights. Kelley drove up behind and did the same thing. They then informed Wolverton that he was being kidnaped and discussed the kidnaping at some length. After giving Mrs. Wolverton a letter of instructions to deliver to her father-in-law, they told her to get in the Pierce Arrow and leave them. She told them she could not drive the Pierce Arrow, but when they became insistent she drove to the highway where

the machine stalled. Either he or Kelley started the car for her and she departed.

In the meantime, Wolverton had been ordered into the Chrysler car and his eyes were covered with taped goggles of the ordinary celluloid kind. Kelley adjusted them. Wolverton at the time was in the front seat of the car.

With reference to the letter which was handed to Mrs. Wolverton, Foley stated that it had been hand printed by Kelley that day in Chicago. The letter in question will be discussed later.

Kelley then drove the Chrysler in a round-about way and while driving discussed ransom and the means of paying off. Wolverton insisted that he did not have any money and some argument took place in regard to this matter. While on the way Kelley noted that his car was running low on gas so attempted to turn around on a dirt road and ran into a ditch. As Foley remembered, Wolverton's goggles were removed and he assisted Foley in pushing the car out of the ditch. He and Wolverton then waited on the side of the road for about one-half hour while Kelley drove away and obtained gas for the car. After that, they resumed their journey, continuing until they arrived at the home of Foley's brother, Harry Doll, heretofore mentioned, which is located five miles from Lockport, Illinois. They drove into the garage, took Wolverton from the car, put a muffler or scarf around his eyes and head and lead him to the basement of the farm house which is located about one hundred feet from the garage. They entered the basement through a side basement door and Foley stated that to go into the basement you have to step up one step then down a number of steps and also that it was necessary to stoop. He then told Wolverton to lie down on a cot, but not to remove his goggles or the muffler until told to. Then he and Kelley locked the basement door and from the outside went upstairs.

Later, through either a loose board in the floor or a trap door, he conversed with Wolverton and told him that he could remove his muffler and goggles.

Foley states that in the basement there was burning an oil lamp and that he had a similar one upstairs. They arrived at the house, as nearly as he can remember it, about five o'clock in the morning. There were windows in the basement, but for protection from the cold they were covered with either straw or earth and allowed no light to enter. Foley states that it was a damp, cold, uncomfortable place and they furnished Wolverton with blankets when he requested them; that all conversations took place with Wolverton through the trap door and were merely general in nature as he did not desire to have his brother know that they were holding this victim for ransom. Foley states that he did all of the talking with Wolverton. He states that Wolverton was furnished with sandwiches and a cup of coffee or tea, such as it was.

He believed that his brother had a large cur dog that did considerable barking. He said that some cars passed during the day. He and Kelley took turns about, resting and sleeping.

In the morning, Foley states that Wolverton was given his breakfast; that shortly after this his brother left for Lockport, Illinois, to obtain groceries and that later in the day he told his brother that the groceries he had obtained were insufficient and that he desired to return to Lockport with him to purchase additional supplies. This travel was performed in his brother's 1918 model, two-door Dodge sedan automobile. Foley states that his object in going to town was not for groceries but to obtain papers that he knew would carry the news of the kidnaping. He purchased several papers, read the accounts and immediately upon his arrival at his brother's home burned the papers so that his brother would not see them. He also added that before the arrival at the farm he took Mr. Wolverton's pocketbook and removed therefrom \$90 in cash and an identification card and before Wolverton was released the empty pocketbook was returned to him with all contents except the money and the identification card.

Foley states that he knows they furnished Wolverton with steak, fried potatoes, bread, coffee and cake, all of which was handed to him through the trap door.

Foley states that they kept Mr. Wolverton in this basement until about dark of January twenty-seventh, when he and Kelley again placed the goggles on him preparatory to taking him

from the basement. The reason for this was that during the entire day his brother had been extremely nervous and insistent that they take Wolverton away from his home.

Shortly after dark, about six o'clock, he and Kelley escorted Wolverton to the car and placed him in the rear seat, Kelley getting in with him. Foley got under the driver's wheel and started for Chicago. On the way they talked to Wolverton of ransom and to impress him at one time mentioned that a squad car had just passed by undoubtedly looking for him, giving the impression that he might be in danger in their car.

While discussing the ransom, he positively stated that he could not raise \$50,000 and after some argument he was informed that \$10,000 would be accepted. Wolverton stated that he could not raise more than \$8,000, which he had in a bank and it was agreed that \$8,000 would be accepted and he was directed to await instructions with reference to paying the ransom.

Wolverton was driven to the west side of Chicago, about seven or eight o'clock that night and given Ten Dollars. He was taken out of the car and told to stand there with his back toward them and not to look back for a few minutes. He was then instructed to take a street car for Chicago.

During the period of Wolverton's captivity he mentioned my hacking cough and I informed him that I had been gassed in the World War and had never recovered.

Wolverton also told him that he knew the make of the car he had been abducted in and for that reason Kelley was anxious to get rid of him and gave that as his reason for accepting the amount of \$8,000 as ransom.

Foley's statement so far as he could remember tallies almost in exact detail with the signed statement made by Mr. Wolverton.

After Wolverton was released he and Kelley proceeded to Chicago where he left him and attended a picture show. The next day they met and discussed methods to be used in securing the ransom money.

Foley stated that after Wolverton's release he could not be positive about the ransom notes which were forwarded to him, neither could he recall a great deal about the telephone calls which were made to Wolverton's home; however, he did state that all of the ransom notes were prepared by Kelley, and they were printed in Kelley's own hand.

The day following Wolverton's release, Foley stated he talked this matter over with George Kelley and that at that time Kelley was accompanied by Kathryn Kelley; that because of the fact Wolverton knew he had been abducted in a Chrysler sedan automobile it was decided then that George and Kathryn Kelley should take that automobile and proceed immediately to Kansas City, Missouri; that thereafter the first ransom letter sent to Wolverton was mailed by him in Chicago, Illinois, directing him to get the money and be ready and in a position to deliver it on further instructions, or words to that effect; that he then met George Kelley in Kansas City, Missouri, and the second letter was mailed to Wolverton, directing him to drive his Pierce Arrow to Saint Louis, Missouri at a time stated in the note and from there to Saint Charles, Missouri, at a further stated time; that at six o'clock a certain evening to start driving west towards Kansas City on Highway 140 at twenty-five miles an hour until the car approaching from the rear flashed its lights ten times in succession. Wolverton was instructed to keep the dome light in his car lighted. Upon receiving the flashes from the car in his rear he was instructed to drop the package on the road and keep going in the same direction.

Foley states that on the day indicated he and Kelley at the stated time drove from Kansas City continually increasing their speed expecting to meet Wolverton in the Pierce Arrow; and after they had met him they expected to immediately turn around and follow him and make the ten flashes with the lights; however, Foley states that this night the weather was stormy, the most inclement he had ever experienced, extremely cold, the roads were muddy, almost impassable and he did not see how Mr. Wolverton could possibly arrive or drive in that weather; that in his opinion it would have been impossible for Mr. Wolverton to have reached Saint Louis from South Bend, Indiana, and that after driving within thirty miles of Saint Louis without meeting Wolverton and waiting there sometime, they drove back to Kansas City and went to the Phillips Hotel to bed.

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Within several days thereafter, telephone contacts were made with Wolverton from Pontias, Ottawa and Chicago, Illinois. Wolverton insisted that their instructions had been complied with stating that his nephew left Saint Charles at ten in the morning and not at night and drove with the money out on the highway. Wolverton also said that his nephew made the delivery after which the nephew informed that a car approached him on the road out of Saint Charles from the rear, flashed its lights and he dropped the package. His nephew also said to him that his car was followed by a car load of boys whom he believed to be representatives of the kidnapers and after the money in question; that the driver of the car with the boys flashed the proper signal after which the money was dropped on the highway.

Foley emphatically states that neither he nor Kelley received the package containing \$8,000; that this statement is the truth for after admitting his participation in the Wolverton kidnaping there would be no reason for not admitting obtaining the money in the event he had obtained it.

The United States Attorney at Tampa, Florida, is in receipt of certified copies of the indictment outstanding against this Defendant at Peoria, Illinois, in the instant case and it has not been decided when his removal will be effected.

At the conclusion of the admissions made by Foley recorded in this report, Foley on several occasions has stated that all information furnished by him was the truth; that he believed that he had been sufficiently cooperative and that he hoped to be of further assistance to the Government, but so far as he personally was concerned he had furnished enough information to put him away for the rest of his life. He indicated that his only desire in furnishing all of this information was for the purpose of protecting his brother against prosecution for having permitted him to keep Wolverton at his home while being held for ransom; that his interest was not solely in his brother but in his two children to whom he was devoted; that his brother, Harry, while a ne'er-do-well has never been able to support his family, but is not a criminal, has never been arrested and that his children are unusually intelligent and that he is pleading for the sake of these children.

He stated that his brother, Harry, could now probably be found at his old address at 4030 West Lake Street, Chicago, and that if he had moved from that address he could be located through relatives; that if approached by an Agent, his brother, Harry, would corroborate every statement made by him, Foley, in connection with the detention of Mr. Wolverton at his farm and that Harry would gladly inform the Agents as to the location of his farm where Wolverton was detained.

Foley was asked if all the information he had given were recorded whether he would sign his name to same. He declined stating that he had furnished this information voluntarily and truthfully and that witnesses were always present and he could not see how he could be benefitted by signing a statement. He also stated that he would plead guilty to any charge growing out of the information furnished but indicated that while he knew he could be put away for life he was reluctant to stand trial on the Wolverton kidnaping case.

AT SAINT PETERSBURG, FLORIDA:

The following investigation was made by Special Agent Chapman Fletcher of the Birmingham Office to determine whether Foley was in Saint Petersburg, Florida, during the time that Edward Bremer was kidnaped and held for ransom:

M. G. Vickers, Clerk, Pennsylvania Hotel, Saint Petersburg, Florida, advised that Mr. and Mrs. E. Foley registered on January 1, 1934, and checked out January 23, 1934. Hotel records show that Chevrolet sedan owned by Mrs. Foley was stored each night during above period at the hotel garage or Rants Garage in Saint Petersburg. Vickers is positive and emphatic in his statement that Foley could not have been away from the hotel more than two nights during the period, but that he did not believe that Foley was away from the hotel as much as a day and night, if absent at all.

L. A. Pinholster, Route Two, Saint Petersburg, is most positive in his statement that Foley came to see him January 4, 1934, when they discussed the purchase of property. He also saw

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them on January 8, 1934, and each day from that time until January 12, 1934, when he sold them the property aforementioned in this report.

Pinholster also stated that from January 12, 1934, until January 22, 1934, Foley was at the house daily and that he and Mrs. Foley moved into the house on January 23, 1934, and that he saw him daily from latter date until February 14, 1934, when he was arrested.

Mrs. Pinholster was present during the interview and corroborated Mr. Pinholster's statements.

Miles Dee, real estate broker, Saint Petersburg, advised Agent Fletcher that he first met Foley on January 4, 1934, and he is quite sure that Foley was not absent from Saint Petersburg, Florida, from January 6, 1934, until the date of his arrest.

J. C. Morgan, 620 Central Avenue, Saint Petersburg, stated that sometime prior to January 13, 1934, he talked with Mr. and Mrs. Foley relative to the purchase of electrical equipment for their home; that they contemplated purchasing and were at his place of business quite often, the exact dates he does not recall, but by reference to his books was able to state that it was on January 13, 1934, when Mr. and Mrs. Foley came into his store and told him that they had won \$700 on the dog races and wanted to buy a hot water heater. His books further indicate that on January 16, 1934, he sold to the Foleys an electrical refrigerator, washing machine, a G E range, a G E time clock, the total amount of the purchase being \$485, on account of which Mrs. Foley gave him a check on the Florida National Bank in the amount of \$185, which check he distinctly recalls was given him on January 16, 1934.

E. Aucremann, Manager, Trice-O'Neal Company, Saint Petersburg, stated that he talked to Mr. and Mrs. Foley on January 9, 1934, relative to the purchase of furniture and that they visited his place of business every few days after this, making selections until January 23, 1934, when the furniture they purchased was delivered to their residence. The furniture purchased amounted to a total of \$965.75, on which Mrs. Foley paid \$300

by a check drawn on the Florida National Bank in Saint Petersburg and agreed to pay \$25 each month on same until July 1, 1934, when they agreed to pay the remainder in full.

C. D. Dyal, President of the Florida National Bank, Saint Petersburg, stated that his records disclosed that he has an account in the name of E. or Doris C. Foley and that a safe deposit box, number 240, has been rented to these persons.

An examination of the box was made by Special Agent R. A. Alt and it was empty except for a receipt in the amount of \$3.75, payment of the box rent. The bank records show that this box was last entered on January 16, 1934.

Inquiry at the Union Trust Company, Saint Petersburg, disclosed that the Foleys had no account or safe deposit box in this bank. This and the Florida National Bank are the only banks in Saint Petersburg, Florida.

Mark Oglesby and wife, Anna Oglesby, negroes employed by the Foleys, advised that they began such employment on February 10, 1934, and had seen the Foleys every day since that time. They were unable to furnish any other information.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent Robert M. Austin:

La Verne Thomas, Manager Peninsula Telephone Company, Saint Petersburg, stated that on January 23, 1934, an application was made by Doris Foley for installation of a telephone at 5190 Thirty-Eighth Avenue North; that this service began on January 24, 1934, and since that date no long distance telephone calls have been made from that telephone.

Special Agent Chapman Fletcher and Special Agent Robert M. Austin interviewed Mrs. Eva Goff, 416 Grove Street North, Saint Petersburg, Florida, telephone 5-4881. She admitted that she is a sister of Mrs. Edward Foley, but declined to make any further statement, giving as her reason that she did not want to get mixed up in the case. She indicated that she had only seen Foley four or five times. It was apparent that she has been very little interested in her sister since her marriage to Foley.

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It was learned that Mrs. Goff's husband recently died very suddenly and that she and her daughter are spending the winter in Saint Petersburg for the latter's health. She previously with her husband lived in Providence, Rhode Island, and is purported to be a woman of considerable wealth left her by her husband.

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

Deputy United States Marshal Joe Moe informed Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt that when he was guarding Foley in his cell in the Saint Petersburg Jail the following conversation took place:

FOLEY: Well, they have got me. I guess I will have to pay. How much would it take for you fellows to lay off me?

MOE: How much have you got?

FOLEY: Well, I can get plenty.

MOE: Well, you can't get enough.

Doris Foley advised Agent Alt that her husband, Foley, had told her that he was a Secret Service Narcotic Agent, employed by the Government at a salary of \$750 per month and that he cautioned her never to tell any one except her parents, who are very old, and intimate friends that he was employed by the Government; that he informed every one and she should do likewise, that he was a cattle broker and buyer and he used that ruse to cover his official activities.

Following is a description of Doris C. Foley with aliases as obtained by Agents' personal observation:

Name:	Doris C. Foley alias Mrs. L. E. Foley alias Mrs. E. Foley alias Doris Barton alias Doris Crane
Age:	32 years
Height:	5 feet 2 inches

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(Doris Foley continued)

Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Platinum blonde
Weight:	150 pounds
Complexion:	Fair
Build:	Stocky
Race:	White
Nationality:	American
Residence:	Danville, Vermont
Marital Status:	Married - divorced and bigamously married to Edward Bell
Occupation:	Shoe model
Fingerprints:	In Division's files
Photograph:	Jacksonville Office file
Criminal Record:	Claims none.

The information recorded in this report relating to the Kansas City Massacre and the Bremer Kidnaping cases will also be set out in separate reports to be filed in those cases.

Foley was fingerprinted in the Sheriff's Office at Tampa, Florida, Number 426, and a copy of his prints were forwarded to the Division. He was likewise photographed and a copy of same is being attached to copies of reports going to each Field Office.

For the information of the Division, offices indicated by an asterisk will receive copies of this report and others will receive copies as soon as the second run can be made.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

NEW YORK CITY OFFICE's attention is invited to page 32 of this report where reference is made to the Lindbergh case.

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PORTLAND, DALLAS, BIRMINGHAM and KANSAS CITY OFFICES: Will make appropriate investigation, checking Foley's statements relative to bank robberies he detailed in Colfax, Washington; Blue Ridge, Texas; Tupelo, Mississippi, and Lincoln, Nebraska.

SAINT LOUIS OFFICE: Will make appropriate investigation in connection with Foley's statements in regard to the mail robbery at Effingham, Illinois.

CHICAGO OFFICE'S attention is invited to statements of Foley in this report relating to the Wolverton Kidnaping at South Bend, Indiana, and requested to make such investigation to verify his statements as is necessary.

BOSTON OFFICE: It is believed advisable to check the telegraph offices in Danville, Vermont, for the purpose of obtaining copies of all telegrams received by Doris C. Foley from Foley. This will serve to place him in certain places on stated dates which may be of great value in future investigations.

Undeveloped leads in the Bremer Kidnaping and Kansas City Massacre cases will be set out in reports which will be prepared relating to each of these cases.

Since typing this report, Foley has given additional information concerning other bank robberies in some of which he participated. This will be recorded in subsequent reports.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 14, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

For your information, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter dated February 4, 1934, which was addressed to the New York office of this Division by Mr. G. H. Van Senden, with reference to an extortion case which was investigated by Special Agents of the New York office of this Division.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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

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

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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> Ben Colborne:
Thought you might be interested
in the attached - Regards - Hope you
are feeling better -
J. Edgar Hoover

THE WHITE HOUSE
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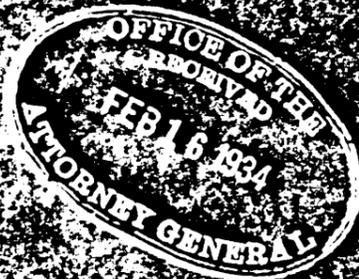
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Memo to the Attorney General.

Dear Dummings:

Thanks for sending the material on the Bremer case. It was most interesting. I was very glad to have the chance to see it.

L. Howe.



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From
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- MR. TOLSON _____
- MR. CLEGG _____
- MR. COWLEY _____
- MR. EDWARDS _____
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- MR. RORER _____

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- Solicitor General Biggs _____
- Assistant to the Attorney General Stanley _____
- Assistant Attorney General Stephens _____
- Assistant Attorney General Wideman _____
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February 23, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the investigation entitled RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. C. #1201, Obstruction of Justice, endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash, also to the kidnaping case in the matter of UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, Jr. - VICTIM. In the former case, reference is made to the report of Agent Trainor, Kansas City, December 27, 1933, and in the latter case to Division letter to the St. Paul office dated February 12th and an additional letter to this office dated February 18th.

It is requested that this office be furnished with the criminal records of the following named:

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

It is also requested that photographic copies of the fingerprints of each of the above named be furnished this office.

It is further requested that the Division furnish this office with gloss photographs of the above individuals in amounts designated:

- Fred Barker - 6
- Arthur R. Barker - 6
- Volney Davis - 10
- Harry Campbell - 10
- Alvin Karpis - 6

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It is requested that the above information and data be furnished this office as soon as possible in order that concentrated investigative attention may be devoted to both these cases.

Very truly yours,

F. I. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2/22/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/22/34	REPORT MADE BY: J. B. WELLS
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, aliases - GEORGE DUNN, R. E. HAMILTON, RAYMOND HADLEY, GEORGE HALLER, UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mr. Jewell, advertising manager, and Mr. Miller, assistant engineer, of Shell Petroleum Corporation, Chicago Office, both declare Shell shields counterfeit; Corporation has no metal signs under 42" in diameter and both sides are enamelled. All salesmen's car signs are painted on doors and are 10" in diameter. Other words appear thereon than just "Shell". Color of paint, lettering and shape are different. No idea as to origin.</p>			
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REFERENCE: Letter from the Division to the Chicago Office, dated February 19, 1934.			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mr. C. B. Jewell, advertising manager, and Mr. L. A. Miller, assistant engineer, of the Chicago Office of the Shell Petroleum Corporation, 624 South Michigan Avenue, are positive the two shields are counterfeit. They say that the Shell Corporation has never had a metal shield smaller than 42" in diameter. All their metal shields are enamelled on both sides and the metal used is steel. All these shields are bought through their St. Louis Office and the last lot was bought from the Burdick Enamel Sign Company, with factories at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania and Baltimore, Maryland. Neither Mr. Jewell or Mr. Miller has ever seen a metal shield of the Shell Corporation approximating the size of those Agents showed them, and said these latter were apparently made by an amateur. None of their shields have a bolt or screw hole in the center.</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. A. Smith</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-742		RECORDED AND INDEXED: FEB 26 1934
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On their salesman's cars Mr. Jewell says they use a decalcomania sign painted on each door 10" in diameter. This size is standard. However, it should be noted that all of these signs have more than the word "Shell" on them. "Shell Gasoline", "Shell Grease", "Shell Motor Oil", etc., are on these smaller signs, and it is only on the metal shields 42" in diameter and larger that the word "Shell" is displayed alone.

Mr. Jewell also called attention to the fact that unless the paint on the signs displayed by Agent was very old and had faded, it was not the color of their signs. The yellow paint on their shields is considerably darker. He gave Agent a page out of one of their paint books, showing the exact colors used by them. This page will be placed with the two shields in question for comparison purposes.

Attention is also called to the variance in the lettering on the shields, the "S" being more open on the counterfeit shields and the letters painted in an irregular manner.

When asked concerning the possibility of a die being used in cutting the counterfeit signs, Mr. Jewell said it would be easy to make such a die. A noticeable feature of the counterfeit shields is the square corners and point on the bottom side. Mr. Jewell is positive that all their signs have rounded corners as shown on the paint book page, which is being forwarded with the counterfeit shields to the St. Paul Office with copies of this report.

Mr. Miller informed Agent that these metal shields, after the enamel has been baked on, is about 1/8" thick.

Neither Mr. Jewell or Mr. Miller has any idea as to where the two shields may have been made.

The shields are being returned to the St. Paul Office instead of to the Division in the belief that that Office may wish to conduct further inquiry with regard to the shields.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINN.**

FILE NO. **7-27**

REPORT MADE AT: Salt Lake City, Ut.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2-21-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2-14-18-17-34	REPORT MADE BY: VAL C. ZIMMER
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="background-color: black; width: 400px; height: 40px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <p>had no information concerning the whereabouts of Doll. Inquiry at the General Delivery Section of the Post Office developed the fact that Doll was not known there. Arthur Johnson, alias "Red" Price, confined in the State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colo., has no information relative to "Old Fitz" alias Charley, or "Big Homer", alias "Swede Billy", in addition to that furnished by him in June, 1933, and on October 14, 1933.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Telegram from Portland Office dated Feb. 16, 1934; telegram from the Director, Feb. 15, 1934, and telegram from the Director dated Feb. 12, 1934.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AT DENVER, COLO.</p> <p>DETAILS: In accordance with the request contained in the third wire of reference, the Salt Lake City Office file entitled "Edward Doll, with aliases, Fugitive, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act", was reviewed and it was ascertained thereby that said Edward Doll had been associated with Lelia B. Foster and that the said Lelia B. Foster, while incarcerated in the Federal Industrial Institution for Women at Alderson, West Virginia, had corresponded with <div style="background-color: black; width: 200px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> declined knowledge of Edward Doll.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>John D. [Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Agent interviewed [redacted] had known Lelia S. Foster, inasmuch as [redacted] was raised in Knoxville, Illinois, the same town in which Lelia S. Foster was raised;

Agent was informed by [redacted] that during August of 1933 [redacted] was at Chicago attending the World's Fair, and then visited with the Foster Family at Knoxville, Illinois, spending about three days with the Fosters;

[redacted]

It was the opinion of [redacted] that Lelia Foster was telling the truth concerning her knowledge of Eddie Doll.

[redacted]

[redacted] when furnishing this last information, requested that the source of same be kept confidential.

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[redacted] to be of the opinion that Eddie Doll has not treated Lelia Foster in a proper manner and [redacted] stated that [redacted] did not wish [redacted] name to be used in any way, but that [redacted] would write to Lelia Foster and make casual inquiries concerning Eddie Doll,

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and if any information was obtained [redacted] would furnish same to this agent.

[redacted] was shown a photograph of Eddie Doll, with aliases, but stated that [redacted] had never seen the man.

The only information which [redacted] recalled from [redacted] conversations with Lelia Foster, which concerned Eddie Doll, in any manner was Miss Foster's statement that she had learned Doll made one visit at Aurora, Illinois, during the time she was in Alderson, West Virginia.

It is [redacted] information that Lelia Foster is now residing at the home of her parents at Knoxville, Ill.

No undeveloped leads are being sent out at this time, to interview Lelia Foster at Knoxville, Illinois, or her sister, Mrs. Gladace Budworth, 7827 South Shore Drive, Chicago, Ill., since it is believed that the same should be left to the discretion of the office of origin.

AT CANON CITY, COLO.

Agent A. R. Gere ascertained from the Protective Bulletin, American Bankers Association publication for August 1933, and February 1934, containing photograph of Homer Watkins, aliases Homer Baker, Charles Wheeler, C. E. Spencer, W. M. Longbrake, C. E. Wilson, Orin E. Baker, etc., indicated that this party had served a term in the Colorado State Penitentiary. b7c

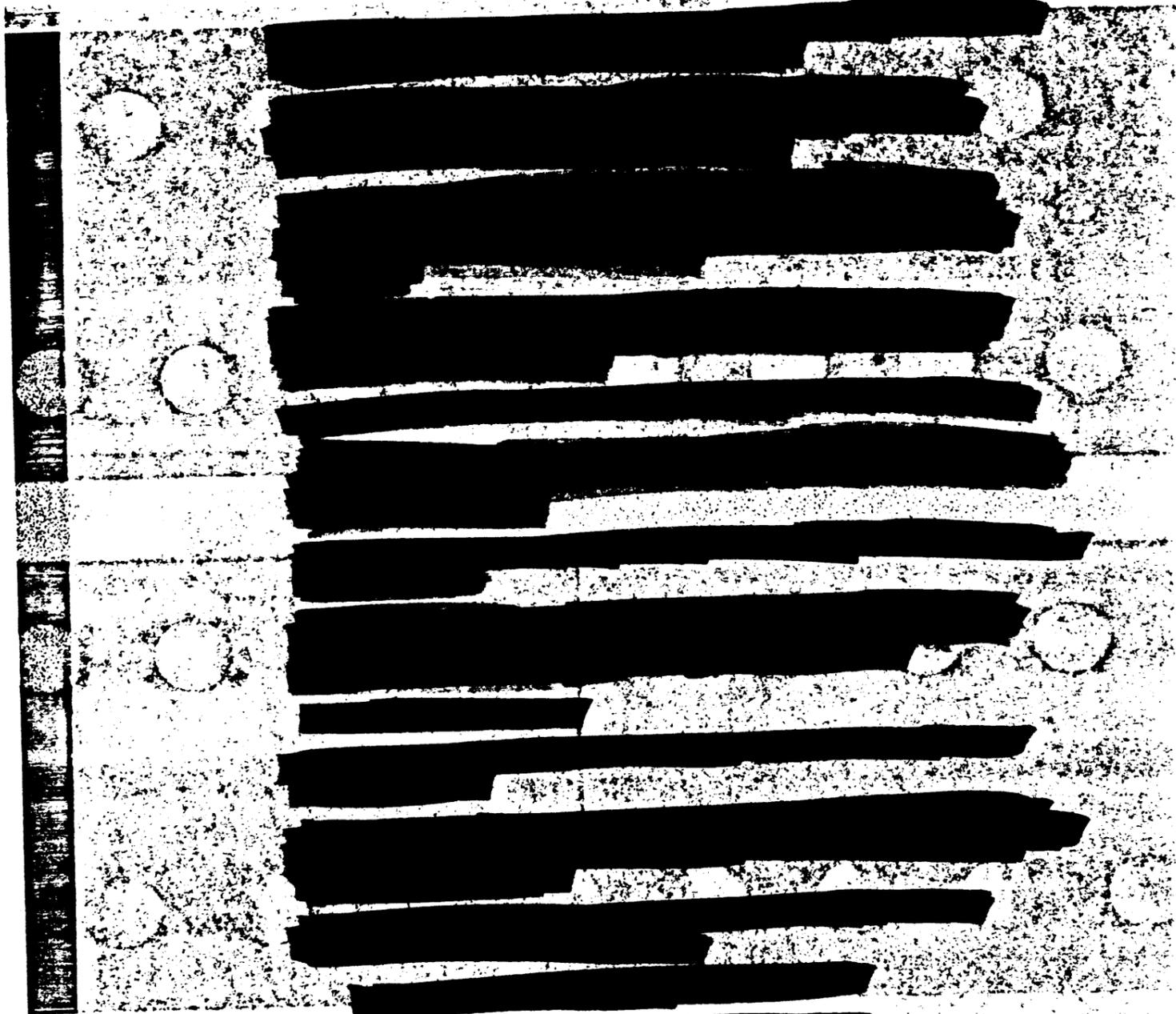
From the records of the State Penitentiary it was ascertained

[redacted]

The following is a complete record of this party, as contained in the records of the State Penitentiary:

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Arthur Johnson, alias "Red" Price, was shown photographs of Charles Wheeler, alias "Home" Watkins, and he stated that the same are not likenesses of "Big Homer" alias "Swede Billy", concerning whom he previously furnished information to Agent in June 1933, and on October 14, 1933, in connection with the investigation of the case entitled "Verne G. Miller, et al, Obstruction of Justice", although the photographs somewhat resemble "Big Homer"; that he had probably seen Charles Wheeler while the latter was confined in the Colorado State Penitentiary, but that he does not recall being acquainted with him at that time; that the only way he knows by which "Big Homer", alias "Swede Billy" could be located is thru Frank Hayes, of 745 South State Street, Chicago, Ill.; that "Big Homer" is about 52 years of age, or less; height, about 6 ft. 2 in.; weight, about 225 lbs; large build; medium brown hair; light blue eyes; light complexion; square-jawed; that "Big Homer" told him in 1931 at Chicago that he was an ex-convict from the Leavenworth Penitentiary three or four years ago; that "Big Homer" is married and his wife and two children were living on Prairie Ave., at about 21st Street, Chicago, in the fall of 1931.

With reference to "Old Fitz", alias "Charley", alias "Chuck", Arthur Johnson stated that three or four years ago a guard from the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, came to the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City after a prisoner to take back to the Lansing, Kansas, Penitentiary and talked to Arthur Johnson about "Old Fitz" and that this guard would be able to identify "Old Fitz"; that he has forgotten the name of the guard in question, but that the guard was formerly a guard at the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City 25 or 30 years ago, and is the only guard now employed at the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, who was formerly a guard at Canon City, Colo.; that "Old Fitz" is past 60 years of age; height, about 6 ft.; weight, about 180 lbs.; gray hair; medium ruddy complexion, healthy looking; light blue eyes; cast in one of his eyes.

Arthur Johnson also stated that the only way he knew by which Gus Stevens could be located was thru Frank Hayes, of 745 South State St., Chicago, Ill.; that he, Johnson, used to write to Gus Stevens at 1234 West Madison St., Chicago, a Greek or "Dago" cigar store; that Gus Stevens' woman, "Ginger", was a friend of Gus Winkler's wife; that "Ginger" and Gus Stevens in November 1931, lived in the Armstrong Apartments, about 47th Street and between

West Madison Street, and the first street (name forgotten) south of West Madison St.; that Gus Stevens and "Ginger" used to visit him (informant) at the Jefferson Park Hospital, Chicago, during November or December 1931; that Gus Stevens is about 42 or 43 years of age; height about 5 ft. 10 1/2 in.; weight, about 165 lbs.; rugged build; dark hair and dark eyes; dark complexion, looks like a Jew, and has a nose like a Jew; that "Ginger" is about 22 or 23 years of age; height, about 5 ft. 7"; is quite tall; weight, about 130 to 125 lbs.; medium complexion; light brown hair; light brown eyes.

Arthur Johnson stated that George Ziegler is known as "The Dutchman", and is known at St. Paul at Jack Pfeifer's place, the Hollyhock Inn, and is known at Doc Stacy's place, the O & P Inn, at Chicago; that George Ziegler is the one that handled the machine gun at the Kansas City Massacre on June 17, 1933; that Verne Miller drove the automobile, and that "Old Fitz" was also in the massacre; that George Ziegler and his wife lived at an apartment house at Scoville and West Madison Sts., Chicago, in November 1931; that the apartment house is the only apartment house on the corner, and is on the northwest corner of the intersection of Scoville and West Madison Streets, and is up over a grocery store; that the name of George Ziegler was on a card on the mailbox in that apartment house; that George Ziegler is about 28 or 29 years of age; height about 5 ft. 9 in. or 10 in.; weight, about 160 lbs.; light hair; light blue or grey eyes; light complexion; German race.

Agent did not have his report dated June 26, 1933, in his possession at the time of interviewing Arthur Johnson, alias "Red" Price, and it is possible that much of the foregoing information is contained in that report, and it is also possible that the report of June 26, 1933, contained information obtained from Arthur Johnson at that time, which he did not repeat at the instant interview with him, and the report of June 26, 1933, entitled "Verne G. Miller, with aliases - Fugitive I.O. #1195, et al. Obstruction of Justice", should be considered in connection with this report.

Photograph of Charles Wheeler, #15297, Colorado State Penitentiary, is being forwarded to both the St. Paul and Chicago Offices.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE AT LANSING, KANSAS, STATE PENITENTIARY: Will ascertain the identity of the guard who was formerly employed at the Colorado State Penitentiary, and from him ascertain the identity of "Old Fitz", alias "Charley" alias "Chuck", who is alleged to have

been paroled from the Kansas State Penitentiary about four years ago.

THE ST. PAUL OFFICE: Will make such investigation as the allegations contained herein may warrant and will direct such leads to the Chicago Office and to its own office as the contents warrant.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
POST OFFICE BOX 515
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 22, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING
St. Paul file No. 7-30

Dear Sir:

It is my understanding that LEE TURNER, mentioned as a suspect in the Holland, Michigan bank robbery, and who has been suggested as a possible subject in this case, is serving a sentence for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Please check the records of the Division to determine if this is true. In order that the Division will not expend time in considering this individual in its single fingerprint file, and otherwise, it is believed that in the event Lee Turner is confined, the Chicago, Detroit and Kansas City offices should be notified, as well as this office.

Very truly yours,



W. A. RORER,

Inspector.

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March 5, 1934

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of February 22, 1934, concerning the above entitled case, you are informed that the Division's records reflect that on October 22, 1933, Lee Turner was received in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas to serve one year and one day for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. The files of the Identification Unit do not indicate that Turner has been released.

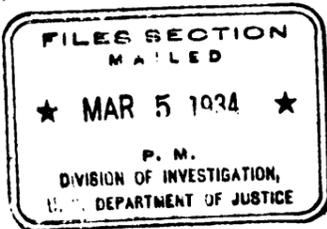
I am transmitting a copy of this letter to the Chicago, Detroit and Kansas City offices and to each copy as well as to the original of this letter directed to you, I am appending a copy of Turner's criminal history.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #201845

cc Chicago
cc Detroit
cc Kansas City



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 19, 1934.

MR. NATHAN
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MR. ROWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. EGAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

At 9:30 P.M. Saturday night an identification was effected in the Bremer Case when a latent print appearing on one of four gasoline cans submitted by the St. Paul office was identified as the right index finger of Arthur Barker, our #289428. The identification was effected by Mr. Deiss of the Technical Section of the Identification Unit and confirmed by me.

At the suggestion of Mr. Clegg I called the St. Paul office and furnished the information to Mr. Rorer. He requested that the Division files be searched and the names of all recent accomplices of Barker be rechecked against all the latent prints in the Bremer case. Mr. Newby has furnished fourteen such names which are recorded below and rechecking is being conducted:

- Fred Barker, our file 59163.
- Edward Bentz, our file 15279.
- Theodore Bentz, our file 510598.
- Harry Campbell, our file 419856.
- Volney Davis, our file 400441.
- Alvin Karpis, our file 199217.
- John H. Lugar, our file 515201.
- Alvis Rayton, our file 676983.
- Bernard Phillips, our file 328905.
- John (Urban) Roland, our file 515120.
- Harry A. Sawyer, #29622 U.S.P., Leavenworth, Kans.
- Samuel Schragger, our file 182772.
- W. C. Wieseeman, our file 88986.
- Edward Wilhite, our file 75894.

Respectfully,

E. F. Correy
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 16, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Alt called from Tampa. He advised that LaRue positively refused to give any further information until his wife was released. He had stated that he was in Gary, Indiana, sometime ago with three other men and they propositioned him to go to Rochester to pull a job. He also stated they wanted him to go to Kankakee, Illinois, and snatch ex-governor Small's son. They talked this over but he refused to go in on it. He said that later on these fellows went to St. Paul and pulled a job and if his wife gets out he will tell the name of one of the men; that through this man the other men can be picked up on the Bremer job.

I also talked with Agent Andersen, who states that he does not believe LaRue will give further information until the woman is released.

Mr. Alt was told that if the United States Attorney is agreeable it should be ascertained from her whether she would be willing to stay around until the investigation is completed; that she should be released but she should be guarded and her movements covered to see that she does not get in touch with anyone. Mr. Alt stated that they would keep her at her house in St. Petersburg. Mr. Alt was further told that they should tell LaRue definitely that as soon as he talks we will first verify some of the details to see if they are true, and if it is found that they are true, we will let her go.

Mr. Alt stated that the house had been searched. They found some letters, apparently of no value, and the two guns, which have been referred to before.

Mr. Alt was further told that he should inform LaRue that the complaint against his wife will not be dismissed and if he fails to talk she can be picked up at a moment's notice.

Alt and Andersen both recommended this

Follow this up.

*J. E. Malone
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Respectfully,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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February 20, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Purvis called from Chicago (11:00 A. M.). He stated that he had intended writing a letter to the Washington Field Office requesting that Alexander Jamis be contacted at the Willard Hotel in connection with the Woolverton kidnaping case but he doubted the advisability of this and thought that he should send the letter to the Director and if the Director thought it was O. K., he could turn it over to the field office. Mr. Purvis was advised that this would be better.

Mr. Purvis requested that the Division advise him immediately if it has any record on Jockey Ross, alias James Martin, Folson, California, #14164. Mr. Purvis states that this man came in yesterday and advised him that he was reforming; that this man claims that he can get next to Frisco Dutch in St. Paul. Mr. Purvis is going to talk to him again today. He requested that if the Division has a record on this individual, it be sent to him by Air Mail. I have called the Identification Division to have a search made in this connection.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

See memo to Purvis

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
February 23, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM
Kidnaping Detroit file 7-25

Referring to the recent circularization of peace and bank officials in the district covered by this office with bank note listings of the ransom money paid in the Bremer kidnaping case, kindly be informed that, after a complete circularization of mailing lists at this office, it appears that approximately 200 copies of the circulars are now remaining in this office and are available for use by the Division, if desired.

In that respect, it is requested that the Division inform this office of its wishes regarding the disposition of the extra circulars.

Very truly yours,

M. W. Meekins
M. W. Meekins, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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March 5, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter dated February 23, 1934 relative to a surplus of 200 lists of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases.

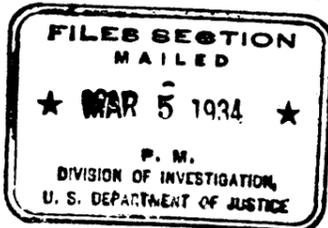
The Division desires that you make any further distribution of these lists that you deem fit. Copies remaining may be retained by you to accommodate any future requests therefor.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. George A. Shea, Director of Investigation, Canadian National Railways which is self explanatory. Mr. Brandes full address is: Superintendent of Investigation, Grand Trunk Western Lines, Detroit, Michigan. Kindly add his name to your list for subsequent circularization of this nature.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #382543.



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Edward G

BREMER CASE RE YOUR WIRE CONCERNING P H NEWBALD AND EMILY
NEWBALD STOP ONLY INFORMATION OBTAINABLE DISCLOSES P H
NEWBALD ALIAS PHILIP NEWBOLD ARRESTED AS YOUR WIRE AGE THIRT
MACHINIST AMERICAN MARRIED NO PRINTS TAKEN STOP EMILY NEWBAL
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- MR. NATHAN
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U. S. Department of Justice
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
~~Bureau of Investigation~~

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
February 23, 1934

DB:MMB
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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.

Attached hereto you will find a copy of a letter I have written the St. Paul office in the above captioned case, and from the latter part thereof, it will be observed that Agent Perkins interviewed one Tom Antone, a convict at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, who desires to work with Agents of this Division, or any officers, in an effort to locate these subjects, or any of them.

At the time Agent Perkins was at the State Penitentiary in McAlester, Kr. Dunn, the Deputy Warden, told him that Antone, although he is a convict and has escaped, is thoroughly reliable and any promises made by Antone, he would keep; that he feels that Antone is in a position to locate the parties mentioned, that is, possibly the Barkers, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis and Campbell; that Antone is courageous and would be willing to take all kinds of chances; that he, Dunn, or the Warden, could make arrangements, if desired, for Antone to work with the Agents and that a report could be circulated to the effect that Antone had again escaped, which, of course, would be fictitious, and that once on the outside, he could work with Agents of the Division undercover.

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No commitments in respect to this matter, however, have been made by this Division. My recommendation of such a thing is unfavorable, but I am submitting it to you for such instructions as you desire to furnish me in connection therewith.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Dear Sir:

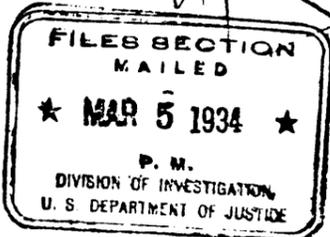
RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
Edward George Bremer, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

In reply to your letter dated February 23, 1934,
wherein you refer to a proposed plan whereby one Tom Antone, a
convict now serving sentence at the State Penitentiary, McAlester,
Oklahoma, could be released for the purpose of assisting this
Division in locating and apprehending members of the Barker-Karpis
gang, this plan having been proposed by Mr. Dunn, the Deputy
Warden at the Penitentiary, please be advised that the Division
does not concur in such a plan and, therefore, you should not take
any action with respect thereto.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC Mr. Rorer, St. Paul.



ZFC:CR

February 23, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request made by telephone to the Division there is transmitted herewith one set of photographs of the original getaway chart found after the robbery of the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #787131.

AIR MAIL.

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St. Paul, Minn.
February 22, 1934.

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0 BREKID REEER MY LETTER YESTERDAY REGARDING HIDEOUT MAKE SIMILAR INVESTIGATION
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Saint Louis, Missouri**

FILE NO. **26-2659**

REPORT MADE AT: Jacksonville, Florida	DATE WHEN MADE: Feb. 24, 1934	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: Feb. 21-23, 1934	REPORT MADE BY: R. L. Shivers
TITLE: EDWARD DOLL with aliases IDENTIFICATION ORDER 1214		CHARACTER OF CASE: NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Foley admits robbing a bank in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, in 1933, and a bank at Turner Falls, Massachusetts, December 13, 1933, and names participants in each robbery. He also names persons responsible for the Grand Haven, Michigan Bank robbery in the summer of 1933, and some of those participating in the robbery of the Holland State Bank, Holland, Michigan. He believes the get-away map found which is referred to in connection with the Bremer kidnaping is the one used in the Grand Haven robbery and not in the Holland job. Foley questioned concerning numerous suspects in the Bremer kidnaping.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, Jacksonville, Florida, February 23, 1934.			
DETAILS: AT TAMPA, FLORIDA: ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS, BANK ROBBERY In the further interrogation of Foley on February 23, 1934, he stated to the writer and Special Agent H. E. Andersen that in April, 1933, while he and Doris Foley were in Saint Petersburg, Florida, he			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-753	RECORDED AND INDEXED: FEB 26 1934
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left there and met George Kelley and George Bates in Hot Springs, Arkansas; and robbed a bank at Arkadelphia, Arkansas; that he stopped at the Como Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas, with George Bates probably under the name of Lang, Long or some short name; that it took about a week to prepare for this robbery, getting the layout of the bank and mapping the get-away after the robbery. The bank had been originally spotted by Kelley and Bates.

In robbing this bank they used a Ford sedan owned jointly by the three of them; that they entered the bank in the afternoon just before closing time and used one sub-machine gun which was carried by Foley. They obtained between \$2,500 and \$3,000 in cash. Foley drove the car away from the bank and in some town about eighteen miles southwest of Arkadelphia they ran into the Sheriff and four of his deputies and engaged in a shooting combat with the Sheriff's forces, but they managed to escape without being injured. They drove to Shawnee, Oklahoma, where Foley left them and proceeded by bus to Oklahoma City to the Skirvin Hotel. Foley then took a plane from Oklahoma City to Atlanta, Georgia, and was met there by Doris Foley at the airport and they drove back to Saint Petersburg, Florida.

Foley stated that the bank statement issued by this bank indicated cash in the sum of \$16,000 and after they had robbed it they learned that about three weeks prior it had been robbed by three boys who obtained \$10,000 and who were later captured and sentenced for the robbery.

TURNER FALLS, MASSACHUSETTS, BANK ROBBERY

PARTICIPANTS:

Ed Bentz
Eddie Foley

With regard to this robbery, Foley informed the writer and Special Agent H. E. Andersen that he spotted the bank at Turner Falls, Massachusetts, while residing with Doris Foley at the home of her parents in Danville, Vermont, and that on December 13, 1933, he and Ed Bentz robbed this bank securing \$18,000 in cash; that they went into the bank about twenty minutes to eight in the morning before the bank opened; that there was no one in the bank at

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the time except the janitor and thereafter four employees came into the bank and were taken into custody and forced to lie down on the floor of the bank; that the time lock on the vault came off about eight-fifteen; that he and Bentz only used revolvers for this job and a Ford sedan which had been borrowed by Eddie Bentz from the owner of a road house out of Chicago which was used as a meeting place by the men on the Effingham mail robbery. Foley was unable, however, to state where this road house is located.

He stated that he mapped the get-away on this job and in preparing for it spent several days in Albany, New York, in the Wellington Hotel at times and one other night at a tourist home on the outskirts of the city; that he spent one night at the tourist home with Doris Foley and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Glenn Crane; that he believes Bentz stopped at the Wellington Hotel in Albany a day or so before the robbery occurred.

When asked to account for the \$9,000 he received as his share of the loot in this robbery he stated that he paid up a considerable amount of money he owed and sent it back to Chicago by Eddie Bentz. In this connection, he stated that he had at times borrowed money from Frank Hayes and that he had been straight with every bank robber and contact man with whom he has ever dealt.

BREMER KIDNAPING

Reference is made to the letter from the Chicago Office directed to Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, Saint Petersburg, Florida, February 14, 1934, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM - KIDNAPING - Chicago file 7-82, and to letter from the Detroit Office to the Saint Paul Office dated February 9, 1934, in the same subject matter. It is noted in the communications just referred to that there is strong reason to believe that the perpetrators of the Holland State Bank, Holland, Michigan, bank robbery in September, 1932, are the persons responsible for the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings as laboratory tests

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of a road chart found in an abandoned automobile of the Holland bank robbery and of ransom notes in the Hamm kidnaping disclosed that the same typewriter was used in those notes and was also the same typewriter used in writing the ransom notes in the Bremer case.

Eddie Foley informed the writer and Special Agent H. E. Andersen on February 23, 1934, that the Holland State Bank was robbed by Big Homer, Lee Turner, another man whose name he could not recall at the time, and others unknown to him.

Foley stated that he was not in on the robbery but from his information the participants engaged in a shooting with officers but he did not know if it were at the time of the robbery or later out on the roads. He stated that this bank had been put up to him and he had turned it down in 1932 after looking it over and deciding that he could not map a safe get-away; that he had attempted to map a get-away from the robbery but after finding he could not make a safe one he destroyed the get-away chart, to the best of his recollection.

He also stated that one of the men on the Holland job who is unknown to him is the same man who was to have participated with him in the Effingham mail robbery, but who failed to show up and was left out of the latter job.

Lee Turner, according to Foley, was arrested in Chicago last summer on some automobile charge and was taken to Danville, Illinois, where he was sentenced in the Federal Court to a short term in a Federal prison or jail.

Foley stated that as far as he knows the automobile used by the robbers on this job was not abandoned and the get-away map was never found and that he has never been advised by any of the participants to the contrary.

It is observed from the letters just referred to that the get-away map on the Holland robbery was found and that laboratory analysis of the paper indicates that the typewriter on which the get-away was written is the same machine as was used in writing the Hamm and Bremer ransom notes.

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Questioned as to any robbery in which the automobile had been abandoned, Foley states that in the Grand Haven, Michigan, robbery which occurred in the summer, probably June, of 1933, which was staged by Whitey Anderson, Wayne Whitey and one Earl, Eddie Bentz, Jack Pfeiffer's brother and a driver; that the driver left the robbers flat at the bank and ran away in the car, later abandoning it, leaving the get-away map in the car. He stated that this information was imparted to him by Eddie Bentz, one of the participants, two days after the robbery occurred and that in his opinion the get-away map thought to have been that on the Holland job is in reality the get-away map used on the Grand Haven job; that if this is true there is no question but what some of the participants in the Grand Haven robbery are responsible for the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings.

Foley stated that if he could observe the get-away map in question he could easily determine whether it was the map used in the Grand Haven or the Holland jobs and expressed the opinion that the get-away map for the former robbery was prepared by Eddie Bentz.

The person referred to as Earl who participated in the Grand Haven robbery was shot at the time and captured. He was later sentenced to serve twenty-five years for this robbery in the Michigan State Prison.

Foley also stated that the same outfit who robbed the Grand Haven Bank was responsible for the subsequent robbery of a bank in Madison, Wisconsin; that Wayne Whitey was caught and prosecuted for the Madison job, which was pulled in the fall of 1933, and sentenced to twenty-five years in the penitentiary at Waupun, Wisconsin.

With reference to the report of Special Agent William Larson, rendered at Detroit, Michigan, February 15, 1932, titled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM - KIDNAPING, it is noted on page three that Kathryn Kelley is quoted as saying that one Marty Cork alias Joyce and Leo Trent might be taken into consideration as suspects in this case; that these two individuals were closely associated with La Rue.

Foley positively denied knowing Cerky alias Joyce. He admitted knowing Trent and stated that to the best of his knowledge he was serving time in a Federal prison on a counterfeiting charge during the period of the Hamm kidnaping.

With reference to letter from the Chicago Office to the Division on February 8, 1934, in the Bremer kidnaping case, Foley stated that he has never heard of Grover Comstock, Robert Smith or Michael De Laurentis, who appear to have disposed of certain bonds coming from the robbery of the Holland bank. He advised, however, that he had heard that several individuals had been arrested for possession of the bonds but said he had no definite information with reference thereto. He was positive that the three individuals mentioned above did not participate in the Holland bank robbery.

In reference to statements appearing in letter from the Chicago Office to the Saint Paul Office under date of February 17, 1934, regarding the same case, to the effect that one Harry Sawyer, a Saint Paul saloon keeper, was a possible finger-man in both the Hamm and Bremer kidnapings, Foley stated that he had no information relative thereto, saying that he did not know him.

In paragraph four, page three of this same letter, mention is made that Big Homer sometime in 1933 was seen in Ballard and Frazier's Restaurant in Chicago on Lake Street near State Street. Foley stated that he had never heard of this restaurant being used as a hangout, but was widely known as a political gathering place.

In the last paragraph of this same letter, information appears to the effect that Big Homer married a Chicago girl in either 1923 or 1924. In this connection, Foley stated that to his knowledge Big Homer was married about five years ago to a Catholic girl; that this girl bears a very good reputation and does not know that Big Homer is a hoodlum, but believes him to be a prosperous broker. Foley further stated that he believed the marriage was performed by a Catholic priest but stated that he did not know who appeared as witnesses.

With reference to the same letter, on page two, paragraph four, information is set forth that Big Homer is a very good friend of one Willie Harrison, a former Saint Louis Police character, who now operates a saloon in Calumet City, Illinois. Foley stated that this information is correct as Big Homer and Harrison are very good friends.

With reference to the allegation made that Harrison was arrested at Chicago, Illinois, between 1930 and 1932 for participation in a bank robbery at Jefferson, Wisconsin, Foley stated that this information is incorrect as Harrison has never been in any trouble.

In a letter from the Chicago Office, dated February 10, 1934, to the Saint Paul Division Office, in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM; KIDNAPING, mention is made that Edward La Rue alias Foley was possibly associated in the Bremer kidnaping with Clarence (Doc) Eaton, John Water alias Go-About-Reilly alias John Davis, Frisco Dutch and possibly some others. Foley commented that he did not know any of the individuals mentioned above except Go-About-Reilly whom he termed as a cheap gambler and hanger-on. He expressed doubt that this individual would participate in any crime requiring nerve.

Foley stated that there was no truth to the statement in paragraph one, page two of the letter just mentioned to the effect that he was arrested at Des Moines, Iowa, in company of Frisco Dutch in the Spring of 1932.

It will be observed in the report of reference in listing the participants in the Lincoln National Bank and Trust Company robbery, one is referred to as One Shorty. Foley now states that this individual is JAMES L. RIPLEY and that he is now living under that name at Cochabamba, Bolivia, South America. It has been ascertained that this city is the capital of the Department of Cochabamba and is a city of 21,861 population, located in the western central part of Bolivia.

Foley states that in 1931, Ripley sent a pair of silver spurs to Gus Stone, perhaps under some alias, and a silver novelty set to Frank Hayes in Chicago; that Hayes informed him that he had to pay duty on the package when he received it and

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that the package for Gus Stone which came at the same time may have been received in care of Hayes, or some cigar store near the Northwestern Depot, where Gus hangs out and receives mail. Foley stated he believes he can pick out the location of this drug store from a map of the city of Chicago. He also stated that if he had a map of the streets of that city he believed he could locate a house where at one time he drove Gus Stone. It will be remembered that Gus Stone is the man Foley believes to be responsible for the Kansas City Massacre.

Foley described James Ripley as follows:

Age:	32 years
Height:	6 feet 1 inch
Weight:	175 pounds
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Dark brown - wavy
Complexion:	Medium
Birthplace:	Portland, Oregon
School:	Attended in Portland, Oregon
Occupation:	Practical civil engineer - self educated.

Reference is here made to wire from the Chicago Office to the Jacksonville Office on February 21, 1934, requesting that photograph of Jack French alias Homer French, Miami, Florida, Police Department number 2545, be obtained and exhibited to Foley to determine whether identical with Big Homer.

This photograph was viewed by Foley and he stated that he did not know the man by name and could not identify the face, but that he is NOT Big Homer and does not even resemble him.

In a telephonic conversation with Mr. Clegg of the Division on February 23, 1934, Special Agent in Charge Alt furnished the substance of the above information and requested that the get-away map referred to herein be transmitted to him at Tampa, Florida, for inspection by Foley.

The information incorporated herein was submitted to the writer and Special Agent H. E. Andersen in interviews with Foley from February 21 to February 23, 1934.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:
BOSTON AND OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICES: At
Turner Falls, Massachusetts, and Arka-
delphia, Arkansas, will make appropri-
ate investigation, checking Foley's
statements relative to bank robberies
in above cities.

PENDING.

ADDENDUM BY SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE R. A. AIT:

Foley advised on February 23, 1934, that he had no re-
spect or regard for anyone connected with the Kansas City killing
and that if he could furnish any information that would lead to the
solution of this crime he would do it and reiterated his previous
statements that Gus Stone was believed to be the trigger man. He
also said that Gus Stone, from information he had secured, was one
of the perpetrators of the two most recent big mail robberies in
Chicago within the last year. He also voiced the opinion that some
of the participants in those robberies were with him in the Kansas
City case. He said that he believed that if he would aid the
Government in breaking this case he would help himself.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 23, 1934.

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Mr. Nathan.....
MR. Tolson.....
MR. Clegg.....
MR. Cowley.....
MR. Edwards.....
MR. Egan.....
MR. Quinn.....
MR. Lester.....
MR. Locke.....
MR. Rorer.....
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Rorer called. There are no new developments of importance. Nothing of value has been obtained from the victim. He claims he never heard of the suspects, which Rorer knows is not true because, in fact, everyone around St. Paul has heard of them. He says he needs more men; that he thinks it is important that all leads be handled expeditiously; that he has a number of them that are stacked up. I told him the Director was in favor of him having all the men he needed in order to get the case concluded at the earliest possible moment. He asked that ~~these~~ ^{they} be sent immediately and stated that he would probably need some more later on. He will advise us.

He advised that he did not consider it necessary for Mr. Nathan to remain there longer.

He advised that Mr. Nathan has received a telephone call from a newspaper man this afternoon indicating that three flashlights had been found in Wisconsin. Rorer stated Mr. Nathan made no comment whatsoever and the newspapers indicated they were going to publish this story and indicated it would be the newspaper man's belief that the hideout was believed to be in Wisconsin. Mr. Rorer states that the story originated from the fact that before the lights were identified some Agent had made inquiries in Wisconsin as to the possible sale of these lights.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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February 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

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In connection with the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM, the following information is set forth for record purposes.

The duplicate typewritten copies of the original ransom notes were prepared on a Corona Special, three-bank keyboard, used typewriter No. JX652304, which was borrowed from the local L. C. Smith-Corona agency.

Respectfully,

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E. P. Coffey.

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GEORGE GAULD
CHIEF CONSTABLE

POLICE DEPARTMENT

NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.

February 21st, 1934.

John Edgar Hoover Esq,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington. D.C.

FEB 23 1934 PM

Dear Sir;-

I beg to acknowledge your list of Bank notes
paid as ransom in kidnaping cases.
Should any of the notes come to my notice I will advise
your nearest Division Office at once.

Assuring you of my co-operation in this matter.

Yours truly,

Geo Gauld

Chief Constable.

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February 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

In regard to your memorandum attached, dated February 20, 1934, covering a conversation had with Inspector Rorer and in which are listed the names of the Agents which Mr. Rorer desires to have assigned to him, I have approved the list as given, namely, Special Agents Hall, Coulter, Potesteen, Halls, Noonan, Peterson, Reinecke and Fortenberry. Mr. Rorer has indicated by telephone conversation with me that he is also desirous of having Mr. Brennan included in this list, and this is approved. Special Agent in Charge Blake has been directed to return to Dallas, Texas.

As previously indicated, I would like to have you draft a letter to Mr. Rorer, with copies to Mr. Hanni and Mr. Nathan, indicating the approval of this arrangement, and the fact that Mr. Rorer is to be in charge of this case, that it is to be handled as a special assignment, and Mr. Rorer is to be authorized to call upon any one for assistance in this matter.

In regard to the second paragraph of your memorandum of February 20 concerning the informant by the name [redacted] I wish that you would have this matter carefully followed up in an effort to locate him so as to obtain the information desired by Mr. Rorer.

Also, see that the details concerning the law enforcement situation in St. Paul and Minneapolis, upon which I desire a memorandum to be prepared for the Attorney General and Mr. Stanley, are carefully checked and verified and a memorandum prepared as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

Dear Sir:

In response to your telegram of February 24,
there are transmitted herewith ten photographs of
Dorothy Slayton.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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201 Title Guaranty Building,
St. Louis, Missouri,
February 19, 1934.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
Edward George Bremer, Victim
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter from your office addressed to the Secretary of State at Springfield, Illinois under date of February 17, 1934, requesting the names of the registered owners, addresses, and make of car for a number of 1933 license plates.

The records of this office have been checked, and the following information is being forwarded to you in this connection. The body type on the various cars listed is not shown in the records available to this office; however, it is presumed that same will be furnished you by the Secretary of State.

Illinois 1933 license 175-678 was issued to Raymond H. Burdorf, 1314 South East Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois, for Chevrolet motor No. 352561, serial No. 21AC21056.

Illinois 1933 license 176-687 was issued to Charles P. Micucci, 3541 Augusta Blvd., Chicago, Illinois, for Chevrolet motor No. 1556688, serial No. 21AD18862.

Illinois 1933 license 176-768 was issued to Alice Libby Weisheimer, 449 Briar Place, Chicago, Illinois, for Buick motor No. F 119941, serial No. E 2701199.

Illinois 1933 license 176-786 was issued to Herman F. Bruhn, 5257 W. Congress Street, Chicago, Illinois for Buick motor No. F 2180351, serial No. E 2287413.

Illinois 1933 license 176-867 was issued to Albert Dedic, 2528 S. Clifton Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois for Ford motor No. E A108078.

Illinois 1933 license 176-876 was issued to H. C. Juniat, 4827 Lee Street, Niles Center, Illinois for Ford motor No. 1194268.

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Illinois 1933 license 176-367 was issued to Harry F. Nafe, 4766 W. Cornelia Street, Chicago, Illinois, for Chevrolet motor No. 2252830, Serial No. 21V12409

Illinois 1933 license 176-376 was issued to Frank Thompson, 1350 Nesport Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for Plymouth motor No. 71045, Serial No. 198861.

Illinois 1933 license 176-637 was issued to Bethany Swedish M E Church, Winemac & Ashland Avenues, Chicago, Illinois, for Buick motor No. F 2509310, serial No. E 2365188.

Illinois 1933 license 176-673 was issued to John M. Henderson, 4147 Deyo Avenue, Congress Park, Illinois, for Packard motor No. F 503495, serial No. E 340562.

Illinois 1933 license 176-736 was issued to A. Rabinowitz, 2630 Iowa Street, Chicago, Illinois, for Buick motor No. F 2365955, serial No. E 2510646.

Illinois 1933 license 176-763 was issued to Julius Bolbat, 4546 S. Mozart Street, Chicago, Illinois, for Reo motor No. F C20005, serial No. E CD17200.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division ✓
cc Chicago

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

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

Dear Sir:

I am attaching hereto copies of an anonymous communication addressed to the Editor of the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph pertaining to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim, KIDNAPING.

No investigative efforts are being expended upon this communication at the present time. I will, however, maintain contacts with representatives of the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph for the purpose of ascertaining whether additional communications of this type are received.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Tamm
E. A. TAMM
Special Agent in Charge

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EDITOR SUN-TELEGRAPH

Dear Editor:

Of the four men implicated in the Bremer kidnaping case there are but two alive today. Having been chauffeur for two of the men who planned and executed the kidnaping, I wish to avail myself of this opportunity to inform you that my other two friends fought out an argument to a simultaneous death finish in some mountainous district in the northern part of Pennsylvania a few days ago while both were under the influence of whiskey. I want the world to know that I want to be absolved from all blame concerning this heastardly outrage. To show that I am not at heart a kidnaper I shall give you my word of honor that if the police are kept out of this affair I will send in the information telling exactly how and where at least \$120,000 of the \$200,000 ransom can be retrieved by the police or the Bremer family. I shall not divulge at this time what our intentions were while in Pennsylvania, other than that my late bosses intended the kidnaping of some prominent Pittsburgh statesman. At present I am living on the outskirts of Pittsburgh but I shall be too glad when the time is opportune for me to give out the information concerning the exact location of \$120,000, which is hidden in a spot in another state. I am the only living person that knows this spot of the hidden treasure. I was tricked into this mess by the leader of this gang but now that he is no more I am ready to relinquish the money in favor of my good name. I want to go back home and be married.

The other man who has gotten a cut in this affair is a man I do not know and, I am sure, who does not know me. This man received \$50,000 \$25,000 in \$5 bills and the balance in \$10 bills. I drove the car to a certain place in _____ two nights after the ransom was paid but all my leaders told me was that I should keep guard of the car, that they were going to pay a 1/4 cut to a man that had given them the leads in regards to Bremer's daily movements. So as to the whereabouts of this fourth man, or much less, his description, I know nothing.

Cooperate with me and more information shall be forthcoming.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
February 23, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. C. Jamison, dated at Chicago, Illinois, February 22, 1934, listing purchasers of Cluett-Peabody & Company shirt K-2419-Park C.

It will be noted that the address of Redeker and Van De Zande, mentioned at the bottom of page seven of the above report, was not available at the time this report was submitted.

Through Mr. Gates, of Cluett-Peabody & Company, it was ascertained this date, that the address of Redeker and Van De Zande is Waupun, Wisconsin, which address is in the Chicago District.

Very truly yours,

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

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Feb. 21, 1934

United States Department of Justice,
Division of Investigation,
Attention, Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your circular
letter of the 8th instant, entitled

"List of Bank Notes Paid as
Ransom in Kidnapping Cases."

which will be given prompt attention, along the lines
requested in your letter.

Sincerely,

Acting Post master

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INCORPORATED
NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL AGENTS BUREAU
250 WEST 26th STREET
NEW YORK

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February 24, 1934

F. A. HERDLING,
CHIEF SPECIAL AGENT

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

Dear Sir:

I have received one copy of your list of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnapping cases.

Will you please advise if copies of this information have been sent to the other Chief Special Agents of this company and if you have a surplus, I wonder if I could have 35 copies for distribution to our Cashiers and Money Clerks in this city.

Promptly upon receipt of the lists they will be placed in the hands of the New York City employes receiving cash from the public.

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Mr. F. A. Herdling,
Chief Special Agent,
Railway Express Agency,
250 West 26th Street,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Herdling:-

I am in the receipt of your communication dated February 24, 1934, wherein you refer to the Division of Investigation circular listing bank notes used as ransom in kidnapping cases.

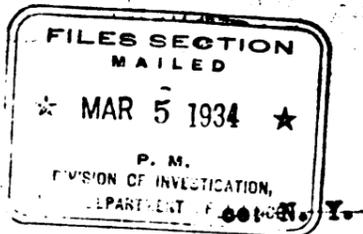
With reference to your query whether other Chief Special Agents of your company have been furnished copies of this list, I desire to advise that distribution was made through the various field offices of this Division. I am, therefore, directing Mr. F. L. Fay who is the Special Agent in Charge of the New York office of the Division of Investigation to contact you for the purpose of securing the names and addresses of your other Chief Special Agents in order that they may be furnished with copies of this list if this has not already been done. I am also directing Mr. Fay to supply you with the additional copies of the list that you have requested.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, ARTHUR BARKER with aliases, Unknown subjects- Edward G. Bremer, Victim of Kidnaping. February 22, 1934 St. Paul, Minn.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR BOKER

I called on the five daily papers in St. Paul and Minneapolis on February 22, 1934, with reference to the names and addresses of their dealers having news stands in the United States, and submitted the following information:

At the Minneapolis Tribune, E. E. Burke, subscription manager, was contacted and he supplied the list which is attached for that paper. This list represents the names and addresses of all news dealers in the cities mentioned, who either have news stands where they sell this paper, or who might distribute it to other news stands within the same city.

This list does not include Iowa, Wisconsin, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Montana and Northern Peninsula of Michigan. These States are eliminated in view of the fact that the total list would have comprised three thousand names. Should you at any time desire the name of the news dealer in any particular city in the States eliminated, this can be secured on further request from Mr. Burke.

At the Minneapolis Star agent contacted M.E. Fisher, Manager, Country circulation, who supplied the attached list, headed with the name of that paper. This list excludes the news dealers in the State of Minnesota, and also Wisconsin, with the exception of Milwaukee in Wisconsin, and some few small communities in North and South Dakota.

At the Minneapolis Journal, Agent contacted G. B. Bickelhaupt, business manager and H. W. Hontz, Country circulation manager. By cutting up their mailing list they supplied the names and addresses of newsstand dealers or news dealers who supply news stands in what they call their foreign territory, which excludes the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, and Iowa. These names and addresses are contained in the envelopes attached hereto, one envelope containing those news dealers which secure only the Sunday edition, and the other dealers securing Sunday and weekday editions.

At the St. Paul Daily news Agent contacted H. Shugard, Circulation Manager, who supplied the attached list, which covers all news dealers outside of the Twin Cities, which are supplied with his newspaper. The daily news does not have a very large foreign circulation, even within neighboring States, as may be noted from the list.

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At the St. Paul Dispatch, and Pioneer Press, Agent contacted George E. Ekerstrom, Country circulation manager, who supplied the list attached for his paper. This list you will note is a very extensive one, but includes all news dealers outside of the Twin Cities. It is alphabetical by States. The first 11 pages, down to the point where is written in pencil "and all carrier agents", represent agents who distribute within their own community, including distribution to hotel cigar stands drug stores, restaurants, etc. The balance of the list represents dealers who have the papers for sale in their own places of business, such as drug stores, railroad, cigar counters, restaurants, hotels, newsstands, etc. The last pages of the list headed Miscellaneous, includes news dealers in which you are probably most interested, being those in outlying States of the country.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. REINECKE,

Special Agent.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 515
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 22, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover there is being transmitted today the cap which was found in the automobile bearing Shell signs, which car was used by Walter Magee in the delivery of the ransom money, in order that it may be examined by the laboratory for evidentiary value.

It is requested that efforts be made to locate the manufacturer or distributor of this cap, in order that efforts may be made to ascertain where it was purchased.

This cap was recently exhibited to an employee of the store in St. Paul where the three flashlights were purchased, and was identified as being worn by the purchaser of the flashlights, Alvin Karpis. Recently this cap was exhibited to Father Deere, and Mrs. John Miller, but not identified. The last above mentioned exhibitions are explained in a report now being submitted by Special Agent R. C. Coulter.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer
W. A. RORER,

Inspector.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

February 22, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

The Division's attention is invited to the St. Paul file No. 26-2328 involving Charles J. Fitzgerald, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. The records of this office show that the above named was sentenced on December 11, 1933, to one year and one day in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. This advice is given to the Division in order that no efforts will be made to carry his fingerprints in the single fingerprint file for comparison purposes in this case.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Kansas City office in view of the fact that on January 15, 1934, Merle A. Gill prepared a photograph of this individual, which was later sent to this office, Fitzgerald then being considered a suspect in this kidnaping. It is presumed that Fitzgerald is in the Leavenworth Penitentiary.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer
W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to your letter dated February 22, 1934, wherein you invite the Division's attention to file 26-2328 of the St. Paul Office, involving Charles J. Fitzgerald, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and advise that the records of the St. Paul Office show that this individual was sentenced on December 11, 1933 to serve one year and one day in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas and, therefore, the fingerprints of this individual should not be considered in connection with the above entitled case.

Please be advised that a review of the file entitled John Hammond, with aliases, including the alias Charles J. Fitzgerald, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, at the Division, reflects that this individual on December 11, 1933 entered a plea of guilty at Minneapolis, Minnesota and on January 8, 1934 was sentenced to serve one year and one day in the Leavenworth Penitentiary by Federal Judge Molyneux. The records of the Bureau of Prisons at Washington, D. C. reflect that this individual was received at Leavenworth on February 10, 1934.

In the absence of information to the contrary, as reflected in the file at the Division, the Division does not deem it advisable to make the presumption that this individual was in custody continuously between the date December 11, 1933 and February 10, 1934, inasmuch as it is entirely possible that he was at liberty on bond. Therefore, it should be definitely

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ascertained whether this individual was or was not in custody between the dates December 11, 1933 and February 10, 1934.

Fitzgerald has been frequently mentioned throughout the investigation in the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased), RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, Identification Order #1201, and the Division has instructed the Kansas City Office to interview Fitzgerald with reference to this case, as well as the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC Kansas City.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Saint Paul, Minnesota**

FILE NO. **7-24**

REPORT MADE AT: Jacksonville, Florida	DATE WHEN MADE: Feb. 24, 1934	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: Feb. 14-24, 1934	REPORT MADE BY: R. L. Shivers
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Edward Doll with aliases - Identification Order 1214 (in Federal custody at Tampa, Florida, in connection with a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act indictment pending against him at Peoria, Illinois) with reference to this case furnished information tending to implicate Whitey Anderson, Ed Bentz, and a brother of Jack Pfeiffer of Saint Paul, Minnesota.

DETAILS:

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA:

On February 14, 1934, in Saint Petersburg, Florida, Edward Doll with aliases, as E. Foley, was arrested. The following day he was taken into Federal custody on an indictment pending against him at Peoria, Illinois, charging violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act and on the same day he was removed to Tampa, Florida, where he was interviewed concerning this case, the case under which he is indicted, the Lindbergh case, several mail robberies and a number of bank robberies. He implicated many persons in the admissions of these offenses, including himself, and also related in detail how he and Machine Gun Kelley kidnaped Howard A. Woolverton of South Bend, Indiana, on January 26, 1933.

In connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, Foley furnished the following information to Special Agents R. A. Alt, H. E. Andersen, R. L. Main and the writer:

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Foley was interrogated at great length to determine whether he had any connection with the Bremer case, or whether he knew any of the men who had committed the crime.

Foley most emphatically denied any connection with the offense, stating that at the time of the kidnaping and all the time that Bremer was held he was residing in Saint Petersburg, Florida, with his wife, Doris, which statement is verified by her and reputable citizens of Saint Petersburg, Florida; however, in this connection Foley stated that late last summer he registered under the name of Lang or Long at the Gary Hotel, Gary, Indiana, for the purpose of meeting one WHITEY ANDERSON, a convict who escaped from the Joliet Penitentiary within the last four years. (He previously had stated that Anderson escaped either from Joliet or Peoria, Illinois; however after refreshing his memory he stated quite positively that the escape was from Joliet.) He described Whitey Anderson as:

Age:	About thirty years
Height:	Between 5 feet 9 and 10 inches
Weight:	140 pounds
Build:	Very slender
Complexion:	Light
Glasses:	Given to wearing sun glasses
Occupation:	Bank robber.

Anderson at the time of his meetings with Foley was driving a Terraplane Essex sedan of dark color. Foley described him as a jumpy, nervous type who will shoot without provocation. According to Foley, Anderson has no outstanding characteristics, but is a good dresser and generally has a woman to travel around with him.

At this meeting, which was pre-arranged, there were present ED HENZ and a BROTHER of JACK PFELFFER of Saint Paul. Pfeiffer's brother was formerly in some legitimate business, a doctor or a druggist, or a businessman. He can be easily located and identified through his brother who is known to the Saint Paul Division Office.

During this meeting, which took place in a park in Gary, a discussion was had in connection with arranging for a kidnaping case and \$200,000 was mentioned as the ransom. Foley states

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that he refused to take any part in this arrangement and that later Whitey and Bentz left Gary, intimating that they would kidnap a prominent doctor in Rochester, Minnesota, and that it is his opinion that for unknown reasons they were unable to carry out this and proceeded to Saint Paul where they pulled the Bremer job.

At this meeting, these men also discussed the kidnaping of ex-Governor Small's son in Kanakee, Illinois. In fact, this latter matter was the reason for the meeting in Gary. It developed during the conference that ex-Governor Small lived across the street from his son's home and his house was at that time believed to be under guard and for this reason the plan to kidnap his son was abandoned; however, during the discussion of the proposed Small kidnaping, it was stated by Bentz and Whitey Anderson that if he were kidnaped he would be held for a ransom of \$200,000 and that it would be handled in such a way as to keep it from being a Federal offense, and that commenting on their proposed trip to Rochester, Minnesota, to kidnap some prominent physician, Bentz and Anderson stated that he would be held for \$200,000 ransom and that if they should ever kidnap any person in the future it would be for ransom in the sum of \$200,000.

One WAYNE WHITEY, who is now serving twenty-five years for his participation in the robbery of the Madison Bank at Madison, Wisconsin, last fall, was to be the fourth man in the gang in the Rochester snatch.

It was Foley's opinion that the Bentz gang was responsible for the robbery of the bank at Grand Haven, Michigan, last summer at which time one of the members was shot and later sent to the Michigan State Prison for twenty-five years. The man who was caught and convicted was referred to by Foley as being named Earl. In Foley's opinion the persons who participated in that robbery are the same individuals responsible for the Bremer kidnaping.

In commenting on the robbery of the bank at Grand Haven, Michigan, Foley stated that the driver of the car ran off and left the other participants who had to make their getaway through the streets.

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Foley stated that Pfeiffer's brother had been shot during the hold-up of the Northwestern Bank in either Saint Paul or Minneapolis, in 1932 or 1933, and for that reason he has a noticeable limp. He described the individual in question as follows:

Age:	36 to 40 years
Height:	5 feet 9 or 10 inches
Weight:	170 pounds
Build:	Heavy
Hair:	Dark
Complexion:	Medium dark
Residence:	Saint Paul or Minneapolis.

Foley based his opinion for naming the Whitey Anderson and Bentz crowd as the persons responsible for the Bremer kidnaping on the fact that they left him in Gary, Indiana, to go to Rochester, Minnesota, and the further fact that if they did kidnap any person they were going to hold him for \$200,000 ransom, which seemed to be very definite in their minds.

Photographs of George William Larson, Milwaukee Police Number 24954; James O'Brien, Nebraska Penitentiary Number 10213, and those of Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis and Melvin Furlong with many aliases, Peoria, Illinois, Police Number 5940 (the latter being furnished the Jacksonville Office by Walter William, Superintendent of the Police, Peoria, Illinois) were exhibited to Foley. After carefully viewing same, he stated that he did not recognize any of them by names or photographs and did not believe that any of them were known to him.

Foley advised that he could readily identify the photograph of Whitey Anderson if furnished with one and that if photographs of all escapes from the State Prison at Joliet, Illinois, during the past four years who have not been captured, were obtained and submitted to him for examination he would point out the Whitey Anderson mentioned in this report who he believes to be one of the snatchers in the Bremer case.

Reference is made to the letter from the Chicago Office directed to Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, Saint Petersburg, Florida, February 14, 1934, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM - KIDNAPING - Chicago file 7-82, and to letter from the Detroit Office to the Saint Paul Office dated

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February 9, 1934, in the same subject matter. It is noted in the communications just referred to that there is strong reason to believe that the perpetrators of the Holland State Bank, Holland, Michigan, bank robbery in September, 1932, are the persons responsible for the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings, as laboratory tests of a road chart found in an abandoned automobile of the Holland bank robbery and of ransom notes in the Hamm kidnaping disclosed that the same typewriter was used in those notes and was also the same typewriter used in writing the ransom notes in the Bremer case.

Eddie Foley informed the writer and Special Agent H. E. Andersen on February 23, 1934, that the Holland State Bank was robbed by Big Homer, Lee Turner, another man whose name he could not recall at the time, and others unknown to him.

Foley stated that he was not in on the robbery but from his information the participants engaged in a shooting with officers but he did not know if it were at the time of the robbery or later out on the roads. He stated that this bank had been put up to him and he had turned it down in 1932 after looking it over and deciding that he could not map a safe get-away; that he had attempted to map a get-away from the robbery but after finding he could not make a safe one he destroyed the get-away chart, to the best of his recollection.

He also stated that one of the men on the Holland job who is unknown to him is the same man who was to have participated with him in the Effingham mail robbery, but who failed to show up and was left out of the latter job.

Lee Turner, according to Foley, was arrested in Chicago last summer on some automobile charge and was taken to Danville, Illinois, where he was sentenced in the Federal Court to a short term in a Federal prison or jail.

Foley stated that as far as he knows the automobile used by the robbers on this job was not abandoned and the get-away map was never found and that he has never been advised by any of the participants to the contrary.

It is observed from the letters just referred to that the get-away map on the Holland robbery was found and that

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laboratory analysis of the paper indicates that the typewriter on which the get-away was written is the same machine as was used in writing the Hamm and Bremer ransom notes.

Questioned as to any robbery in which the automobile had been abandoned, Foley states that in the Grand Haven, Michigan, robbery which occurred in the summer, probably June, 1933, which was staged by Whitey Anderson, Wayne White and one Earl, Eddie Bentz, Jack Pfeiffer's brother and a driver; that the driver left the robbers flat at the bank and ran away in the car, later abandoning it, leaving the get-away map in the car. He stated that this information was imparted to him by Eddie Bentz, one of the participants, two days after the robbery occurred and that in his opinion the get-away map thought to have been that on the Holland job is in reality the get-away map used on the Grand Haven job; that if this is true there is no question but what some of the participants in the Grand Haven robbery are responsible for the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings.

Foley stated that if he could observe the get-away map in question he could easily determine whether it was the map used in the Grand Haven or the Holland jobs and expressed the opinion that the get-away map for the former robbery was prepared by Eddie Bentz.

The person referred to as Earl who participated in the Grand Haven robbery was shot at the time and captured. He was later sentenced to serve twenty-five years for this robbery in the Michigan State Prison.

Foley also stated that the same outfit who robbed the Grand Haven Bank was responsible for the subsequent robbery of a bank in Madison, Wisconsin; that Wayne Whitey was caught and prosecuted for the Madison job, which was pulled in the fall of 1933, and sentenced to twenty-five years in the penitentiary at Waupun, Wisconsin.

With reference to the report of Special Agent William Larson, rendered at Detroit, Michigan, February 15, 1932, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM - KIDNAPING, it is noted on page three that Kathryn Kelley is quoted as saying that

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one Marty Cork alias Joyce and Leo Trent might be taken into consideration as suspects in this case; that these two individuals were closely associated with La Bus.

Foley positively denied knowing Corky alias Joyce. He admitted knowing Trent and stated that to the best of his knowledge he was serving time in a Federal prison on a counterfeiting charge during the period of the Hamm kidnaping.

With reference to letter from the Chicago Office to the Division on February 8, 1934, in the Bremer kidnaping case, Foley stated that he has never heard of Grover Comstock, Robert Smith or Michael de Laurentis, who appear to have disposed of certain bonds coming from the robbery of the Holland bank. He advised, however, that he had heard that several individuals had been arrested for possession of the bonds but said he had no definite information with reference thereto. He was positive that the three individuals mentioned above did not participate in the Holland bank robbery.

In reference to statements appearing in letter from the Chicago Office to the Saint Paul Office under date of February 17, 1934, regarding the same case, to the effect that one Harry Sawyer, a Saint Paul saloon keeper, was a possible finger-man in both the Hamm and Bremer kidnapings, Foley stated that he had no information relative thereto, saying that he did not know him.

In paragraph four, page three of this same letter, mention is made that Big Homer sometime in 1933 was seen in Ballard and Frazier's Restaurant in Chicago on Lake Street near State Street. Foley stated that he had never heard of this restaurant being used as a hangout, but it was widely known as a political gathering place.

In the last paragraph of this same letter, information appears to the effect that Big Homer married a Chicago girl in either 1923 or 1924. In this connection, Foley stated that to his knowledge Big Homer was married about five years ago to a Catholic girl; that this girl bears a very good reputation and does not know that Big Homer is a hoodlum, but believes him to

be a prosperous broker. Foley further stated that he believed the marriage was performed by a Catholic priest but stated that he did not know who appeared as witnesses.

With reference to the same letter, on page two, paragraph four, information is set forth that Big Homer is a very good friend of one Willie Harrison, a former Saint Louis Police character, who now operates a saloon in Calumet City, Illinois. Foley stated that this information is correct as Big Homer and Harrison are very good friends.

With reference to the allegation made that Harrison was arrested at Chicago, Illinois, between 1930 and 1932 for participation in a bank robbery at Jefferson, Wisconsin, Foley stated that this information is incorrect as Harrison has never been in any trouble.

In a letter from the Chicago Office, dated February 10, 1934, to the Saint Paul Division Office, in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM; KIDNAPING, mention is made that Edward La Rue alias Foley was possibly associated in the Bremer kidnaping with Clarence (Doc) Eaton, John Water alias Go-About-Reilly alias John Davis, Frisco Dutch and possibly some others. Foley commented that he did not know any of the individuals mentioned above except Go-About Reilly whom he termed as a cheap gambler and hanger-on. He expressed doubt that this individual would participate in any crime requiring nerve.

Foley stated that there was no truth to the statement in paragraph one, page two of the letter just mentioned to the effect that he was arrested at Des Moines, Iowa, in company of Frisco Dutch in the Spring of 1932.

The following information was furnished by Foley to Special Agent H. E. Andersen during interviews at the County Jail, Tampa, Florida, February 22 and 23, 1934:

In letter of Chicago Office dated February 17, 1934, addressed to the Special Agent in Charge of the Saint Paul Division Office in reference to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM - KIDNAPING, it is noted on page three, paragraph two, that an individual known as Old Charlie, heretofore mentioned in this case, is reported to have been a "caseman" for the Bailey, Bates, Burke and Winkler mob of Chicago. Foley was questioned in this respect and stated that Old Charlie is well known to Harvey Bailey and possibly some members of the Capone Syndicate. He said that Old Charlie is a typical Irishman, rough in appearance and manners and a heavy drinker. Foley advised that when Old Charlie is in the cups he is apt to get in any kind of trouble. He said of late Old Charlie has been very close to Gus Stone and indicated that when one was found the other will undoubtedly be easy to locate. He described Old Charlie as a man of about seventy years of age who was very active, and who could easily pass as a man of younger years.

It is noted in letter from the Chicago Office to the Saint Paul Office dated February 10, 1934, in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping, that one Julius A. "Babe" Jones, when interviewed at the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois, furnished information in reference to the Bremer kidnaping.

In paragraph one, page three, of the letter in question, this individual is quoted as saying that La Rue, Keating, Holden, Bailey, the two Bentz Brothers and Big Homer were seen by him in the saloon of Harry Sawyer in Saint Paul, Minnesota, dressed in golf togs. Foley, when questioned in this respect, stated that the information was erroneous, as he has never played golf or worn golf clothing in Saint Paul.

The foregoing is given to show the information furnished by Jones should not be accepted at face value.

In the same paragraph of the letter it appears that Jones stated that Harry Sawyer is a former partner of Dan Hogan, who is known to the Police in Saint Paul. When this was brought to the attention of Foley he stated that to his knowledge Hogan has been dead for five years. He related that some one attached a bomb to the ignition of Hogan's automobile which killed him and blew up the machine when he started it. This occurred in one of the Twin Cities.

During an interview at the County Jail, Tampa, Florida, on February 23, 1934, Foley stated to Special Agent H. E. Andersen that while he had no positive information he believed that Whitey Anderson, Eddie Bentz, Jack Pfeiffer's brother and others unknown to him perpetrated the robbery of mail or express at Saint Paul or Minneapolis last summer. He said his recollection was hazy as to the amount they secured but he believed it was either \$30,000 or \$60,000. The robbery took place at a mail or express platform. Foley stated he did not know how many were in on the job.

On February 24, 1934, J. C. Holmes, former special investigator for the Post Office Department, who now resides at 1825 East Giddens Avenue, Tampa, Florida, furnished the following information to Agent Andersen:

He stated that while with the Post Office Department he did considerable investigating of mail robberies in the vicinity of Chicago and in tracing the proceeds from these robberies often came into contact with Gus Winkler. As he and Gus Winkler became friendly, the latter related that he feared that someday he might be put on the spot by Eddie Foley, whom Winkler termed as a killer and associate of killers. Holmes was questioned at the name Winkler mentioned and he was emphatic that it was Eddie Foley.

Winkler, according to Holmes, attempted to check the activities of Foley in order that he might get something on him and have him sent to the penitentiary for Winkler's own safety.

Holmes further stated that while he has no evidence it has occurred to him that Gus Winkler may have been put on the spot by Eddie Foley or one of his henchmen. He expressed the opinion that some one who participated in the Lincoln Bank job was guilty of murdering Winkler.

From the information obtained from Foley, no undeveloped leads are being set out by the Jacksonville Office. This is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 20, 1934.

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Alt called last night at about 9:45 and stated that they had just finished interviewing LaRue who had admitted participating in the Tupelo, Mississippi bank robberies; the Lincoln, Nebraska bank robbery, the Colfax, Washington bank robbery, the Blue Ridge bank robbery, the Effingham, Illinois mail robbery and the kidnaping of Mr. Woolverton at South Bend. Mr. Alt stated that although LaRue had admitted participating in the above offenses, he had refused to make any admissions in writing; that he implicated in the Tupelo, Mississippi bank robbery, himself, Kelly and Bates; in the Lincoln, Nebraska robbery, Ed Bentz, "Big Homer", "Big Slim", who was found dead at Red Wing, Minnesota, a party referred to as "Shorty", a Gus and an "Old Jolly" that the bank at Colfax was robbed by himself, Bentz, Bates and Kelly; that the Blue Ridge job was committed by Bates, Kelly and himself; that the mail robbery at Effingham, Illinois was committed by Bentz, himself and a man known as "Red", who is wanted in the Luer case, and one Jim Evans.

Mr. Alt advised further that LaRue had implicated in the Bremer case, Whitey Anderson, Jack Pfiefer's brother, and possibly Jack Pfiefer himself. Mr. Alt stated that LaRue had merely suggested these names as possible participants but had nothing definite on them. He stated further that Agent Anderson was of the opinion that he was getting some good information in the KANMO case; that the Gus mentioned in the Lincoln, Nebraska case is reported by LaRue to have been the "trigger man" at Kansas City. Mr. Alt stated LaRue would be again interviewed today for further information concerning the Kansas City case; that LaRue is so exhausted that they had to stop working on him for the night. Mr. Alt requested that in connection with the Woolverton kidnaping case, no action be taken to locate LaRue's brother in whose house Mr. Woolverton was held until after they had completed their interview with LaRue. He also suggested that two Agents could leave today but that he would communicate with the Division before dismissing them.

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Respectfully,
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S. P. Cowley
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February 24, 1934

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

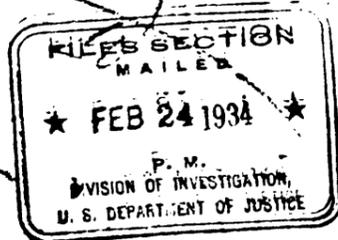
Dear Sirs

The Division is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Adelbert G. Mills, Jr., Assistant Cashier, First National Bank, 20 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, requesting that three additional copies of the bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases be forwarded to him for his branch office.

It is desired that this request be complied with.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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February 24, 1934.

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

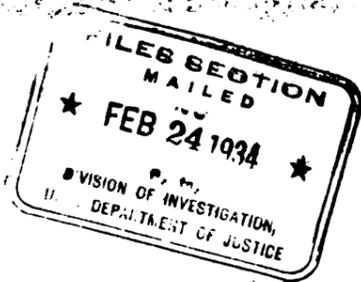
Dear Sir:

With regard to the mimeographed reports submitted by Inspector W. A. Rorer and Special Agent J. E. Brennan, in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM, KIDNAPING, please be informed that it has been discovered that there has been a substitution of page 18 in these reports.

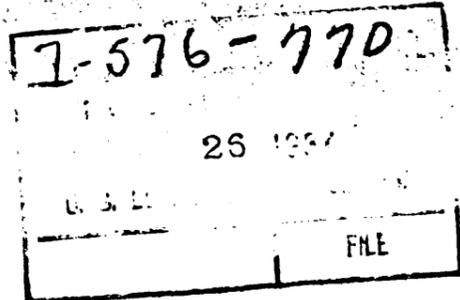
In other words, page 18 of Mr. Rorer's report belongs in Agent Brennan's report and vice versa. I desire that you immediately cause these changes to be made in order that the reports might be accurate in every respect.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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

Official Business; Government Rate, Tax Exempt; Charge to Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, New York City.

February 21, 1934

Werner Hanni,
 Division of Investigation,
 U. S. Department of Justice,
 203 Postoffice Building,
 St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re your telegram twentieth⁰ Bremer Kidnaping advise if all further inquiry concerning Merit Product flashlight should be discontinued.

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February 22, 1934

M H PURVIS
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
3900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

URGENT EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION REGARDING DISTRIBUTION SOCKS AND SHIRTS

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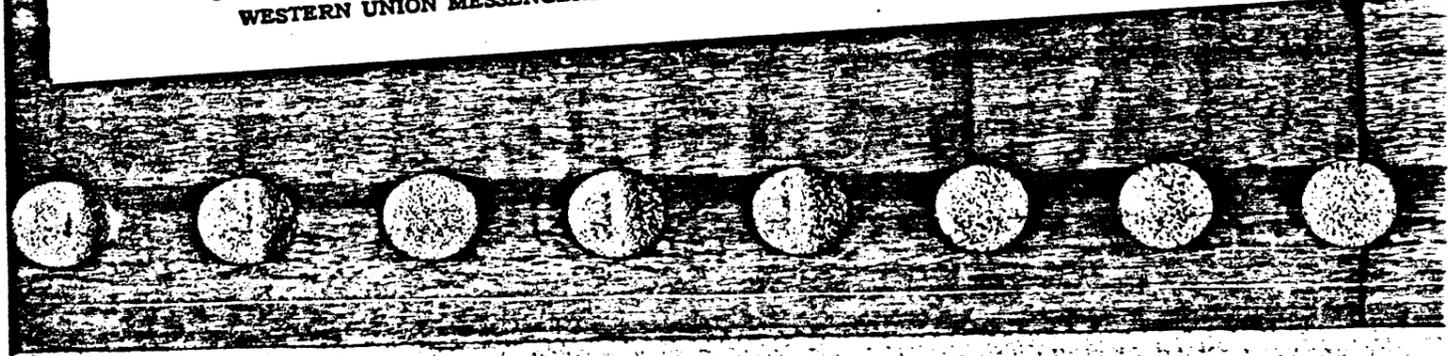
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St. Paul, Minnesota
February 21, 1934.

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F. L. Fay
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403
New York City, N.Y.

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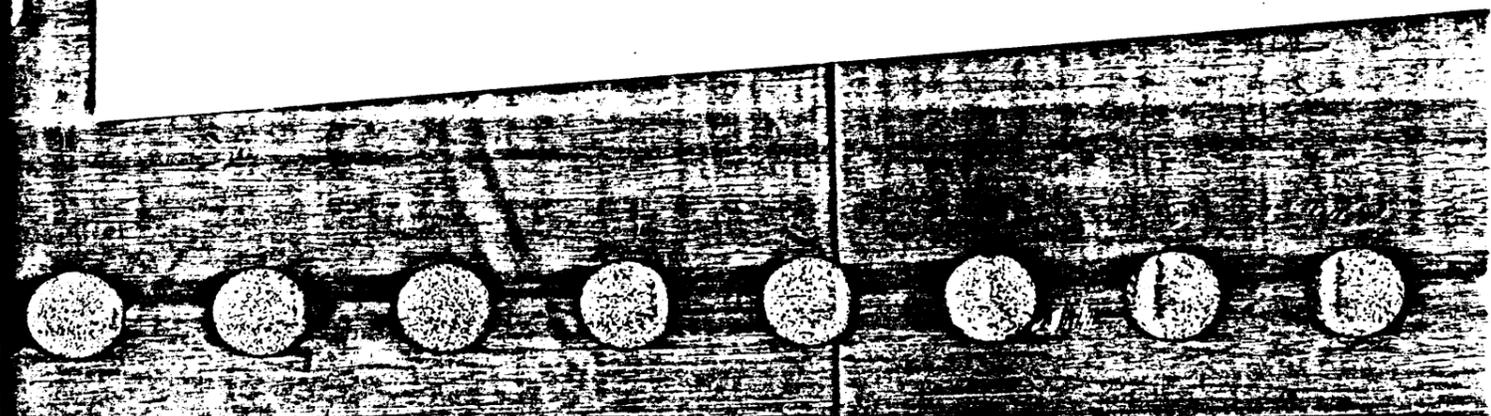
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SUITE L FEDERAL BLDG.
KANSAS CITY, MO.

February 22, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that on February 20,
1934 Special Agent Lish Whitson of this Office was in
the territory of your Office at Anamosa, Iowa with the
Sheriff from Davenport, Iowa relative to a lead in the
Bremer kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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<i>W. H. Spear</i> FILE

P. O. Box 315,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 21, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 316,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING
St. Paul File No. V-30.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of February 19, 1934, requesting descriptions of the following Subjects, the descriptions herein set out are from report of Agent E. N. Hotesteen, dated February 20, 1934, on above captioned case:

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 vas. cic. otr.; small pit cic. on face.
Police number: Kansas City, Mo., PD, #1539.

Name: FRED BARKER, with aliases.
Age: 32 years
Height: 5' 4 1/2"
Weight: 115 pounds
Eyes: Blue
Build: Small
Nationality: American
Complexion: Dark
Hair: Light brown
Scars: 1" gun shot wrist inner; gun shot wound base left finger, palm hand.
Police number: #936 Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas.



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Name: VOLNEY DAVIS
 Age: 31 years
 Height: 5' 3-3/4"
 Weight: 125 pounds (1925)
 Build: Slender
 Hair: Light chestnut
 Eyes: Blue
 Complexion: Fair
 Occupation: Printer
 Nationality: American
 Police Numbers: #12808 State Penitentiary, Wallaster, Oklahoma.

Name: ARTHUR R. BARKER alias "DOC" BARKER
 Age: 34 years
 Height: 5' 3/4"
 Weight: 112 pounds (1922)
 Build: Slender
 Hair: Chestnut
 Eyes: Blue
 Complexion: Medium
 Occupation: Short
 Nationality: American
 Police Numbers: #11906 State Penitentiary, Wallaster, Oklahoma.

Name: HARRY CAMPBELL alias DAVE
 Age: 30 years
 Height: 5' 5"
 Weight: 135 pounds
 Build: Slender
 Hair: Brown
 Eyes: Blue
 Complexion: Ruddy
 Occupation: American (Born Wheeling, West Va.)
 Nationality: American
 Police Numbers: #9420, SO, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The report of Agent Notestein, St. Paul, Minnesota, from which these descriptions are taken, is Serial 677 of St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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 1 - St. Paul
 2 - Birmingham
 3 - St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota
February 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANNI:

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

HAROLD STASSON, County Attorney, Dakota County, who has rendered considerable assistance to this office in the past, communicated with me and advised that he, during the holidays of 1933-34, had raided the Hollywood Club, Mendota, Minnesota. This club is operated by FRED ULRICK, JACK DAVENPORT, and "RED" CLARE. It can not be definitely determined who owns the Hollywood Club but it has been rumored time and again that JACK DAVENPORT, TOMMY BANKS, JACK PFRIFFER, FRED ULRICK, and others of the St. Paul underworld have interests in it.

STASSON has had considerable difficulty in raiding this place because of the lack of cooperation from the Sheriff's office in his county. His experience has been that unless he is able to stage the raid within a very short time, the occupants will be tipped off. At the time of this particular raid, STASSON stole a march on the Sheriff's office and although the tip went through and the gamblers left, according to STASSON'S information, STASSON went to the club and broke the door of the office, entering and secured a number of papers. These papers he gave to me with the distinct understanding that they are to be returned to him. For that reason, the contents of the papers are herewith set out:

1. A pass book of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul (the bank of EDWARD G. BREMER - victim). This pass book was used to record the numbers of telephones frequently called. Inside the front cover are the following:

Hank, Co 1408
Highway, Ri 1617
Geo. Ruland, Ri 4403
(Ayers) Em.
(Lights)
John Le Clair
Em. 0626
Em. 7200 Lights
And. Rothmeyer, Da 8465

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On the front fly leaf are the following numbers:

Consoia, Co 1898
Howard, Kan 2465
Caroline, El 5604
Vienna, 9258 Da
Sheriff, La 7581
La 7500

Inside the back cover are the following numbers:

Booking Agency, Mrs. O. Conal, 7269
Fineberg, United Booki Agy., Gs 1656
Goldia, Ma 5669 - office
Hy 0255
N. Western Amusement Co., Jule Miller, Dyer Bl. G 6338
Jme. Sorenson, Gar 6305
Beaugard, 23105 (21 Lee Court. 501011 - Kit Kat In.

On the back fly leaf are the following numbers:

Smith, I. G., 5935
Jessie, Re 5454
Berg, Ri 2456
Booking Agency, Gen. 2426 (crossed out)
Tower 2483
May Thack, Dinsmore 3839
Kay, 3547 Ka.
Andie Chickens, Drexel 4920
" 1385
Farm - Bloomington, 140J

On the last page is the following number:

Floor show, Alice Leaman, Hu 4302

The following numbers are written on the ruled pages of the book:

Ham, El 5517
Post Office, Em. 0629
Pearl, Re 1845
Red, Re 7054
Fred, MI 8857
Ceil, El 1658
Mae, Da 8364
Hollyhock, Em 2121
Bul. of Paris, El 3776
Lowery, Ce 6600
St. Fran., Ce 9660
St. Paul, Ce 4100
Dykeman, Ma 7244
Oak Grove, 126, Ma. 8741
Union Depot, Ga 7681
Holm & Olson, Ce 6085
Holm & Olson (house) Da 2739
Bus Depot, Ce 2600
Licence Dept., Ce 3754
Davenport, Lo 9948
Keavy, Lo 5187
M. Ranse, Da 2146, El 6078
Whity, El 2390
J. Losle, Ch. 3298
West Hotel, Ma 1242
Pete L. El 2314
Lytle, Ke 0684
T. Banks, Lo 4075
Sawyer, Em 8002
Ce 9942
Plumber, Lo 9360
Main High, La 9352
Patrol, No 7811
Auto Club, Ce 2000
G. N. & Union Dep., At 0124
Radison Hotel, At 2181
Sheridan Hotel, At 4133
Nicollet Hotel, At 3177
Plantation, To 7212
Owassa, Ce 9390
M. Johnson, Da 3682
Emily, Em. 3621
L. Cameron, Em. 2673
Geo. Bartash, Du. 2770

Florence B., Rm 3755
Kilbe, To. 59755
Blators, Rm. 5380
Don., Hy. 8260
Filben, Co. 4899
W. Magee, De. 8541
McConnie, Las. 1052
Daisy (Apt. 54), Ke. 8211
Lee., To. 08285 (crossed out)
Brown Derbe, Co. 8968
Office, At 3882
Sport, Di 15488
Scott, Rm 0881
Dutch, 208 - 11 Ave. S., Ma 9681
Garry's, No 9169
West Union, Co 4180
Mr. Quint, Oak Grove Nite Club
Air Port Cafe
Hinie Kuba, Ke 0189
Miller Harry, Da. 9106
Avon & Selby
Ge 2511 (Windup)
Jack Lahey, Re 2431
Brooks, Mi. 4501

Inserted in the pages of this pass book was a card of the Hollywood Club, on the reverse side of which is written CAROLINE PASSAFER, 706 Bedford St., To. 4428; and a piece of paper on which is written ALICE LEHMAN, El 1376, JERRY DEAN, El 5050.

2. A hat-checker's stub book, evidently used as an I.O.U. receipt book, bearing statements as to the amounts of money certain persons owe to that club, as follows: Nov. 26 - 33, Mr. Fred Patterson, 6, 10 & St. Peter St., Hawkeson "Poty" 4, Saturday night, \$7.00; Pd. \$5.00 on act., H. J. Jensen, \$19.00 pad, 10 & 12; Pullman (4) Paid \$8.00; H. C. Christenson, 944 Plymouth Bldg., (10) \$2.20 due pad. \$10.00; C. L. Mooser (10) \$20.00 due; C. L. Mooser, \$20.00 (10); Howard Vanlear (8) \$20.00 due \$16.00 pad; Joe Hagan (4) 8 due, \$300 pad; Jewel Sessing (8) (from 8 to 12) \$1600 pad; F. P. Wolf, 400 pad, due \$4.00, due 400, No. 1, \$4.00 due, \$400, 10 o'clock, (4); Mr. Patterson, \$12 due; \$1200 pad (6); Mr. Lund, 8 due, 800 pad (4); Jack Lahey (9) Due 18-, \$1800 pad; Mr. Yost (2); due \$4.00; Mr. Yost (2) \$4.00; Joe Zwinger, No. 2, (4), Due \$4.00, \$400 pad; Miss Sunbeck (6 or 8), due 6 or 8, \$16.00 pad; C. S. Moores, \$15.00 (10) 15.00; Mack Lipschultz, 2035 Jefferson (3) \$6.00 due; Mack Lipschultz, (3) 600;

W. C. Stien, due \$12.00, \$12.00, Bill & Pete due \$12.00 (5) next dance floor, pad (This is crossed out); Geo. Hawkinson (6) \$5.00 due, \$5.00 pad; Eckerman (4) \$400 paid, 400 due, 400 pad; Mr. Simonton (10) due 20, \$20.00 pad; Miss Howard (6 or 8) due; M. J. Coeman (2) \$2.00 on act. \$200 pad; Mr. Gartner (4) \$4 due, Spanish \$400 pad; Mr. Keerman (5) at 11 o'clock; \$12.00 due, 10.00 pad; Mr. Spreten (4) \$8.00, Spanish R; Mr. Spreten (4) \$8.00; Roy (4) \$8.00 due, 8.00 pad; Lundberg (4) 8.00, 8.00 pad; Mackler (3) 8.00 \$10 pad; Bon (2) \$4.00, 4.00 pad; Jon, had 8.00.

3. A notice sent by the State of Minnesota, Department of Agriculture, to WILLIAM ULRICK, Mendota, Minnesota.
4. A blank check, on the reverse side of which are written the following telephone numbers:

Irene Gilden, El. 3929
Rose Nenieron, Ma. 1785
Evelyn Brown, La. 0156
Doris Blakely, Du. 0588
Baby Ozman, Da. 0592
Zella M. Karper, Dr. 3839
ALDORIS PETERSON, Dr. 3826
Dorothy Dillon, Da. 6259
Helen Luier, Br. 3545
Harold Bird (Co. 1444)
Ferral Imp.

5. A slip of paper bearing the name MRS. LUND, Depont 4335
6. A card of Notley's Cafe, St. Paul, on the reverse side of which is written "Howard Machison, 1621 No. Dunlap, Hu. 4497, St. Paul."
7. A piece of paper bearing the following telephone numbers:
Edw. Gilbert, Mid. 2551, ask for Gayle.
Mabelle Nepple, 1714 Van Buren, Mi. 1167.
8. A piece of paper bearing the following:
504 Barry Ave.
Buckingham, 9318
C/o Alice Clasen

9. A piece of paper with the following written thereon:
 Alice Lehman, 677 Charles St., Dale 2544
 Alma Dean, 941 Hague Ave., Elk. 5050
 Evalene Wagner, 1696 Charles St., Ne 8098, Dale 5537
 Margie Hartmann, 612 Lincoln Ave., Dale 3125
10. A letter from the Carlson Harness Store, Minneapolis,
 to Ed. Morgan, Hollywood Inn, Mendota Bridge, requesting
 a remittance on a bill of \$18.02.
11. A letter to Mr. Clare, Hollywood Inn, Mendota, Minn.,
 postmarked May 26, 1933, at Minneapolis, Minn., from
 A. B. Byrne, care of J. W. Pauley Cigar Mfg. Co.,
 requesting employment.
12. A letter from Box 229, Hanley Falls, Minn., signed
 "Hanetta", addressed to Mr. Frank S. Bailey, 3622
 23 Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minnesota, postmarked Oct. 14,
 1933, about a girl going to school being lonesome, etc.
13. A piece of paper on which is written the following:
 Irma & Helen Marvin sisters, 2425 Elliot Ave. So.
 Irma, Rr. 5595 or
 Helen, Rr. 7492
 Very, very good girl with violan
14. Card of Lillian M. League, Cedar 2060, 9-5; Cedar 2056 5:30 on;
 Pioneer Building, Information Booth.
15. A card on which is written:
 Nora Fourre, Du 9224, waitress.
16. Card on which is written:
 Audre Holmes, Walnut 1964
17. Card on which is written:
 Ma 8301, Apt. 514, Bill Hapin
18. Card of Fredrick C. Sleizer, Glenwood 3638
19. Card on which is written:
 Corine Wondra, 78 Sherburne Ave., Apt. 4, waitress.
20. Card on which is written:
 Anne Byrne, Main 8996
21. Card on which is written:
 Mrs. Conklin, Beach 2266

22. Card on which is written:
Ge 0135
757 E. 14th St. Apt. 9, Ann, waitress
23. Card on which is written:
Lo. 9360, Bob
24. Card on which is written:
1264, Geo. Sparks, Beaver Dam, Wis.
25. Card on which is written:
F. N. Smith, 5406 Nokomis Ave. So., Mpls.,
Austin Roadster.
26. Card on which is written:
Tweed, Re. 0252
27. Card on which is written:
Ge. 0556, Miss Smith, Red
28. Card on which is written:
Al Foster, Ch. 7188
29. Card on which is written:
Ken. 8470, Bill Vaughn

Last year, a payroll was robbed in South St. Paul, resulting in the killing of two police officers. This crime remains unsolved. At that time, MR. STASSON requested cooperation of this office, which was given to him, and I secured from him a photograph of CHARLES J. FITZGERALD, with aliases. FITZGERALD is a friend of JACK DAVENPORT and is a frequenter of the Hollywood Club, and STASSON believed the owner of the Hollywood Club and ex-Chief of Police THUMAN ELKHORN planned this crime. Suspicion naturally centered upon friends of TOMMY BANKS and LEON GLECKMAN'S crowd. Among others, KARPIS and the BARKERS, VERNON MILLER, etc., were suspected and KARPIS was identified, but not satisfactorily. STASSON also furnished me with a photograph of RUSSEL GIBSON. Both photographs are being made a part of this file.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,
Special Agent.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota** FILE NO. **7-50**

REPORT MADE AT St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE 2-24-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/2 8/19 to 25/34	REPORT MADE BY R. C. Coulter
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TITLE: Changed: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; ARTHUR R. BARKER alias ARTHUR BARKER alias "DOC" BARKER. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.	CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING.
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

EDWARD BERGSTROM, whose identity has not been established and who disappeared from St. Paul about 1-15-34, identified as associate of VOLNEY DAVIS. E. V. DAVIS, believed to be VOLNEY DAVIS, had Illinois license issued to him at 2408 South Crawford Avenue, Chicago. Partial re-interviews with witness to kidnaping and contacts failed to elicit definite identification; however, MRS. JOHN MILLER gives good description of one person who called at her home prior to deliver of note by kidnapers. Signed statements incorporated of persons finding and handling four 5-gallon gasoline cans found at Portage, Wisconsin. Investigation being conducted to locate place at which clothing given to victim was purchased and place where electric lantern was purchased.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 2-17-34.

DETAILS:

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-771	RECORDED AND INDEXED: FEB 27 1934
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At St. Paul, Minnesota

With further reference to the memorandum of this agent dated January 27, 1934, which was incorporated in report of reference by Special Agent J. E. Brennan, MR. and MRS. R. OLSON, apartment 101, 622 Grand Avenue were re-interviewed by this agent and Special Agent O. G. Hall, at which time photographs of the BARKER brothers, ALVIN KARPIS, VOLNEY DAVIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, and numerous others, were exhibited but they were unable to identify any of them as the photograph of EDWIN BERGSTROM who with a woman had occupied apartment 103 at 628 Grand Avenue. MR. OLSON did recall during the interview that a transfer man by the name of SCOTT had told him a few weeks prior to disappearance of the BERGSTROMS that he knew MRS. BERGSTROM, having moved her several times, and that she was not married and that her reputation was bad.

CHARLES J. SCOTT, 1011 North Chatsworth Street, telephone Humbolt 1013, who has an office at 119 West 5th Street, was contacted and he advised that he recalled the BERGSTROM woman and the conversation had with OLSON. He stated he did not know the real name of the woman but he recalled having moved her at least once during 1933 but that he did not recall the addresses. He further advised that he does not keep a record of his transactions and after the matter appeared in the local papers, he gave the matter much thought but was unable to recall the addresses in question. He stated he was sure he had seen the woman about St. Paul for years but does not recall that he had ever seen the man before. He described BERGSTROM as follows: 40 years, 5 feet 7 inches tall, slender. He stated that this might not be an accurate description but it was the best he could furnish.

With reference to the woman, he described her as follows:

Name MRS. BERGSTROM
Age - 30 years
Height - 5 feet 7 inches
Build - Slender
Eyes - Slightly crossed
Peculiarities - Speaks with Irish accent, apparently of Irish extraction
Thinks she has been a prostitute about St. Paul

MR. SCOTT stated he thought he could identify either party, but on viewing photographs above referred to in this report, he could not identify any of them as the man referred to as BERGSTROM.

WALTER AAMUNDS, who operates a garage at 550 Grand Avenue, and also his employees, were interviewed and the photographs above mentioned were exhibited but they were unable to identify any of them as the likeness of the man referred to as BERGSTROM. They stated that they rarely ever saw him and on the few occasions on which the Ford V-8 was stored in the garage, he left the car at the door of the garage and his wife drove same in.

CHARLES J. TIERNY, Inspector of Detectives, St. Paul Police Department, was conferred with and the description of MRS. BERGSTROM was verbally furnished him, after which he stated that he did not know any woman who might possibly be identical with the BERGSTROM woman.

Through MR. TIERNY, it was determined that the Ford V-8 previously referred to as having been sold to EDWARD BERGSTROM, who at that time gave his address as 408 University Avenue, St. Paul, was purchased through the assistance of HERBERT WILDS, who operates Herb's Garage, a known hoodlum garage in St. Paul.

HERBERT IMHOLTE, salesman for the Ford Motor Sales, 117 West University Avenue, St. Paul, was brought to the St. Paul Division office and interviewed by Agents O. G. Hall and Coulter, he stating that he had previously worked for the Holt Motor Company; that he is married and resides at 600 Portland Avenue. With reference to the sale of the automobile in question, which was a new Ford DeLuxe Coupe, motor No. 40-304,794, he stated that he handled the transaction and that the car was sold on June 10, 1933. The payment was made in the form of \$171.04 in cash and a Royal Chrysler Coupe, motor No. 7,775, serial No. 7506525, 1931 model, was accepted as a \$500 allowance, said automobile having been the property of the Roberts Motor Company, 408 University Avenue, which was the address BERGSTROM gave and which automobile company is owned and operated by LEON GLECKMAN, an underworld character of St. Paul. He stated that he does not know HERBERT L. WILDS and that WILDS had nothing to do with the transaction, as far as he knows. He stated that he talked with ROBERTS with reference to the possibility of accepting one of three cars, one being the Chrysler in question, and the others a Packard and a Graham; that he concluded that the Chrysler would be the best of the three and accordingly designated it. He submitted original invoice No. 376 and retail buyer's order, as well as record of used car, to substantiate his statement.

MR. IMHOLTE described BERGSTROM as being approximately 33 years of age, light complexion, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighing 160 pounds. He stated there were either one or two men with him whom he could not definitely remember. He viewed the various photographs previously mentioned but was unable to identify any of them as the person referred to as BERGSTROM. He did state that the photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS appeared to be the photograph of the person who accompanied BERGSTROM. He described him as shorter than

BERGSTROM, medium build, 32 years of age, medium dark complexion, and dark clothes.

HERBERT L. WILDS was interviewed by Inspector CHARLES J. TIERNNEY of the St. Paul Police Department on February 18, 1934, at police headquarters and he made a question and answer statement in substance that a man came to his garage several times with another fellow whom he could not remember, and that this individual, who later was found to be BERGSTROM, told him that he wanted to get an automobile; that he told BERGSTROM that he thought he could get him a car at a discount and that BERGSTROM wanted to buy a Ford. He stated that he got him one through the Republic Finance Company, where he himself has received numerous favors, and took a Chrysler of the Republic Finance Company and traded it in to the Ford Motor Sales Company. He stated that BERGSTROM had been accompanied to his place by a man driving a 1932 model Chevrolet Sedan, license number not remembered or recorded. He stated that he did not know the other fellow's name. He described BERGSTROM as being a "heavy set" fellow. He stated that BERGSTROM wanted the car delivered at 408 University Avenue, which is the address of the Roberts Motor Company and from which place the Chrysler had been brought to the Ford Motor Sales Company. He stated that BERGSTROM had said he was in the selling game but he did not say what he was selling and he knew that BERGSTROM did not have any money as he was unable to buy a radio which he (WILDS) attempted to sell him. He denied knowing anyone by the name of E. L. MURRAY or by the name of E. V. DAVIS but did state that he fixed a 1933 Chevrolet for him and that as far as he knew, DAVIS lived at the St. Francis Hotel. He finally said that he thought BERGSTROM may be 35 years old, about 5 feet 7 inches tall, and would weight 160 pounds; that he was well dressed, light complexioned, and had light hair, and that he would know the individual should he see him again. He stated that he never saw any woman with BERGSTROM and that he serviced the Ford at 500 miles and again at 1,000 miles.

He thereafter described DAVIS as a big fellow, 180 or 185 pounds, with an awfully large stomach. When shown a number of photographs, including the photograph of the BARKERS, he stated that the photograph of ARTHUR BARKER resembled DAVIS some.

During the afternoon of February 19th, 1934, WILDS, at the suggestion of Inspector TIERNNEY, was brought to detective headquarters where he was interviewed by Inspector TIERNNEY and this agent for approximately two hours. On viewing the photographs in question again, he identified the photograph of ARTHUR BARKER as appearing identical to the likeness of the person for whom he purchased the 1933 Chevrolet during May, 1933, whose identity he claimed not to know.

According to Inspector TIERNNEY, WILDS operates this garage and has enjoyed rather a good business from underworld characters who frequent his place on recommendation from HARRY "DUTCH" SAWYER, an underworld character of St. Paul. He stated that he knew from various rumors he had heard that the barkers were well acquainted with SAWYER.

For the information of the Chicago office, it is stated that during the investigation conducted in the case of VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased), et al, Obstruction of Justice, investigation was made in St. Paul at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, where it was definitely established that the PARKER brothers and ALVIN KARPIS were residing. An investigation developed that Chevrolet Sedan which bore 1933 Minnesota license plates, which plates had been issued on March 23, 1935, to G. W. DAVIS, who gave his address as the St. Francis Hotel, bore motor No. 3511319. This car was purchased through the Midway Chevrolet Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, through HERBERT L. WILDS and was seen in front of 204 Vernon Avenue by MR. JAMES P. McLAREN, the owner, who noted the license number of the car in question.

Two or three days prior to the BREMER kidnaping, a shooting took place in the west section of St. Paul, the occupants of an automobile bearing Minnesota motor vehicle license plates for 1934 No. B-45372 doing the shooting. The person who was shot, whose name is MCCOED, saw the license plate of the car. Through the Motor Vehicle License Division it was determined that these plates were assigned on January 11, 1934, to one E. V. DAVIS, Post Office Box 254, White Bear Lake, Minnesota, for 1933 model Chevrolet Sedan, motor No. 3,554,674 (or No. 355,674), serial No. 1GA03-25077, which had previously been registered in the State of Illinois under 1933 motor vehicle license plates No. 774,257. Inspector TIERNNEY advised this agent that E. V. DAVIS, when registering the car in Illinois, gave the address of 2408 South Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Special Agent E. N. Notesteen made inquiry at the Post Office at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, and found that Post Office Box 254 had been rented to E. V. DAVIS on January 12, 1934. Through MR. TIERNNEY, agent was advised that the certificate of title issued for the automobile is still in the Post Office Box. According to FLOYD TRUNELL, Post Office Clerk, DAVIS was not required to fill in an application for the box as same was not the custom. He described DAVIS as follows: Age, 35-40 years; height, 5 feet 10 inches; weight, 180 pounds; light hair; ruddy complexion; rough skin; wore light suit, tan overcoat, and gray cap.

As previously indicated in the report of reference, the automobile listed to BERGSTROM was transferred to E. L. MURRAY. Agent Notesteen also determined that MURRAY rented the box No. 345 on January 3, 1934, at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, and neither was he required to fill out an application. The clerk described MURRAY as being about 35-36 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall.

Agent Notesteen determined that 1933 certificate of title transferred to MURRAY on Ford DeLuxe Coupe, motor No. 40-304794, under previous license B-45099, was in the box and that the 1934 registration was B-75038. Incidentally, the locks have been changed on both boxes and the individuals can not secure mail therefrom until arrangements are made through the Post Office. However, both disappeared about the time of the BREMER kidnaping and their whereabouts have since been unknown.

The circumstances in this connection are such that it is believed that BERGSTROM possibly transferred the title to MURRAY, which is an alias, and that he is acquainted with the person referred to as E. W. DAVIS and that both are associates of the BARKERS and KARPIS. However, this of course is not definitely known.

ERICK STOCHS, 29 Sherburne Avenue, St. Paul, who is a driver for the Citizens Ice & Coal Company, was contacted on February 21, 1934, at which time he stated that on the morning of January 17, 1934, he was driving south on Lexington Avenue at about 8:40 a.m. However, he saw no cars on the street and nothing to arouse his suspicion. He stated that as he recalls, he saw two men standing on the northeast corner talking but that he does not remember how they were dressed and could not identify them were he to see them again. He stated that this was evidently after the kidnaping occurred.

CARL PELZER, 754 Van Buren Street, St. Paul, previously referred to in this agent's memorandum incorporated in report of reference by Agent Brennan as the oil man, was interviewed and he stated that he was delivering oil to the BREMER residence at Lexington and Goodrich Avenues between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. on January 17, 1934, and that it took approximately 30 minutes to get the oil from his truck into the basement. However, he was attending to his own business and noticed no cars on the corner and saw no disturbance of any nature. He stated that the only person to whom he talked while delivering the oil was MR. ART MCGILNER, the credit man for the company where he is employed.

The photographs of the BARKERS, KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, and VOLNEY DAVIS, along with others, were again exhibited to JACK QUINEHAN, 682 Aurora Avenue, who is employed by the Minnesota Milk Company as a driver and he stated that under no circumstances could he possibly identify the photograph of anyone in connection with the kidnaping as he was a long block from the scene and did not view it with alarm at the time it occurred as he did not believe at that time that it was anything more than an accident and that the men were adjusting it there.

The dark cap in question which KARPIS has been previously identified as wearing was exhibited to Father DEEHE, who stated that he was absolutely sure it was not the cap worn by the person who delivered the note to him on or about February 6, 1934. He stated that it was his impression that the cap the man was wearing was a gray cap rather than a black cap. He further stated that he did not see the man more than two minutes, who was standing outside the storm door with same opened approximately four inches and that he could not see the man's face owing to the fact that the cap in question was pulled well down over his face; that he could see only his chin and he believed the man to be a tramp who was soliciting something to eat and when he asked him his name, he replied it was "John"; that he had one hand on the door, on which hand he wore an old leather glove such as anyone might use while driving an automobile; that he wore a dark wool jacket, the cuffs of which were turned up as is often found on certain types of overcoats. He stated that he recalled that it was not a zipper jacket but that it appeared to be a very dark color, if not black; that the man had on an old shirt, probably brown or tan, and an old necktie, the color of which he did not remember; that he noticed that the jacket was open slightly and that the man had on a vest but that he could not recall the color of the vest or any particulars regarding it; that as he recalls, the man wore a pair of old gray trousers but that he did not notice what type of shoes the man was wearing; that the man kept his right hand in his right jacket pocket during the entire conversation, which later led him to believe that he was holding a pistol on him; that he took this man to be a rather young man and that he would judge that the fellow, from what little he saw of his face, was a dope addict and that his eyes were well sunken in his head; however, he did not know why he had that impression as he was quite sure that he did not see the man's eyes.

MRS. JOHN MILLER, 1209 Hague Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, was re-interviewed on February 21, 1934, at which time she was shown the cap in question. She stated that the person who delivered the note to them on the Saturday before the release of BREMER was not seen by her except through the window and that she saw only the lower portion of his body; that he appeared to be dressed as a Western Union boy or policeman; that she was absolutely sure he was wearing boots as she got a good look at his legs and that the boots were either very dark or black and that they were new; however, she later amended this statement to say she intended to convey that she knew the man was wearing more than shoes as she saw the leather on his legs and that he might have been wearing shoes and puttees such as police officers and Western Union boys wear. She stated that he appeared to be of medium size and that was the only impression she got of the man as he had flashed the light on her and she jumped back from the window and that when she went to the door to look out, the man flashed his light back again at her and she was unable to get any description of him.

After a considerable conversation with MRS. MILLER, she stated she was going to tell agent everything she knew and under no circumstances should it be disclosed to anyone. She stated that she had discussed this matter with no one except her husband and if any information was ever given out, she would know it came from this office.

She stated that on either the Friday night or Saturday night after BREMER was kidnaped, which would be January 19 or 20, 1934, she walked out on her front porch between 6:00 and 7:00 and that a man walked up through the driveway west of her house, at which time he was wearing boots and had something shiny in his hand which she later thought may have been the coffee can in which the letter from the kidnapers was finally left. She stated that this man appeared to have on two or three suits of clothes for the reason that his shoulders appears level with his chin. She stated the man walked on, holding his head down, and that she could give no description of his physical appearance on account of the fact that it was very dark. However, her impression was that he was a man of medium size.

She stated that a night or two thereafter, someone knocked on the door and when she answered it she only opened the front door and left the storm door closed; that this man appeared to be a young man, 21 or 22 years old. She then stated, "Do not say how old he was as I might be mistaken. However, he was a young man." She stated that he asked where 1193 Hague Avenue was and she indicated east on Hague. She stated this man appeared to have a light complexion and rosy cheeks; however, the redness in his cheeks may have been caused by the cold weather; that he was nice appearing and was wearing what appeared to be a mackinaw with possibly a red sweater under it; that he had on a hunter's cap which she described as tan and that she could not further describe him as she could see only the upper portion of his body, speaking to him through the storm door. She stated there was nothing unusual about his voice which might have indicated from what section of the country he came, and that she noted nothing about his features which were outstanding. She stated that when this man left, he walked off the porch and went west on Hague, rather than east, which is the direction to 1193 Hague Avenue.

With reference to him, she stated that he was probably of medium size; that he, as she recalls, asked, "Is this 1193 Hague?", and she answered, "No. It is 1209," and said the house was about three blocks to the left. She stated that she gained the impression about his being youthful by the way he swung himself around and the manner in which he walked off. She stated that it was about a week thereafter when the next man appeared; that he knocked on the front door about 8:30 p.m., and asked where 1193 Hague Avenue was. She stated that she opened the door this time and walked out on the porch and indicated the exact house to him; that she got a good look at this man and believes she would know him again in any place she may see him. She stated that she believes

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the man was between 35 and 36 years old, about 6 feet tall, medium build, swarthy complexion, square shoulders, well dressed, wearing either a green, blue or black hat which appeared dark, and a dark overcoat, either navy blue or black, which appeared black to her. She stated this man had high cheek bones and large eyes which were probably blue or hazel, that he had very wide upper front teeth which protruded to the extreme and which made her think that possibly they were not his own teeth. She stated that she could not say that his teeth were very white or that they were very dark, but other than being large and protruding there was nothing outstanding about them which made her remember them and that she did not notice his lower teeth at all. She stated that the man did not appear to have an excessive stomach and that he was well built. She stated that she did not watch this man leave.

MRS. MILLER viewed a number of photographs, including those of the BARKER brothers, ALVIN KARPIS, and CAMPBELL. After carefully examining each photograph she stated that she could not identify any of them as a likeness of persons who called at her house, and with particular reference to the KARPIS picture she stated that she could almost definitely say that he was not the young man who called there on the first occasion. In viewing the photograph of THOMAS CARROLL, St. Paul Police No. 23979, which was mixed in with the other photographs, she stated that the upper portion of his head down to his nose bore some resemblance to the large man who called at her house, which was the second man to ask for 1193 Hague Avenue. She stated that CARROLL'S mouth did not appear similar and that he was not the man in question and she had no intention of conveying that idea. However, there is something about his eyes and the upper portion of his face which slightly resemble the man in question.

On February 21, 1934, this agent in company with Special Agent J. E. Brennan, called at 622 Grand Avenue with a view to examining apartment 105, 622 Grand Avenue, for possible fingerprints left at that address by BERGSTROM and his wife. However, these agents were advised by MR. and MRS. OLSON that MR. OLSON had gone over all the woodwork and furniture with an oil cloth after discovering the BERGSTROMS had left, and had washed the dishes and cooking utensils; that he had done this prior to the arrival of men from the St. Paul Police Department, who had made a search for fingerprints. This matter was discussed with Lieutenant JOHN J. TIERNEY, who has charge of the Identification Division of the St. Paul Police Department, and he stated that he and his men had made a complete examination of the apartment in question but had failed to find any fingerprints therein.

J. J. COURNEY, Assistant United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, reported to this office that he had received information to the effect that MARTIN LEE, Manager of the Cooperative Store, Kellogg, Minnesota, had some information obtained from another party concerning a suspicious meeting of automobiles at Kellogg, Minnesota. The following investigation regarding this report was made by Special Agent R. T. Noonan, who reported as follows:

"Martin Lee, when interviewed, stated that the information he had on this matter came from John Bricher, his neighbor in Kellogg, and that he personally had no knowledge or information. MR. BRICHER came to Lee's residence and when interviewed stated that on the night of January 25, 1934, Thursday, he was standing in Black's Filling Station in Kellogg which is on the corner of Highways No. 3 and No. 42, the main road from the Twin Cities to Winona being No. 3, and No. 42 being the road leading from this highway to Plainview and Rochester, Minnesota. About nine p.m., six large cars approached almost simultaneously, two from the north and two from the south on highway No. 3, and two from the west on Highway No. 42. There were two men in each car and they got out and conferred about five minutes and then all got back in and drove away two each in the same directions that they had come from and the same cars going the same directions, according to Bricher. Bricher stated that he was the only one looking out of the window at the time and he did not think much of this until after the cars had pulled away and then it dawned on him that this was a very unusual meeting and might have been the prearranged meeting of a group of gangsters. Bricher stated that he was not close enough to observe any of the men in the cars and could give no description and as the cars seemed dirty and muddy he did not get the license numbers and did not notice whether they had Minnesota or out-of-State licenses on their cars.

"The above was all the information that Bricher could give on the matter. He fixes the date as January 25, Thursday, as his uncle died the day previous."

The above should be kept in mind should any further developments be received by this office indicating that the automobiles mentioned above had any connection with this case.

Special Agents John V. Anderson and J. E. Brennan conducting the following investigation at 969 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. This is the address at which the stolen 1933 Chevrolet Coupe, which was used by WALTER MAGEE at the designation of the kidnapers, in the paying of the ransom:

"Memo in Bremer Case:

"Special Agent Anderson and the undersigned made inquiry at 969 University Ave., in front of which address the Chevrolet Coupe furnished

by the kidnapers, was parked on the night of Feb. 6th. This is a two-story store building, the first of which is occupied by the National Auto Parts Co., none of the employees of which saw the Chevrolet Coupe up to 6:00 p.m., at which time the store was closed.

"Mrs. Emma Glassman, occupant of the 2nd floor of 969 University, stated she noticed no such car in front of the house but her 13-year-old son, Warren, stated that he was going skating one evening, date uncertain, but around Feb. 6th, and noticed a dark red Chevrolet Coupe with a Shell sign on the door, parked in front of the house, this being at 7:00 p.m.; that the car was not there when he returned after 9:00 p.m.

"On the west side of the building is a lot used for storing junked cars, and there is a vacant lot on the east side, no other building being in the immediate vicinity.

"M. J. Kartes, 970 University, stated that he noticed no parked car across the street; that it is quite dark after 6:30 or 7:00 p.m., and it being a wide street, he would be unable to recognize a car even though he was looking for it.

"H. B. Cunningham, 964, and A. I. Miller, 962 University, also stated they saw no car as described above.

J. E. Brennan,
J. V. Anderson,
Special Agents."

On February 22, 1934, Special Agents J. E. Brennan and H. H. Reinecke conducted the following investigation as a result of a report made by Captain Mullen of the Minneapolis Police Department:

"2-22-34

"Re: Charles Floyd

"The following telegram was received by the Chief of Police at Minneapolis:

"8:01 P Feb. 22 Chief of Police Mpls. Minn.

Handed from train by unknown party this evening this note reading as follows no signature:
"Thursday 7:30 p.m. suspicious that Pretty Boy Floyd and Clyde Barrow on North Coast Limited heading south. Inform Mpls. Chief of Police."

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"The above was communicated to the St. Paul Division office and Special Agent Reinecke and the undersigned were detailed to confer with Capt. Mullen, Mpls. Police Department, etc.

"The above train was boarded at Mpls. and searched. The train and Pullman conductors and porters interviewed without result. A telegram was sent from Staples to Aurora, Ill., by a Mr. Kent, a passenger, but no one was observed handing off a note at that point.

"The Pullman conductor related that there had been some discussion among the passengers in the train concerning Floyd and Barrow being in Wyoming and Montana because of a news item to that effect appearing in the Butte Daily Post, copy of which was secured, and probably someone in the train became suspicious of a fellow passenger and dropped the note off.

J. E. Brennan, Special Agent."

Special Agent S. K. McKee conducted the following investigation at Portage, Wisconsin, and vicinity, at which place the four 5-gallon gasoline cans were found, which upon examination by the Scientific Laboratory proved to bear the latent fingerprint of "DOC" BARKER. The purpose of the investigation was to secure signed statements from all persons who had any knowledge of or came into contact with the four 5-gallon gasoline cans. Said statements are as follows:

Portage, Wis.
Feb. 21, 1934.

I, HARRY N. HIBNER, make the following statement to S. K. McKee, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

I am a Deputy Sheriff for Columbia County, Wisconsin, and reside at Portage, Wis.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1934, Frank Grossman, a farmer residing about seven miles northwest of Portage reported to me that his son, Reuben, had found four five gallon gasoline cans and a ten funnel near his home on the previous Wednesday. He said he had read of some such cans being connected with the Bremer kidnaping case, and he was making this report for that reason.

I went to Frank Grossman's home on the next morning and he went with me to his son's garage and turned the four cans and a ten funnel over to me. I do not believe I touched any of the articles with my bare hands. I brought the cans to Portage in my automobile and kept them there until Monday, Feb. 12th, when I turned them over to Special Agent S.K. McKee. The only person who touched these cans while they were at the office, to my knowledge, was Sheriff Robert H. Roche, who unscrewed one of the tin tops and smelled the inside. I do not know whether he wore gloves at the time he touched the one can.

Believing that these cans might have had some connection with the Bremer case, Sheriff Roche sent a telegram to the Department of Justice office at St. Paul advising the cans had been found.

Signed: HARRY N. HIBNER

Witnessed:

S. K. McKee, Special Agent,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice.

Portage, Wis.
Feb. 21, 1934.

I, REUBEN GROSSMAN, make the following statement to S. K. McKee, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1934, I went fishing and returned home around 6.00 P.M. proceeding from Route 16 by the county road which leads from Route 16 and comes to an end at my house. At the next to the last corner on this road from my house I noticed several tin five gallon cans laying by the road. Later in the evening I told my father about these cans, and on the way to Portage this same evening we stopped and examined the cans. There were four of them and a medium sized tin funnel. The screw tops to the cans were laying beside them. We both smelled the cans and believed they had contained gasoline. There was a wet spot on the ground near these cans, which I believe was made by the spilling of gasoline.

I talked to my little girl on the same night and she told me the cans were not at the corner when she came home from school around 4.00 P.M. in the afternoon. She said they passed the corner at a distance, having cut the corner, but thought she would have noticed the cans if they had been laying on the ground.

I have been told that Ernest Malisch believes my little girl went to her grandmother's home from school on Wednesday afternoon, but I am positive she did not, as I had told her to go straight home and my wife said she did in fact come home.

On the following morning I went down to the corner and carried the cans and funnel in my car to my garage, where they remained until the following Sunday, when my father turned them over to Deputy Sheriff Harry Hibner.

I do not believe I touched these cans except with gloves on my hands.

(Signed) REUBEN GROSSMAN.

Witnessed:
S. K. McKee, Special Agent,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice.

Portage, Wis.
Feb. 21, 1934.

I, FRANK GROSSMAN, make the following statement to S. K. McKee, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

On Wednesday night, Feb. 7, 1934, my son, Reuben Grossman, told me about having seen several five gallon cans laying by the road corner leading from Route 16 to his house, as he was on his way home around 6.00 P.M. The same night we looked at these cans and smelled them, and formed the opinion they had contained gasoline. The tin screw tops to the cans were laying near the cans, as was a medium sized tin funnel. We left the cans as we found them, but my son told me he took them up to his garage on the next morning.

On the following Saturday I read an article in the "Milwaukee Journal" about some gasoline cans being connected with the Bremer kidnaping case, so I immediately reported finding these cans to Deputy Sheriff Harry Hibner at Portage, Wis. He came to my house on the following morning, a Sunday, and I went to my son's garage and turned the cans, four in number, and the funnel, over to him.

My son, Reuben, was not at home at the time. I do not believe I touched the cans except with gloves on my hands.

I do not know when the cans were left by the road or by whom.

F. R. GROSSMAN.

Witnessed:
S. K. McKee, Special Agent,
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice.

Portage, Wis.
Feb. 11, 1934.

I, ERNEST MULLISCH, make the following statement to S. K. McKee, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

On Sunday, Feb. 11, 1934, Deputy Sheriff Hibner of Portage, Wis. came to my home in his automobile and showed four five gallon tin cans to me and my father. He questioned us about these cans, saying they had been found by Reuben Grossman at the road corner located in the northwest corner of our farm on the morning of Thursday, Feb. 8, 1934. At that time I told Hibner about having seen an automobile stop at the road corner in question, but I was not positive about the date. I can now fix the date as Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1934, as my brother and I hauled tamarack logs all of that week except Tuesday, Feb. 6th, and I remember I saw the car on the date after that on which we didn't haul logs.

On Wednesday, Feb. 7th, I picked up my young brother and three neighbor kids at the Oak Grove School, which is located one mile from our house. I was driving a team of horses and hauling a load of tamarack logs. I drove directly home from the school. At about 4:00 P.M. I was unhitching my team by the sorgham mill which is on the righthand side of the county road leading from Route 16, when I saw a coffee brown colored sedan drive past, having turned into the county road off of Route 16. I was standing about five yards off of the road where this car passed. I believe the car was a Nash, of a late model, but I am not positive it was this make of car. I did not notice what kind of license plates were on the car. I noticed two men in the front seat, but did not see anybody in the rear seat. I believe it would be possible for another person to have been in the rear of the car without being noticed, if that person was slouched down in the seat.

The two men whom I saw appeared to be around thirty years of age, were fairly well dressed, wore overcoats and felt hats, and, I believe the man on the side of the car toward me when it passed wore a light gray overcoat and light colored hat. I did not get a front face glance at either of these men.

This car drove past our house and turned on the left fork of the county road which leads to Reuben Grossman's house. It stopped at the road corner where Deputy Sheriff Hibner told me the four tin cans were found. I was curious about the car and walked to a spot near our house and watched it for several minutes. I saw two men get out of the car and go

around the rear tire, that is the spare tire. I did not see this car
around and never noticed more than two men in it.

After watching this car for several minutes, I went back to my chores.
After a period of what I estimate to be a half hour this same car drove past
our house again headed toward Route 16, but I did not notice the man this
time, nor did I notice which direction it turned on Route 16.

I have been asked whether Marie Grossman, the little daughter of Reuben
Grossman, went directly home from school on Wednesday, Feb. 7th. I am
positive that she did not as I saw her going to the home of her grand-
mother Mrs. Frank Grossman, at that time I know she did not pass the
corner where the cans were found.

I have been shown some twenty photographs by Special Agent McKee and I
believe the side view of Alvin Karpis looks like the man in the coffee
colored sedan who was riding in the car with the driver.

(Signed) ERNEST MALISCH

Witnessed:
S. K. McKee, Special Agent,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice.

Special Agent McKee also obtained fingerprints of ROBERT H. ROCHE,
Sheriff, Portage, Wisconsin, and HARRY N. HIBNER, Deputy Sheriff, Portage,
Wisconsin. These fingerprint cards are being forwarded to the Division by
letter.

In accordance with a recent request of the Division, an agent
assigned to this case will secure palm prints of all persons coming in
contact with the four 5-gallon gasoline cans. Such palm prints will be trans-
mitted to the Division.

Circular letters have been sent to Catholic priests, Lutheran
ministers, and mayors of cities, setting forth the various distinguishing
sounds heard by the victim while in the custody of his abductors. Replies,
as received, are carefully read and segregated for possible future reference
or investigation.

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The Twin Cities newspapers have been contacted and a list of the persons to whom they forward copies of their papers in other cities in the United States have been secured and appropriate leads have been sent out for the attention of other offices, by letter.

Through the cooperation of HAROLD E. STASSEN, the County Attorney of Dakota County, Minnesota, an envelope of cards, miscellaneous stationery, telephone numbers, and other written matter secured by his office last December at the time a raid was made upon the Hollywood Club at Mandota, Minnesota, which is a gambling "joint" operated by the Twin Cities underworld, was secured and all said matter was copied for possible future use in this investigation. Among other things obtained was a list of telephone numbers which was composed almost entirely of hoodlums' telephone numbers. Three copies of said memorandum are attached hereto for the Division.

The following is a memorandum submitted by Special Agent V. W. Peterson on February 22, 1934:

St. Paul, Minn.
February 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING St. Paul file 7-30

While in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin on other business on February 19, 1934, the writer contacted Alex Meunier, Sheriff, Dorr County, Wisconsin, Sturgeon Bay, who advised that on the day following the release of Edward G. Bremer, he observed a Cadillac Sedan equipped with red wire wheels and a trunk on the rear, said Cadillac Sedan bearing Illinois license plates 127013. It was either a 1934 or 1933 license plate. The Cadillac Sedan had a tire on the rear of the trunk. All five tires of the car were white-wall tires. The occupants of the car consisted of two men and two women. One man wore a coon skin fur coat. The car stopped in front of the Swoboda Hotel and the four individuals apparently entered the bar at that place.

The writer contacted Delbert McDonald, Clerk, Swoboda Hotel, who advised that he is of the opinion that the individuals referred to by Sheriff Alex Meunier apparently had visited this community on previous occasions, in view of the fact that one of the men made inquiry concerning residents of the locality. Delbert McDonald was of the opinion that the occupants of the car spent the week end at Cabbotts Lodge, or Fish Creek, which is located in the community.

It is suggested that the 1933 and 1934 Illinois license plates bearing number 127013, be checked immediately for the purpose of determining whether this car might have been connected with the Bremer kidnaping case.

J. W. Peterson
J. W. PETERSON
Special Agent.

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In accordance with the last paragraph of the above memorandum, a letter has been directed to Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, State of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois.

Investigation is being vigorously conducted by this office to locate the place in which the Filmolens used in the flashlights, which were placed by the kidnapers upon a mound near the place of the payoff. Investigation is likewise being conducted to locate the place where the electric lantern was purchased, for possible identification of the purchaser. This was likewise found near the place where the \$200,000 ransom was paid.

Efforts are being made to locate the store in which the socks, shirt, and underwear, given to the kidnaped victim before his release, were purchased. In order to facilitate such investigation, cross indexing is being done of the stores in which all three articles could have been purchased as it is possible that the three articles were purchased in the same store, or in the same community.

The files in this office which might have some relation to this case, that is, involving the same persons suspected in this matter, are being reviewed, and photographs of suspects are being secured from various sources by letter, copies of which letters the Division has received.

Interviews with Victim BREMER have been had daily by Inspector W. A. Rorer. Very little of importance since the submission of the last report has been obtained from him. He was questioned concerning any camping trips which he took during the past winter and fall, and he stated that together with JOHN MILLER, PAUL HECHT, DAVIS FREIDEN and FREIDEN'S son and the son's friend, he spent several days during October, 1935, at Island Lake, Minnesota. He was specifically questioned concerning this trip in view of the fact that JOHN MILLER had informed Agent Coulter that MILLER, without any reason to believe it, considered it possible that the heavy set man which he and the victim met at Island Lake last fall may have been the "finger man" in this case. BREMER stated that on that trip, there was a man and his wife staying at Island Lake upon their arrival; that the man's first name was TEX, the last name unknown; that he was short in stature but stockily built and was believed by the victim to be part white and part Indian. He stated that this man and his wife are well known to the proprietors of Whalens cottage where victim's party stayed.

In addition to this couple, victim stated that on the last day he was at Island Lake, two men arrived whom he did not know but who knew him by name. He was questioned concerning their identity and professed not to know their identity but finally stated that he believed that one man's name was BANGS. Concerning the first name of this person, victim stated that he was not sure but possibly it was TOM. When questioned as to this person's occupation, he stated that he operates a wagon shop at Minneapolis, which shop

victim, together with PAUL HECHT (a friend of victim) had visited sometime last summer with a view toward purchasing a trailer for victim's car for camping purposes. Victim explained that PAUL HECHT is a very close personal friend of victim, of high character.

In connection with the identity of the other person who was with BANKS, victim stated that he was not sure but believed his name was PFEIFFER. He claimed not to know his first name. It was obvious that victim was referring to none other than TOM BANKS and JACK PFEIFFER; and he was asked whether he knew these persons' identity and he stated that he did not. He denied that he had ever heard that these two persons were connected with the underworld in the Twin Cities and that either one or both were financially interested in any of the night clubs in this vicinity. This is obviously an untruth because of the general reputation of these two men and the newspaper notoriety which they have received in past years.

Agents at the St. Paul office are of the impression that TEX is a criminal who is employed by TOM BANKS or the syndicate which is controlled through BANKS or BANKS and PFEIFFER. His identity will be determined.

Very little further information is being obtained from victim which appears to be of importance. He was questioned minutely concerning the happening on the morning of the abduction. He admitted that the windows in his automobile were closed at the time of the abduction and that it was necessary for the right door to be opened by one of the kidnapers before any threat was made of victim or prior to the time he saw the pistol. It was explained to him that it was impossible to conceive how he could not have seen the faces of the two men who approached his car, and victim became very angry and stated that at no time had he seen the person of any of the men and that under no conditions would the Government be able to obtain any identification from him. On each occasion when victim was pressed for an identification, he has become highly excited and angry. In connection with all other information which victim has given to this office, he claims that all of it is true, particularly with reference to what happened at the hideout.

In connection with the car in which victim was returned from the hideout, he has indicated that it was larger than the one in which he rode on the day of the abduction, but has failed to satisfactorily indicate the make of the car.

Previous investigation at Lewiston, Minnesota, has developed that a short time prior to the release of victim at Rochester, Minnesota, a car believed to be a 1933 Buick Sedan, stopped at a filling station and purchased gasoline, at which time three rifles or guns were seen in the rear of the car. Further intensive investigation is being conducted at Lewiston, Minnesota, and it is

believed that these circumstances will coincide with those described by victim wherein he stated that about one hour prior to his release, at Rochester, he was taken out of the car by two of the men while the other car drove back for some purpose. Photographs will be exhibited at this filling station. Previous investigation at Lewiston disclosed that a suspicious Buick purchased 15 gallons of gasoline which, if true, will indicate that 15 gallons of gasoline were used to cover the distance from Portage, Wisconsin, to Lewiston, Minnesota, which is approximately 150 miles. Investigation discloses that a 1933 Buick Sedan would not average more than 10 or 11 miles to the gallon. In view of this, it is possible that approximately 200 miles were travelled on the day of victim's return prior to the refilling of the gasoline tank at Portage.

At this time, investigation is being conducted for the purpose of ascertaining whether the writing paper used in this case was purchased in the Twin Cities.

It is believed that primary consideration at this time should be given to the location of the hideout, and the answers to the circular letters which are being received at this office are being carefully scrutinized.

The distribution of sirens in adjoining States by several manufacturers has been checked and siren operators have been circularized.

Through the telephone offices at St. Paul and Minneapolis, Special Agent R. L. Nalls has obtained a list of toll calls covering the period from November 20, 1933, to February 2, 1934, from the following persons:

Herb's Garage, St. Paul
Patrick's Novelty (Operated by TOM WILKIN)
Hollyhocks Club (Jack Pfeiffer)
Harry's Speakeasy
Hollywood Club (Jack Davenport)
Jack Davenport
Abe Ginsberg
"Doc" Steinhardt (this is Frisco Dutch Steinhardt
alias Stein)
Tom Banks

The calls made from all of the above phones were numerous and are being investigated at this time.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

Chicago Office will make appropriate inquiry to determine whether E. V. DAVIS has resided in the past at 2408 South Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. For the assistance of the Chicago office, a tracing of DAVIS' signature is attached to copies of this report designated for that office.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

February 21, 1934

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While talking with Special Agent in Charge Harvey, of Philadelphia, by telephone, on other matters, he stated that in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping Case, he had received an undeveloped lead from the St. Paul Office asking that he contact all news dealers to see who had purchased St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers since the Bremer Kidnaping. Mr. Harvey pointed out that there is no centralized distributing point for these newspapers in that territory; that there were more than 1500 such dealers, and it would tie up his office almost indefinitely to get this information, so he had wired the St. Paul Office inquiring if they could obtain the information as to what dealers handled these papers from the papers in St. Paul. He has heard nothing from them and wanted to know what to do.

I told him to write directly to Mr. Rorer, at St. Paul, air mail, to ascertain Mr. Rorer's desires concerning this lead.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
H. H. Clegg

*memo Mr. Clegg
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

In regard to your memorandum of February 21, 1934, covering a phone conversation had with Mr. Harvey of the Philadelphia Office, relative to a request which he received from St. Paul for certain information concerning the purchasing of the St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers, I wish that you would follow up this matter for me, and ascertain who made the request from the St. Paul Office for this matter and also why Mr. Harvey's inquiry of the St. Paul Office for additional information was not answered. I want to keep a careful check on the things that have not been properly handled in this matter of the Bremer kidnaping case at St. Paul, and for that reason I would like to have this information.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Editor,
 Red Wing Daily Republican,
 Red Wing, Minnesota.

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Dear Sir:

There has been referred to me a copy of an editorial appearing in the Red Wing Daily Republican on Tuesday, February 13, 1934, the title of which is "Hints For Department of Justice". The editorial expresses the belief that a different policy should be pursued by Department of Justice operatives with regard to publishing material information received in kidnaping cases, particularly, and special reference was made to the publication of information concerning the wallpaper pattern which allegedly might be found on the walls of the house in which Mr. Bremer was held pending ransom negotiations, and also concerning the indication that the serial numbers of the bills paid as ransom had been listed.

Due to the fact that the operatives referred to in the editorial are very likely the Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, I desire to take occasion to commend your attitude as expressed in the editorial. I have caused investigation to be made and it has been definitely established that the indication that a wallpaper pattern had been identified, or that the serial numbers had been listed, was not released by any employee of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice. I share with you the views expressed in the editorial that whenever such information, if it in fact be true, is discovered that it certainly should not be released for publication. I am firmly of the opinion that the plans for investigations should not be published, or that the findings should not become known because our experience has shown that in several cases kidnapers have made a practice of getting all available newspapers each day during the negotiations for the return of the victim in an effort to keep themselves informed as to the activities of the police and other investigative organizations. Whether the indication that a definite pattern of wallpaper had been identified, or that the serial numbers had been listed be true or false, I agree with your expressed belief that this information should not be published, and I desire to take this occasion to inform you that

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this information did not emanate from any employees of this Division, who are trained and instructed in this respect.

I felt that you would be interested in knowing this policy of this Division, and for this reason I have taken the liberty to express to you these views and methods of procedure in so far as Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice are concerned.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

- MR. NATHAN.....
- MR. TOLSON.....
- MR. CLEGG.....
- MR. C. WLEY.....
- MR. EDWARDS.....
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HINTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

We believe that a different policy should be pursued by Department of Justice operatives and other officials charged with the duty of apprehending kidnapers and other criminals.

It seems strange that so many facts regarding crimes and steps taken to detect criminals get into the paper before they are "ripe" for publication. Through the newspapers bandits and other enemies of law and order are kept pretty well posted in advance as to what the authorities are doing and when and how they are going to do it.

Take the Bremer kidnaping case for instance. It was given to the press that a certain pattern of wall paper where Mr. Bremer was held captive was so well remembered by him that he could make a drawing of it. The publication of this several days ago could possibly have enabled those guilty in changing the paper or destroying the building, thus obliterating a very important piece of evidence. Also, it has taught the bandits another trick, namely, that no man kidnaped in the future would be permitted to see or hear anything.

There may be hundreds of houses in the United States where the same pattern of wall paper may be found. The Department of Justice could find all of these houses, we believe, by quiet and unpublished procedure. A pattern sent to the few manufacturers of wall paper would soon discover when and where that wall paper had been sold, through mail order houses or wholesalers. The local dealers and the houses supplied direct, if from a mail order house, could be ascertained. It could be traced down to the very man who papered the house. And then there would be something definite to work on.

We believe that another mistake was made when it was published after the ransom had been paid that serial numbers of all bills had been taken down. That would undoubtedly arouse the ire of the bandits with the notion that they had been "double-crossed" and would make them all the more careful in the distribution of their ill-gotten money. The information could have been sent to all the banks of the Country without the abductors being the wiser and with better chance to apprehend them.

It seems that many officials are too anxious to get their names in print in connection with certain discoveries in criminal matters which they presume will bring credit to themselves when their lips should be sealed until the criminals have been apprehended.

Scotland Yard doesn't do things that way. Its operatives arrest the criminal first and talk afterwards. American crime detection officials better take a lesson from Scotland Yard.

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U. S. Department of Justice

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

February 24, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Enclosed herewith are the fingerprints of Harry N. Hibner, Deputy Sheriff, and Robert H. Roche, Sheriff, both of Portage, Wisconsin. These fingerprints were secured by Special Agent S. K. McKee and are to be considered by the Division in connection with the four 5-gallon gasoline cans found near Portage, Wisconsin, on one of which cans was found a latent fingerprint of "Doc" Barker. The fingerprints transmitted herewith are for elimination purposes.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer
W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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POST OFFICE BOX 515
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 25, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREWER, victim
KIDNAPING
St. Paul file No. 7-30

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. R. McIntire, dated Chicago, Illinois February 21, 1934, in the above entitled case.

It is respectfully requested that a search be made of the records of your office with the view in mind of securing a photograph and fingerprints of JEW EDDIE and RED McLAUGHLIN, forwarding a copy each of such photographs to this office, and directing a communication to the Division, stating that at the request of this office fingerprints of the above named individuals should be placed in the single finger-print file, for comparison purposes with latent prints.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROHRER,
Inspector.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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MR. Lester.....	
MR. Locke.....	
MR. Rorer.....	
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I telephoned Mr. Rorer and explained the unavailability of Agents Andersen and Klein. Mr. Rorer stated that there was a large accumulation of leads and his greatest need at the moment was man power and he had simply suggested these names as preferable; that any two good wide-awake Agents would do and he agreed that Agent R. D. Brown at Cincinnati and D. L. Nicholson at Detroit would be satisfactory. Telegrams have been dispatched to the Cincinnati and Detroit offices requesting these Agents to proceed immediately to St. Paul and report to Mr. Rorer.

I asked Mr. Rorer the significance of the bag which had been forwarded to the laboratory. He stated that a letter should have been sent with the bag explaining its significance and what was wanted, but that at any rate the bag had been left in a lock box at a bus station in St. Paul and in it was a pillow and instructions for the delivery of the money to Des Moines; that the bag and pillow were forwarded so that they could be studied as to possible age, amount of use, possible manufacture, fingerprints and any other latent evidence so that if it was possible both the bag and the pillow might be traced. Mr. Coffey has been telephonically advised of this.

At Mr. Newby's suggestion I inquired of Mr. Rorer concerning the laws relative to the filling of gasoline cans in Illinois since it is understood that in Wisconsin it is a violation of law to fill cans with gasoline unless they are painted red. He stated they were bearing this in mind but as yet had not considered it necessary to follow this lead as they considered it more important to determine the place of manufacture and distribution of the cans.

Edward G. Brennan

Respectfully,
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M. H. Clegg
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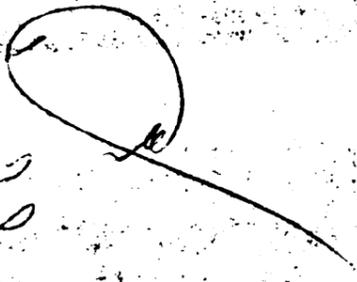
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Division of Investigation

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

February 16, 1934.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan called from St. Paul and advised that the Chief of Police and the Chief of Detectives at St. Paul had just been in to see him. He stated that the Chief of Police has requested him to convey to the Attorney General his request that the Attorney General specifically state, if it possibly can be done, whether he, the Attorney General, has confidence in the Chief of Police at St. Paul. Mr. Nathan advised him that, of course, he had no means of conveying that request to the Attorney General, but he would convey it to Mr. Hoover. Mr. Nathan further advised that the Chief of Police contemplates wiring the Attorney General along the same lines.

Upon inquiry of him, Mr. Nathan stated that it was his personal opinion that the Chief of Police is absolutely honest; that he has been compelled to combat extremely undesirable conditions; that he has in his force people he cannot get rid of and people in whom he has no confidence, but that he personally believes the Chief of Police is safe. Mr. Nathan, however, does not think the Chief of Police is very intelligent.

Respectfully,

S.P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with your case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, there are transmitted herewith for use in the investigation a total of twelve photographs representing two views of the four gasoline cans and funnel submitted by your office. In this connection it will be noted the design on the top of one can differs from that on the other three.

The Division has been advised that the samples of gasoline which were found in these cans have been determined to be of three different kinds. Further examination is being made in an effort to determine the identity of each and you will be advised of the results.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 22, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Pat Crowe came to this office on February 21, 1934, and stated that in connection with the Imphy, whom he had previously implicated as being one of Bremer's kidnapers, while serving a 60 or 90 days sentence at Leavenworth, Kansas, during 1906, 1907, or 1908, struck a guard on the head with a shovel, or some other implement, for which he was later convicted and sentenced to serve an additional two years. Mr. Crowe stated he was submitting this information so as to make it possible to identify this individual. His principal reason, however, in coming to the office seemed to be for the purpose of being sent to St. Paul to work on this case. He stated that he felt certain if he were in St. Paul he could readily learn the identity of the kidnapers and perhaps locate some of the ransom money.

Respectfully,

S. P. Corley
S. P. Corley.

Mr. Newby was present during this interview

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

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the Bremer Kidnaping case, there is enclosed herewith a copy of a memorandum relative to a further interview with Pat Crowe.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

February 25, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:-

Referring to Division letter in the above en-
titled matter, dated February 21, 1934, with which were
enclosed group photographs of certain members of the
so-called Barker-Karpis Gang, bearing descriptive in-
formation concerning each of those individuals, which
were for distribution to the Special Agents assigned
to this Division office, it is requested that additional
supply of five of the above mentioned group photographs
be forwarded to this office in order that one copy may
be made available to each agent presently assigned here.

*Admitted to file
Fred Barker
Arthur Barker*

Very truly yours,

M. W. Meekins
M. W. MEEKINS, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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March 3, 1934

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

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
Edward G. Bremer-Victim
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

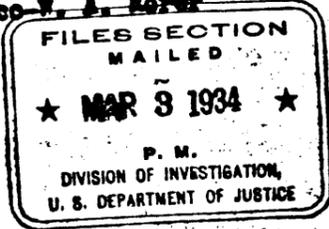
In reply to your request dated February 25, 1934,
there are transmitted herewith an additional supply of the
group photograph of certain members of the so-called Barker-
Karpis gang.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 685092

cc - W. A. Rorer



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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

February 26, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Special Agent J. L. Fallon has informed me that during the time he was stationed at the Oklahoma City Office as resident agent at Tulsa, Oklahoma, he became well acquainted with Chief of Detectives Jack Bohner and Detective Roy Gardner; that these individuals discussed the modus operandi of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis and, according to Agent Fallon, both of these men possess considerable information as to their activities, as well as home surroundings, relatives, and personal friends.

The foregoing is submitted in order that if this has not already been done, these officers can be interviewed for the benefit of what information they might have in regard to these subjects.

Very truly yours,

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

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cc. Oklahoma City
St. Paul

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TO DIVISION:

THIS FORM LETTER SENT TO CITIES LOCATED IN WISCONSIN AND ILLINOIS - LOCATED IN ST. PAUL, CHICAGO, and ST. LOUIS TERRITORY. (MAILED TO MINISTERS OF AMERICAN, DANISH, AND GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCHES)
U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

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

February 21, 1934.

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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. The factory whistle blew each morning and evening but not at noon.

2. From the place from which this siren could be heard, there could 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 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.

Since you are believed to be familiar with the ringing of church bells in your community, it is respectfully requested that you advise by return mail, in the enclosed self-addressed franked envelope, which requires no postage, whether the place we are endeavoring to locate could be in your vicinity.

It is requested that the contents of this letter be kept in strict confidence.

Your prompt reply and any assistance which you can render will be gratefully appreciated.

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Very truly yours,

W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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TO DIVISION: THIS FORM LETTER SENT TO GAME WARDENS LOCATED IN WISCONSIN and ILLINOIS, in CITIES LOCATED IN ST. PAUL, CHICAGO, AND ST. LOUIS DIVISION OFFICE TERRITORY.

U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

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

February 21, 1934.

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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 this same locality, or nearby, it is reported that the game warden, or deputy warden, during January, 1934, was troubled by children fishing with several fishing lines.

If you can assist us in any manner in fixing the location of such a place, it will be appreciated if you will contact your deputies and promptly advise me in the enclosed self-addressed franked envelope which requires no postage.

It is requested that the contents of this letter be kept in strict confidence.

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Very truly yours,

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W. A. RORER, INSPECTOR

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

February 23, 1934

Hon. Ernest J. Krutzen
Postmaster
U. S. Court House
Chicago, Illinois
Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this Office, it is respectfully requested that a thirty-day mail cover be maintained on all first class mail received by Mr. or Mrs. Philip Newbold, 2840 North Francisco, Chicago, Illinois, or any other persons receiving mail at this home.

It is also requested that a similar cover be maintained on all first class mail addressed to John Karpares, 2842 North Francisco, or any other persons receiving mail at that home.

It is desired that tracings be forwarded to this Office immediately upon their receipt, and in forwarding such tracings it is requested that a reference be made to our file number 7-82.

You may be assured that your cooperation in this matter is deeply appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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W. A. SMITH
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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Acting Special Agent in Charge
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 MR. EDWARDS
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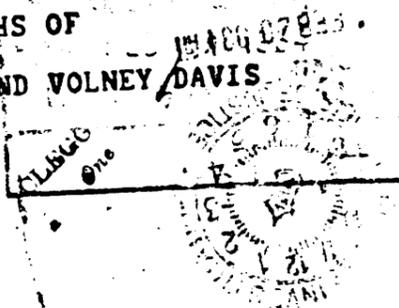
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Edward G. Bremer

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DL	Day Letter
NM	Night Message
NL	Night Letter
LC	Deferred Cable
NLT	Cable Night Letter
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This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

The filing time as shown in the date line on full-rate telegrams and day letters, and the time of receipt at destination as shown on all messages, is STANDARD TIME.
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DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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BREKID KATE BARKER IS FIFTY NINE YEARS FIVE FEET FOUR INCHES ONE FIFTY POUNDS MEDIUM BLOND BOBBED AND MARCELLED HAIR GOOD DRESSER OCCASIONALLY WEARS GLSSES NO INFORMATION AS TO ARREST RECORD

Edward J. Bremer

RORER.

- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tolson.....
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THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

February 20, 1934.

Unknown Subject, Hazel Ford and Henry Ford II,
Victims; Extortion.

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1 envelope addressed to Mr. Howard A. Woolverton and postmarked Chicago Ill., 2-24-34. 1 letter addressed to Mr. Woolverton beginning "this is to inform you". "Further instructions" are the beginning words of the second page. Photostatic copy of letter and envelope addressed to victim postmarked Kansas City, Mo., 2-1-34, letter marked as exhibit 5. Photostatic copy of letter and envelope addressed to victim and postmarked 2-4-34. Exhibit 1. 1 newspaper ad re instant case. 1 envelope addressed to Postmaster, Rochester, Minn., with note enclosed beginning "Enclosed are postage stamps".

Chicago and Kansas City offices.

February 18 and 14, 1934.

Handwriting, typewriting, and fingerprint.
Comparison with Bremer notes also.

G. C. Appel.

Edmund 10/13/34

February 12. The typewriter used in the case of Howard A. Woolverton, Victim, was a Remington Portable, Vica size. It is, therefore, not the same typewriter as in the Bremer case; moreover, there are no striking points of similarity in the composition.

The Woolverton letters were compared with those in the case of Hazel Ford. The pencil handprinting in these two cases is very similar. There are some points of dissimilarity which make it impossible to reach a conclusive decision at this time. The rest of the original letters in the Woolverton case are needed for comparison. It should be noted that the composition in the two cases is similar indicating in both the education of the writer and similarities of modus operandi. For instance, in the Ford case the phrases "negotiation for money will cease", "precisely", "subject to injury", "most minute detail", "maintain himself", and "preferably" were used. The third person is used in each and in the Ford case the name Harold C. Benson is suggested for an alias; the contact man who is to get mailed messages, to register at a hotel, and to place an advertisement in the personal column of the newspaper under the name Robert L. Murphy, signing the initials H.C.B.

In the Woolverton case the phrases "I presume", "do not expect any mercy whatsoever", "ample", "if you ignore this" and "your entire holdings were used. Similarly in this case a name is suggested as an alias for the contact man, R. B. Thompson, who is to register at a hotel in another city and to be given further instructions.

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The envelopes and stationery in the two cases are not similar. The typewritten letter in the Woolverton case was not written on the same machine as that of Blackwell who wrote to Ford from the Victory Hotel, Detroit, September 29, 1933, regarding skin diseases.

A complete comparison cannot be made with the typewriting in the case of Dr. Caracran, New York office of origin, but it is believed that these are dissimilar.

Comparisons were made in the cases of McManara, Doris Duke, Wallace, and Hall without revealing any similarities.

In the Ford case it is noted that the arrangements for the money indicate one package is to contain 6 fives and 7 tens which is \$100 in small bills, the rest \$25 twenties. The other packages, of which there are six, are likewise to contain 6 fives and 7 tens and the rest twenties. Undoubtedly this provision of \$100 in fives and tens is to permit the use of this change at once. It would seem also that the division of the money into these packages indicated at least seven individuals or groups of individuals inasmuch as the purpose would be to allow quick division in making a getaway as well as easier examination.

Letter addressed to Postmaster (Ford Case)
The envelope and letter paper is similar and apparently was purchased together, probably in the same box, being a good grade of note paper. The envelope measures 7.54 by 5.91 inches and the letter 7.8 by 10.6 inches. There is no water-mark in this paper. The typewriting on both the envelope and the letter is apparently that of a Noisless equipped with Pica type. It, therefore, is not similar to any other typewriting.

The letter of Special Agent in Charge Conroy, dated February 12, 1934, has been carefully read and it may be that there are additional memoranda which will explain the situation but the circumstances under which this letter was handled by the post office are not clear. The letter bears a rubber stamp, "date February 5" which is presumed to be that of the postmaster. This should be determined by interview. Likewise it is stated that the letter was found by one of the railway mail clerks in the railway mail box at the end of the railway station at Rochester. There is a statement that there were three railway mail clerks, one of whom found the letter. The stamp on the outside of this letter was not cancelled in the regular way but was delivered to the postmaster uncanceled and thereafter a smear of red ink was placed on it as a cancellation. If it has not been done it is suggested that all of the details as to the finding of the letter and its handling in the post office be developed, each of the persons handling the letter being interviewed. This suggestion is forwarded upon the possibility that a knowledge of post office methods at least is indicated by the use of this letter and if it can be shown there is a possibility that the letter

was prepared by someone in the post office service, possibly a railway mail clerk or a friend of such, then a lead of importance will have been developed.

This is particularly brought to mind by the S X Murder Case in New York City, the letters of which were compared in the laboratory with the Lindbergh Kidnaping case. On these letters appeared a rubber stamp in the form of a circle in which with a rubber stamp had been placed the signature used by this anonymous writer consisting of an inverted V, a V, and S X. A close examination of this circle indicates it was quite probably a time stamp such as appeared on several of the envelopes in that very case. These stamps bear degree marks around the inside of the circle indicating the time of day. On the one used by SX the stubs of these marks could be seen by careful microscopic examination. On other portions of the letter SX also used rubber stamps such as might be in the possession of a post office clerk. He stated in his letters that he travelled. Perhaps this travel was in the railway mail service. One of the letters was first mailed in Brooklyn. In some manner unknown this letter was taken out of the mail by SX and the letter was later mailed in Manhattan. A study of the handwriting of SX indicates some similarities with the Lindbergh extortion letters although it is not believed at the present that he wrote them.

It is believed this mistake of the extortionist in omitting the stamp should be the best chance for a lead inasmuch as the forwarding of the stamps must have been done hurriedly and without the calculated care used in the other parts of the scheme. For this reason every detail should be investigated.

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.

10 - Director (1 copy for each of the following files: Bremer, Dr. Coreoran, Lindbergh, McManara, Doris Duke, Wallace, and Roll).
2 - Agent Conroy
2 - Chicago
1 - Kansas City
2 - St. Paul
3 - Laboratory (1 copy for each of the files named above).

U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

February 26, 1934

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

Dear Sir

Responding to your letter of February 24, 1934, you are informed that there are located within the Philadelphia Office jurisdiction 782 banks, both state and national.

It is suggested that approximately 800 circulars be forwarded this office in the future for circularization of the banks in this district.

Very truly yours

R. G. Harvey
R. G. Harvey
Special Agent in Charge

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SUITE L FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
FEBRUARY 16, 1934.

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

*Memorandum
2-24-34
RWC*

Dear Sir:

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

On the early morning of ^{February (?)} December 15, 1934, five or probably six men entered the home of Don Hassebroek, 1346 High Street, Topeka, Kansas, in an effort to cause Mr. Hassebroek, who is employed as main teller of the National Bank of Topeka, Topeka, Kansas, to open the vault of the bank for the unknown men. They assaulted Mr. Hassebroek and a six months old child, but upon being convinced that Hassebroek could not gain them entrance to the bank or the vault they departed at about 4 o'clock in the morning.

Shortly thereafter the Police Department and the Sheriff's Office, Topeka, Kansas, conducted an immediate investigation, and in the yard of the Hassebroek residence a billfold was found containing a Conditional Sales Agreement between the Ford Motor Sales Company, 117 West University Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, and T.L. Carroll, 648 Central Park, St. Paul, Minnesota, covering the sale of a Ford Deluxe Coupe, Motor number 283351; that said agreement was dated May 12, 1933, and an assignment appears on the agreement from T. L. Carroll to the Republic Finance Company. The agreement was witnessed by a Notary Public, the signature of which is not clearly legible but appears to be H. Imholte, and the signature of the representative of the Ford Motor Sales Company also appears on this agreement and appears to be J. P. Hackman.

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The St. Paul Office telephonically advised that the Ford Motor Sales Company had sold several cars to members of the gang with which Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker, suspects in the above titled case and also in the Kansas City massacre.

In addition to the above conditional sales agreement there was also found in the billfold a business card of O. W. Smith.

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lawyer, 1 LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, on the back of which was written an address 2450 North Clarke Street, Ted Gleeman, Jail Cafe, Diversy 10160, the latter probably being the telephone number.

A copy of a Retail Buyer's Order for the previously described Ford was also found and indicated that a used car had been traded in at the time of the purchase of the new car. Also a license receipt issued to T. L. Carroll, 668 Central Park Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, for Minnesota license B-337821; one \$20.00 bill issued by the Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis, bearing serial number I00065097A and two \$1.00 bills. In addition to the above described articles a pencil memorandum was found in the billfold containing the telephone number Drexel 0780, room 21, and the name Gloria Passen.

Sheriff Rogers, of Topeka, Kansas, advised Special Agent Trainor of this office, by long distance telephone on the morning of February 16th, that after his return to Topeka the previous night he had shown photographs of various individuals to Mr. Hasebroek, and that photograph identifications of Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, and Thomas Carroll were identified as three of the individuals who participated in attempted bank robbery.

He stated also that in view of the fact that the address of Gloria Passen was shown as that of a hotel, name not mentioned, pursuant to the room number shown on the card found in the billfold, he had endeavored to locate a hotel having telephone number Drexel 0780. He ascertained by long distance telephone that Drexel 0780 is the telephone number of the Draceton Hotel at 4249 Drexel Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Rogers requested that immediate contact be had by the Kansas City Office with the Chicago Office of the Division in order that investigation might be made at the hotel in question since it appears that Gloria Passen is a friend of some of the members of this group, possibly of T. L. Carroll. Acting Special Agent in Charge M. C. Spear notified the Chicago Office of this information by telephone on February 16th. The Chicago Office was advised at that time that there was a circular outstanding by the Post Office Department for Carroll. This circular bears Post Office case number 36917-D and is dated December 1, 1933, being issued by H. E. Randall, Post Office Inspector in Charge, St. Paul, Minnesota, and bears the photograph of Thomas Carroll, alias Tommy Carroll, Roy James Brock, Frank Sloan and Frank Slone, St. Paul Police Department #23979. The photo-

graph in question bears date of May 18, 1935 which, it will be noted, is five days subsequent to the date of the conditional sales agreement for the Ford car previously referred to in this letter.

As previously requested by telephone the St. Paul Office should furnish the Kansas City Office at the earliest possible date any information in their possession concerning Thomas Carroll and the Ford Motor Sales Company at St. Paul, Minnesota. An effort to identify Thomas Carroll as the person who purchased the Ford Coupe, motor number 283551, and any other information which would indicate that Carroll is a member of the Karpis Barker gang. The date of the release of Carroll from custody by the St. Paul Police Department should also be ascertained, and any facts which might indicate his participation in the Union Station massacre at Kansas City on January 17, 1935, should be developed.

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Several photographs of Carroll should be obtained from the St. Paul Police Department and forwarded to the Kansas City Office.

The Chicago Office will conduct the appropriate investigation at the Draceton Hotel, Chicago, as previously requested by telephone.

Very truly yours,

M. G. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Division
cc - St. Paul
cc - K. C. File 68-760-

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MR. NATHAN
 MR. TOLSON
 MR. CLEGG
 MR. COWLEY
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 MR. RORER

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DIRECTOR

BREKID ADVISE CAPACITY OF FOUR CANS
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Division of Investigation,
Suite L -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
February 24, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to Division letter dated February 17, 1934, requesting that there be submitted to the Division at once a list of all wire taps which had been installed in this territory by this office since January 1, 1933.

In the case entitled Vernon C. Miller (deceased) et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, a tap was placed upon the telephone of F. E. Mulloy, 14 East 56th Street Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri, Telephone No. Harrison 0852; this tap having been placed on June 22, 1933, and extended up until July 21, 1933. Assistant Director Harold Nathan was at the Kansas City Division office at the time this tap was placed, and he authorized the same after he had telephonically conversed with the Division on or about June 22, 1933, it being believed that he spoke to the Director relative to this authorization.

A tap was placed on the telephone of Herbert A. Farmer, telephone number 1541-#-2, Joplin, Missouri, on June 24, 1933, and a similar tap was placed on the phone at that time of Frank Vaughn, telephone number 4271, Joplin, Missouri, both of these taps expiring on July 7, 1933. These taps were placed pursuant to authority of Assistant Director Harold Nathan, who was at the Kansas City Division office on this case at that time, and it is believed that he received authorization from the Director in a telephonic conversation with him on or before the first day of the tap.

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A tap was also placed on the telephone of Carl Rosso, 128 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, telephone number Grand 9030, this tap having been placed on September 30, 1933, and expired on October 17, 1933. Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy received telephonic authorization to place this tap on the morning of September 30, 1933, through telephonic conversation with Mr. V. W. Hughes of the Division.

The Division is respectfully advised that there appears to have been no letter of authorization ever received from the Division relative to these telephone taps.

In the case captioned Unknown Subjects, Ray E. Skidmore, Victim, Clarence E. King, Victim - Extortion, the following telephone observation and taps were had:

Telephone Number:	Place	Date placed:	Date	Date	Date
				Division authorized:	removed:
Independence, Mo. #2060	U.S.P.O., Independence, Mo.		1-17-34	1-22-34	2-15-34
Independence, Mo., #1798	R. E. Tindall, " "		" "	" "	" "
Independence, Mo., #63	Dimoush Planing Mill	Indep.	1-2-34		1-22-34
"	" "	" "	1-23-34	1-23-34	2-15-34
Sugar Creek, Mo., #3715	John O'Renck, Sugar Creek,		1-22-34	1-22-34	"
Independence, Mo. J.O. Kack,	Indep., Mo.		"	"	"
Independence, Mo. #1084-J	Ada Hopkins, " "		" "	" "	" "
Sugar Creek, Mo. #943	Standard Oil Bulk Sta., Sugar Creek, Mo.		" "	" "	" "

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The Division is respectfully advised that there existed a misunderstanding relative to the Division's desires on records of telephone taps at the beginning of the above, in view of the fact that from January 17th to January 22nd, the telephone company was gratuitously making observations of calls received over the telephone numbers mentioned and was supplying the information to Agents of this Division office without any charge therefor. I was not of the opinion at the time that in those cases where a telephone company was voluntarily and gratuitously furnishing the information it was necessary to receive prior authorization from the Division; accordingly, the authorization of the above phones was not received until January 22, 1934, when transferred by telephone with Mr. H. H. Clegg of the Division. The observation of the Demoush Planing Mill, telephone number 63, was placed on January 20, 1934; was removed on January 22, 1934, as it was not thought important, and it was necessary to have another telephone number substituted for this, however, the observation of telephone number 63 was renewed on January 23, 1934, upon telephonic authorization from Mr. Clegg of the Division on that date, and was continued until February 15, 1934. The Division is respectfully referred to my letter dated January 23, 1934, particularly page two, for confirmation of my telephonic conversation with Mr. Clegg relative to the above described telephone observations. No letter of authorization relative to these telephone taps has been received.

In the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward George Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping, a tap was placed on February 12, 1934, on the office and residence telephones of Vernon Lynch, Des Moines, Iowa, telephone numbers 3-3271, 3-3272 and 5-0425. These taps are still in existence at the writing of this letter and were placed at the request of Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni on February 12, 1934, as he advised that prior authority had been received from the Division to place them. Information relative to the placing of these taps is set out in my letter to the Division dated February 19, 1934; it will be noted in that letter that I have only mentioned telephone number 3-3271 for Mr. Lynch's office phone, however, he has two consecutive numbers for his office, 3-3271 and 3-3272, and the tap, of course is maintained on both office phones as well as his residence phone. No letter of authorization has been received from the Division by this office concerning the above mentioned tap.

Very truly yours,

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

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February 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Alt called from Tampa (12:15 P. M.) and advised that they were securing further information from LaRue; that LaRue advised that he and Eddie Bents robbed a bank at Turners Falls, Massachusetts, on December 13, 1933, of \$18,000.00; that he, LaRue, Kelly and Bates robbed a bank at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, in April, 1933, of between \$2,500.00 to \$3,000.00. Mr. Alt states he believes LaRue has knowledge of a couple more bank robberies in 1933 that he may advise them of. Mr. Alt stated that LaRue advised him that the Holland, Michigan, bank robbery was pulled by Big Homer, Lee Turner, a man whose name he cannot recall and some others; that there was some shooting on that job and everybody got away; that the car was not abandoned; that he, LaRue, turned the job down because he could not map out a safe get-away route for the robbers; that the Grand Haven, Michigan, bank robbery was in the Summer of 1933; that the participants were Whitay Anderson (the man who escaped from Joliet), Wayne Whitey, Ed Bents, Pfifer's brother and a man by the name of Earl; that the driver's name was unknown; that the man named Earl was later captured and shot during a bank robbery in Madison, Wisconsin; that he was sentenced to serve 25 years and is now serving that sentence at Waupun, Wisconsin; that during the robbery the driver left the robbers at the bank and later he abandoned the car, leaving the get-away map in the car; that LaRue thinks the get-away map was prepared on a typewriter but he does not know by whom; that LaRue stated he prepared the get-away map in the Holland, Michigan, case, but tore it up; that he is positive the car in this case was not abandoned. Mr. Alt states that LaRue further advised him that the map that was prepared on the Holland job was prepared by LaRue but it was too dangerous and he would not enter into the job, therefore he tore the map up and threw it away, and he is positive that in the Grand Haven job (he was not in on that job) the car was abandoned and the get-away map left in the car and if he is shown a photostatic copy of the get-away map that we have he will tell us whether it is the one used in the Holland or Grand Haven job. Mr. Alt was told that this map would be sent to him today and, accordingly, Mr. Edwards was instructed that this be done by air mail.

Mr. Alt stated that he expected to have a report in the mail by one o'clock and the Agents would then start dictating on the later information received.

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Tampa, Florida

February 25, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

With reference to your letter of February 21, 1934, your attention is invited to page eight of the report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, entitled EDWARD DOLL with aliases, Identification Order 1214 - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, dated February 24, 1934, wherein you will note that photograph of Jack French alias Homer French, Miami, Florida, Police Number 2543, was obtained and exhibited to Eddie Bell with aliases. After observing this photograph, he stated that he did not know the man by name and could not identify the man by face, but that he is positive that he is not Big Homer and does not resemble him in any way.

A copy of this individual's photograph is attached. This person is Homer French, number 37041, was received at the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, March 4, 1931, from Cleveland, Ohio - crime: using the mails to defraud and violation of the Narcotic Act - sentence: five years.

Eddie La Rue states that he knows GEORGIE BILTON mentioned in your letter, but has no information concerning his activities other than at some time or other he was purported to have driven cars for Al Capone. La Rue states that his information is that Bilton has always been a drunkard.

La Rue also states that he does not believe that Big Homer has ever been arrested. He described him as follows:

Present age:
Height:

about 38 years
6 feet

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Weight:	195 to 215 pounds
Build:	Heavy but not fat
Hair:	Light
Complexion:	Light
Nativity:	Believes he is a native of Chicago
Occupation:	Gangster
Characteristics:	Dresses immaculately at all times.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

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Enclosure: To Chicago

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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February 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

Confirming telephonic conversation with Mr. Cowley, please be advised that the following criminal record appears in the files of the Identification Unit on Mrs. C. P. Harmon alias Mrs. Tom Brown alias Polly Walker alias Polly Brannen, cur number 105880, who may possibly be identical with the subject of your inquiry, Paula Harmon:

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In accordance with your request, 30 copies of the photograph appearing on the fingerprint card received from the Sheriff's Office at Council Bluffs, Iowa on March 6, 1926, have been previously furnished you.

Respectfully,
L. C. Schilder
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

In accordance with the telephonic request of Mr. Newby, there are submitted herewith four copies of the criminal record of A. Karpis, with aliases, as reflected by the files of the Identification Unit, our #199217.

The following description appears on the fingerprint record received from the Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 12, 1931:

Age	22
Height	5' 9 ³ / ₄ "
Weight	130 pounds
Build	slender
Complexion	medium
Hair	brown
Eyes	blue
Residence	Chicago, Illinois
Place of birth	Canada

The following scars and marks appear on a print received March 9, 1926:
Scar just below knuckle of left index finger. This record also shows his birthplace as Canada and his occupation as a clerk; nationality, Canadian-American.

On a circular issued by the State Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas, received in the Identification Unit on April 25, 1929, the names of relatives are shown as follows:

J. Karpis, father, 3010, Addison St., Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. A. E. Grooms, sister, 1234 N. Monroe St., Topeka, Kansas

Mrs. P. T. Newbold, sister, 103 N. Francisco, Chicago, Illinois

This print indicates a scar just below the knuckle of the left index finger.

On a circular issued by the Sheriff and Chief of Police at West Plains, Missouri, received in the Identification Unit on January 10, 1932, his occupation is given as having worked in a bakery.

On a print received June 4, 1930, his nationality is shown as German and his occupation as clerk.

On another print received in 1930, his residence is shown as Chicago, Illinois and birthplace as Montreal, Canada.

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On another print received July 3, 1930, a notation appears that he writes left-handed.

Another print received June 18, 1931 gives his place of birth as Kansas.

Respectfully,



L. C. Schilder.

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February 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HATMAN.

In accordance with the telephonic request of Mr. Newby, there are attached hereto four copies of the criminal record of Arthur Parker, our #289428.

The following description appears on the fingerprints received from the Okla. State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, March 6, 1922:

Age	22
Height	5' 3 7/8"
Weight	112 pounds
Hair	chestnut
Eyes	blue
Color	white
Complexion	medium
Teeth	irregular
Chin	regular
Build	medium
Occupation	glass worker.

On another print received in January, 1921, his hair was given as brown and his eyes as brown - complexion, fair.

On another print received February 27, 1920, his hair was given as dark chestnut; eyes, brown; complexion, dark.

On another print received February 7, 1921, his hair was given as black; eyes, brown; complexion, medium.

On a print received on January 17, 1921 from the Police Department at Muskogee, Oklahoma, where he was arrested as Claud Dale, #322, the following names of accomplices appear:

Don Young
Roland J. Williams
G. R. Patton
Harry Campbell

Respectfully,
L. C. Schilder

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February 20, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

In accordance with the request of Mr. Newby, there are attached hereto four copies of the criminal record of Fred Barker, with aliases, our #59163; as reflected by the files of the Identification Unit.

The following description appears on a fingerprint card received from the Police Department at Tulsa, Oklahoma on August 24, 1931:

Age	29
Height	5'5"
Weight	115 pounds
Build	medium
Complexion	medium
Hair	red
Eyes	blue

Scars and Marks - Scars from gunshot on left knee outer.
 Residence Tulsa, Oklahoma
 Place of birth Missouri

On a print received August 21, 1926, his place of birth was given as Springfield, Missouri; nationality, American; scars and marks, small scars on both knees. It is noted in this description his hair is given as chestnut.

On a print received from the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, in March, 1927, his occupation is given as a laundryman and the following scars and marks are listed: l. Gun shot wrist inr; Gun shot wnd bs L. fng palm hand. ll. Ct cic hand inr bs L. fng. lll. Ct cic belo L eye inside; Ct cic belo L eye outside; Ct cic above L eye.

On a print received September 7, 1922, the following names of accomplices are set forth:

Ida May De Shane
 Elizabeth Lowery
 Edgar Minson
 Fred Barker
 W. C. Crabb
 Waymon Evens
 Glen Lamberson

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This print contains the notation that he has a scar under the left eye about 1 inch long. This print also contains the following notation: "The Defendant admits being shot in Kansas City, Missouri attempting to get away from the officers. He also states he had been arrested twice in Tulsa for being drunk. States further that he is out now on a ten thousand dollar bond."

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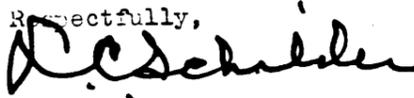
Another print showing his arrest by the Tulsa Police Department on October 5, 1922, gives the color of his hair as dark auburn; color of beard, sandy and complexion, florid.

On a print received December 23, 1925, his place of birth is shown as Springfield, Missouri.

On a print received January 17, 1927, his residence is given as Salina, Oklahoma and his place of birth as Webb City, Missouri; occupation, glass blower; criminal specialty - safe cracker, knob-knocker and robbery-jewelry stores. His hair is shown as being auburn and complexion as sandy.

On another print received November 11, 1926, his residence is shown as Miami, Oklahoma and place of birth as Kansas City, Missouri.

Respectfully,



L. C. Schilder.

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

Dear Sirs:

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

As of possible assistance in the above entitled investigation, there are transmitted herewith copies of memoranda together with abstracts of criminal records, reflected by the files of the Identification Unit, which data have been prepared by Mr. L. C. Schilder, on the following individuals:

Fred Barker, with aliases, Division #59163,
Arthur R. Barker, Division #289428, and
Alvin Karpis, Division #199217.

There are also inclosed herewith copies of a memorandum dated February 20, 1934, concerning Mrs. C. P. Harmon, with aliases, Division #105830, whose photograph was forwarded to your office with Division letter dated February 21, 1934. A perusal of the inclosed memoranda will possibly suggest leads which will disclose the whereabouts of the above named.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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THE NEW YORK, NEW HAVEN AND HARTFORD RAILROAD COMPANY

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE.

New Haven, Conn., February 26, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

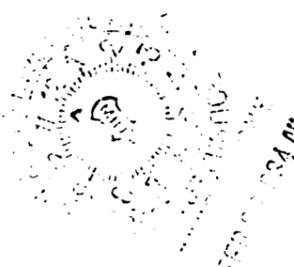
Referring to your letter of February 8th giving lists,
showing numbers of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases.
Will you kindly furnish me with ten extra copies of
same, and oblige,

Very truly yours,

J. R. McMahon

Chief of Police.

By *[Signature]*



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Mr. J. R. McLaughlin,
Chief of Police,
The New York, New Haven and
Hartford Railroad Company,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:-

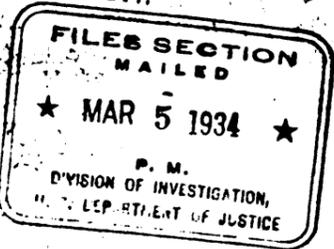
The Receipt is acknowledged of
your communication dated February 26, 1934, in
which you request ten additional copies of the list
of bank notes used as ransom in kidnapping cases.

I am pleased to comply with your
request and am today directing Mr. F. I. Fay who is
the Special Agent in Charge of the New York office
of this Division to forward the lists to you.

Thanking you for your cooperation
in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

cc: N. Y.



Tampa, Florida

RAA;HAM.

February 25, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

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

In reply to your communication of February 21, 1934, in which reference is made to the fact that Eddie La Rue with aliases - Identification Order 1214, has a hacking cough and that Mr. Bremer has stated that one of the persons at the hideout where he was confined had a continuous cough, this is to advise that La Rue has been under observation of this Agent daily since his arrest at Saint Petersburg, Florida, on February 14, 1934, and while he has an occasional hacking cough it is not continuous.

Furthermore, the investigation made at Saint Petersburg, Florida, after La Rue's arrest has shown that he was in Saint Petersburg continually from January first to February 14, 1934, the date of his arrest.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 19, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

There are enclosed herewith copies of a
letter dated February 12, 1934, from Mr. Wallace Bond,
Superintendent of Industries, Oklahoma State Penitentiary,
McAlester, Oklahoma, concerning the whereabouts of Volney
Davis and the Barker brothers. Kindly give the same
appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 681500.

CC Oklahoma City.

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*Frank Barker
Arthur Barker*

*W. W. Bond
MSP*

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 22, 1934

Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Coffey	_____
Mr. Edwards	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Lester	_____
Mr. Locke	_____
Mr. Nease	_____

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Inspector Rorer telephoned advising that Mrs. John Miller, the woman who received one of the ransom notes in the coffee can, now states that prior to the time she received the ransom note someone called at her house on three different occasions; that twice before the note was delivered a man called there and asked for another address. She is positive that of the three calls that two of the men were different; that possibly there were three different men; that one of the men who tried to deliver the note in a can had broad, very noticeable teeth, that protruded.

Inspector Rorer requested that the kidnaping files be searched for a person whose description is 35 or 36 years of age, dark complexion, about 5' nine inches or 10 inches in height, with large eyes, and with teeth that very noticeably protrude, and to forward to him immediately photographs of the individuals approximating this description.

Coffey phoned 2/22/34
R.A. Brown, C. Pitt, St. Nicholas, out, sent 2/22/34
W.F.O. & Coffey 2/22/34

Inspector Rorer stated that he was in need of additional men and suggested the names of Special Agents Harold Andersen and N. B. Klein.

He further suggested that the Division endeavor to trace the manufacturer of the four five gallon cans used in carrying the reserve supply of gasoline by the kidnapers.

I called to Inspector Rorer's attention the fact that Louie Cernocky maintains a gangster hang-out at Cary, Illinois, in the lake region, where the Miller-Nash gang frequently stop. He stated that he would give this matter his attention.

Respectfully,

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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MR. Tolson.....	/
MR. Clegg.....	/
MR. Cowley.....	/
MR. Glavin.....	/
MR. Egan.....	/
MR. Quinn.....	/
MR. Lester.....	/
MR. Locke.....	/
MR. Mohr.....	/
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February 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Handell
Mr. ~~Handell~~ called. He stated he was with the Associated Press. He said he just wanted to know if I was here; that he had been advised from St. Paul that I had left there. He wanted to know whether I had left St. Paul to avoid being called by the Grand Jury. I declined to comment at all, except to admit I was here.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan
H. Nathan.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Alt telephoned at 5:45 P.M., February 22nd. He stated that very little progress had been made on that day and if nothing of value was developed in the conversations with LaRue on the 23rd, he believed it would be useless to continue further, and he feels the defendant might then be removed.

I informed him that the Division would take no action regarding recommending his removal until after the report had been received. He stated this report would be sent air mail and should be received about noon on the 23rd; that it was being typed that day. He pointed out that LaRue had made no admissions as to his being criminally involved during the year 1933.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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203-A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.
Salt Lake City, Utah
February 21, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:

On February 21, 1934, a communication dated February 20, 1934, was received from the Butte Office of the Division, which made known that on February 20, a telegram was received at that office from John A. Parker that he was reliably informed on that date that a dark blue or green sedan, thought to be a 1933 Nash, Illinois 1933 license 923-467, went north, presumably thru Thermopolis, Wyoming at 4:00 PM on February 19, 1934. That two heavily armed men, whose descriptions tallied with those of "Pretty Boy" Floyd and one of the Barrow brothers were in the car and that their actions and the speed with which the car was traveling attached suspicion to them, and that the front door glass next to the driver was shattered.

The Butte Office inquired of me as to the identity of John A. Parker and why he transmitted the telegram to the Butte Office. I made known to the Butte Office that John A. Parker is the sheriff of Hot Springs County, with an office at Thermopolis, Wyo. that he is an alert, efficient and outstanding peace officer in Wyoming of good judgment and friendly to this Division and that he, no doubt, forwarded the telegram to the Butte Office because he apparently understands that Floyd and the Barrows are wanted by this Division.

I suggest that you determine the name and address of the person to whom Illinois license 923-467 was issued, determining if the car was stolen and such other information as may be of value, not alone to the St. Paul Office in this case, but to other Division Offices having an intimate interest in the apprehension of Floyd and the Barrows.

Very truly yours,

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JOHN A. DOWD
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Division ✓

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
February 23, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Answering your communication of February 17th, 1934, I wish to report that this office has not at any time during my administration of it, tapped any telephone or telegraph wires. There was only one occasion upon which this office was requested to tap telephone wires, and that was a recent request from the St. Paul Division office in the case involving the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. At that time this office was requested to tap the telephone wires both leading into the home and office of Ben Laska, Attorney at Law, Denver, Colorado. However, it was found that wire taps were not advisable because Laska had only shortly prior thereto, complained to the telephone company representatives at Denver, that his wires had been tapped. He made the Company examine his wires and threatened suit. Because of that reason, and the further reason that it would be necessary to rent quarters in the vicinity of Laska's home and in the building in which his office is located, and because of the fact that so many cables entered the building in which his office was located that it would require an expert telephone man to find the right cable to tap, the tapping was not put into effect. However, upon the receipt of the request from the St. Paul office, the Division's authority was solicited and granted, but the tapping, as stated above, was not carried out pursuant to instructions from Mr. Harold Nathan, then at St. Paul, to whom the situation at Denver was explained.

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Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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311 Hurley-Wright Building,
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U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

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V. J. BLAKE
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
POST OFFICE BUILDING
DALLAS TEXAS

REVID NO PAYMENTS OF ANY KIND BEING MADE TO PAULA HARMON CHECK
FOR ONE FIVE EIGHT FIVE DOLLARS REPRESENTED PAYMENT OF ADJUSTED
COMPENSATION CERTIFICATE TO HER AS BENEFICIARY ON CERTIFICATE
ISSUED TO CHARLES PRESTON HARMON

BLACK ASSISTANT

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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.

Dear Sir:

There are inclosed herewith copies of a letter dated
February 21, 1934, received from Mr. W. J. Cure, Chief of Police,
Ames, Iowa, wherein he states that he has information concerning
the above entitled case.

You are instructed to have an Agent interview Mr. Cure
at the earliest practicable date and obtain from him whatever
information he has in his possession.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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a/c W. A. Rizer

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POST OFFICE BOX 519
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 23, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING
St. Paul file No. 7-30

Dear Sir:

In connection with previous correspondence relative to investigation by your office at newsstands in Chicago handling St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota daily newspapers, there is attached hereto a list of such newsstands in Chicago, as well as other cities, for assistance in your investigation at Chicago.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

HHR:JMS

CC Division

Enclosure

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
W. A. RORER

POST OFFICE BOX 518
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 22, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases;
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases;
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephone conversations from this office regarding VALE FROST and one MEDLEY, who are reported to have left Lime Springs, Iowa, on February 8, 1934, under circumstances indicating that they might have a connection with this case, you are advised that our request was based upon the following information:

The Sheriff at New Hampton, Iowa, telephoned this office and advised he had been informed indirectly that VALE FROST and wife, residents of Lime Springs, Iowa, whose means of livelihood were unknown to the residents of this small town, possibly have some connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, due to a series of suspicious circumstances. On this information investigation was conducted which developed that according to a store keeper, Vale Frost entered the Leader Department Store of Lime Springs, Iowa, and purchased a suit of underwear, socks and shirts of the description of those given to Mr. Bremer by his abductors before his release.

Other information was to the effect that Mr. Frost had been seen in Rochester, Minnesota, on the day of Mr. Bremer's release from that city; also that Mr. Frost seemed to have no means of livelihood although he lived in rather comfortable circumstances. He is reported to be driving a 1928 Cadillac Sedan, black in color, bearing motor number 302521, 1933 Iowa license 45-947. He is also reported to own a two door Plymouth closed car, black in color, motor and license number unknown. The Cadillac car had been in storage, but was taken from storage during the period of Bremer's abduction.

Photographs of the clothing surrendered to this Division by Mr. Bremer were displayed to the store keeper, who stated that the photographs bore a resemblance to merchandise previously on their shelves.

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Wm. J. [Signature]

Frost is described as follows:

Age: 28 years
Height: 5 feet
Weight: 150 pounds
Complexion: Dark

Mrs. Frost was described as follows:

Age: 30 years
Height: 5 ft. 5 inches.
Weight: 140 pounds
Hair: Red
Appearance: Hardlooking

Medley was described as:

Age: 30 years
Height: 5 ft. 9 inches
Weight: 150 pounds
Appearance: Nice looking, well dressed
Complexion: Dark

It was upon this information that your office was requested to ascertain Frost's whereabouts, as the maid had been informed that the Frosts on their departure from Lime Springs, intended to go to Kansas City, Missouri, or possibly California.

Further investigation developed that there was some question as to whether Vale Frost or his father, Richard Frost, had purchased the clothing. Other investigation developed that Frost possibly had a means of livelihood, and that he was employed by some concern in Chicago. The additional investigation also resulted in finding that Vale Frost and wife could possibly be located at the Berkshire Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, which information was also given to your office by telephone.

Concerning the telephone call to this office today from Mr. Spear of your office, please be advised that in view of the findings of your office it is not desired that Mrs. Frost be taken into custody or questioned. However, if your office can ascertain her location it is believed that it might at some future date become of value.

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The Chicago office is being requested to conduct necessary investigation regarding the present whereabouts of Prostand Madley.

Very truly yours,

W. A. MORSE,

Inspector,

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CC Division
CC Chicago

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P. O. Box 615,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 22, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases;
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Kindly secure ten photographs of GLEN ROY WRIGHT, Oklahoma
City Police Department number 1992, forwarding same to this office and
one copy each to the Kansas City and Chicago Division offices.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROHR,
INSPECTOR.

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POST OFFICE BOX 915
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 22, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1876
Oklahoma City, Okla.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 19, 1934,
regarding the possibility that FRED BARKER may have been seen in a
store at Bristol, Oklahoma in December, 1933.

Since there is some information that the Karpis-Barker
gang frequents this section of the United States, it is requested that
the Police Department at Bristol be contacted for the purpose of having
them keep a close look-out for Karpis and the Barker brothers.

Very truly yours,

W. A. BORER,
Inspector.

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

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

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J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

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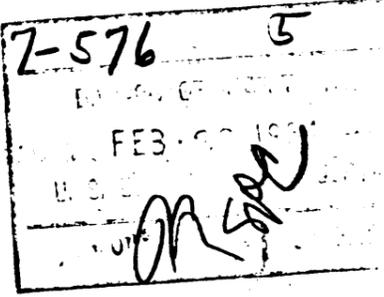
Kansas City, Missouri February 23, 1934

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

BREKID WIRE NAME OF OWNER HIS PERSONAL HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION OF CAR REGISTERED CALIFORNIA NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR LICENSES SEVEN N NINE ONE FIFTY AND SIX B FIVE NAUGHT THREE SEVEN FORMER SEEN ON FORD COUPE AND LATTER ON HUPMOBILE SEDAN AT TOPEKA KANSAS LATTER REPORTED TO BE OWNED BY JULES C. LACOCK FORT McARTHUR SANPEDRO CALIFORNIA

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

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J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

St. Paul, Minn.
Feb. 22, 1934.

cc
WILLIAM LARSON
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
625 LAFAYETTE BUILDING
DETROIT MICHIGAN

BREKID REFER PAGE FOUR PARAGRAPH TWO YOUR REPORT FEBRUARY FIFTEEN ASCERTAIN
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801 Title Guaranty Building
St. Louis, Missouri
February 23, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled Unknown
Subjects, Edward Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

I am enclosing herewith copies of a list of Fed-
eral Game Warden for the northern half of the State of Illi-
nois.

Very truly yours,

DMN:
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cc. Division
cc. Chicago.

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL DEPUTY GAME WARDENS - NORTHERN DISTRICT
OF ILLINOIS

E. H. Alander, Antioch, Ill.
John P. Martin, Room 1605, 10 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.
Phillip M. Geisler, 906 West 71st St., Chicago, Ill.
Col. Wallace H. Whigam, 3921 Edison St., Chicago, Ill.
Nicholas Stolefo, 754 Bunker St., Chicago, Ill.
W. C. Peacock, 5312 Hyde Park Blvd., Chicago, Ill.
Elmer R. Westine, 5455 Bishop St., Chicago, Ill.
Guy B. Wakely, 700 Dewey St., Harvard, Ill.
Dr. Harold H. Hayes, 1422 Edgewood Lane, Covered Woods, Ill.
Josiah Treharne, 621 E. Jefferson St., Joliet, Ill.
Roy C. Blackwell, Edson Ave., Lombard, Ill.
Oliver J. Westcott, 406 N. 4th Ave., Maywood, Ill.
Glenn W. Chatten, R.F.D. #2, Quincy, Ill.
Wm. I. Lyon, 811 N. Sheridan Rd., Waukegan, Ill.
Dan Avery, R.F.D. #2, Bath, Ill.
E. T. Carter, Chillicothe, Ill.
Claude Johnson, R.F.D. #2, Bath, Ill.
Jacob H. Lamm, 400 E. Reservoir Ave., Peoria, Ill.
John M. Martin, 7421 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago, Ill.
Lawrence A. Phillips, R.F.D. #2, Bath, Ill.
John Sarff, Chandlerville, Ill.
James X. Galvaugh, 120 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.
Cecil R. Cant, Federal Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
Sherman R. Barnett, 53 W. Jackson Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

POST OFFICE BOX 515
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

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February 23, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
ARTEUR BARKER with aliases
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREYER, Victim
KIDNAPING
St. Paul file No. 7-30

Dear Sir:

There is attached hereto a list of the foreign news stands handling the five Minneapolis and St. Paul newspapers. In some instances you will find that the name and address is that of a newsdealer who distributes to news stands within his city, and it will be necessary to secure from him the addresses of said news stands.

It is requested that you cover the news dealers and news stands listed as being within the territory covered by your office, and ascertain if any individual or individuals are regularly purchasing any of these five newspapers, and exhibit to the dealer the photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang, which said photographs are in the possession of all of the Division field offices, together with the description of the various individuals involved.

Should it be determined that any member of this gang is so purchasing any of the papers mentioned, appropriate steps should be taken to cover the news stands involved, and take appropriate action.

Other offices securing copies of this letter should conduct similar investigation within their district.

This matter should be given prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

E. A. MORER,

Inspector.

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POST OFFICE BOX 515
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
503 A, U.S. Courthouse & P.O. Bldg.
Salt Lake City, Utah.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Please have immediate check made at the Denver, Colorado Police Department for any record of one Abe Ginsburg alias Gaines, who may have been arrested by the Police of that city within the past twelve months on a fraudulent bond charge.

The primary purpose of this request is in an effort to secure a photograph of Abe Ginsburg, which if available should be immediately submitted to this office.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATION
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801 Title Guaranty Bldg.
Saint Louis, Missouri
February 25, 1934

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

In Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al, Edward George Bremer,
Victim - Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telephone call of February 23, 1934, with reference to one Thomas Carroll, at which time you inquired as to the possible associates and contacts of this party in and around St. Louis.

Please be advised that this party was arrested, as Thomas Carroll, at St. Louis, Missouri on August 11, 1925, in company with one Dorothy Tralle, St. Louis Police Department No. 22180, whose photograph is attached hereto. At the time of this arrest these parties were in possession of a Packard Straight Eight Sedan, which was found by the St. Louis Police to be mortgaged property from Kansas City, Missouri, the car being turned over by the Police to a Robert Lederman of the Credit Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri. Both the above parties were released subsequent thereto.

It was further noted from the St. Louis Police Department files that Dorothy Tralle, above mentioned,

It was further ascertained that Thomas Carroll

A photograph of Viola Dea Carroll, alias Viola Clarke, St. Louis, Missouri Police Department No. 34029, together with a photograph of John Arthur Winters, St. Louis Police Department No. 34026, is attached hereto for the use of your office.

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It is further noted from the records of the St. Louis Police Department that Viola Dea Carroll, alias Viola Clarke, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department No. [REDACTED]

It was further ascertained that Carroll [REDACTED]

Photographs of Joe Howard, with aliases, St. Louis Police Department No. 24087, Ernest Mickie, St. Louis Police Department No. 24088, and Thomas Carroll, St. Louis Police Department No. 22166, are attached to this letter for the use of the Kansas City Office.

A notation also appears on the St. Louis Police records that Thomas Carroll was wanted at San Antonio, Texas for the killing of a police officer at that place on December 15, 1933.

Lieutenant Walter Heitz of the Identification Bureau, St. Louis Police Department, stated that Carroll and those mentioned above as associates of Carroll are evidently a Kansas City crowd; that his records also reflected that Carroll himself was known to the Police of St. Joseph, Missouri, adding that the negro who was arrested in the company of Carroll was a known criminal, and was actually an associate of Carroll, this being mentioned to avoid any opinion that the negro was an accidental associate of Carroll.

The above is the only information regarding Thomas Carroll available.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division ✓
cc St. Paul
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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

February 23, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter, dated February 20, 1934, with regard to investigation at the Graceton (not Draceton) Hotel. You are advised that investigation has been made at that point, at which place Mrs. Eckroad, manager, could not identify any of the photographs of suspects in this case.

It is to be observed that Room 21 was occupied until December 30, 1933 by Abe Finerman and his young wife, Ann Finerman, who ran a cafe which is now closed. Ann apparently was a prostitute but did not work at the hotel. She received numerous telephone calls at the said hotel, all of which were received at Room 21. It is noted, however, that practically no one asked for her by name, merely asking for Room 21.

Mrs. Eckroad declared that Gloria Passen is unknown at said hotel. Special Agent W. Carter Baum, who conducted this investigation, declared that he has reason to believe that Mrs. Eckroad is reliable.

You are advised that investigation is going forward looking toward the location of Finerman and Ann in the hope that some information may be secured with regard to the above entitled case. It is believed possible that Ann may be identical with Gloria Passen, although she may not have used that name at that hotel. It is also believed possible that Finerman may have connections with Alvin Karpis and the Barker brothers not heretofore shown.

Very truly yours,

KRM:AB
CC-Division
St. Paul
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W. A. SMITH
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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

February 20, 1934.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE WERNER, Victim.
Kidnaping.
St. Paul File 7-30.

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephonic request of yesterday,
by the writer and Mr. Rorer, please be advised that it is the
Director's desire that a twenty-four hour tap be maintained on
the telephone line of Attorney Lynch of Des Moines, Iowa, until
further notice. This tap is to be maintained not only on the
residence and office telephone of Mr. Lynch, but on any other
telephone that he may be using.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Division

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Suite L
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri.
February 19, 1934.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.~~
~~cc-ST. PAUL-PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.~~

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

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING.

Pursuant to telephonic instructions received
from Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni on February 12, 1934,
Special Agent C. C. Dewey

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a tap was placed on the follow-
ing telephones of Mr. Vernon Lynch, an attorney of Des Moines, Ia.:

Telephone No. 3-3291
Office of Vernon Lynch,
Des Moines Building,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Telephone No. 3-3291
Office of Vernon Lynch,
Des Moines Building,
Des Moines, Iowa.

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Information of the above mentioned tap was furnish-
ed to Mr. H. H. Clegg of the Division during my telephonic conversa-
tion with him on February 15, 1934, the information also having
been furnished prior thereto by me to Assistant Director H. Nathan
at St. Paul.

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Further telephonic conversation was had with Mr. Clegg of the Division by me relative to the period this tap should be maintained, and on February 19, 1934, a telegram was received from the Division of that date indicating that [REDACTED]

On February 19th, after talking with Mr. Clegg, I immediately again telephoned [REDACTED], above named, and requested [REDACTED]

Pursuant to my telephonic conversation with Mr. Clegg on February 19th, [REDACTED] unless contrary instructions are received from the Division.

5. During my conversation with Mr. Clegg, I further advised that Special Agent L. D. Nichols, who was at Des Moines, had told me that he understood Vernon Lynch might leave for Washington, D.C., this coming Thursday, February 22, 1934; Agent Nichols has been instructed to obtain further information concerning the contemplated departure of Mr. Lynch and to keep this office advised. Mr. Clegg requested that in the event Lynch departs from Des Moines, Iowa, he be shadowed by Agents of this Division, and these instructions will be followed closely.

For the Division's information, Special Agent Dewey has advised that Vernon Lynch is a lawyer associated in practice with William (Newt) Lynch, a relative, at the office address given above. Ralph Lynch resides at Apartment 6, #3612 Ingersoll Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, Telephone Number 5-7142.

Agent Dewey advised that Vernon Lynch is believed to be a graduate of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., and represents most of the big brewing companies in Iowa. He is reputed to have a close contact with the Underworld and has defended many bootleggers in court. It is alleged that he made considerable money practicing law; he is a flashy dresser; was recently married; was recently sued for failure to remit a collection he made for a client. He is not regarded in Des Moines as a reputable lawyer.

Special Agent Dewey has been advised to follow the telephone tap on Mr. Lynch's telephones very closely and to submit information regularly concerning the results of the tap, and, in event any information of apparent importance is received from the tap, he, Dewey, has been instructed to communicate the same immediately direct to the St. Paul office. Mr. Nathan has been advised of these arrangements, during telephone conversation with him.

Very truly yours,

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

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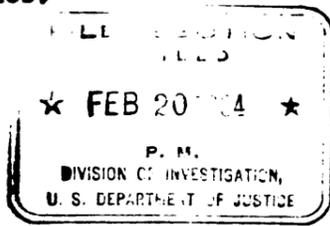
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Division of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:

-- Andrew Youpel

It is noted that the fingerprints of the above individual contain no criminal data. Because of the desirability of having the fingerprint files of this Division complete in every detail, you are kindly requested to furnish the details of the arrest of this individual, in order that the same may be placed on the fingerprint card in the Division's files.



Very truly yours,

NOT RECORDED • Director.

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

AIR MAIL, Special Delivery

February 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box No. 4907
412 U.S. Court House & P.O. Building
Jacksonville, Florida.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim. Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

This will confirm the telegram sent your office today requesting that a photograph of Jack French, alias Homer French, Miami, Florida Police Department No. 2543, be exhibited to Eddie LARUE to determine whether this person is identical with "Big Homer".

In a further interview today with Julius A. (Babe) Jones at the Cook County jail, Chicago, Illinois, this person informed Special Agent Jay C. Newman of the Chicago office, and Special Agent D. O. Smith of the Birmingham office, that his friend who was a witness to the marriage of "Big Homer" in Chicago in 1923 or 1924, is one Georgie Bilton, who frequents Dolney's saloon near 26th Street and Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This individual according to Jones, was a chauffeur for Al Capone up to about 1923 or 1927, since which time he has been an habitual drunkard. Jones stated that Bilton is a very good friend of Officer Tom Featherstone of the Chicago Police Department, who is in charge of a squad somewhere on the south side of Chicago. He described Bilton as being about 35 years old, 5'10" in height, as weighing approximately 180 lb., and as being quite neat appearing. Jones advised that to his knowledge "Big Homer" had never been arrested.

Subsequent to the above interview, Agent Newman conversed with Captain Daniel Gilbert, Chief Investigator of the States Attorney's office, and with several other officers connected with him, all of whom advised that "Big Homer" was unknown to them. While examining a large collection of police photographs in the office of Captain Gilbert, Agent Newman observed a Miami, Florida Police Department photograph of one Jack French, alias Homer French, who was

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arrested by the Police Department at Miami, Florida on December 22, 1933. He exhibited this photograph to Julius A. (Babe) Jones in the Cook County jail, who advised that he believed this to be a photograph of "Big Homer", although he believed "Big Homer" to be a much larger man than the description of this person indicates. In viewing this photograph Jones stated that he was not very well acquainted with "Big Homer", and suggested that this photograph be exhibited to Eddie LaRue, whom he claimed to be better acquainted with him.

The following information is contained on the back of the above mentioned photograph, which is Miami, Florida Police Department Bureau of Identification No. 2643:

Name: Jack French, alias Homer French

Age: 31

Height: 5' 8"

Weight: 155 lb.

Build: Medium

Hair: Dark Brown

Eyes: Blue

Complexion: Ruddy

Occupation: Seaman

Address: Chicago

Remarks: Dived head in water

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In questioning Jones he advised that he was not acquainted with Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Arthur R. Barker, or Harry Campbell, mentioned in the report of Special Agent E.N. Noleston, dated St. Paul, February 20, 1934.

In connection with the interviews had with Julius A. (Babe) Jones, attention is also directed to letters addressed by the Chicago Division office to the St. Paul Division office under dates of February 10th and 17th, 1934.

Referring to letter dated February 16, 1934 addressed by the Kansas City Division office to the St. Paul Division office, copies of which were furnished the Salt Lake City and Chicago Division offices, Jones was questioned by Agent Neuman concerning Homer Watkins, whose photograph appears on page 8 of the August, 1933 issue and on page 4 of the February 1934 issue of the American Bankers Association Journal. Upon viewing the photographs of Homer Watkins as shown in these issues, Jones stated positively that this person is not "Big Homer" referred to herein.

In the event the photograph of Jack French, alias Homer French, is positively identified by Eddie LaRue as being "Big Homer", the Jacksonville office is respectfully requested to immediately furnish copies of this individual's photograph to the St. Paul and Chicago Division offices.

The Chicago Division office at the present time is endeavoring to secure information from the Cook County, Illinois marriage records relative to the reported marriage of "Big Homer" in Chicago in either 1923 or 1924.

Very truly yours,

M.H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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Detroit
Kansas City
Salt Lake City

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J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

Portland, Oregon
February 19, 1934

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

BREMER KIDNAPPING MAN ABOUT TWENTY EIGHT SLENDER BUILD HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS SLIM FEATURES AND WOMAN DECIDED BLOND APPEARED NEWSSTAND SPOKANE SUNDAY NIGHT WANTED FRIDAY ISSUED MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE WERE DRIVING ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY THREE DARK GREEN PONTIAC SEDAN MINNESOTA LICENSE B FOUR SEVEN EIGHT FOUR FIVE THREE.

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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES.

POST OFFICE BOX 515
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 23, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING
St. Paul file No. 7-50

Dear Sir;

There is attached hereto a list of the foreign news stands handling the five Minneapolis and St. Paul newspapers. In some instances you will find that the name and address is that of a newsdealer who distributes the news stands within his city, and it will be necessary to secure from him the addresses of said news stands.

It is requested that you cover the news dealers and news stands listed as being within the territory covered by your office, and ascertain if any individual or individuals are regularly purchasing any of these five newspapers, and exhibit to the dealer the photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang, which said photographs are in the possession of all of the Division Field offices, together with the description of the various individuals involved.

Should it be determined that any member of this gang is so purchasing any of the papers mentioned, appropriate steps should be taken to cover the news stands involved, and take appropriate action.

Other offices securing copies of this letter should conduct similar investigation within their district.

This matter should be given prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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St. Louis
San Fran.

Boston	Cincinnati
New Ors.	Portland
Philad.	Birming.
Dallas	San Ant.

**LIST OF FOREIGN NEWSSTANDS AND NEWS DEALERS SUPPLYING
NEWS STANDS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES, HANDLING MINNEAPOLIS
AND ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA DAILY NEWSPAPERS**

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. JOURNAL

Detroit, Mich.	Ruby's News Stand No. 2
Memphis, Tenn.	World News Co.
Washington, D.C.	H.C. Stevens, 214 Albee Bldg.
Houston, Texas	Texas News stand, 1017 Texas Ave.
Wichita, Kansas	Fred Harvey newsstand, Union terminal station
St. Louis, Mo.	National System, 344 and Pine St.
Philadelphia, Pa.	L. Prager, N.W. corner 15th & Market Sts.
Colorado Springs, Colorado	The Bungalow News stand
Indianapolis, Ind.	H. Pattison, Box 982
Cincinnati, Ohio	Alvin Barkers News Shoppe, 21 E. 6th St.
Cleveland, Ohio	B. Wheatman, 423 Euclid Ave.
" "	S.M. Sigmond, 1600 Euclid Ave.
Chicago, Ill.	World News Co. 141 N. Clark St.
" "	Rialto News Agency
" "	Queen City News Co. State & Randolph St.
" "	P.O. News Stand, 37 W. Monroe St.
" "	Chicago Newspaper Agency, State & Monroe
" "	Harvey, Inc. S.E. Corner-Union Station
Dallas, Texas	I & M news & Cigar Store, 1611 A Elm St.
" "	Central News, Warren N. Scales, 103 S. Akard St.

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Fort Worth, Texas	Post Office News Shop, 4 Jennings Ave.
San Francisco, Cal.	Wheatley News Co.
"	Golden Gate News Co. 787 Market St.
"	Fitzgerald News Agency, 21 4th St.
New York, N.Y.	O'Mara & Ormsbee, 280 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.	Hotaling's News Agency, Grand Central Station
Los Angeles, Cal.	California News Agency, P.O. Box 451, Arcade Sta.
"	Crescent News Co. Arcade Station
"	Martindale Book Store, 5318 Wilshire Blvd.
"	Walter Spile, Arcade Station
"	Belmont News Co.
"	H. Sternberg, Arcade Annex, Arcade Station
Long Beach, Cal.	Longbeach News Co. 24 S. Pine St.
Pasadena, Cal.	G.H. Pease, 39 E. Colorado St.
San Diego, Cal.	Universal News Agency, 242 Broadway
Santa Monica, Cal.	W.W. Martindale, 1319 3rd St.
Santa Ana, Cal.	Lawrence Smoke Shop, 325 W. 4th St.
Hollywood, Cal.	Universal News Co. 1655 Las Palmas
Tucson, Arizona	Rands Smoke Shop

(Minneapolis Journal continued)

Portland, Ore.

United News Co.

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32 S. Rich, Store No. 2

Spokane, Wash.

250 N. Stevens St.

Seattle, Wash.

Liberty News Co. L.J. Finnesey

Tacoma, Wash.

Coale & Coale, 901 Pacific Ave.

Omaha, Neb.

Ak-Sar-Ben News Agency, Sam Sillotte, 16th & Howard

"

Nicotero & Co.

Kansas City, Mo.

Republic News Co.

"

Siegel News Co. 3 W. 12th St.

"

Harvey, Inc. Union Station

Tampa, Florida

World News Co.

St. Petersburg, Florida

Askernan's News stand,

Miami, Fla.

Beach News Depot

"

World News Co.

West Palm Beach, Fla.

Matheson News Co. Dixie Highway at Celantis

"

World News Co.

St. Petersburg, Florida

P.D. Mulhollem, 249 Central Ave.

MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE

Akron, Ohio

Boston, Mass.

Chicago, Ill.

Cincinnati, Ohio

Cleveland, Ohio

Columbus, Ohio

Denver, Colorado

Detroit, Mich.

Detroit, Mich.

Hollywood, Cal.

Hot Springs, Ark.

Indianapolis, Ind.

Kansas City, Mo.

E.Schwartz News Co.

Old South News Co.

Chicago Newspaper Agency, State & Madison

P.O. News, A.F.Franklin, 37 W.Monroe St.

Queen City News Co. State & Randolph

Rainbow News Agency, State & Quincy St.

Rialto News Agency, Clark & Madison

Fountain News Co. 426 Walnut St.

O.C.Schroeder, 212 Superior N.E.

Younger News Agency, 3 W. Broad St.

Albany Hotel, 1704 Stout St.

Handler News, 1832 Curtis St.

Bagley News Co. 620 Capital Theatre Bldg.

Family Theatre News Stand, 158 Cadillac Sq.

Majestic News Co. 5th floor Shubert

Triangle News Co. Griswold & Michigan

Universal News Co. 1655 N.LasPalmas

Jackson News Agency

Ohio Cigar Store, 336 Central Ave.

Southern News Co. 250 Central Ave.

134 Washington St. (Indiana Theatre news shop)

Seegel News Co. 6 S.12th St.

(MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE, continued)

Lafayette, Ind.	Harry Kaplan
Los Angeles, Cal.	Belmont News Co. Box 1023 Arcade Station
"	Walter Spile, Arcade St.
New Orleans, La.	Bert Gilmore, Wallace News Stand, 105 Royal St.
New York, N.Y.	Hotaling's News Agency, Times Building
Oklahoma City, Okla.	Stevens Daily News Agency
Omaha, Nebraska	United States News Co. 228 Neville Blvd
Peoria, Ill.	Hartman Brothers, B-1 Central Nat'l Bk. Bldg.
Philadelphia, Pa.	Louis Prager, 1917 S. Galloway St.
Phoenix, Ariz.	Ferdinand Boss, 1 St. Ave. & Monroe
Pittsburgh, Pa.	Federal News Co.
(Metropolitan News Co.) PITTSBURGH, Pa.	Metropolitan News Co.
Portland, Oregon	Rich Cigar Store, 509 Manchester Bldg.
St. Louis, Mo.	William Krell
San Francisco, Cal.	Golden Gate News Agency, 8 3rd St.
Scranton, Pa.	A. J. Albert, Brooks Bldg. Cigar Store
Seattle, Wash.	Gustav Tollaksen, 1526 Westlake Ave.
"	Liberty News
Spokane, Wash.	S.P. Jacey, Stevens & Trent
Tampa, Fla.	Chapman's News Stand, 617 Franklin St.
Tucson, Arizona	Broadway Cigar & News, 101 S. 5th Ave.
West Palm Beach, Fla.	Post Office News Co. 15 Post Office Arcade
"	112 N. Olive Ave. (West Palm Beach News)
Wichita, Kansas	125 N. Market St. (Stevenson News Co.)

MINNEAPOLIS STAR

St. Petersburg, Fla.

L.M. Ackerman, Ackermans Newsstand

Omaha, Nebr.

Akser-ben Newsstand 16th & Howard

Cincinnati, Ohio

Barkers News Shoppe, 545 Walnut St.

Baltimore, Md.

Battle Monument Newsstand

Miami, Fla.

Beach News Depot, Casson & Burkick

Eugene, Oregon

G. B. Brown, 503 Williamette

Chicago, Ill.

Chicago Newspaper Agency, N.W. State & Monroe

Fargo, N.D.

Christensen Drug Co. 402 Front St.

Columbus, Ohio

City News Company, 16 N. 8th St.

Washington, D.C.

Columbian News Agency, 10th & D. Sts.

Omaha, Nebraska

Goren, Meyer, 1324 Barnum

Detroit, Mich.

Dann News Co. Michigan & Shelby

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Fort Pitt News Co. 1013 Liberty Ave.

Jordan, Mont.

Foster Jordan Drug Co.

Cincinnati, Ohio

Fountain News Co. 426 Walnut St.

New York City

Hotelings News Agency, Times Bldg.

Des Moines, Iowa

Hymens Book Store, 416 6th Ave.

Indianapolis, Ind.

Indiana Theatre News & Magazines, 134 Washington

St. Louis, Mo.

William Krell, 8th & Olive

Indianapolis, Ind.

Max Marcus, N.E. corner Market St.

Kansas City, Mo.

William Marcus, N.E. corner 10th & Walnut

Omaha, Neb.

Nicotero & Co. World Herald Bldg.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Paramount News Agency, 411 Buttonwood St.

Chicago, Ill.

Queen City News Co. State & Randolph

Rainbow News Agency, State & Quincy

Rialto News Co. Clark & Madison

Detroit, Mich.

Ruby's Temple Stand, 6409 Woodward

Akron, Ohio

E. Schwartz News Co. Box 223

Kansas City, Mo.

Seigel News Co. 1 1/2 W. 12th St.

Los Angeles, Cal.

Walter Spiels, Box 573

Atlanta, Ga.

World News Co. 141 E. Peachtree St.

Memphis, Tenn.

World News Co.

Miami, Fla.

West Palm Beach, Fla.

ST. PAUL DAILY NEWS

Baltimore, Md.	Sherman News Agency (calvert & Fayette)
Boston, Mass.	Vincent Edwards, 260 Fremont St.
Chicago, Ill.	Chicago News, State & Monroe
"	Rialto News, Clark & Madison
"	Rainbow News Agency, State & Quincy
Cincinnati, Ohio	Barkers News Shoppe
Chicago, Ill.	#4 Post Office News, 57 W. Monroe
Detroit, Mich.	Schubert Detroit Bldg. #2 Majestic News
"	#1 Dun News, Michigan & Shelby St.
Indianapolis, Ind.	Marcus News Agency, Ill. & Market
"	Magazine News Shop, Indiana Theatre
Los Angeles, Cal.	Belmont News, Box 1025 Arcade Sta.
"	Crescent News, Box 463 Arcade Sta.
Osell, N. Mexico	Milton Wright
Miami, Fla.	T. O. Steele
"	Beach News Depot
New York City	Notaling News, 308 W. 40th St.
New Orleans, La.	Bert Gilmore
Seattle, Wash.	Liberty News
"	A.M. Peterman
Miami, Fla.	Village News Shoppe

ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS & DISPATCH

Hollywood, Cal.	Universal News Co. 1655 Las Palmas
Hot Springs Nat'l Park, Ark.	Southern News Co. Pinkee Lightner, 250 Central Ave.
Los Angeles, Cal.	California News Co. 515 W. 5th St.
"	Crescent News Co. Arcade Sta.
"	Walter Spile, Arcade Station
"	H. Sternberg, 441 & 442 S. Hill St. Los Angeles
San Francisco, Cal.	Golden Gate News Co. 789 Market St.
"	Fitzgerald News Agency, 21 4th St.
Stockton, Cal.	Tourist News Co.
Denver, Colorado	Handler News Co. 1832 Curtis St.
Bridgeport, Conn.	Mr. Miller Ross
Washington, D.C.	The Boyd System, 534 Investment Bldg.
Miami, Florida	World News Co.
St. Petersburg, Fla.	Ackerman News Stand
Tampa, Fla.	World News Co.
West Palm Beach, Fla.	World News Co.
Chicago, Ill.	Post Office News Co. 31 W. Monroe St.
"	Charles Levy 1526-1528 W. Lake St.
"	Rainbow News Agency, State & Quincy St.
Boston, Mass.	Phil Bernstein, Milk & Washington Sts.
Detroit, Mich.	Bagley News Co. Woodward & Monroe St.
Kansas City, Mo.	Seigel News

(St. Paul Pioneer Press & Dispatch, continued)

St. Louis, Mo.

William Kroll, 8th & Olive

Omaha, Neb.

Meyer Ceren, 1411 Farnam St.

"

Ak-star-box News, 18th & Howard

"

Electra Co. 15th & Farnam St.

"

U.S. News Co.

New York, N.Y.

Hotelling News Agency, Times Bldg.

Akron, Ohio

E. Schwartz

Cincinnati, Ohio

Mountain News Co. 426 Walnut St.

Cleveland, Ohio

Oliver C. Schroeder, 212 Superior St.

Columbus, Ohio

Younger News Agency, 3 W. Broad St.

Toledo, Ohio

St. Clair News Co. Central Station

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Stevenson News Stand, 108 N. Broadway

Portland, Oregon

Rich Cigar Store, 309 Manchester Bldg.

Philadelphia, Pa.

L. Proger, 1917 S. Galloway

Memphis, Tenn.

World News

Fort Worth, Texas

Post Office News, Alex Bloomberg, 4 Jennings Ave.

Dallas, Tex.

Warren H. Scales, 103 S. Akard St.

Seattle, Wash.

Gustav Tollaksen, 1528 Westlake Ave.

San Antonio, Tex.

E. E. Bagwell, Atlas News Store, 302 N. St. Marys St.

Spokane, Wash.

Cys News Stand, Steven & Trent

Chicago, Illinois,
February 23, 1934.

CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM:

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

Reference is made to a recent letter from the Detroit Office, in which information was set forth to the effect that Harry Evans had supplied information concerning the Holland Bank Robbery, to Captain Marmon, of the Michigan State Police, and which also suggested that he be interviewed in connection with this matter.

On February 23, 1934, the writer interviewed Harry Evans, in the Chicago Division Office, and he advised that shortly after the Holland, Michigan, Bank Robbery, he was in St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota, and at that time associated closely with Frisco Dutch and members of his gang. Through this association he determined that the following individuals took part in the Holland, Michigan, Bank Robbery:

Frisco Dutch
Verne Miller
John Ryan, alias McCormick, an escapee from Sing Sing
Jack Davenport
Samuel Ross, alias Sam Schroeder, on parole from Sing Sing
Earl Doyle
Jack Pfeiffer

All of the above individuals were closely associated with Frisco Dutch and, together with others, hang out with him in St. Paul. Evans stated that one day he rode with Verne Miller from Minneapolis to St. Paul, when Verne Miller had part of the bonds taken from the Holland Bank, to deliver to a third party, who was unknown to Evans.

Evans states that the following individuals were also connected with Frisco Dutch at that time and may have had something to do with the Holland Bank Robbery, although he has no information that they were involved:

Francis Keating
James Holden
Frank Webber (Deceased)
Charles Hamon (Deceased)

Evans states that all of his information concerning this robbery was obtained by overhearing discussions of it in St. Paul, Minnesota.

With reference to the road chart which was dropped by the robbers, he stated that the chart had probably been prepared by either Verne Miller or Frisco Dutch and that if it were typewritten, it had probably been typewritten on a typewriter in the Old Senator Hotel in St. Paul, which was formerly operated by Jack Pfeiffer and which is now known as the Admiral Hotel. He stated that he did not know of any of the individuals named above owning a typewriter, but he is of the opinion that possibly it was written on a typewriter owned by the hotel.

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

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1900 Bankers Bldg.
Chicago, Illinois
February 23, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,
Kidnaping,
Chicago file 7-82

There is enclosed herewith copy of a
confidential memorandum submitted by Acting Special Agent
in Charge W. A. Smith, which it is believed will be of assist-
ance to you in conducting further investigation in St. Paul.

A copy of this memorandum is being
forwarded to the Division with its copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

N. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

KEM/dr-Att.
CC Division-Att.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
FEB 26 1934 A.M.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
<i>[Signature]</i>

625 Lafayette Bldg.
Detroit Michigan
February 23 1934

AIR MAIL

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 315
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telegram from your office dated February 22, 1934 requesting that the whereabouts of the letter written by Mrs. Kathryn Kelly on a Corona Portable typewriter in the rooms occupied by Jack Pfeiffer at the Admiral Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota be ascertained.

Please be advised that Special Agent L. D. Socoy of this office interviewed Mrs. Kelly, who advised that she had written only one letter on the typewriter referred to and that same was mailed to her mother, Mrs. Shannon, at Paradise, Texas; that this occurred about one month prior to the time that Harvey J. Bailey was arrested at Kansas City, Missouri and sent to the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas; that in substance this letter contained only the information that herself and George Kelly were intending to leave shortly for Mrs. Shannon's home at Paradise, Texas. Mrs. Kelly stated that George Kelly and herself left Minneapolis within two or three days after the writing of this letter and proceeded to Texas via Chicago in an eight cylinder Cadillac Coupe. Mrs. Kelly stated that when she wrote this letter there were several people in Pfeiffer's suite, which consisted of two adjoining rooms. She does not recall the room numbers but stated that Pfeiffer had resided at the Admiral Hotel on numerous occasions and had always registered there under the name of Jack Pfeiffer; that some of the others present in Pfeiffer's rooms at that time, as she recalls, were Harvey J. Bailey and his girl, Vane Norquist, Keating, Holden and the latter's girl friend, Gladys Harrington.

In this connection Mrs. Kelly stated that George Kelly and herself, including the others mentioned herein, frequently met at Pfeiffer's suite of rooms at the Admiral Hotel; that as a general rule she wrote her mother, Mrs. Shannon, a letter about once a week, several having been mailed from Minneapolis.

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Mrs. Shannon was also questioned by Agent Sosey and she stated that while she received many letters from Mrs. Kelly, some of which were mailed at Minneapolis, that she does recall having received a letter from Mrs. Kelly, about the time in question, to the effect that George and herself were returning to Texas; that as she recalls, Kathryn and George did arrive at Paradise several days thereafter, driving a Cadillac Coupe.

Mrs. Shannon stated that she is positive that this letter, as well as all other letters received from Mrs. Kelly were destroyed by her within a short time after their receipt, since it was her usual practice not to retain old letters for any period of time.

Very truly yours,

M. W. Meekins, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Jacksonville
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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
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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:

In connection with the kidnaping case in the matter of UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, Jr. - VICTIM, attention is directed to your telegram of February 19th to this office requesting investigative attention be devoted to the matters referred to in Division letter to your office dated February 12th, copy of which was furnished this office.

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This is to inform that the confidential informant who furnished the Division with the information as contained in its letter of February 22nd has not as yet called at this office.

Under date of February 20th information was received by this office from the Division that the information furnished by informant with respect to the St. Paul data is correct.

It is observed that the informant makes mention of Charles (Lucky) Luciano. His statement that he is a big shot is correct. His statement concerning Louis (Dutch) Goldberg is not exactly correct. "Dutch" Goldberg is the biggest hard liquor operator in New York City and has, up to recently, resided in a suite at the Hotel Delmonico, New York City. Whom he means by Myer and Buck is not known to this office. Myer might possibly be Meyer Lansky, New York City Police Department #B-70258, a partner of Benjamin (Bugs) Siegel, who figured in the Kansas City case. Louis Buchalter, called "Lepke", is not known as Buck. It is noted he states "Lepke" has an office in the basement of a clothing store at 38th Street and Broadway. The informant has in mind the place of Kolmer & Marcus, Inc., 1390 Broadway, in the basement of which store the racketeers and gangsters, headed by Lepke et al, had an office. They have not had an office at this place, however, since the Spring of 1933. It is important to note that "Lepke" and his mob change their meeting places every few months. The

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mob has had many meeting places since they were run out of Kolmer & Marcus, Inc. It is assumed that by Dick and Freddy, the informant means Fred and Arthur R. Barker, and implies that he has seen them in New York City.

In connection with the investigation in this district looking toward the location of Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell, the New York City office is undertaking the same procedure that it took in the Kansas City case. In that case eight detectives were assigned to it, two from the 14th, 18th, 20th and 24th Precincts, by which a complete coverage on the West Side of New York was secured. The detectives will be informed that the apprehension of these individuals is desired in the Kansas City case.

Any information secured in this district respecting the activities or location of any of the above named will promptly be furnished your office.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge

cc Division

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Salt Lake City, Utah.
February 23, 1934.

F.J. BLAKE,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
POST OFFICE BUILDING,
DALLAS, TEXAS.

BREMER KIDNAPING. MICKY RHINESMITH OR RHEINSMITH PAST OR PRESENT WIFE OF HARRY CAMPBELL FORMERLY OF CASPER AND MIDWEST WYOMING NOW BELIEVED TO BE AT BORDER TEXAS STOP HER MOTHERS NAME MINA RHEINSMITH STOP LOCATE MICKY OR MOTHER DISCREETLY DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS HARRY CAMPBELL.

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cc - St. Paul.

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WERNER HANNI
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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203 POST OFFICE BUILDING
ST PAUL MINNESOTA

BRKID LETTER WRITTEN BY INFORMANT NOT AVAILABLE STOP MAILED TO MOTHER
ADVISING SHE AND GEORGE WERE RETURNING TEXAS

MEEKINS ACTING

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

P. O. Box #788,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

February 23, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box #1276,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a letter from the Division dated February 20, 1934, in the above entitled case, which was inadvertently directed to the Cincinnati Office. There is also enclosed herewith photostat copies of an anonymous letter dated February 13, 1934, which also accompanied the letter of reference, requiring investigative action in Centry, Arkansas.

In accordance with the instructions from the Division, the identity of the writer should be ascertained through the references given by him, and obtain all information he may have in his possession concerning the kidnapers of the above named victim.

Very truly yours,

N. B. Klein,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 615
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 23, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING
St. Paul file 7-30

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe, dated Chicago, Illinois February 20, 1934.

It is requested that the following additional inquiry be made at Rockford, Illinois:

It is desired that an inquiry be made to determine if any persons answering the description of the Karpis and Barker gang purchased gasoline in five gallon cans at filling stations at or near Rockford, Illinois.

Kindly furnish this office with a statement as to whether conditions regarding sirens and bells exist in Rockford, Illinois, conforming to the form letter attached hereto.

It is noted that in the anonymous letter received by U.S. Attorney Dwight H. Green at Chicago, reference is made to the Lafayette Hotel. Kindly make whatever investigation is possible regarding this statement.

Also please interview ROSE BRANCHI, for whatever information she may be able to offer regarding the possibility that kidnapers of Mr. Bremer may have been in Rockford, Illinois at the time mentioned in the anonymous communication.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,

Inspector.

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San Francisco, California,
February 23, 1934.

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

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BREKID CALIFORNIA LICENSE SIX B FIVE NAUGHT THREE SEVEN REGISTERED JULES C
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NAUGHT SEVEN EIGHT STOP. NO RECORD YET LICENSE SEVEN N NINE ONE FIFTY LATTER
NO DOUBT ISSUED LOSANGELES WIRING LOSANGELES CHECK FURHER AND WIRE YOU FULL
DETAILS ON BOTH LICENSES

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St. Paul, Minnesota
February 23, 1934

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M H PURVIS
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1900 BANKERS BUILDING
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0 BEKID DEVELOP ONLY T O WORD LEADS IN LETTER ST LOUIS TO ST PAUL F BUREAU BY NINETEENTH

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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES

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801 Title Guaranty Bldg.,
St. Louis, Missouri,
February 24, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of the 19th instant addressed to the Cincinnati Office in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim, Kidnapping, and requesting certain investigation concerning one Walter O. Johnson.

This is to advise that upon receipt of a copy of the above mentioned letter the same was forwarded to Special Agent B. L. Damron who was then stopping at the Le Claire Hotel in Moline, Illinois. Agent Damron ascertained from Mr. R. G. Harvey, Manager of the LeClaire Hotel, that on February 6, 1934 Walter O. Johnson of Los Angeles, California registered into the LeClaire Hotel and was given Apartment 906 at a rate of \$80.00 per month. Soon after renting the apartment, Mr. Johnson was joined by a lady who was introduced as his wife, and he was subsequently seen driving a Packard automobile with Indiana license plates.

Agent Damron found this Packard parked in front of the Hotel and ascertained the same to be a Packard 8 four passenger sedan, colored dark grey, and bearing Indiana license 80-245 for the year 1934. Johnson, together with his chauffeur and Mrs. Johnson, were trailed in this car on the morning of February 21, and were seen to enter the Dohrn Transfer Company in Rock Island, Illinois where Mr. Johnson remained for a short time and then drove to Davenport, Iowa. Subsequent inquiry of Mr. Charles Neisinger of the Dohrn Transfer Company disclosed that Mr. Johnson is selling a gasoline saver device consisting of a copper coil and attachments which runs from the radiator to the manifold and increases combustion. Mr. Neisinger stated that Johnson is the owner of this attachment and does not work for any-one, so he was informed, and that he had letters of recommendation from numerous firms, the only one of which he could recall was the Pillsbury Flour Company. The Dohrn Transfer Company equipped their fleet of trucks with this attachment at a cost of \$17.00 each, and Mr. Johnson advised Mr. Neisinger that he intended to establish an agency in Rock Island.

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John R. S. P.

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Kansas City Office

Further investigation at the LeClaire Hotel disclosed that Johnson is paying his bills in cash and receiving mail from Des Moines, Iowa and Detroit, Michigan, further addresses unknown, and that the following telephone calls were made from Apartment 908:

Maline 472 - LeClaire Pharmacy.
Walnut 340-J - Irving J. Graham, 832 1/2 Main Street,
Davenport, Iowa.
Kenwood 1948 - Mack Truck Company, 732 West 1st Street,
Davenport, Iowa.
Rock Island 991 - Bohra Transfer Company.

A large suitcase trunk was seen in the back of the Packard Sedan that apparently contained some of these attachments and also a sticker was seen on the windshield with the name of Grady Johnson written on the same. A closer inspection of the car could not be made due to the fact that the chauffeur was near the car.

A tracing of the signature of Johnson was obtained from the LeClaire Hotel and is being forwarded to the St. Paul Office with its copy of this letter. In view of the fact that Johnson is apparently in a legitimate business no further investigation is being made concerning him.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,
Special Agent in Charge.

MLD

cc Division ✓
cc St. Paul
cc Oklahoma City
cc San Antonio
cc Cincinnati

318 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California.

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Refer file
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February 24, 1934.

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

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

Reference is made to your wire dated February 23, 1934,
with respect to California licenses Nos. 7N9150 and 8B5037.

The first mentioned license has not as yet been regis-
tered at Sacramento, California. It is a Los Angeles number,
and I have wired the Los Angeles office to secure all informa-
tion available, and wire the data to you.

With respect to the second license, this is registered
to Automobile Sedan, motor #105078, in the name of Jules C.
Lacock, Fort McArthur, San Pedro, California. In view of the
fact San Pedro is also in the Los Angeles office district,
I telephoned the Los Angeles office with respect to both
licenses, and suggested they expedite their inquiries, and
notify the Kansas City office by wire.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VENTURELI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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c.c. St. Paul.

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WIRE LETTER

CHICAGO ILL
FEB 25, 1934.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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412 U S COURT HOUSE & POST OFFICE BLDG
JACKSONVILLE FLA

BREKID FOLLOWING WIRE RECEIVED THURSDAY OR FRIDAY LAST BY FRANK HAYS SEVEN
FOUR FIVE SOUTH STATE STREET CHICAGO QUOTE NEED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS
RIGHT AWAY SEND IT BY WIRE TO ME CARE JOSEPH P LIEB ATTORNEY TAMPA
THEATER BUILDING TAMPA FLORIDA UNQUOTE SIGNED EDDIE FOLEY STOP FOLEY
BELIEVED IDENTICAL WITH LARUE SECURE FULL DETAILS REGARDING THIS WIRE
AND RECEIPT OF MONEY

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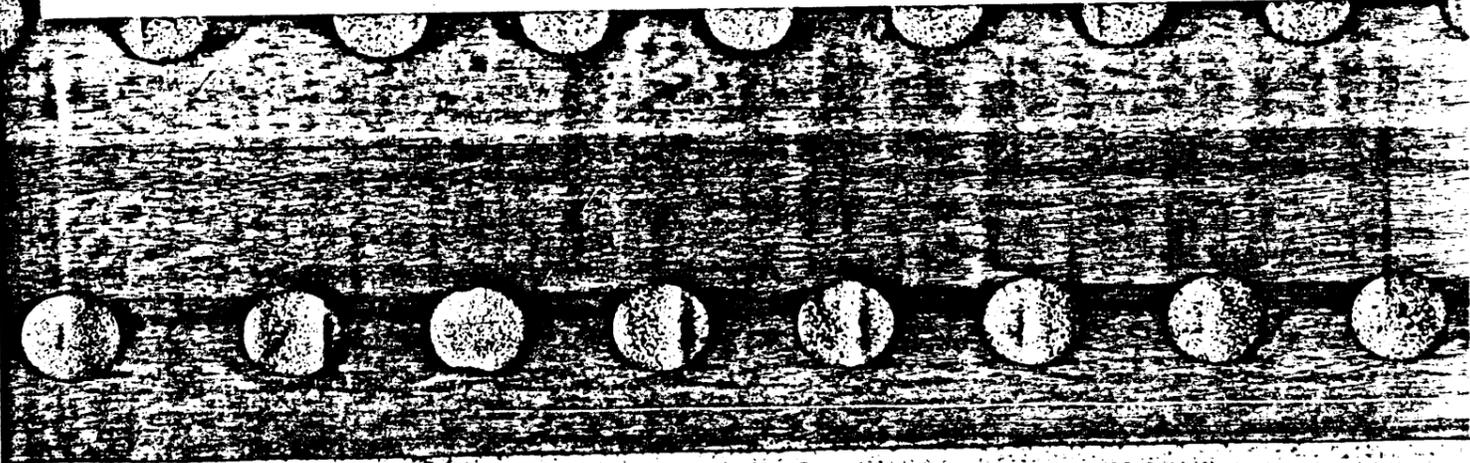
M.H. Purvis,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Ill.

BREKID MY RECORDS SHOW FIRE DEPARTMENT BROOKFIELD ILLINOIS HAS SIREN

ROBER

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

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John R. [Signature]



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U.S. Division of Investigation

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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES

New York City February 28, 1934

JMA:BF

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SPECIAL AGENTS

The following letter has been received from the Division:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
Edward G. Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping

There are enclosed herewith a number of photographs of certain members of the so called Barker-Karpis gang, together with descriptive information concerning each of them. The individuals whose photographs appear thereon are being sought in connection with the above entitled case. A set of these photographs should be distributed to each Special Agent assigned to your office for use in promptly carrying out any investigation in connection with this case.

For your strictly confidential information, you are advised that it has been ascertained from Mr. Bremer that at a point about one-half way between the place where he was held and the place where he was released, the automobile in which he was returned was filled with gasoline from a reserve supply which had been carried in the car in five gallon cans, at a point near Portage, Wisconsin, adjacent to U. S. Highway 16, four cans of the type described by Mr. Bremer were discovered and from one of these cans a latent fingerprint, identified as the print of the right index finger of Arthur R. Barker was developed. Four red signal lights were used by the kidnapers in directing the driver of the car in which the ransom money was delivered. These lights have been found, and the St. Paul Office has located the store in which three of these signal lights were sold, and the sales lady has identified the photograph and wearing apparel of Alvin Karpis as the individual who purchased these lights. This information appears to point quite clearly to the identity of the perpetrators of this kidnaping. It is for this reason that a vigorous effort should be made to cause their apprehension. No indication should be given by any Special Agent as to the reason why these individuals are being sought, and the discovery of the above information is to be held in the strictest confidence. It is desired that all undeveloped leads which would further connect these individuals with the Bremer kidnaping should be pressed vigorously to a logical conclusion.

There are also being enclosed copies of the report of Inspector J. J. Rorer, dated February 14, 1934; the report of Special Agent J. H. Brennan dated February 17, 1934, and a memorandum summary prepared in the Division which will serve the purpose of showing the modus operandi employed in this kidnaping, the immediately available facts concerning this case as well as additional information concerning the individuals whose photographs are attached.

F. X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge

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St. Paul, Minn.

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M H FURVIS
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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PLEASE REFER PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING HIDE OUT MAKE
SIMILAR INVESTIGATION MELROSE PARK AND MORTON GROVE ILLINOIS

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Division of Investigation
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PREMER KIDNAPING PAULA HARMON PLACED LONG DISTANCE
TELEPHONE CALL JANUARY TWENTY THIRD NINETEEN THIRTY
THREE TO MADELYN SNYDER LAKE VIEW SEVEN SEVEN NAUGHT
SIX CHICAGO ALSO TO MARGARET BLACK SAME NUMBER ON
OCTOBER EIGHTH NINETEEN THIRTY TWO

BLAKE

CC: Division

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February 15, 1934.

Mr. Harold Nathan,
First Assistant, Department Of Justice,
Washington, D.C..

Dear Sir:

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I am encldsing a. letter that I received from [REDACTED] She is a lady that lived here during a part of her childhood. You will notice from her letter that she was in a "Jam" as she called it and she did not want any one to know that I had heard from her. I did not send the money that she ask for, neither did I answer her letter, and later, about the time that the young banker, Bremer, was released by the kid-nappers, I received another letter from her and the whole letter, about two pages, was pleading that I never mention in any way that I had heard from her, I have misplaced that letter or it may have been destroyed through with some waste paper, but it was very appealing and pleading that I never in any way mention that I had heard from her or knew anything of her whereabouts. The thought occured to me that possible she, her husband or some friends may have had something to do with the Bremer kidnapping case. From her last letter she had evidentially gotten out of her difficulty, which strenghtened my belief that she had obtained some money from some source. If her letter is of any value to you I shall be glad for you to retain it in your files, and I kindly ask that you withhold my name in connection with anything that you may do.

Admission 2/15/34

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February 26, 1934

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Dear [Redacted]

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 15, 1934, addressed to Assistant Director Harold Nathan, concerning the possibility that [Redacted] of [Redacted] might be acquainted with circumstances which would prove enlightening with reference to the Bremer kidnaping case.

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I desire to express to you my sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness in transmitting this information to this Division, and I am instructing that an immediate inquiry, of a discreet nature, be made. Of course, your name will not be used in connection with the inquiry which is being made.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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February 26, 1934

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

b7d

Dear Sirs

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter which the Division has received from [redacted] dated

February 15, 1934, together with copies of the enclosure referred to therein. You will observe that [redacted] relates circumstances which he feels may have a bearing on the Bremer kidnaping case, and in this connection you are requested to conduct a very discreet inquiry, making sure that the identity of the Division's informant is protected at all times.

Please give this matter prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 683400

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RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO



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Hon. Harold Nathan,
First Assistant, Department Of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

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Jan 17 1933

Dear [redacted]

I don't know just how to express myself in a letter but there is something I would like to ask of you I'm in a Jam & have been out of work several months & can't let folks know about it can you loan me \$15.00 as soon as I can I will pay you back with interest & please don't mention to anyone having heard from me or anything please it will mean my ruination if you do - someday hope to be able to talk with you & tell you all about it - please help at once. You will remember me as Chloe Ray destroy this & Mum's the word address me

b7c

[redacted]

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BREMER KIDNAPPING

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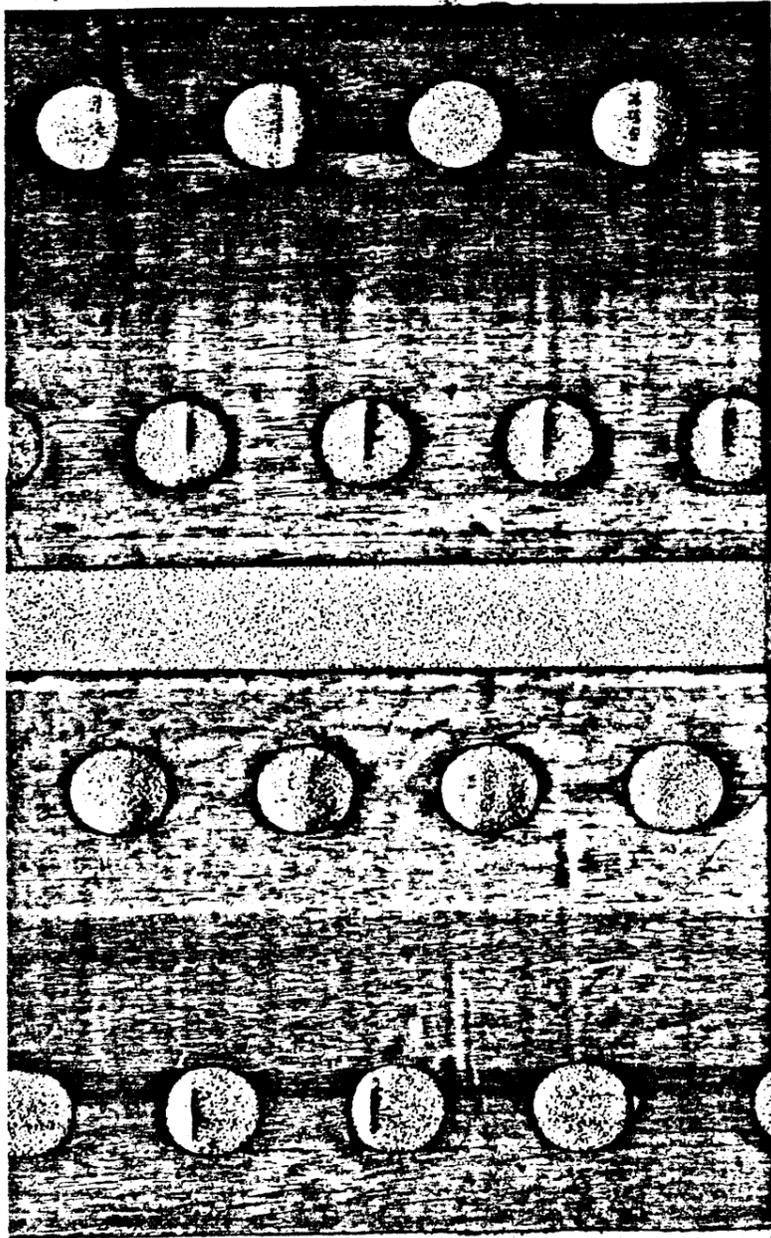
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~~Bureau of Investigation~~
Suite L
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri.
February 19, 1934.

MR. NATHAN	✓
MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	✓
MR. G. W. EY	✓
MR. EDWARDS	✓
MR. EGAN	✓
MR. QUINN	✓
MR. LESTER	✓
MR. LOCKE	✓
MR. ROHR	✓

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.
cc-ST. PAUL-PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
O KIDNAPING.

Pursuant to telephonic instructions received
from Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni on February 12, 1934,
Special Agent C. C. Deway

and at about 8:30 p.m. that date, a tap was placed on the follow-
ing telephones of Mr. Vernon Lynch, an attorney of Des Moines, Ia.:

Telephone No. 3-3271
Office of Vernon Lynch,
601 Des Moines Building,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Telephone No. 5-0425,
Residence of Vernon Lynch,
Apartment 9,
3927 Ingersoll Avenue,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Information of the above mentioned tap was furnish-
ed to Mr. H. H. Clegg of the Division during my telephonic conversa-
tion with him on February 15, 1934, the information also having
been furnished prior thereto by me to Assistant Director H. Nathan
at St. Paul.

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Further telephonic conversation was had with Mr. Clegg of the Division by me relative to the period this tap should be maintained, and on February 19, 1934, a telegram was received from the Division of that date indicating that the tap should be maintained under the present arrangements for a week.

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During my conversation with Mr. Clegg, I further advised that Special Agent L. D. Nichols, who was at Des Moines, had told me that he understood Vernon Lynch might leave for Washington, D.C., this coming Thursday, February 22, 1934; Agent Nichols has been instructed to obtain further information concerning the contemplated departure of Mr. Lynch and to keep this office advised. Mr. Clegg requested that in the event Lynch departs from Des Moines, Iowa, he be shadowed by Agents of this Division, and these instructions will be followed closely.

For the Division's information, Special Agent Dewey has advised that Vernon Lynch is a lawyer associated in practice with William (Newt) Lynch, a relative, at the office address given above. Ralph Lynch resides at Apartment 6, #3612 Ingersoll Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, Telephone Number 5-7142.

Agent Dewey advised that Vernon Lynch is believed to be a graduate of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., and represents most of the big brewing companies in Iowa. He is reputed to have a close contact with the Underworld and has defended many bootleggers in court. It is alleged that he made considerable money practicing law; he is a flashy dresser; was recently married; was recently sued for failure to remit a collection he made for a client. He is not regarded in Des Moines as a reputable lawyer.

Special Agent Dewey has been advised to follow the telephone tap on Mr. Lynch's telephones very closely and to submit information regularly concerning the results of the tap, and, in event any information of apparent importance is received from the tap, he, Dewey, has been instructed to communicate the same immediately direct to the St. Paul office. Mr. Nathan has been advised of these arrangements, during telephone conversation with him.

Very truly yours,



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

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From
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

- MR. NATHAN _____
- MR. TOLSON _____
- MR. CLEGG _____
- MR. COWLEY _____
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- MR. LESTER _____
- MR. LOCKE _____
- MR. RORER _____

to
Official indicated below by check mark

MEMORANDUM

- Solicitor General Biggs _____
- Assistant to the Attorney General Stanley _____
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- Assistant Attorney General Wideman _____
- Assistant Attorney General Keenan _____
- Assistant Attorney General Sweeney _____
- Assistant Attorney General Blair _____
- Assistant Solicitor General MacLean _____
- Mr. Hoover, Director of Investigation _____ ✓
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- Mr. Finch, Pardon Attorney _____
- Mr. Gardner { General Agent _____
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- Mr. Sorrborger, Appointment Clerk _____
- Mr. Cerasi _____
- Mr. Gates _____
- Mr. Glendon _____
- Miss Watkins _____
- Miss O'Brien _____

*Here you are.
 Show me some results.
 C. Quinn
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OKLAHOMA STATE PENITENTIARY.

McAlester, Oklahoma

Feb. 12, 1934

U. S. Atty. General.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I notice by the papers that you are wanting Fred Barker, in connection with the Bremer Kidnapping case. I am enclosing here- with photos of his Brother and associate who are out of here on Clemency. I have information that Valney Davis, had been in St. Paul prior to the Kidnapping, do not know about Doc Barker, only that he and Davis fell here together and are more than likely to- gether now. You will note from letter head that this is not my line of work now, However [redacted] and I can't help but being interested, in seeing all crooks kept in the pen. Will ask that you please treat this confidential, so far as I am concerned.

My sincere hope is that this may be of some help to you in the wonderful work that you and your department are doing.

Respectfully,

(Signed) [redacted]

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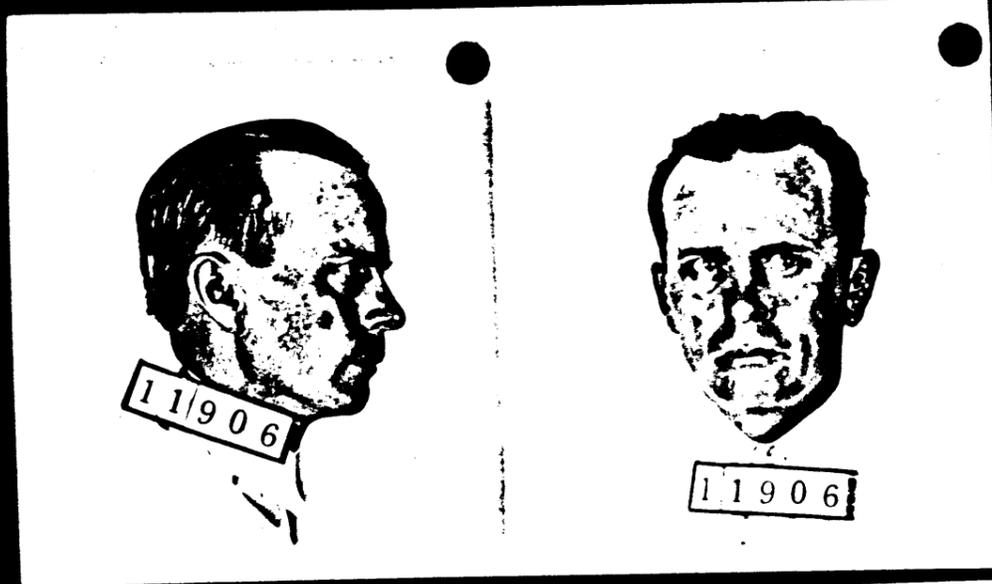
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From Tulsa County
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Crime Murder
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Oklahoma State Penitentiary,
McAlester, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for your letter of February 12, 1934, transmitting photographs of Volney Davis and "Doc" Barker, in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Your interest and cooperation in this matter are appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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

Dear Sir:

There has been referred to the Division a letter dated February 12, 1934, addressed to the United States Attorney General by [redacted] Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, with which he transmitted photographs of Volney Davis and Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, and set forth certain information relative to these individuals.

You are instructed to have an agent interview [redacted] at the earliest practicable date in order to obtain from him whatever information he has concerning the possible contacts that members of the Barker - Karpis gang may have in your district.

A copy of [redacted] letter is inclosed herewith for your information.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Washington, D. C.

February 26, 1934.

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MR. ROBER	_____
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The Washington field office communicated with Mr. Alexander Jamie of the Secret Six, Chicago, at the Willard Hotel in Washington, where he is stopping and Mr. Jamie advised that the Holland, Michigan bank robbery details were known to Lieutenant Hutson of the Michigan State Police, Lansing, Michigan.

He further stated that he had received a letter from his Son in Chicago advising that Mr. Purvis had requested certain information in connection with the Woolverton kidnaping case and Holland, Michigan bank robbery case and he had written to his Son to let Mr. Purvis have any facts available in his files at any time they were requested.

He desired to be informed whether Mr. Purvis had received this information as he claims to have issued such instructions. A letter is being prepared for the Chicago office advising them of this fact.

Respectfully,

[Handwritten signature]
H. H. Clegg.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

February 22, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is an emergency requisition made necessary by the circularization in connection with the Edward George Bremer kidnaping case.

It is respectfully requested that these supplies be furnished as soon as possible to the St. Paul office.

Very truly yours,



WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
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MR. ROSS	

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

This is to advise you of the progress made in connection with circularizing the Division Field Offices with copies of the lists of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases.

The attached sheet indicates the number of circulars and the date on which they were forwarded to each office.

As you will note, we have already sent 49,751 copies to the field and I am now preparing 10,000 additional copies, 3500 of which will be sent to New York for distribution by the Western Union Telegraph Company and the balance will be held here for any calls from the field for additional copies.

Respectfully,

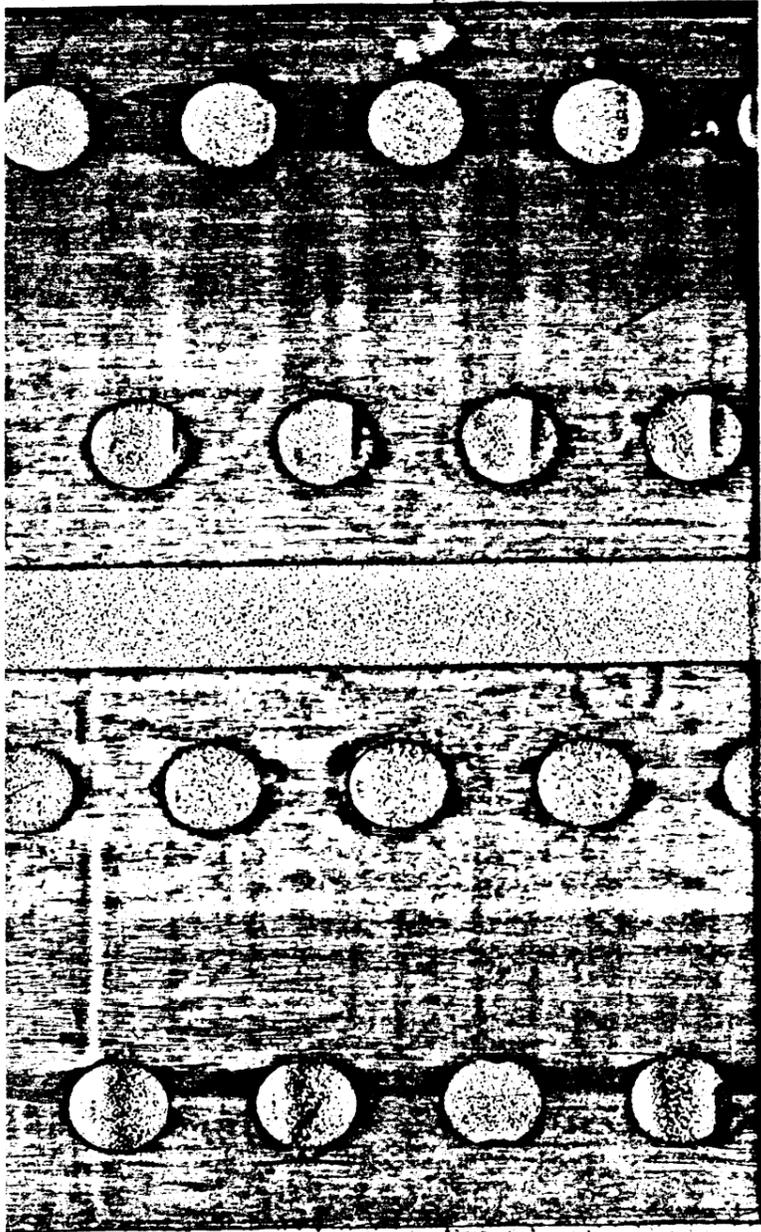
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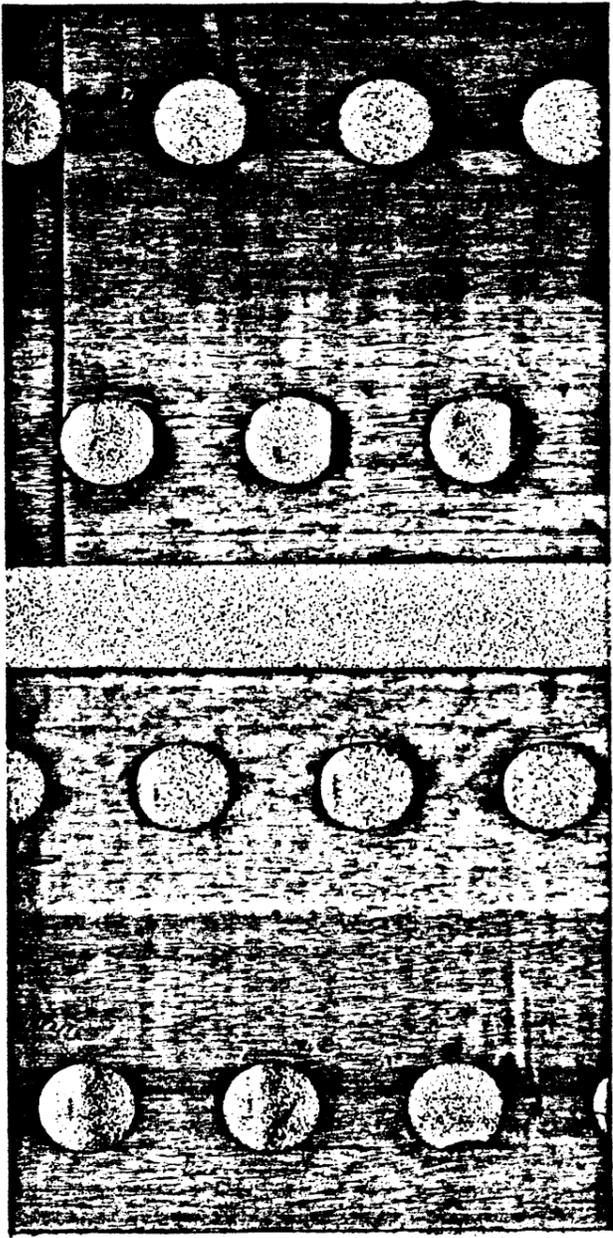
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For your information -

*Will send copies to
St Paul, K.C., Chi., Okla City & St Paul
offices if you agree. H. CLEGG*



Mr. Clegg:

From the attached memo you will note that La Rue alias Lang should also be considered as a likely suspect in our K.C. case. See registration dates in 2nd paragraph, 1st page.

The colored doctor referred to on page 4 has been interviewed and corroborates Dr. Favis' story.

The George Lindsey, Jr., referred to on page 4 has a number of underworld connections, drives a green Cadillac sedan. Several witnesses to the K.C. shooting state that there was a green car used by the gunmen, indicating that it might have been an Auburn. An Auburn could very easily be mistaken for a Cadillac,
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

February 12, 1934

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MR. NATHAN
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Reference is made to Mr. Larson's letter dated February 9, 1934, particularly to the third paragraph on page one, wherein it is noted that Kathryn Kelly states that she and her husband have known LaRue (Edward Doll, Identification Order #1214), for a number of years; that he had visited them in Texas on several occasions; that she and Kelly spent a good deal of the time with him in and around Chicago and St. Paul; that between two and three years ago George Kelly left her in Texas and proceeded to Chicago, ostensibly for the purpose of engaging in some gambling enterprises; that he was gone for a considerable time when she received a communication from him instructing her to proceed to Kansas City, Missouri, and upon her arrival in Kansas City she was met at the station by Kelly and LaRue, and all three proceeded to the Phillips Hotel, which is near the Muehlebach Hotel, where she and George Kelly registered as R. G. Shannon and wife, and she recalls that LaRue registered as L. E. Lang, or Fern. Kathryn Kelly further described how George Kelly and LaRue kidnaped a Mr. Xoolverton, a wealthy manufacturer of South Bend, Indiana. (A letter from the Chicago Office, dated February 10th, sets forth that this kidnaping took place during February, 1932.)

Corroborative of the above information, attention is invited to the Kansas City letter dated September 13, 1933, addressed to the Chicago Office, in the Kenmo Case, wherein it is noted that investigation conducted at Kansas City disclosed that an individual using the name "L. E. Lang", registered at the Stats Hotel, Kansas City, between the dates May 13, to 17, 1933. During the time of his stay at this hotel, he telephoned the local number, Harrison 6995, which developed to be a house of prostitution operated by Mrs. Mamie Hightower, alias Mamie Goss. The Kansas City letter points out that Mrs. Hightower is an unreliable character, but she, however, after several interviews, finally identified the telephone call as being for one of the prostitutes at her house named Maxine Miller, whose true name is [redacted] that she has never seen the party who called Maxine, but that she understood that Maxine met this individual some time on or about April 15, 1933, when he was stopping at the Muehlebach Hotel, under some unknown alias; that Maxine later met him and spent the night with him at the Stats Hotel, at which time he refused to give her any money; that thereafter Maxine proceeded to

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Chicago some time during July, 1932, and resided for a short time at the home of [redacted] telephone number [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, but that [redacted] has since departed from this address.

The Kansas City letter further reflects an interview with Mrs. Emma Hitchings, 1629 Central Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, which is the same building occupied by Mrs. Hightover.

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Mrs. Hitchings stated that she has known Maxine Miller for some time; that Maxine is a close friend of William Weisman (one of the suspects in the Kanmo case, who is closely associated with the criminal underworld of St. Paul, Minnesota); that Maxine informed her, Mrs. Hitchings, that she is well acquainted with Louis Stacci, and that she formerly stayed at the O-P Inn in Chicago. Mrs. Hitchings further explained, during the interview with her, that the reasons for Maxine's hurried departure from Kansas City, was that she had "rolled" a man at the Phillips Hotel in Kansas City for the sum of \$150 and that the victim of her dishonesty was a very close friend of John Lazia, a noted gangster politician of Kansas City. Mrs. Hitchings also furnished information which indicated that the man from whom Maxine stole the money is the same man with whom she had been in telephone communication while he was registered at the Stats Hotel. This is indicated by the fact that Mrs. Hightover, above referred to, mentioned that the man with whom Maxine associated had won \$400 at a gambling establishment operated by Freddie Stross, at Kansas City, and that Mrs. Hitchings had also made reference to the same fact. Mrs. Hitchings further stated that Maxine is a very dangerous and treacherous woman, and that her entire game is that of "rolling" the men with whom she associates, but that she is well entrenched in the underworld gang in Chicago, with which Stacci is associated. Her home is in Dubuque, Iowa.

Mrs. Hitchings further stated that Maxine Miller told her that shortly after the murders committed at the Union Railway Station, at Kansas City William Weisman informed her before he left Kansas City that John Lazia and his gang had a part in the

actual shooting. Mrs. Hitchings identified a photograph of Weisman which was exhibited to her, and stated she personally saw Weisman, together with three or four other men, in the apartment of Mrs. Hightower on the day which she recalls to have been June 16, 1933 (the day before the Kansas City shooting), but could not identify other photographs exhibited to her as being likenesses of other men in company with Weisman, and stated that she did not notice them as closely as she did Weisman. She stated, however, that Mrs. Hightower handles liquor and that the men in company with Weisman were purchasing liquor from her on the occasion when she saw them.

The Kansas City letter also contains this paragraph:

"The situation in Kansas City is somewhat delicate politically, due to police connections with the John Lazia faction, and, therefore, very discreet action is being taken with reference to identification of the man at the Phillips Hotel who was presumably robbed by Maxine Miller."

The Kansas City letter also lists a number of long distance telephone calls made from the apartment of Mrs. Hightower which should be given careful consideration.

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With reference to the letter from the Kansas City Office dated February 7, 1934, outlining the investigation to be made in connection with the Kansas City Massacre case, under section one, it is noted that attention is being given to the "Curly" angle. Briefly, an individual identified as "Curly" was seen to leave Chicago the day before the Kansas City shooting, according to information obtained by the Chicago Office from a confidential informant named [REDACTED]

Three days after the Kansas City shooting, Dr. Farr, accompanied Sheriff Tom Bash to the Kansas City Office, and related how an underworld character, whom he had known during the past fifteen years solely by the name of "Curly" had approached him in Cas Welch's place on 15th Street, between Troost and Forest Avenues, and asked him if he wanted to make some ready cash, and upon being told that he was agreeable to the proposition "Curly" stated some gangster in the city had been wounded. Dr. Farr agreed to meet "Curly" later in Cas Welch's place, but in the meantime reported the matter to Sheriff Bash and in turn to the Kansas City Office, where it was arranged that Dr. Farr should meet "Curly" and render the medical

aid desired and then to immediately advise Sheriff Besh where he went and to whom he had rendered aid.

Dr. Farr met "Curly" in accordance with the appointment had with him and was advised that the plans had been changed; that the wounded man was being taken to Seminole, Oklahoma, the following morning (January 21, 1933), where a negro doctor would take care of him temporarily, and that they would return him to Kansas City the following morning or Tuesday, in the event serious complications set in. "Curly" advised Dr. Farr that he could be reached over telephone Victor 6550, where he should simply ask for "Curly". This appears to be the Schuyler Hotel.

A letter from the Oklahoma City Office, dated June 29, 1933, addressed to the Kansas City Office, reflects that a letter dated June 21, 1933, was received from the Sheriff's Office at Chickasha, Oklahoma, containing information concerning a Cadillac Sedan, driven by an individual giving the name of "Lindsay", of Kansas City, Missouri, who was referred to as a racketeer. It does not appear that investigation was made of this matter, although the Sheriff in his letter indicated suspicious circumstances concerning this car and its occupants. The letter from the Oklahoma City Office, dated January 13, 1934, addressed to the Kansas City Office, reflects that investigation at Chickasha, Oklahoma, discloses that a green Cadillac Sedan, bearing Missouri tag numbers 313-398, and its occupants, had been in the vicinity of Chickasha, Oklahoma, from June 15 to June 25, 1933, as nearly as can be established by witnesses interviewed. Deputy Sheriff Al Marlow at Chickasha, places the date as June 14, 1933, when he was called to a residence two miles south of Chickasha to investigate a drunken driving charge, it being alleged that the operator of the above described sedan was driving the car in a reckless manner. The car was driven to the residence of a Mrs. Belle Downey, and when the Sheriff arrived, the sedan was parked in front of the house. The owner of the car gave his name as George Lindsey, Jr.

Mrs. Downey was interviewed by Special Agent T. M. Birch, whom he describes as being a very flashy woman, very indiscreet in her conversation, and under the influence of intoxicating liquors at the time she was interviewed. Mrs. Downey stated that Lindsey had married the daughter of her husband by a previous marriage, and that she had no use for the Lindsey family because of their underworld connections, and that she would certainly like "to see the law get them." Mrs. Downey places the date as June 15, 1933, when Lindsey

and his associates arrived at Chickasha, and stated that they had been on a drinking party. She also described the sedan as containing a recess back of the rear seat wherein two machine-guns, and a various assortment of pistols and ammunition were kept; that the drinking party at her house lasted until the night of June 16th, when George Lindsey received a telegram from Kansas City, and upon receiving this telegram he made several long distance calls from the McFarland Hotel, in Chickasha to Kansas City. Immediately upon making these telephone calls, George Lindsey announced that he and his two associates were going to Fort Worth and Dallas, departing about 8:00 o'clock; that Lindsey and his associates returned to Chickasha on the morning of June 13, 1933, between 12:00 and 2:00 o'clock; that they slept all day and night; that during their stay they requested a negro boy, who lives near her, to go to Chickasha and obtain all the papers, and their conversation seemed to center around the Kansas City Massacre.

Mrs. Downey's statement is corroborated by a mechanic at Chickasha named Bob Bostwick, or Boston, in that he states that the Cadillac Sedan, driven by Lindsey, was equipped with puncture proof tires, shatterproof glass throughout, and made the statement to Special Agent Birch that "no damn machine-gun could ever have hurt anybody in that car".

An unsuccessful check was made of the telephone calls emanating from the McFarland Hotel on the night of June 17th. The Oklahoma City letter simply sets this information forth for what it is worth. It appears from this letter that considerable additional investigation should be conducted at Chickasha, relative to the above facts.

Returning to the corroboration of the statement made by Kathryn Kelly to Special Agent in Charge Larson, reference is made to a letter from the Chicago Office, dated November 13, 1933, addressed to the Kansas City Office, reflecting an interview had with Maxine Miller. She was interviewed by Special Agent J. J. Keating, in apartment 407, 1430 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, where she was found to be residing, and she stated that during the month of April, 1933, she met a Mr. Martin, who was a guest at the Muehlebach Hotel; that she took this man to a gambling establishment, operated by Freddie Stross, of Kansas City, Missouri; that he cleaned up the dice game with loaded dice; that because she was a sporting woman she stayed with him that night at the Stats Hotel; that on this occasion

Mr. Martin gave her \$20.00; that she later met this man again in Kansas City, Missouri, and that she visited him at the Phillips Hotel where she ascertained that he was registered under the name of L. E. Lang; that she stayed with him all night, and that on this occasion he refused to pay her, stating that he only had \$45. She stated that due to the fact that this individual appeared to be a "wise guy", while he was out of the room she ordered a quantity of cosmetics and other toilet articles and charged them to his bill.

A photograph of George Bates, one of the subjects in the Urschel Kidnaping Case, was exhibited to her for the reason that up to this time it was believed that L. E. Lang was identical with Bates, but she stated that the party known to her as Martin, or Lang, was not Bates.

She selected the photograph of Edward Doll, alias Eddie LaRue, as being identical with the individual known to her as Martin or Lang. She also identified the photograph of William Weisman, who beat her up in Kansas City, Missouri, during July, 1933, and stated that this individual at that time was living with a gambler named "Red Ward", in a double room at the President Hotel, and that he was working in a gambling house at 1104 and 1106 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, taking bets; that this gambling establishment is near the President Hotel; that Weisman is a close friend of Sammy Sadlow, who operates this gambling house, and that Sadlow would give no information relative underworld connections. She further advised that Weisman follows the races very closely and may be found in Florida during the winter time.

Maxine Miller agreed to supply the Chicago Division Office with any information which she might obtain relative to the possible whereabouts of Weisman.

She also advised that she is a native of Dubuque, Iowa, but disclaimed any knowledge concerning the Kansas City Massacre case.

The above information is submitted for your consideration in connection with the efforts now being made to locate LaRue, as the principal suspect in the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
R. E. Newby

RCR/ds

February 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

This is to advise you of the progress made in connection with circularizing the Division Field Offices with copies of the lists of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases.

The attached sheet indicates the number of circulars and the date on which they were forwarded to each office.

As you will note, we have already sent 49,751 copies to the field and I am now preparing 10,000 additional copies, 3500 of which will be sent to New York for distribution by the Western Union Telegraph Company and the balance will be held here for any calls from the field for additional copies.

Respectfully,

R. C. Renneberger.

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Birmingham					786			2200	150		3136
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Charlotte					381		180	872			1433
Chicago	1086					1086					2172
Cincinnati					1295			1176			2471
Dallas				440				468	100		1008
Detroit		340	350				790	382			1862
El Paso								531			827
Jacksonville					296						4462
Kansas City	1200	1031				2231					810
Los Angeles				124			224	462			1409
New Orleans				359				1050			8998
New York					5273		1000	1500	1225		1480
Oklahoma City				740			740				2023
Philadelphia					720		100		1203		1853
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Portland				369			469	130	60		1071
Salt Lake City				337			677	57			1372
San Antonio				686			686				1038
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Mr. E. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a memorandum dated February 12, 1934, relative to activities recently reported to the Detroit Office by Kathryn Kelly with particular reference to Edward Doll alias Eddie LaRue, Identification Order #1214, who was recently taken into custody at St. Petersburg, Florida.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minn.**

St. Louis FILE NO. 7-45

REPORT MADE AT: St. Louis, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE: 2-26-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2-19/25-34	REPORT MADE BY: H. G. MAYNOR, HGM:N.
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, alias George Dunn, alias E. E. Hamilton, alias Raymond Hadley, alias George Haller, UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Sears Roebuck & Company, retail stores, and all stores of the Gebhart Motorist Supply Company, located in the St. Louis Division Office territory, interviewed concerning flash lights and filmolens used but with negative results. News agencies in the principal cities covered by the St. Louis Office contacted regarding sale of St. Paul and Minneapolis papers, but no information obtained. Investigation made at Lincoln, Ill., in an effort to locate house mentioned by George Kelly Barnes to Agents of the Kansas City Office. Plat showing house plans at 1428 Pekin St., Lincoln, Ill., forwarded to St. Paul Office with its copies of this report.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. N. Notestein, St. Paul, Minn., February 20, 1934; letter from the Chicago Division Office dated February 14, 1934; telegram from the St. Paul Division Office dated February 16, 1934.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents G. B. Norris, J. O. Hichew, F. F. Yearsley, B. L. Damron, D. W. Maher, and H. G. Maynor of the St. Louis Division Office.</p> <p>Personal contact was made by above Agents with managers of each of the following Sears Roebuck & Company retail stores located in the territory covered by the St. Louis Division Office, in an effort to obtain information as to the identity of the party purchasing the Light Master Pocket Lantern used by the subjects in instant case; also to obtain information concerning the colored lenses used in said pocket lantern, as well as the three Merit Flash Lights also used by subject in instant case, but no information of value was obtained from any of the following</p>			
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managers of Sears Roebuck & Company retail stores:

B. B. Kinder, 312 North Center Street, Bloomington, Ill.
A. M. Smith, 321 South Adams Street, Peoria, Ill.
W. D. Johnson, 1620 - 5th Avenue, Moline, Ill.
L. J. Darnell, 467 East Main St., Galesburg, Ill.
E. E. Day, 507 Main Street, Quincy, Ill.
M. E. Martin, 301 Collinsville Ave., East St. Louis, Ill.
Charles L. Joseph, 100 West Main St., Belleville, Ill.
L. E. Coffmann, Springfield, Ill.
H. L. Bourman, Lincoln, Ill.
O. F. Broyer, Decatur, Ill.
C. E. Logue, 51 North Hazel St., Danville, Ill.
C. A. Bruggeman, 43 Main St., Champaign, Ill.
W. L. Hampton, 148 Schuyler Ave., Kankakee, Ill.

The above Agents also contacted the managers of each of the branch stores of the Gebhart Motorist Supply Company, located in the territory covered by the St. Louis Division Office which company handles the colored lenses used by subjects in the flash lights and Light Master pocket lantern in instant case. No information of value was obtained from the managers of any of the clerks of the following Gebhart stores:

Joe House, 104 West Front Street, Bloomington, Ill.
Stan Summers, 420 South Adams Street, Peoria, Ill.
H. E. Anderson, 114 East Williams Street, Decatur, Ill.
Glen Flanders, 614 East Eldorado Street, Decatur, Ill.
Roy Barnhart, 1045 North Water Street, Decatur, Ill.
Robert McKinney, 502 West Side Square, Clinton, Ill.
Harold Campbell, 42 North Side Square, Jacksonville, Ill.
E. H. Lilly, 100 East Kirkham Street, Mitchell, Ill.
Floyd Steivers, 114 East Second Street, Pana, Ill.
Harold Maxeiner, 312 East Adams Street, Springfield, Ill.
Dick Jones, 112 East Main Street, Taylorville, Ill.
Joe Kinney, 178 South Schuyler Street, Kankakee, Ill.
Clay Rigdon, 410 Gallatin Street, Vandalia, Ill.
Bill Eagen, 141 South Locust Street, Centralia, Ill.
John Spears, 47 Main Street, Champaign, Ill.
Jack Peyton, 26 North Hazel Street, Danville, Ill.
Lee Roche, 1623 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon, Ill.
Kenneth Andrews, 227 North Main Street, Paris, Ill.
Harry Ford, National Auto Supply Company, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

The above Agents while making above investigations also contacted the principal news agencies in the following cities, for the purpose of ascertaining if anyone had purchased either St. Paul or Minneapolis news papers since instant kidnaping under such circumstances as would arouse suspicion.

It was found that St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers are not sold in any of the following cities:

Benton, Illinois.
Mattoon, Illinois.
Danville, Illinois.
Kankakee, Illinois.
Centralia, Illinois.
Peoria, Illinois.
Galesburg, Illinois.

Mt. Vernon, Illinois.
Paris, Illinois.
Champaign, Illinois.
Vandalia, Illinois.
Bloomington, Illinois.
Moline, Illinois.

At St. Louis, Missouri the following news agencies were interviewed:

A. R. Mendelson and William Krell, 8th and Olive Streets.
Union News Stand, 325 North Grand Blvd.
Harvey News Stand, Union Station.
Coronado Hotel News Stand.
Melbourne Hotel News Stand.
Jefferson Hotel News Stand.

It was ascertained that none of the above mentioned news stands sell St. Paul or Minneapolis Newspapers, except A. R. Mendelson and William Krell at 8th and Olive Streets. This news stand is not located in any building, but the above parties operate same on the street corner at 8th and Olive Streets during the day time only, and no information was obtained from them as to the identity of any person who may have purchased either St. Paul or Minneapolis papers under suspicious circumstances.

Special Agent G. B. Norris conducted the following investigation at Lincoln, Illinois:

Agent Norris interviewed Sheriff William A. Moore and Lynn Parker, abstractor, who stated they have been life long residents of Lincoln, Illinois; that Lincoln has a population of 12,855, and that Mr. Parker, who is a highly respected citizen, has been an abstractor of titles to real estate for a period of twenty years in Lincoln. Sheriff Moore and Mr. Parker stated that there are two coal mines in the vicinity of Lincoln, Illinois, one known as the North Mine, and the other as the East Mine, both being owned by the Brewington Coal Company, an Illinois corporation; that the East Mine has not been in operation for a long period of time, however, that the North Mine is in operation. Mr. Parker stated that he is certain that there is no yegg owning coal mining property in Lincoln or vicinity, and that to his knowledge there is no yegg in Lincoln who owns property in the coal mining section; that he does not believe there is an old man in Lincoln who goes about in a wheel chair; that if there is any such character in Lincoln, Sheriff Moore

would know of and have information about such a character.

Sheriff Moore stated that Lincoln does not have a former safe cracker as described by George Kelly Barnes; that the man who have criminal records in Lincoln, in his opinion, could not open any safe if they knew the combination; that Thomas Moos, alias "Tommy the Boy", has always been a bootlegger in Lincoln and vicinity, and is widely known among the criminal element of Illinois; that he owns about one block of improved city property in the vicinity of the East Mine, and that the basement windows of one of his houses looks out toward the open prairie land; that Moos often harbors criminals who pass through Lincoln, Illinois, and that undoubtedly George Kelly Barnes knew him; that he, Sheriff Moore, has known Moos since childhood and attended school with him; that Moos has never been a year, but has always been a bootlegger.

that Moos has been arrested twice for liquor law violations and convicted on both occasions, but that he has never been convicted of any other offense.

Agent Norris made a careful search in the vicinity of the North and East Mines in Lincoln, Illinois, for other houses which would tally with the description furnished by Kelly. The majority of the houses in the vicinity of the North Mine are said to be owned by business men of Lincoln, Illinois, and the majority of them do not have basements. Said houses are in groups.

Agent Norris ascertained that the house near the East Mine owned by Moos, which tallies with the description furnished by George Kelly Barnes, is occupied by Ross James and family. This family moved into the house on January 26, 1934, after the house had been redecorated throughout. Moos attends to the rental of his property and it was learned through a neighbor of Moos, who is a personal friend of Sheriff Moore, that the house now occupied by the James family was vacant for more than three months prior to January 26, 1934.

Agent Norris ascertained at the Illinois State Home for Feeble Minded Children, Lincoln, Illinois, that Mr. and Mrs. James have been employed at that institution since January 14, 1930; that James is employed as a painter and bears a good reputation. He has two children attending school in Lincoln, Illinois.

The address of the above mentioned house is 1428 Pekin Street, Lincoln, Illinois. This house was examined by Agent Norris and a plan of it drawn. It is a two story frame house with a cement basement, approximately 25 feet by 28½ feet, having five windows in it. The house is heated by a

hot air furnace. The basement has a coal room and a shower bath room. There is a small coal laundry range in the basement. The rear door of the house serves as an entrance to the basement and the kitchen. Inside of this door there are five steps leading to the basement and five steps leading to the kitchen. The first floor of the house has a kitchen, dining room, living room, and bedroom. There is no bath on this floor. However, there is a closet off of the bedroom and a pantry off of the kitchen. There is a gas range in the kitchen, however, it appears that this gas range replaced a coal range as there are fresh soot marks on the chimney in the kitchen. The walls of the first floor are decorated with what is known as "oatmeal" paper, and the hall on the second floor is also decorated with the same kind of paper. Mr. James stated that all of the walls were painted prior to the time when the house was redecorated shortly prior to the time when he moved in. Mr. James is a painter and stated that he could tell that the walls had not been papered until recently. The second floor of the house has two bedrooms, a hall, and a bath. The walls of these rooms, except the hall, are painted. There are two wall lights in the bathroom and the switch for these lights is in the hall near the bathroom door. The tub is built in and extends the length of the bath room. There is one step up to the level of the bathroom floor.

Further details concerning the plan of this house are set out in the house plans drawn by Agent Norris, which are being forwarded to the St. Paul Division Office with its copies of this report.

No wallpaper of the pattern described by victim was observed, it being apparent that this house does not fit the design of the house where victim was held.

The following description of Thomas Moos was furnished to Agent Norris by Sheriff William A. Moore of Lincoln, Illinois:

Name	- THOMAS MOOS.
Age	- 48 years.
Height	- 5' 10".
Weight	- 180 lbs.
Build	- Medium.
Hair	- Brown.
Complexion	- Dark.
Race	- White.
Nationality	- American.
Residence	- Lincoln, Illinois.
Marital status	- Married; no children.
Occupation	- Grocery store proprietor and bootlegger.
Peculiarities	- Thick lips; squints eyes when he talks.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

St. Paul FILE NO. 7-30

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minnesota	DATE WHEN MADE 2-20-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/17, 18, 19/34	REPORT MADE BY W.A. Rorer
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING



SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Goggles used by Victim, two of letters delivered by kidnapers, and hand bag and pillow delivered by kidnapers, obtained and transmitted to Division. Sketch of wall paper design at hideout furnished New York Division Office. Victim claims that old trepper visited hideout once; that he had fresh fish which kidnapers claimed they caught and that they told him the game warden was troubled by children fishing with several lines.

REFERENCE:

Report of Inspector W.A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 2-16-34.

DETAILS:

At St. Paul, Minnesota:

On previous interviews, Victim stated that he was given nothing to read but he now claims that he was furnished at least two detective story magazines, the names of which he cannot recall, but that the covers were torn therefrom; that he was also furnished one copy of the Liberty magazine, with the covers torn therefrom; that on one occasion, one of the men asked him if he could play solitaire, indicating that he would furnish the Victim a deck of cards, but that in view of the fact that he could not play, the person told him that he was sorry he could not play cards with him.

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He states that on each afternoon a short time after the blowing of the factory whistle he heard what appeared to be a horn, or whistle, which was on a moving object but he is unable to give any information indicating whether this sound came from a bus, a truck, or a small railroad truck. He stated that, at the time, he wondered if it could be on one of the small electric, or gasoline propelled, railroad trucks. He cannot describe this sound and stated that he does not know whether it was a horn, or whistle. Further questioning failed to elicit any additional information concerning this sound, which would lead to identify it as belonging to a bus, a truck, or a railroad conveyance. He does not know whether this sound was heard on Sundays.

Victim was questioned concerning the various times when he signed, or wrote, any notes, or letters. He was handed a photostatic copy of the first note which was delivered to CHARLES MCGEE and which, according to Victim's previous statements, were signed on the morning of his abduction and at the time he was transferred from his own automobile to one of the kidnapers. When he first glanced at this photostat, he stated that the only writing which was on the note he signed it was the last two lines above his signature. Victim had previously stated that, due to the fact that blood was in his eyes, he saw nothing after being struck that morning and did not see the paper which he signed. After making this statement as to the contents of the paper which he signed, he appeared to realize that he had previously stated that he saw nothing and recalled his statement and said that he does not know what was on the paper and that his remark concerning there being two lines thereon applied only to subsequent letters, which he signed. He cannot say whether this first note was signed before he was taken from his own car, or after being placed in the kidnapers' car.

After signing some papers on the morning of the kidnaping, he claims that the next time he was requested to sign anything was on the second night at the hideout, which was midnight, January 18, 1934; that, after being asleep for some time, he was awakened by a man and that he estimates it was approximately midnight; that the man who was most instrumental in awakening him and getting him to sign his name was the roughest and harshest of the lot and handled him roughly; that, on that occasion, he wrote three letters, one of which was to Dr. NIPPERT, another was addressed to his wife, as "Dearest Pat", and the third to WALTER MCGEE, addressed: "Dear Walter". He stated that he was told to write Friday at the top of each of these three letters, although they were written by him at midnight, Thursday, January 18, 1934.

The second time he was called upon to write, or sign, any letters was approximately the Wednesday prior to the second Saturday of his captivity. He fixes this date by the conversation concerning the bet of the box

of cigars that he would soon be returned. On this occasion, he signed several letters on which were typed only two lines. Some time prior to the second writing, or at the second writing, he recalled that he wrote a letter to Father Deere, which he is quite sure was not delivered. In this connection, he stated that he complained to the kidnapers that the man for whom he had previously signed notes and letters was too rough in handling him and that he would not sign any more for him. Whereupon, the kidnapers told him that he would not be called upon to sign any more letters for that person inasmuch as that person and another man had gone to St. Paul, where they had been picked up by the police in a barber shop. He does not recall just what was in the first letter to Father Deere but stated that the contents were somewhat similar to the contents of the second letter to Father Deere, which letter was received by Deere. The third time he was called upon to write letters was on the last Sunday of his captivity at which time he wrote one letter to MISS DICKEY, one to FATHER DEERE, one to his wife, and one to his father. He stated that these were written prior to his usual bed time.

In connection with the statement by the kidnapers that two of their men had been picked up in a barber shop in St. Paul, by the police, Victim stated that a few days after this conversation by the kidnapers, they read to him from a newspaper to the effect that VERNIE SANKEY had been picked up by Government men in a barber shop in Chicago. Victim stated that the facts which they read to him concerning the arrest of SANKEY corresponded with the facts which they had furnished him previously in connection with the arrest of two of the kidnapers in a barber shop in St. Paul. Further intensive questioning failed to elicit any further information from Victim in connection with this matter.

It may be stated here that on at least four previous occasions Victim had been questioned thoroughly as to whether the name of SANKEY, or several other criminals, whose names were specifically mentioned to him, were ever called, or discussed, by the kidnapers and each time he replied that no name was ever mentioned. On this occasion, it appeared that he unwittingly mentioned the fact that SANKEY'S name had been called in his effort to explain the kidnapers' statements concerning the arrest of one of their men. He stated that nothing further was said concerning SANKEY and they, in no way, indicated they knew him.

On several occasions, previously, Victim was specifically questioned as to whether the kidnapers ever discussed the payment of ransom with Victim, and whether any amount was ever mentioned, and each time he stated that ransom, amount, or payment, was never discussed. Upon questioning, he now admits that shortly after his arrival at the hideout the kidnapers questioned him very thoroughly as to how much money could be raised quickly and that he explained to them the large financial losses of his father in

recent years. Victim was asked what amount he told them is father could raise and replied that he "never went above \$100,000.00".

Reference is made to letter from the St. Paul Office to the Kansas City Division Office, dated February 6, 1934, concerning MARTIN WUNDERLICH, who claims to have, at one time, borrowed \$200,000.00 from E.G. BREMER'S bank. When Victim was first questioned in this connection, he stated that WUNDERLICH did not borrow \$200,000.00 but only \$100,000.00 for which he gave as security a \$100,000.00 liberty bond and subsequently paid his indebtedness of \$100,000.00. Victim was, subsequently questioned at more length in this matter and he stated that on the 4th of July, two or three years ago, WUNDERLICH came to him and told him that on the previous day he had visited the Plantation Night Club at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, with a woman, who was not his wife, and had lost \$6,000.00 gambling; that he had given an I.O.U., and asked BREMER what to do about it. Victim stated that, on that occasion, he arranged with the owner of the Plantation Night Club to settle WUNDERLICH'S indebtedness for either \$100,000.00 or \$200,000.00. He claims that in connection with the \$200,000.00 loan to WUNDERLICH, that WUNDERLICH came to him and stated that he needed \$200,000.00 in order to obtain road contracts in the State of Kentucky; that WUNDERLICH, at that time, had on deposit a little more than \$100,000.00 and Victim loaned WUNDERLICH \$200,000.00 in currency, at which time WUNDERLICH secured the debt with certificates of deposit in something more than \$100,000.00 and, subsequently, sold liberty bonds in the extent of \$100,000.00, or a little more, and paid off the debt. Victim was asked whether, in view of the various rumors which had been circulated during his absence in connection with this affair, if he would not welcome an investigation of this loan by this Division in order to clear his own name, whereupon, he replied that he would not welcome the investigation. He was told that positively this Division would necessarily investigate this loan and the record of the bank in order to clear the matter and Victim was asked if he would cooperate with Agents and he stated that he would. He suggested that WUNDERLICH be interviewed for a verification of Victim's statement. After Victim was told that an investigation of the bank record would be made, he explained that this loan was made shortly after the bank holiday and that Victim was afraid that the money of the brewery would be tied up and had withdrawn approximately \$100,000.00 of the brewery money and placed it in a safety deposit box and that the \$100,000.00 which he loaned to WUNDERLICH was this money.

Victim was questioned as to any further notes which he wrote during his captivity and he stated that he addressed, in his own handwriting, a letter to JOHN MILLER, the "SILVER FOX". He stated that he does not recall

what was in this letter but that the contents mentioned the fact that MAGEE was to be the contact man. He stated that "SILVER FOX" is a nickname which he has always called MILLER. This is the first information which this office has obtained concerning such a letter and inquiry of JOHN MILLER, WALTER MAGEE, and ADOLPH BREMER, failed to disclose that such a letter was received and it is probable that it was not delivered, just as the letter first written to FATHER DEERE was not delivered. In checking over the letters which Victim explained that he wrote, it was found that this office had not obtained one letter which was addressed by Victim, in his own handwriting, to "My dear Pa". This letter, together with a typewritten letter addressed to "Charles Magee, or Adolph Bremer", was obtained from the home of ADOLPH BREMER, where it had been placed in a drawer. These two letters were immediately dispatched to the Division by air mail.

A check of the records of this office disclose that the black hand bag, which had been placed by the kidnapers in a locker in a St. Paul Bus Station, had not been obtained by this office and it was found at the home of ADOLPH BREMER and immediately transmitted to the Division. This hand bag had in it a sofa pillow, which was forwarded to the Division. This bag is the one which contained a letter of instructions to MAGEE to proceed to a hotel in Iowa and register.

Victim was, again, questioned thoroughly concerning the circumstances surrounding the occasion on his return trip when gasoline cans were taken from the car and the tank filled. He now states very positively that he believes the car he was in on the return trip, at about the half-way mark of the journey to Rochester, Minnesota, turned off from a paved road and, after ten or fifteen minutes, appeared to pull to the side of the road and the two men in the front seat and the one in the rear got out and took out of the car at least two tin cans containing gasoline, one of which was taken from the front, and the other from the rear. Victim cannot say whether there were more than two cans of gasoline in the car but stated that it is possible that three or four cans could have been there. He now says that he is quite sure that no other car was present at that time and that it took only approximately five minutes to put in the gasoline and leave. It is his belief that the car he was in turned around and went back down the road on which it had come and re-entered the main highway.

Investigation by Special Agent S.K. McKee, at the point where four or five gallon gasoline cans were found, disclosed that the car which left said cans was not accompanied by another car and that the car which discarded the cans turned around thereafter. Agent McKee's investigation

disclosed, however, that this car stayed there approximately thirty minutes. Victim stated that, at the time the car stopped to put in gasoline, on this occasion, he is quite sure that the two men in the front seat and the man in the back seat got out of the car while Victim remained sitting on the floor. He was questioned as to whether the shot gun remained in the car beside him and he stated that it did. On the return trip, Victim claims to have remained on the floor of the car until about one and one-half hours before arriving at Rochester, Minnesota, at which time he was permitted to sit on the rear seat because of darkness. Victim appears quite certain that gasoline was not put into the car but once on his return trip and that the point at which it was put in was approximately at the half-way distance point. He believes that, after putting the gasoline in the car, he travelled between four and five hours before reaching Rochester, Minnesota. If this is true, then Victim left the hideout at approximately four to five hours before reaching the point where gasoline was changed and, consequently, left the hideout during daylight. When these facts were brought to Victim's attention on this occasion, he stated emphatically that he is positive that he now believes that he did leave the hideout during daylight; that he is quite sure that he was permitted to get out of bed on the last day three or four hours earlier than usual and that he usually got up at approximately 10:00 A.M.; that he believes he arose on the last morning at approximately 8:00 A.M., after which he sat at the table in his room beside the window and was shaved. He claims that, while being shaved, he noticed that it was daylight outside and he could see the light reflected through the crack in the window. On the last morning, when the factory whistle blew, he believes he had not then been shaved. He estimated that he left the hideout on the last day at between 9:00 and 10:00 A.M., but admits that it could have been a little later, but he is convinced that it was before noon. If it can be relied upon, as Victim states, that the kidnapers put in additional gasoline at the half-way point, they then had travelled, at the most, not more than five hours before reaching that point. He stated that it is possible that he left the hideout as late as 11:00 A.M., but does not believe that it was later. Concerning the number of cans of gasoline in Victim's car on his return trip, he stated that he is positive that there was at least one can in the front of the car and at least one can in the rear, on which he rested his elbow and, upon further questioning, admitted that it is possible that more cans were in the car. He said he could furnish no information which would indicate more than two cans. In connection with the shape of these cans, on the first day that they were discussed with him, he stated that he believed they were round. He now said that it is possible that the cans were square with rounded corners but that he is sure that they did not have sharp corners or these corners would have impressed themselves against him in such a manner that he would have noticed them.

Further questioning of Victim concerning the food which he had at the hideout elicited information that, on one occasion, he was furnished with fresh fish of the size of from six to eight inches in length, which he believed to have been perch. He stated that the men told him that some of them had caught these fish by breaking the ice and fishing through a hole. Further questioning in this connection elicited information from the Victim that some five to seven days prior to his release, a short time after dark, one evening, an outsider, a man, paid a visit at the hideout; that on that occasion, two of the men at the hideout came quickly into the Victim's bedroom and partially closed the door, turned out the electric light, and sat on Victim's bed during the entire time that the caller was at the house, which was approximately one hour. He stated that during the time that this caller was there he is quite sure that two of the kidnapers remained in the living room, which was adjacent to Victim's bedroom, and that the door between the living room and the kitchen was closed and that one of the kidnapers stayed in the kitchen where the caller was received and that the caller spent the entire time in the kitchen and that the other four men made it a point to keep quite still and not let the caller know that they were in the house. He stated that his captors explained to him that the caller was an old trapper who lived near the lake and he gained the impression that they had met him while they were fishing. Absolutely no further information concerning this old trapper was obtained except that Victim was told that he was very fond of dogs. Further questioning concerning fishing, by the kidnapers, disclosed that Victim was told that the Game Warden in that vicinity was having trouble with the children and Victim believes that he was told that the trouble was occasioned because the children were fishing with more than one line. Efforts are being made, at this time, to obtain the names of Game Wardens in the lake sections of Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, and a portion of Indiana.

Concerning the return trip of Victim, he stated that the person who drove the entire way was the same man who drove most of the way on the day of the abduction and who took the wheel on the day of the abduction about three-fourths of an hour after leaving St. Paul; that he was, undoubtedly, a much better driver than the one who first drove and who drove, what the Victim believes to have been a roadster on the morning that he left the hideout. Victim is not certain as to whether one of the men got out of the car with him when he got out in Rochester, Minnesota, but he recalls that a man took him by the shoulders and turned him in a particular direction, facing the direction from which his car had come, just before they drove off.

The New York Division Office has been furnished with a drawing of the wall paper design on Victim's room at the hideout with the request that investigation be made to identify this pattern.

On February 17, 1934, after obtaining more particular information as to the place where Victim threw away the goggles at the time of his release, the goggles were found by Special Agent Glynn, together with a police officer of the Rochester, Minnesota, Police Department. These goggles were immediately transmitted to the Division Laboratory for examination.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS
INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT

GEO. A. SHEA
DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATION

OUR FILE NO. 138

MONTREAL, QUE. February 26, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 8th instant, together with lists showing number of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnapping cases.

If convenient I would thank you to forward a copy to our United States representative, Mr. Hugo Brandes, Superintendent of Investigation, Grand Trunk Western Lines, Detroit, Mich.

Assuring you of our hearty co-operation at all times, I remain

Yours faithfully,

Geo. A. Shea
Director of Investigation

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Mr. George A. Shea,
Director of Investigation,
Canadian National Railways,
Investigation Department,
Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Dear Mr. Shea:-

I am in the receipt of your communication dated February 26, 1934, wherein you request that a list of bank notes used as ransom in kidnaping cases be furnished your United States representative, Mr. Hugo Brandes, at Detroit, Michigan.

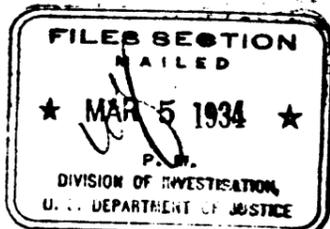
I am pleased to comply with your request and am today directing Mr. William Larson who is the Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit office of this Division to furnish Mr. Brandes with the desired list.

I desire to thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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February 25, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Inspector Rorer telephoned and stated that he had received two transcripts from Agent Dewey who is working on the Lynch angle at Des Moines, Iowa; that nothing of value had been obtained from these transcripts and he desired to ascertain the wishes of the Division with regard to continuing that particular angle of the investigation.

Inspector Rorer further stated that as a result of circularization of ministers, information had been received from a Lutheran minister at Brookfield, Illinois, which coincides in part with the information relative to the ringing of bells and whistles. He stated that he had telephoned Purvis relative to this angle and had been informed that Agents were being put on the matter immediately to check that particular town with a view to locating the hide-out. Inspector Rorer also requested that the Identification Unit include in its single fingerprint file the name of Tom Carroll, St. Paul Police #22180.

With reference to tracing the manufacturer of the four 5 gallon tin cans, Mr. Rorer stated that this angle was very important and he desired information as to whether any progress had been made in Washington. I advised him that no progress had been made in this direction but that he would be advised in the event any information is received along this line.

He also requested that the Technical Laboratory give immediate consideration to the cap which he had sent in with a view to ascertaining the manufacturer so that the ultimate retailer can be traced down coincident with the investigation being conducted with regard to the other clothing.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
R. E. Newby.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINN.**

FILE NO. **7-63**

REPORT MADE AT: Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2/27/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/26, 27/34	REPORT MADE BY: E. M. HIRSH
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
			
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Inquiry develops that the two 5 gallon square cans in instant case were not manufactured by the American Can Company in its Philadelphia or Jersey City plants, though possibly manufactured in the Chicago plant of that office. Inquiry also develops that the two instant 5 gallon cans were not manufactured by the Continental Can Company, Inc., by the Metal Package Corporation or by the Maryland Square Can Company. This information was obtained from the Baltimore, Md., offices of the above named concerns. No information of value could be obtained from the United States Patent Office in Washington, D. C. With respect to the black handbag, the pillow and the goggles, no definite information secured relative to manufacturers of these articles. It may be that information can be developed in New York City as to the manufacturers of the goggles and the pillow and in Chicago relative to the manufacturer of the handbag.</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</p> <p>This is a joint report of Special Agents Leon Levin and B. M. Hirsh.</p> <p>This investigation is predicated upon a request of Mr. E. P. Coffey, Identification Unit of the Division, who furnished Agents</p>			
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<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. M. Beck</i> Assistant Special Agent in Charge</p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3-Division 2-Chicago 2-New York 3-St. Paul 2-Field</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COPIES DESTROYED MAR 18 1955</p>	<p>7-576-816</p> <p>FEB 28 1934 A M</p> <p>BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</p> <p>ROUTED TO: <i>one</i> FILE</p>	<p>RECORDED AND INDEXED: FEB 28 1934</p> <p>CHECKED OFF: <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>INDEXED: <i>[Signature]</i></p>	

two 5 gallon cans of different design, a handbag, a pillow, a cap, and a pair of goggles. These articles are connected with the above entitled case. Mr. Coffey requested that appropriate investigation be conducted for the purpose of ascertaining the names of the person or persons who last had possession of these articles before they were found, and suggested that the names of the manufacturers of the articles be learned and from the manufacturers obtain the names of the distributors or any others to whom the manufacturers may have sold the articles within a region of 1,000 miles surrounding St. Paul, Minn.; more specifically, in that region consisting of the States of Illinois, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana and Minnesota, for the purpose of checking with each of these distributors, if necessary, in an attempt to accomplish the desired result. It was also requested that this investigation be given expeditious attention. Accordingly, the following investigation was conducted.

Special Agent R. F. Burruss interviewed Mr. H. W. Bearce, Bureau of Standards, who advised that he could furnish no helpful information, except the suggestion that the several large can manufacturers in Baltimore, Md., be interviewed. The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Hirsh.

Mr. E. H. Brown, in charge of the searching room at the Patent Office, made a search of the patents covering designs for cans. He also searched the list of mechanical patents covering end reinforcing of cans, wall structures and filling cans. The results of his search were negative. Mr. J. J. Oberlin, Chief Examiner of the Division which handles cans in the Patent Office, advised that the two 5 gallon square cans which were exhibited to him by Agent were standard cans with no peculiar wall or end construction, and that he could furnish no helpful information as to who was the manufacturer of the cans.

AT BALTIMORE, MD.

Mr. C. L. Lovell, Sales Manager, of the American Can Company, Oak and 26th Streets, made an examination of the two 5 gallon cans in question, and compared them with a can manufactured by his company. The can manufactured by the American Can Company was also examined by Agent, and although the American Can Company product was

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somewhat similar to the can on which appears the circular design on the top, in the possession of this Agent, it was not identical, and Mr. Lovell stated that the two cans which were in the possession of this Agent were not manufactured in the Philadelphia or Jersey City plants of his concern. He stated, however, that because of the similarity of the design, it was possible that this can may have been made in the Chicago plant of their company, and because he was not familiar with the design of the dies used at that factory, he hesitated to express a definite opinion on this matter. Mr. Lovell, upon examining the cans originally stated that it was his opinion that they were western cans. He supported his contention by stating that the construction of the tops were not very strong, and that it was his opinion that most of the can manufacturers in the eastern States had sometime in the past begun to manufacture a can with a stronger top. Mr. Lovell described the two cans in the possession of Agent as being 5 gallon, square, oil cans fitted with $\frac{1}{4}$ inch screws (opening), with turned wire handles and constructed of plain tin throughout. Mr. Lovell also stated that the two cans were a standard product and could have been manufactured by possibly several hundred can manufacturers. He also stated that these products were sold to any and all kinds of consumers and to distributors of all sorts. Mr. Lovell also advised that the majority of can manufacturers were located in New York and Brooklyn, and in Chicago, Ill., and that it was his opinion the best information could be obtained at the above two cities.

Mr. W. C. Crawford, Sales Manager of the Continental Can Company, 3500 E. Biddle Street, examined the two 5 gallon square cans in the possession of this Agent, and compared them with the can made by the Continental Can Company, and with the can made by the Southern Can Company, which company has since been taken over by the Continental Can Company. The designs on the two cans were not identical with those manufactured by the Continental Can Company. Mr. Crawford stated that the two cans exhibited by Agent were not and could not have been manufactured by his company at any of its plants. He advised that the Continental Can Company marked its cans with a "C", which is part of

the pattern contained on the can. Mr. Crawford did not concur in the opinion expressed by Mr. Lovell that the two cans in question were probably manufactured in the west, but stated that he knew that several can manufacturers in New York and Brooklyn manufactured cans similar in construction to that of the cans in question. He stated that possibly the Acme Can Company, 1150 Broadway, New York City, may manufacture a 5 gallon square can which may have a pattern identical with that on one of the instant cans. Mr. Crawford stated that there were several other can manufacturers in New York and Brooklyn who might manufacture either of the two instant 5 gallon cans. Mr. Crawford also stated that it is highly improbable that the Chicago plant of his concern manufactured the instant 5 gallon cans. It was suggested by Mr. Crawford, and also by Mr. Lovell of the American Can Company, that manufacturers of cans manufacture cans which contain no identifying data, but that they also manufacture identical cans which contain descriptions of some sort, i. e., names of distributors or manufacturing plants, or others. It was suggested that inasmuch as the decorated cans would carry identification data as to the name of the manufacturer of same, that should a decorated can be found which was identical with the instant cans, the name of the manufacturer could then very easily be ascertained. This information is being furnished merely for the information of the auxiliary offices.

At the Acme Supply Company, Carolina and Fayette Streets, Agent compared instant 5 gallon cans with that believed to have been manufactured by the Enterprise Can Company, McKees Rocks, Pa., and they were found not to be identical. The manager of the Acme Supply Company was not absolutely certain, but felt reasonably sure that the can which he handled was manufactured by the mentioned concern.

Mr. E. F. Dudley, Metal Package Corporation, S. Wolfe Street, compared the two 5 gallon cans with one of the cans manufactured by his company. The cans were not identical. Mr. Dudley advised that his concern has a warehouse in Chicago, but that the product on hand at that warehouse is identical with that shown to this Agent. It appears therefore unnecessary that the Chicago office contact the Metal Package Corporation at Chicago.

At the Maryland Square Can Company, 1130 Rankin Place, Agent compared instant 5 gallon cans with the product of the above named company. They were not identical. The Maryland Square Company makes a plain can with no design at all on it, and is only a very small company.

The above information was reported orally to Mr. J. J. Edwards of the Identification Unit, who suggested that the two 5 gallon cans be forwarded to the Chicago office with instructions that the Chicago office conduct appropriate investigation. Mr. Edwards also advised that in the event the Chicago office was unsuccessful in its investigation, the two 5 gallon cans should then be forwarded to the New York office for the use of that office in making its investigation. The five gallon cans referred to were left in the custody of Mr. Renneberger of the Identification Unit to be forwarded by him to the Chicago office under separate cover for its investigative use. In the event the Chicago office is unsuccessful in determining the names of the manufacturers of the cans, that office should immediately forward the cans to the New York Office.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent I. Levin.

The Cap

Mr. Coffey advised Agent Levin that the cap bore a Union label of the Cloth Hat, Cap Millinery Workers, which label bore the stamped letter "E" and also the following serial number, 946641. In this connection, Mr. Appel of the Textile Section of the Bureau of Standards advised Agent that information could possibly be secured through the following association with respect to the identity of the manufacturer of this cap. The association was named "Cloth Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union, 621 Broadway, New York City.

The Black Handbag

In connection with this article, Mr. Appel, above referred to, suggested that the Lutz & Company and the Becker's Leather Store, both located in Washington, could probably furnish information with

respect to the manufacturer of this bag.

At Lutz & Company, 1325 G Street, N. W., Agent interviewed Mr. Pluege, who has been connected with that firm for 53 years. He stated his opinion was concurred in by several other members of the firm, that the bag was not manufactured by any eastern concern, and in all probability had been manufactured in or near Chicago, Ill. He suggested that Mr. Ben Hahn of Lyons & Hahn, leather dealers, Chicago, Ill., would be the best informed person in order to secure the identity of the manufacturer.

At the Becker Leather shop, 1540 F Street, N. W., Agent interviewed Mr. J. E. Kelly, the buyer of leather goods. Mr. Kelly advised that the 725 which appears on the bottom of the bag was a stock number, and that the 18 appearing on the bottom is merely the size of the bag. Mr. Kelly did not recognize the bag and felt that it had been made in the middle west. Mr. Kelly suggested, in addition to Mr. Hahn, as related above, that inquiry be made of S. Dresner & Sons, Chicago, Ill.

The Goggles

Mr. Appel of the Bureau of Standards, stated that information could probably be secured with respect to the manufacturer of this article either from the Bakelite Corporation, 247 Park Ave., New York City, or the General Plastics Corporation, located at North Tonawanda, N. Y.

The Pillow

Mr. Appel of the Bureau of Standards stated that in all probability information could be secured through the Silk Association of America, Inc., 468 Fourth Ave., New York City, as to the manufacturer of this article. He suggested that at that office the Textile Design Registration Bureau might have on file the particular design appearing on the cover of this pillow. With further respect to the pillow, Mr. Appel suggested that Agent check at the Patent

Office the textile designs on file there. Accordingly, Agent, with the aid of Miss Hallam, room 2609 Textile Designs Division of the Patent Office, Commerce Building, checked the designs on woven fabrics of rugs, pillows and handkerchiefs, which designs had been patented, but was unable to find a design even remotely approximately the design appearing on instant pillow.

At the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, room 3840 Commerce Building, in the office of Wharton Moore, Administrative Assistant, Agent was advised that information could probably be secured from the office of the National Association of Manufacturers of Novelty Curtains, Draperies, Bedspreads and Pillows, Inc., 7 East 44th Street, New York City. It was suggested to Agent that perhaps buyers in large department stores located in Washington might be of some assistance in tracing the manufacturer of this pillow. Accordingly, Agent interviewed Mrs. J. C. Nourse and her assistant, Mrs. Edwards, buyers at the Woodward & Lothrop department store. Mrs. Nourse advised that she believed the pillow to be imported, probably from Paris, France, but was unable to state who the domestic manufacturer might be. She felt, however, that the top cover had in all probability been imported, and that the pillow had been made up in its entirety in the United States. Mrs. Nourse suggested that inquiry be made of large department stores in New York City, preferably B. Altman and Wanamaker's. In addition, she stated that a good authority on pillows was one Charles Bloom, 15 East 26th Street, New York City.

Mr. Miller, the upholstery buyer in Woodward & Lothrop, after viewing the pillow, could offer no further suggestion than that set out above.

The articles referred to, namely, the cap, the pillow and the goggles are being furnished the New York office by registered mail under separate cover. The bag is being furnished the Chicago Office by registered mail under separate cover. These articles, concerning which Agent Levin made inquiry, were delivered to Mr. J. J. Edwards of the Identification Unit of the Division on February 26, 1934.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The CHICAGO OFFICE will conduct appropriate investigation in its district to determine the names of the manufacturers of the two 5 gallon cans mentioned herein, which are being forwarded to that office under separate cover, for the purpose of ascertaining the names of the person or persons who were last in possession of these cans before they were found. If unsuccessful, that office will forward the cans to the New York Office for the use of the latter in making its investigation.

At Chicago, Ill., with respect to ascertaining the identity of the manufacturer of the bag, will make appropriate inquiry of Ben Hahn of Lyons & Hahn, and also of officials at St. Dresner & Sons.

The NEW YORK OFFICE at New York City will make appropriate investigation through the National Association of Manufacturers of Novelty Curtains, Draperies, Bedspreads and Pillows, Inc., 7 East 44th Street, also through prominent department stores and through Charles Bloom, 15 East 26th Street, all with a view to determining the manufacturer of the pillow.

To determine the manufacturer of the cap, appropriate inquiry should be made of the Cloth Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers, International Union, 621 Broadway.

With respect to the goggles, appropriate inquiry should be made through the Bakelite Corporation, 247 Park Avenue. At North Tonawanda, N. Y., will make appropriate inquiry through General Plastics Corporation.

The New York Office will hold its investigation in abeyance pending receipt of the two 5 gallon cans from the Chicago Office. Upon completion of this investigation by the New York Office, in the event the cans are forwarded to that office, will transmit the cans to the Identification Unit of the Division or to the St. Paul Office.

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March 3, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:

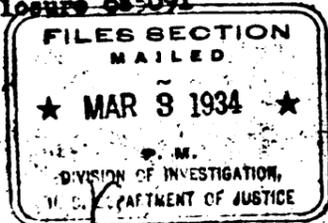
There is returned herewith the original report rendered by Special Agent E. M. Mirsh, dated at Washington, D. C., February 27, 1934, which was received in the Division without your signature, relative to the above entitled case.

If this report is approved by you, kindly place your signature thereon and return to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Division of Investigation

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

February 26, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to memorandum of Special Agent R.L. Nells, dated February 13, 1934, at St. Paul, Minnesota, copy of which has previously been furnished to the Division, and Division memorandum for the Director, dated February 21, 1934, in which reference is made to reports of:

- Special Agent W.F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 7-15-33;
- Special Agent W.F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 8-11-33;
- Special Agent O.G. Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 8-27-33;
- Special Agent William R. Ramsey, Jr., San Francisco, California, dated 9-19-33;
- Special Agent R.G. Suran, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 9-22-33;
- Special Agent O.G. Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 12-7-33;

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submitted in the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (deceased), et al, CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER; and reports of:

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- Special Agent F.S. Dunn, Dallas, Texas, dated 6-12-33;
- Special Agent Raymond J. Caffrey, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 7-29-32;
- Special Agent S.P. Cowley, Chicago, Illinois, dated 10-12-33;
- Special Agent John D. Glass, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 11-1-32;

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submitted in the case entitled FRANK NASH, with aliases, FUGITIVE;

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ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.

Particular reference is being made to page 3, paragraph 3, of Division memorandum for the Director, dated February 21, 1934, and page 2, paragraph 1, of memorandum of Special Agent R.L.Nalls, dated February 13, 1934, at St. Paul, Minnesota, previously referred to herein. It will be noted that in each of these paragraphs some mention is made relative to the finding of the body of a man named ANDERSON alias DUNLOP, near Webster, Wisconsin. Mention is also made of several addresses:

1050 Robert Street, West St. Paul;
1031 and 1035 South Robert Street,
West St. Paul.

It appears that the references made in the two memoranda applied to the same gang.

The letter addressed to Mr. Coy O. Hardwick, dated March 23, 1933, posted at 12:30 P.M., March 27, 1933, Normal, Illinois, bearing the signature of C.E. Moore, and pencil note to Mr. Hardwick, signed J.J. Burns; C.E. Moore; and S.E. Rockwood; which note was delivered to a drayman, April 26, 1933, are being submitted herewith attached to the Division letter for scientific analysis in order that the handwriting may be compared with that of suspects in the BREMER case and a comparison made of the typewriting with that in the ransom notes.

These notes were handled by innumerable persons prior to the receipt of same by this office. Investigation in this matter is proceeding and an attempt will be made to locate COY O. HARDWICK and the drayman for questioning.

The Division is requested to return the letter and note, above referred to, to the St. Paul Division Office inasmuch as Mr. Burke of the Alcoholic Beverage Unit, from whom they were obtained, has promised that he would return the same to the person from whom he obtained them.

Very truly yours,



W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

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

February 26, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to my report of 2-14-34 and that of
Special Agent John E. Brennan dated 2-17-34 entitled as above.

Two mimeograph copies of these reports have been
received at this office and it is noted that the mimeograph
copy of my report has been assembled with page 18 of Agent
Brennan's report, and vice versa.

It is suggested that the various offices to which
these copies have been forwarded be informed of the proper
sequence.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer
W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In conversation with Special Agent in Charge Alt, at Tampa, Florida, he indicated that the Chicago Office had requested an interview with [redacted] who probably is Maxine Miller, who is acquainted with LaRue.

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The Chicago Office requested that Maxine Miller be interviewed, and she is at the Patricia Hotel in Miami, but the Agent at Miami had been called in to assist in the investigation at Tampa.

I told him to defer this interview until the Agent could be released from Tampa.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

*Max. Miller
Edith LaRue*

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

February 26, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

In connection with captioned case, this Division Office is making an effort to locate an individual who appears to have some connection with the delivery of one of the ransom notes.

This man is described as being a white man between thirty-five and thirty-six years of age; about six feet tall; of medium build; swarthy complexioned; having square shoulders; well dressed, wearing dark clothes. His outstanding characteristics are large eyes, probably blue or hazel, and very wide upper front teeth which protrude to the extreme, giving the impression that they are not his natural teeth. He also has high cheek bones.

Photos furnished

This man was seen by an individual who believes she can identify him should she see him again and is reasonably sure she can identify his photograph. It might be further stated that she advised that the man did not have an excessive stomach and was well built.

I should like to ask that this Division Office be furnished with photographs of persons listed in the kidnaping files, who may be identical with the above mentioned, in order that these photographs may be properly exhibited.

Copies of this letter are transmitted to the Kansas City, Chicago, and Oklahoma City Division Offices with the request that they forward to this office the photographs of any persons of a similar description as that noted above.

Very truly yours,

M. A. Rorer
M. A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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OFFICE OF W. J. CURE
CHIEF OF POLICE

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Feb, 21st 1934

Mr J.E.Hoover
Washington D.C.

OTTO Schreck No, 345,

Dear Sir,

File BP-143730 OTTO Schreck i wish to state he was arrested here by my self and an other officer the 7-31-31 Charge, Machine guns and Burgler tools, he was arrested here with with Theadore and harry Ebsen Brothers, all three were realeased to Neb, Officere and was taken to Red Cloud Neb, and tried for Robbery of the Bank there the Ebsens wer convicted Otto Schreck was braught back here and was tried in Dict Co on a charge of Burgler Tools and was realeased, when arrested here the had plenty of Fire arms in the car,

W. J. Cure

Chief of Police

PS, if you havent got a line on the St Paul Kidnaping case have one o your Agents stop in here if it is handy, i talked to one of them a fe Days ago but sience then i ran into one of these grape vine storries i dont know weather it ammounts to any thing or not but it might stat something,

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Mr. W. J. Cure,
Chief of Police,
Ames, Iowa.

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My dear Chief:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 21, 1934, wherein you state in a postscript that you are in possession of information concerning the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Please be advised that I have referred a copy of your letter to Mr. E. E. Conroy, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Suite L, Federal Building, Kansas City, Missouri, with the request that he assign an Agent to interview you at the earliest practicable date.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
POST OFFICE BOX 515
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 26, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that some doubt might be entertained relative to the credence which may be placed in the statements of victim Bremer concerning the location of his hide-out, your attention is invited to the fact that it is reasonable to believe that his statements are truthful. This is borne out by the fact that he stated that his automobile was not accompanied by another, on his return from the hide-out, and that at the half way point the gas tank was filled by means of two or more tin cans. Investigation has substantiated these statements of victim, both as to the gasoline cans and as to the fact that no car was accompanying him at the time that his tank was filled. He further stated that four or five hours after putting gasoline in his car he arrived at Rochester, which is approximately 196 miles. This checks with victim's previous statements. He further stated that about one hour before arriving at Rochester, he was taken out of the car and guarded by two men while one remained in the car and drove off for some purpose. This statement has been corroborated by investigation at Lewiston, Minnesota, which is on a route directly connecting Portage, Wisconsin with Rochester, Minnesota, which point is 38 miles south-east of Rochester.

Investigation at Lewiston further disclosed that a man driving a 1933 Buick Sedan put fifteen gallons of gasoline in the tank at precisely the time which victim was out of the car and guarded by two men. This time element is substantiated through the fact that a passenger train passed through Lewiston at that time, and victim had previously stated that a passenger train passed him while he was out of the car. Victim has stated that at that time one or more rifles or guns were in the car, which was substantiated by the filling station attendant. Victim has previously stated that he believed that the car in which he returned from the hideout was a Buick, which fact was borne out by the Lewiston filling station attendant.

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In view of the fact that insofar as it has been possible to substantiate the victim's statements concerning his travel and hideout, his statements have proved to be correct, it is believed that full credence must be given to his further statements as to the location of the hideout.

The victim appears certain that an airplane passed very close to the hideout at approximately 6 P.M. January 27, 1934, or at least about two minutes prior to the ringing of the ~~Sunday~~ ^{Saturday} afternoon church bell. It is believed that this is an important and potential lead, and efforts are now being made to thoroughly check it. It has been ascertained that in Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, on that particular day, there was a very strong wind, ^{30 miles per hour} and flying weather was considered dangerous, and aviation officials have expressed the opinion that undoubtedly only a commercial ship would have been in the air at that time. It has been further determined that due to strong cross winds, undoubtedly any commercial ship would have been off its course.

Insofar as weather conditions described by the victim are concerned, it is believed that investigative possibilities have been about exhausted. The only definite information which we have received is to the effect that on January 28, 1934, it was extremely cold, which condition appears to have been general throughout this section of the country, and that about five days prior thereto, there was a general thaw. This thawing condition centered about Chicago, and is a large area west and south of Chicago.

Three agents are working in the Twin Cities and in South St. Paul, with a view toward developing identifications in connection with the possible purchase of the Lightmaster lantern, the Filmo-lens, the cap which was found in the payoff car, the writing paper, the gasoline tanks, and the camping or hunting outfit, which is somewhat unusual, and which was being worn by Alvin Karpis at the time when he purchased the three flashlights. It is probable that an identification will be made in South St. Paul in connection with the purchase of the high-laced boots, the cap, and a zipper wool lumber jacket by Karpis. South St. Paul is known to be a logical place wherein the subjects of this case could have resided prior to and during the kidnaping. Every

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attention will be given to a thorough investigation there in connection with possibilities concerning the Shell gasoline signs, possible storage of automobiles, and purchase of gasoline, with a view toward locating the house wherein they resided.

Very thorough attention is being at this time given to the location of a Corona typewriter (portable). Every establishment in the Twin Cities and South St. Paul is being contacted to determine all concerns which sell, repair or service Corona machines. We are also endeavoring to make thorough investigations at all questionable garages and to obtain fingerprints in such places.

The Oklahoma City office advised by telephone today that subject HARRY CAMPBELL has a sister named LAURA CAMPBELL presently residing at 825 South Rockford Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, who is believed to have received treatment while confined in a hospital in St. Louis, Mo. during January, 1934. It further advised that it is believed that her brother, Harry Campbell, who is evidently fond of her, is the source of her finances. It was further stated that information has been received by the Oklahoma City office that Laura Campbell will probably enter the Mayo Brothers Clinic Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota, during March, 1934, or prior thereto. In view of the fact that the Mayo Brothers clinic generally makes charges proportionate to the financial rating of its patients, it is not unusual for patients to register under aliases. In view of this fact the Oklahoma City office is requested to keep a close check on Laura Campbell with a view toward determining the date and the particular train on which she leaves Tulsa for Rochester, in order that Agents from St. Paul may properly determine her identity when she enters the hospital.

Very truly yours,



W. A. RORER,

Inspector.

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February 24, 1934

Mr. Harold E. Andersen,
c/o Tampa Terrace Hotel,
Tampa, Florida.

- 57033

Dear Sir:

Upon completion of the questioning of Edward Doll alias Eddie LaRue at Tampa, Florida, it is desired that you proceed to Washington, D. C. for a conference, after which it is planned that you interview Kathryn Kelly at her present place of incarceration and subsequently I wish you to proceed to Canon City, Colorado for the purpose of interviewing the prisoner by the name of "Red", who is alleged to have information that Gus Stone is the individual for whom the Division should be looking in connection with the Kansas City massacre case.

I am advising you of these plans at this time so that you may organize all of the information which is available to you now in order that you may be prepared to interview Kathryn Kelly and subsequently to handle the investigation relative to the allegations concerning Gus Stone.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

February 17, 1934.

Mr. Sheldon E. Malone,
100 Orange Street,
Tarpon Springs, Florida.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of February 11, 1934 with regard to assignments on investigative cases in the field. These are all perforce made at Washington.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., and assume that you will hear from him in due course.

Very truly yours,

H. NATHAN,
Assistant Director.

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Larson Springs, Fla.
Feb. 11, 1934.

Mr. Harold Nathan.
First Assistant.
Dept. of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been following the Bremer case very closely in the news papers. What a shame, this country has such menaces to society.

I followed Detective work for five years in Tulsa Okla. Had some stiff cases assigned me while there. In fact all the hard ones seemed to be steered in my direction, but (am happy to say) I delivered the goods in every instance.

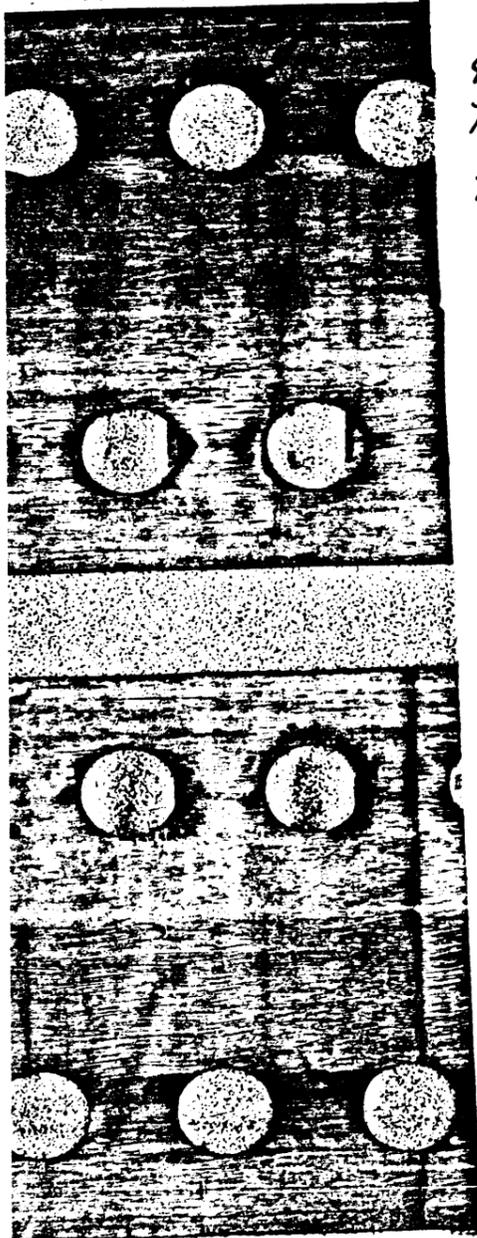
The company I worked for are involuntarily therefore cannot give them for reference. Certainly wish I could, as I am sure the Manager Mr. F. R. Johnson would convince you, that what I say I do. So, I am always in a position to back the statement up by producing whatever the case might be. I say I can solve.

The company I worked for was the Southwestern Detective Bureau. I have mixed with the toughest yeggs in the country and had their full confidence, which I have never found.

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so hard to do. I resigned from the employ of the above named, for the simple reason, I got to where I despised the methods I had to employ to get the goods on the party I was after, the underhand methods, being pals with some kind, (even though a yegg) long enough to get the goods on him, or some pal, or associate of his, then turning them up. I swore I would never again do any detective work, and have stuck by it for sometimes. But after following the Bremer case. Well! It just had my blood stirred up to such a pitch I cannot rest without making an effort to get in a position to run these kidnapers down. I am as sure of myself in this, as I am that I am, that I am writing you now. I have got to have a crack at this. Can't stand to see these kinds getting away with this stuff.

As the reason of this letter, if you want, these kinds the kidnaped Bremer. I am the one that can land them for you. You no doubt will think this a broad statement, but I have made statements before that sounded that way but never failed to come through with the goods yet. That is the reason I feel so sure of myself. I can furnish you A-1 references as to character, while I cannot furnish reference as to my past record as a detective, for reasons already named, have lost track of J. H. Johnson, the man that would certainly convince you as to my ability, as a detective. He always turned cases over to



Dr. H. D. Thomson 1745- Jackson St. E. St. Petersburg, Fla.
Mr. Bill Moutsator of Bill's bakery, Tarpon Springs, Fla.
Mr. C. C. Thompson. Kirksville, Missouri.
Mr. Shelton Gregory. Kirksville, Missouri.
Mrs. J. Opal Vandoren. 711- N. Lee. Oklahoma city, Okla.

me, gave me the facts, the full way, in other words
never told me how, but let me go it my own way, get
every bit of assistance I might need, and I never fail
to bring in the goods.

That is exactly what I would want if I started out to
get the Bremer Kidnapers. Full way. Start right out on my
own hook without interference of any kind, just knowing all
assistance I might need, would be within reach at a
moment's notice, (reliable assistance) as I might need it
this case, any time.

I hope you will not think me boasting, as I have never
stated facts, not meaning to be boastful. I hope I have convinced
you, as I would like to start as soon after you receive it
as possible, every day that is lost counts, the quicker
I am started the better chance I have of getting the
goods on them right away. The longer I wait, the
longer it may take.

I hope to hear from you by wire, with my fare, a
expense there, so I can be sworn in before the follow
week is up, so I can start right out. If you want
the Bremer Kidnapers brought to justice.

I am your man.
I am 31 years of age. 5 ft. 10 1/2 in tall. Weigh 145 lb.
and can certainly mix it when the case arises. Have
am cautious enough to avoid suck, if possible.
My references follow on next page. Please wire me at once
I must have a crack at this gang. Please treat this as
confidential.

Very sincerely yours,
Sheldon E. Malone.
100 Orange St.,
Turkington Springs, Fla.

U. S. Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Bldg,
Chicago, Illinois
February 20, 1934

MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. LEOG
MR. EY
MR. EDWARDS
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MR. QUINN
MR. ESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. ROSEN

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

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to the letter from Washington Field Office dated February 14, 1934, in regard to obtaining from Mr. Alexander Jamie of Chicago, who is at present in Washington, D. C., some notes used in the Woolverton kidnaping case in South Bend, Indiana in 1932, said notes being desired by Mr. Harold Nathan of the Division for comparison in the Bremer kidnaping case.

Please be advised that Mr. Wallace N. Jamie was contacted Saturday Evening, February 17, 1934, and the necessary information was obtained from him.

Further conversation with Mr. Jamie developed that his father had had in his custody, a complete file relative to the robbery of the First State Bank of Holland, Michigan, and also a general kidnaping file which contains information collected by Mr. Jamie with regard to the kidnaping racket in general. A request was made of Mr. Wallace Jamie for the temporary use of these files for the purpose of photostating, but he was reluctant to comply with this request without authorization from his father. Inasmuch as it is thought possible that the Holland Bank robbery is closely allied with the Bremer case, insofar as the participants are concerned, it is deemed advisable that these files be obtained for purposes of photostating, and the matter made a part of our file in connection with this case.

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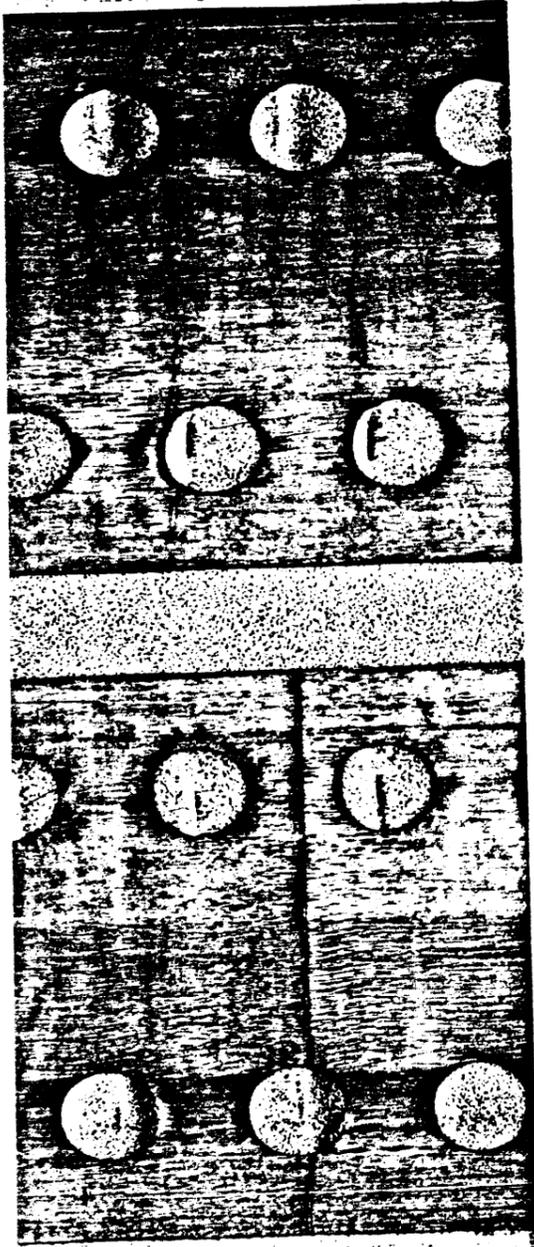
It is suggested that if you believe this action advisable, that the Washington Field office be requested by the Division to contact Mr. Alexander Jamie, who is stopping at the Willard Hotel in Washington, with a view to obtaining the desired files, in order that if advisable, photostatic copies may be made, or the desired information obtained.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

MHP/dr



FROM

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

- Mr. Nathan ()
- Mr. Tolson ()
- Mr. Clegg ()
- Mr. Appel ()
- Mr. Baughman ()
- Mr. Coffey ()
- Mr. Cowley ()
- Mr. Edwards ()
- Mr. Egan ()
- Mr. Lester ()
- Mr. Locke ()
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

MR. TOLSON	
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MR. WATSON	
MR. WHELAN	
MR. WOOD	
MR. YERGEN	

February 24, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Reference is made to the attached letter from the Chicago Office suggesting an interview with Mr. Jamie at the Willard Hotel.

At the time of my discussion with you it was ascertained that a Special Agent of this Division had obtained a statement from Mr. Wolverton with regard to this kidnaping and it would, therefore, be unnecessary to interview Mr. Jamie with reference thereto.

Mr. Cowley subsequently pointed out that Mr. Jamie would likely know the hide-out where Mr. Wolverton was kept and this might be identical with the hide-out in which Mr. Bremer was held in custody. He thought it would be advisable to get authority to examine this file for this purpose and due to your absence from the Division at that time I telephoned Mr. Schenken to inquire of Mr. Jamie at the Willard Hotel to see if he would show the file to Mr. Schenken so that Mr. Schenken could obtain the desired information and, if he did not have the file, to ascertain if he would request his office in Chicago to permit the Chicago Office to get this information, also for the purpose of endeavoring to obtain the originals of the Holland, Michigan, bank robbery notes.

Respectfully,

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February 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Information has been received by the Washington field office recently from Mr. Jamie of Chicago that the investigation of the Holland, Michigan bank robbery was conducted principally by Lieutenant Hutson of the Michigan State Police, in Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Jamie stated that all details relative to this matter would probably be known to Lieutenant Hutson.

Very truly yours,

Director.

c/c Chicago

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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice,
412 U.S. Courthouse and Post Office,
Jacksonville, Florida.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
et al - UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING
St. Paul file 7-50

Dear Sir:

In confirmation of my wire of the 26th instant, it was
believed advisable to cover the Carnara-Loughran fight with a view
toward locating suspects in this case.

This fight would afford a good opportunity for subjects
to exchange a large amount of ransom money by hedging bets. Efforts
should be made to check any possible money of the book-makers.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,

Inspector.

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POST OFFICE BOX 815
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 25, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 23, 1934,
to the Kansas City office, regarding the above entitled case.

Please furnish this office with a copy of the photograph
of Thomas Carroll, Dorothy Tralle, Viola Dea Carroll, John Arthur
Winters, and Joe Howard and Ernest Michie, notifying the Division to
place the above named individuals in the single fingerprint file.

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Howard - no
Carroll - no
Michie - no
Others - yes

Very truly yours,

W. A. HORNE,

Inspector.

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March 6, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Inspector Rorer's letter of February 25, 1934, addressed to your office in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, Kidnaping, requesting copies of photographs of Thomas Carroll, Dorothy Tralle, Viola Dea Carroll, John Arthur Winters, Joe Howard and Ernest Mickie. It is requested that your office advise the Division of sufficient identifying data in connection with the above named individuals, that these fingerprint records may be located in the Division files for entry in the Single Fingerprint Section.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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CC to:
W. A. Rorer, Inspector,
St. Paul, Minn.

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POST OFFICE BOX 515
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREWER, Victim
KIDNAPING
St. Paul file 7-30

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Division's letter of February 21,
1934, regarding this case.

It is requested that the attention of each Special Agent
attached to your office be called to the above letter, and that he be
impressed with the importance of submitting to the Division the names
of all associates and members of the Karpis-Barker gang, as well as
the arrest numbers, in order that the Division may place the finger-
prints of such persons in the single fingerprint file, for comparison
with the unidentified latent fingerprints obtained by the Division's
Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory. There are a large number of
latent fingerprints obtained by the Division which remain unidentified
and it is for this reason that it is of the utmost importance that the
Division be furnished with the above information promptly.

This letter has also been addressed to the Chicago, St. Louis,
Kansas, City, Oklahoma City, San Antonio and Detroit offices.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROPER,
Inspector.

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POST OFFICE BOX 515
ST. PAUL MINNESOTA

February 25, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice,
1216-Smith-Young Tower Bldg.
San Antonio, Texas.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREWER, Victim
KIDNAPING
St. Paul file 7-30

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Very truly yours,

W. A. BORER,

Inspector.

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POST OFFICE BOX 515
ST. PAUL, MINN. SOTA

February 25, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Division's letter of February 21, 1934, regarding this case.

It is requested that the attention of each Special Agent attached to your office be called to the above letter, and impressed with the importance of submitting to the Division the names of all associates and members of the Karpis-Barker gang, as well as other possible suspects in this case, such names to be accompanied by the arrest numbers, in order that the Division may place the fingerprints of such persons in the single fingerprint file, for comparison with unidentified latent fingerprints obtained by the Division's scientific crime detection laboratory. There are a large number of latent fingerprints obtained by the Division which remain unidentified, and it is for this reason that it is of the utmost importance that the Division be furnished with the above information promptly. This letter has also been furnished to the St. Louis, Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Dallas, San Antonio and Detroit offices.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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POST OFFICE BOX 518
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 25, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

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This letter has also been addressed to the Chicago, Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Dallas, San Antonio and Detroit offices.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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POST OFFICE BOX 515
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 25, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING
St. Paul file 9-50

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1934, regarding this case.

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POST OFFICE BOX 515
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 25, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

W. A. ROBE,

Inspector.

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POST OFFICE BOX 915
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA



February 25, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN YARVIS with aliases et al
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Division's letter of February 21,
1934, regarding this case.

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attached to your office be called to the above letter, and that he be
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W. A. RORER,

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE 2/26/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/23, 24, 26/34	REPORT MADE BY J. H. WELLES
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

News Stands in Chicago handling St. Paul and Minneapolis papers show a rather positive identification of Bernard Philips as having been a recent purchaser at the Sherman Hotel and Palmer House; also Volney Davis as a possible purchaser at the City Hall Book Shop. All news stands are watching for suspects.

REFERENCE:

Letter to St. Paul Office, dated at Chicago, Illinois, 2/19/34.
Letter to Chicago Division Office, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, 2/23/34.

DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Acknowledgement is made of receipt of letter from the St. Paul Office, dated February 23, 1934, to the Chicago Office, listing the news stands in the Chicago District handling St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers. An investigation at these places will go forward immediately.

In furtherance of the investigation at the 14 news stands handling the St. Paul and Minneapolis papers in Chicago, Agent again called on each of these places. In addition to the pictures of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker, and Harry Campbell, the pictures of Bernard Philips and Mrs. Catherine Barker were also displayed.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. A. Curtis</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-838	RECORDED AND INDEXED: FEB 28 1934
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At the Post Office News, 37 West Monroe, the La Salle Hotel, La Salle and Madison, the news stand at Clark and Madison, the news stand at 84 West Madison, and the news stand at Quincy and State, no information of value could be obtained.

At the news stand at State and Monroe the man in charge thought that he had seen Bernard Philips, but he was very indefinite and said that the picture may have been seen by him in a newspaper.

At the Queen City news stand, State and Randolph, no further information could be obtained but the manager again stated that he believed Karpis had purchased papers from them. He was unable to give a description.

At the Congress Hotel, Michigan and Congress Sts., the only information obtained was from the bell captain, who was of the opinion that he had seen Fred Barker at some time, but he was unable to give a description of Barker, or state how recently he had seen him.

At the World News Company, 141 North Clark Street, the man handling St. Paul and Minneapolis papers said he believed Philips had purchased papers from him, but his information was very indefinite.

At the Morrison Hotel, Mr. McDonough, who on Agent's previous visit, had identified La Rue, alias Doll, very positively, when shown the additional pictures of Bernard Philips and Mrs. Catherine Barker was unable to recognize either of them.

At the City Hall Book Shop, 111 North Clark Street, a different person was on duty than on Agent's previous visit. On the previous visit, Doll had been quite positively identified. On the later visit, the person in charge, when shown the pictures, said that a man resembling Volney Davis has purchased papers from him within the last few weeks. When asked for a description, he gave the following: about 5'6" tall, weight about 140 lbs., not well dressed and probably wearing a gray overcoat. It should be noted that when Miss Dreana recognized the picture of Doll on Agent's first visit, she was unable to identify Davis as having been in their shop, although she did state that when Doll purchased the St. Paul paper from them, there was another man with him.

At the Palmer House, State and Monroe Streets, a Miss Williamson was on night duty. She is a different person than the one selling papers on Agent's previous visit. She says that recently she has sold quite a few St. Paul papers and believes that Philips was buying St. Paul papers there week before last. However, as she works in the lunch room at times, it may have been there that she saw him. She was quite positive of her identification. The description of Philips as given by her was that he was about 5'9" tall, weighed about 180 lbs., was clumsy, fat, had big ears, curly hair, and no matter how good his clothes were, they always looked sloppy. She believes he was wearing a black or dark blue overcoat made of a curly material. This information was obtained on February 23, 1934, and on February 24, 1934, another visit was made at this news stand, and the person then on duty stated that Philips' picture looked familiar, but she could not identify him. In view of the fact that Miss Williamson was quite sure that Philips had purchased papers from her, or that she had seen him, a check was made of all employees including the house detectives, and pictures of all suspects were displayed. No additional information could be obtained.

At the Post Office News, 63 West Randolph Street, the same person was interviewed as on the previous visit, and he again stated that he believed Karpis and Davis had purchased papers from him, but his information was very vague.

At the Sherman Hotel, Clark and Randolph Streets, Miss Sheldon on night duty, 2/22/34, was positive that Philips bought St. Paul papers from her last week. She stated that he bought three days in succession, and then stopped. She gave the following description of the person she thought was Philips: he had a rather dark complexion, was of stocky build, broad shouldered, had a long nose, was not very tall, wore a dark overcoat, a dark slouch hat, and was rather untidy looking. At a subsequent call, on 2/24/34, at the Sherman Hotel, the lady at the stand during the day time said that a short stocky man, somewhat resembling Philips had purchased a St. Paul paper that morning, and had been purchasing the same paper most every day recently. When Agent asked her to give a description of this man, she said she was unable to give any description other than that he was short and stocky. Mr. Dallas, the chief house detective, was out, but

his assistant, Mr. Crowe stated that he had seen Philips; that he believes it was at Keikeefers Billiard Parlor at 32 East Randolph Street. Mr. Miller, a house detective, was positive he has seen Philips in the hotel, but he could not say how recently. Both Mr. Crowe and Mr. Miller suggested that a surveillance of the hotel be made between the hours of 12:30 and 2 P.M. on any day other than Saturday or Sunday, as it was at this time that the tough guys met at the hotel. On 2/26/34 Agent kept the news stand at this hotel under surveillance from the time the St. Paul papers arrived, at 9 A.M., until 10:30 A.M., but no one resembling any of the suspects in this case purchased any paper, and no St. Paul paper was sold. Before leaving, Agent requested that Mr. Dallas, Mr. Miller and Mr. Crowe keep a look-out for any of the suspects whose pictures were displayed to them.

At the suggestion of Mr. Dallas, Agent went to the Keikeefers Billiard Parlor at 32 East Randolph Street, but was unable to identify anyone there as a suspect in this case.

At all the places where St. Paul and Minneapolis papers are being sold Agent asked the person on duty to make a close inspection of anyone calling for one of these papers, and to ask who ever relieves him to do the same, as a subsequent call would be made to determine the description of anyone who might purchase one of these papers.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: A close check will be kept by the Chicago Office on all news stands where any of the suspects have been partially or positively identified, and an occasional visit will be made to all news stands handling St. Paul and Minneapolis papers to determine the identity of persons purchasing them. On each call pictures of suspects will again be displayed.

A review of the list of stands in the Chicago District, handling St. Paul and Minneapolis papers, as shown in the letter of the St. Paul Office to the Chicago Office, dated 2/23/34, and received on this date, will be made for the purpose of covering these places.

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NEW YORK CITY

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February 27, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Re: RICHARD TAILMAN GALATAS with
aliases - FUGITIVE. I. O.
#1201, et al.

ALVIN KARPIS, et al.
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to the request from the Division and from the St. Paul office to the effect that immediate investigative activity should be commenced here in connection with the location of those believed involved in the Bremer kidnaping case, to wit: Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis. Due to the absence of tangible leads in this district, and the fact that the informant who furnished said information to the Division has failed to appear at this office, the only possible investigative work that can be done in the matter is to acquaint the 8th Precinct Detectives who worked on the Kansas City case with the fact that the apprehension of the above named five individuals is desired in the Kansas City case.

To that end Inspector Sullivan was interviewed and he communicated with Captain McDermott, in charge of the 3rd Detective District, and advised him to revive the arrangements which were in effect last Fall in the Kansas City case. Captain McDermott advised that he would call the eight detectives together for a conference just as soon as photographs of the individuals could be secured. Letter has gone forward to the Division requesting these photographs.

At the same time information was secured that Captain Leahy of the Confidential Squad working under Inspector Sullivan had information with respect to Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd. 1934 A.M. Inspector Sullivan immediately communicated with Captain Leahy

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and advised him to cooperate in every way with this Division of Five in connection with his efforts looking toward the capture of Floyd.

Captain Leahy was interviewed and said that he received information a short time ago that Floyd is going in and out of the building at 1819 Broadway. This is a large building owned and operated by the Manufacturers Trust Company, and the manager of the building is absolutely reliable. The building holds a number of liquor dealers and tenants with unenviable reputations. Captain Leahy said that in the building are Johnny Torrio, famed New York and Chicago gangster and liquor operator, Ciro Terranova, the artichoke king and friend of Torrio, Pauly Amersic, bondsman for "Dutch" Schultz. It is also observed from the telephone directory that Hyman Vogelstein, attorney for the slot machine interests, is also located in this building. Captain Leahy said that the gang has headquarters on the 12th and 22nd floors and that on the 22nd floor is the concern known as the Long Island Drug Company, which is a blind, and that on the other floor is located an Italian genealogist by the name of Margano. He said that photograph of Floyd, #3999, has been identified by the elevator operators as a person who comes into the building once or twice a week and gets off at the 22nd floor, and that his most distinguished characteristic is the soft Southern drawl of his voice. Captain Leahy said that he received information from the manager of the building that Floyd came in around five o'clock Wednesday, February 21st, but the manager, was unable to get in touch with him; however, since that date he has had two men planted in the building in the office of the manager, and should the person who is supposed to be Floyd come in the building, they will be notified.

This information was immediately conveyed to the Agent in Charge and steps are being taken whereby this office will work in conjunction with the two detectives assigned to this building.

T. H. TRACY,
Special Agent.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

February 21, 1934.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In talking with Agent R. E. Nathan at New York on another matter he advised that Agent Tracy is familiar with the underworld in New York and that it was their idea, in connection with the information given by an individual giving the name of Korn, to employ the same methods as employed by Agent Tracy in the Kansas City massacre case and to indicate that the inquiries being made are in connection with the Kansas City massacre case rather than the Bremer case. Agent Nathan asked us to the action to be taken in the event a request were made for information given. Agent Nathan was advised to take each request of this kind up with the Division prior to taking any action thereon. He was also advised of the policy of the Division that information is not paid for until it has been proven worth while.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Mr. Schenken called from the Washington Field Office, yesterday, February 21, 1934, and stated that the Baltimore police had arrested one Richard Williams, alias Albert Newman, alias Robert Jackson, alias Charles Howell, and Angeline Williams, nee Angeline Brets, on February 20, 1934, and that they are now being held on a charge of violating the White Slave Traffic Act; that the victim had stated she was acquainted with four of the Bremer children, and that some newspaper men had been making some inquiries as to whether they were being held in connection with the Bremer case.

Mr. Schenken stated that Mr. Traub had interviewed both of them, and there was no indication that they had any information concerning this kidnaping case, but in view of the fact that the newspaper men were making inquiries concerning same, he thought it best to advise the Division so that in the event any newspaper articles appeared concerning these people, the Division would be informed.

Respectfully,

E. P. Cowley

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Laboratory Report

February 23, 1934.

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

Specimens: 1 leather bill-fold; 1 envelope flap with pencil notation on same "Wickersham 2-5900"; 1 membership card #49, of E. G. Bremer, in the St. Paul Chapter, American Institute of Banking; 1 1933 membership card of E. G. Bremer in the Lafayette Club; 1 membership card #457963 (1934) American Legion, St. Paul #8; 1 business card of Carl L. V. Exselsen; 2 pieces of celluloid; 4 season tickets Bowling League, #44, #47, #46, and #50; 2 blank checks of Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minn.
Examination requested by:

St. Paul Office.

Date received: February 16, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A.Appel.

February 16. An examination was made of the above exhibits and there is nothing about them which was discovered. They are being treated for latent fingerprints. It should be noted that the flap of the envelope (only) was apparently used by Mr. Bremer for the purpose of a memorandum of the following: "Wickersham 2-5900, extension 1348" which is on the outside, and a word which is not clear but which may be either "hanni" or "hamm" 2-77-88 on the glued side. This has been folded for a long time and is thoroughly stained from the leather. The latter notation looks like a combination for a safe or something of that sort, whereas, the other is surely a telephone number. While these numbers probably have no significance, it might be advisable to ascertain their meaning.

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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 16, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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H. C. G.
S. P.

February 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Rorer called from St. Paul (10:25 A. M.). He stated that before the Attorney General made his recent announcement concerning conditions in St. Paul and Minneapolis Mayor Mahoney, of St. Paul, had planned to call for a Grand Jury investigation. This Grand Jury investigation will take place immediately and he has announced that he will call the Attorney General and the Special Agents of the Division under subpoena before this Grand Jury to testify as to the conditions in St. Paul. Mr. Rorer thought the Director should be informed in advance of the fact that these subpoenas were likely to issue.

In connection with the Bremer case, Mr. Rorer believes it will be advisable to issue a release to the newspapers concerning the fact that the ransom numbers are available. He stated that the fact that the Division had these numbers had already been given publicity and he thinks that something might be gained by informing the public that if they receive any large amount of money or receive money under unusual circumstances they might go to the bank or the Police Department and make a comparison of the numbers with the lists furnished.

I inquired of Mr. Rorer as to whether the latent fingerprint of Frank Nash found on a beer bottle and identified by the Division had subsequently been discussed with the Police Department at St. Paul so that they knew that the identification had been made.

I inquired as to whether the photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang had been shown to Father Dehn and Mrs. Dehmer, and others, who witnessed the kidnaping for identification purposes. Mr. Rorer said that he had ordered all witnesses to be re-interviewed for this purpose.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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MR. Clegg
MR. Glavin
MR. Ladd
MR. Nichols
MR. Rosen
MR. Tracy
MR. Carson
MR. Egan
MR. Gurnea
MR. Harbo	.....
MR. Hendon	.....
MR. Lester	.....
MR. Quinn	.....
MR. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Purvis telephoned. He had in his office James Martin, alias James Moore, alias James Lawrence, a man who admittedly had a previous record, who claims that he was acquainted with Frisco Dutch in St. Paul, and for the sum of \$50 and his travel expenses he offered to go to St. Paul to aid in determining if Frisco Dutch were involved in the Bremer Kidnaping. Mr. Purvis had previously requested the criminal record of Martin, and inquired as to why it had not been sent. An examination of the records at the Identification Unit revealed that this record had been sent to Mr. Purvis, by air mail, on February 20th, the date he requested it. However, the record, as furnished by telephone from the Identification Unit, was read over the telephone to Acting Special Agent in Charge Smith, at Chicago.

In the meantime I had talked with Mr. Rorer in St. Paul, and inquired as to whether the services of this man would be desired. He indicated that if Martin really knew of conditions in the twin cities, and really could serve in obtaining information about Frisco Dutch, he might be valuable, but that someone in Chicago should talk with him and advise him as to whether the man was a hoax, and in the event Mr. Rorer believes that he can subsequently be of value, he will telephone the Division.

Mr. Smith was informed as to this and stated he would have Martin interviewed in order to try to reach a determination as to whether his services would be of value to Rorer, and he would then inform Rorer as to his conclusions.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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Washington, D. C.

February 16, 1934

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MR. EDWARDS.....
MR. HOAN.....
MR. QUINN.....
MR. ROSTEN.....
MR. LOCKE.....
MR. ROBER.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Edward G. Bremer is the President of the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul, Minnesota. His father, Adolph Bremer, is reported to have made a considerable amount of money in the brewery business, and also controls a chain of banks in the Northwest, one of which is the Commercial State Bank, which is known as the "Pocketeer Bank of St. Paul." A majority of the racketeers and those engaged in questionable enterprises have their accounts at that bank. Edward G. Bremer is said to be personally acquainted with all of these parties. Many of the depositors in this bank have their accounts under assumed names, presumably with the consent and knowledge of Edward G. Bremer.

This bank is a depository for Leon Gleckman, who is known as the leader of the underworld at St. Paul. Gleckman is now the subject of an income tax inquiry, and it is reported that Edward G. Bremer was called upon to testify for the Government before Grand Jury proceedings against Gleckman. A true bill was returned, but the officials were disappointed in the character of the testimony afforded by Mr. Bremer, it being expected that he would be in sympathy with the Government's investigation.

Respectfully,

E. P. Cowley
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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February 26, 1934

MR. NATHAN
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Rorer telephoned. He stated that they had tentatively located the place where the cap and shoes were purchased, in fact, in St. Paul, and he advised that he desired to obtain from Mr. Coffey the identifying marks on the lining of the cap. The call was transferred to Mr. Coffey and I subsequently ascertained that the conversation had occurred between Mr. Coffey and Mr. Rorer.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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

Dear Sir:

During the course of the investigation of the Edward G. Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping Case, the Saint Paul Office advised the Division that the victim, as Cashier of the Commercial State Bank, entered to the "racketeer" business and that a majority of the racketeers or those engaged in questionable enterprises have their accounts at that bank; that Edward G. Bremer is reported to be personally acquainted with these parties; that many of the depositors of this bank have their accounts under assumed names, presumably with the consent and knowledge of Mr. Bremer; that Leon Gleckman, a leader of the underworld in Saint Paul, has an account with the Commercial State Bank; that Gleckman is the subject of an income tax inquiry and that it had been reported Edward G. Bremer was subpoenaed to testify as a witness before the Grand Jury proceedings in the case against Gleckman, but that the officials were disappointed in the character of the testimony given by Mr. Bremer.

It is requested that the above information be verified and the Division advised.

This should be given immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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Laboratory Report

Case: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al.
Edward G. Bremer - Victim
7-578 -847

Number:

Specimens: 2 checks showing signature of Mrs. Paula Harmon.
3 notes showing signature of Mrs. Paula Harmon.

Examination requested by: Dallas Division Office

Date received: March 6, 1934

Examination requested: Handwriting

Result of examination:

Y10

Examination by:

*2/8 signatures on checks etc are
identical with that on fingerprint
card. Nothing else to compare with*

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINN.**

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 2-28-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-28-34	REPORT MADE BY G. B. WINTHROP
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER (via)		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No photograph of Paula Harmon located at Beaumont. Specimen of handwriting obtained. She received insurance or bonus check in October 1932. Charlie Harmon's correct name Curtis Preston Harmon. Paula claimed to have been arrested several times with Harmon; may have been printed and photographed.

DETAILS:

Dallas wired 3-2-34 re the Buick R.R.

Mr. M. J. May, owner of Smith-May Motor Company, 776 Broadway, Beaumont, Texas, stated that he traded to Paula Harmon in November, 1932, a Buick and took a Ford Coupe in trade, upon which he had to pay off the notes securing the unpaid balance. Mr. May furnished to Agent the three cancelled notes, together with two cancelled checks drawn on the First National Bank of Port Arthur, Texas. Both the notes and checks bear her signature and were obtained for handwriting specimens. The notes are herewith submitted to the Division.

Mr. May also advised that Paula had a Government check for about fifteen hundred dollars, he believed to be a War Risk Insurance Check, issued pursuant to her husband's death; that this check cleared through the American National Bank after the bank had telegraphed for verification.

Mr. May also stated that Paula Harmon made some payments on the Buick car by checks drawn against her account in some Houston, Texas, Bank. Neither Mr. May nor his bookkeeper could recall the name of the bank, but the bookkeeper stated to the best of his recollection it was the Houston Union National or Union Trust Company. At any rate he was of the opinion that the word Union appeared in the title.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. J. Berry</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-576-847 MAR 1 1934 A M BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO FILE <i>EDWARDS</i>	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 1 - 1934 CHECKED OFF: MAR 6 - 1934 JACKETED:
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Mr. A. S. Denman, Assistant Cashier, American National Bank, Beaumont, Texas, furnished Agent a copy of telegram which reads:

October 31, 1932

Treasurer of United States
Washington, D.C.

CHECK OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION J. B. SHOMMER DISBURSING CLERK, BY - IT LOOKS LIKE - BUSUK, DEPUTY, 11-499 NO. 229714, PAYABLE MRS. PAULA HARMON \$1585.00 PRESENTED WIRE IF GENUINE (SIGNED) AMERICAN NAT BANK

Ann Cannon, 2219 Railroad Avenue, Beaumont, Texas, former wife of Dennis Woods of Port Arthur, Texas, Paula's first husband, stated that she knew Paula but all she knows about where she went upon leaving Beaumont is what Theo Riley and Dennis Woods have told her, and they said she went to Chicago. Ann Cannon went to Port Arthur and searched through Dennis Woods' trunks, but could find no letters or photographs of Paula. She suggested, however, that Phillip Mauhar (pronounced Mohair), husband of one of Charlie Harmon's sisters who was very much in Paula's company in Beaumont in 1932 and early part of 1933, might have her photograph and may know where she is.

Tombaugh's and the Art Craft Photograph Studios' indexes were searched at Beaumont. No record of Paula being photographed.

Jack Etie stated that he was in Chicago between July 15 and August 1, 1933, and thought he saw Paula on a No. 5 street car going toward South Chicago. He was not sure it was she, but the car was crowded and he lost her in the crowd about 10 miles out of the principal business district.

Jackie Reynolds, 2590 Sabine Street, Beaumont, Texas, a prostitute, stated that she only met Paula Harmon a time or two, but Vivian Childs was a close friend of Paula's.

William Sekely, partner of DeLotte, at the Pool Hall, Beaumont, Texas, stated that the Cosmopolitan Magazine still comes to the Pool Hall, addressed to Preston Harmon; that about four months ago a letter came from the Cosmopolitan Publishing Company; that he opened it, and the company advised that the contract could not be cancelled, as though she had written the Publishing Company to stop sending the magazine to her; that the magazine is addressed to 994 Center Street, Beaumont, but is delivered to the Pool Hall, because Theo Riley ordered the Post Office to do so.

Mrs. Velma Turk, 2540 Magnolia Street, Beaumont, Texas, again was interviewed and now states that either shortly before or after Easter Sunday, 1938, not more than two weeks before or after Paula Harmon left Beaumont, that before leaving Paula came by and asked her for Mrs. Nora Mauhar's address in Kansas City, Kansas; that Mrs. Mauhar is a sister of Curtis Preston Harmon, alias Charlie Harmon; that she gave Mrs. Mauhar's address to Paula; that Paula was gone about a week and returned on a Thursday to Beaumont. Upon her return Paula stated that she had missed seeing Mrs. Mauhar in Kansas City as she had moved to Houston, Texas; that Paula also stated she had arranged for a room in a hospital, had engaged a physician and two nurses in Chicago, and was going to have a plastic operation on her nose; that she would be gone four weeks, and would write and let her know when the operation was performed and also the address to which she (Mrs. Turk) could forward mail to her; that Paula left here on the Saturday following the day of her return on the first trip.

Mrs. Turk further stated that Phillip Mauhar, and his wife Nora have been separated for eight years; that Mauhar and Mr. Matt Turk have been barrel stave making in East Texas for many years; that Phillip Mauhar was very fond of Paula, and he was at her house 994 Center Street the day she departed the last time; that Phillip said Paula was going to Chicago, and get rid of Theo Riley of whom she was afraid, and when she came back they (Mauhar and she) were going to be married; that Phillip Mauhar and her husband, Matt Turk, now are making barrel staves six miles from Evergreen, Texas.

Mrs. Turk stated that while Paula Harmon was living in Beaumont with Theo Riley they lived at 775 Madison Street and also at 994 Center Street, and at each place she had a telephone. The number at each place was 6855.

That the first time she saw Paula after Charlie Harmon's death, was after Paula had been in the automobile accident at Lake Charles, La.; that Paula came to her home in Beaumont one Sunday afternoon accompanied by a woman whom she introduced as "Mrs. Madeline Snyder, a friend of mine from Chicago," that Paula has told her about operating a beer flat in Chicago, and said she sold whiskey and beer for a year or three years, and said she was never bothered by the law; that she mentioned the fact that she had been arrested a few times with Charlie Harmon, but she never said where those arrests occurred.

Paula associated with Vivian Childs (a prostitute) in Beaumont, Texas.

Mrs. Turk in her conversation with Agent referred to a Government Check Paula Harmon received, as Charlie's bonus money. As he was in the Navy during the World War.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

DALLAS OFFICE - check telephone bills on phone 8855, Beaumont, Texas. See Vivian Childs. Check First National Bank and Photographers at Port Arthur, Texas.

SAN ANTONIO OFFICE - interview Phillip Mauhar at Evergreen, San Jacinto or Walker County, Texas.

CHICAGO OFFICE - check police vice-squad records for arrest of Paula Harmon.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE - check the records of the Veterans Administration to see whether Paula Harmon, widow of Curtis Preston Harmon, is now receiving compensation of any character.

NEW YORK CITY OFFICE - ascertain what addresses are available to Paula Harmon, alias Mrs. Charlie Harmon, alias Mrs. Curtis Preston Harmon at the Cosmopolitan Magazine Offices.

The Division, by letter, is being requested to search the arrest record of Charlie Harmon through the Identification Unit for the purpose of ascertainin whether Paula was arrested at the same time with the thought that she might have been photographed and fingerprinted.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

February 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

There is forwarded under separate cover
Minnesota 1933 motor vehicle license plate No. B 327-634
which was found in the payoff car used in the Bremer
kidnaping case. This license plate has been in the
possession of the St. Paul Police Department up until
today and is being submitted for laboratory examination.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer
W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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by them with negative results.
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St. Paul, Minn.
February 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING

The following is a list of all concerns in St. Paul which might repair or deal within Corona typewriters:

Miller-Bryant-Pierce Co., 401 Builders Exchange
Mittag & Volger, Inc. 95 E. 5th St.
Panama Carbon, 1st National Bank Building
Paramount Ink Co. 510 Price Ave.
Underwood Elliot, 554 Cedar St.
Office Equipment, 139 E. 5th St.
Pioneer Co. 387 Minnesota
Aeme Ribbon & Ink, 510 Prior Ave. No.
Auth and Nichorg, 127 E. 9th St.
Columbia Carbon Co. 2295 University Ave.
Corona and L.C. Smith, 350 Cedar St.
P. W. Jackson, 412 Pioneer Bldg.
Kee Lox Manufacturing Co. 312 Guardian Bldg.
McClain and Hedman, 135 E. 5th Street.
Remington-Rand, 210 1st Nat'l Bank Arcade
Royal Typewriter, 325 Cedar St.
Rental Agency, 134 W. 6th St.

Following is a list of companies which do in fact repair Corona typewriters, rent Corona machines, or sell them:

Corona-L.C. Smith, 350 Cedar St.
Mittag and Volger, Inc. 95 E. 5th St.
Underwood Elliot, 345 Cedar St.
Office Equipment Co. 139 E. 5th St.
Pioneer Company, 387 Minnesota
Rental Agency, 134 W. 6th St.

Examination of the various ransom notes indicates that should a machine be discovered which might be the one in question, the following should be typed on paper similar to that used in the ransom notes:

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"The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog".

"You are hereby declared"

"You must be proud of yourself".

The machine, according to the Scientific Crime Laboratory of the Division, was a 1929 Portable Corona, with Pica type. R. A. Hart, at the L.C. Smith-Corona Company, advised that the only machine which he had had in his shop for many months for repairs, which would fit the description of the one in question, was a Corona portable, which was purchased by Pete Karas, a Greek who lives on Wabash Avenue in St. Paul, who brought the machine in for minor adjustment. Karas used to be part owner of the Cozy lunch. Karas' typewriter at one time had a Hectograph ribbon which is purplish, and slightly smudgy. The machine is a Corona No. 3, number 656647, and he bought the machine on October 31, 1932 new. Karas once lived at 76 West Summitt. He is 40 years of age, medium complexion, brown hair, slightly gray, slender, five feet eight inches. Karas can be located at 469 Wabasha.

This does not appear to be the machine sought.

Respectfully submitted,

O. G. HALL,
Special Agent

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February 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. BORER

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING.
ST. Paul file No. 7-30

Relative to recent investigation made in an effort to locate the concern from which the Filmo lenses were purchased by the kidnapers, please be advised that the following concerns have been contacted and employees interviewed:

Reinhard Brothers, Minneapolis, Minn.
Western Automobile Supply Co. - 6 stores, Minneapolis and St. Paul
Topnotch Tire Co. East Hennepin Ave. Minneapolis
The Central Organization, Hennepin Ave. Minneapolis
Gamble Stores, Hennepin Ave. Minneapolis
National Sport Stores, Hennepin Ave. Minneapolis
Montgomery Ward, University Avenue, St. Paul
C. J. Sommers Co, St. Paul
Nagel Hardware, 2nd Avenue, south, Minneapolis
Hennepin Hardware, Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis
The Leader Department Store, Nicolette Ave. Minneapolis
Walgreen Drug Stores, Minneapolis and St. Paul
F. W. Woolworth, St. Paul and Minneapolis
Kresge Stores, St. Paul and Minneapolis
Clark Stores, Minneapolis and St. Paul
Grant Stores, Minneapolis
Neisners Stores, St. Paul and Minneapolis
United Motor Service, St. Paul
Wolter Brothers, Electrical equipment, St. Paul
Gruber Electric Co. St. Paul
Graybar Electric Co. Minneapolis
Sterling Electric Co. Minneapolis
Kaidio Electric Sales and Supplies, St. Paul
Empire Automobile Accessories, St. Paul
Nichols, Dean and Gregg, wholesalers, St. Paul
Farwell, Ozmun and Kirk, Wholesalers, St. Paul
Salute Auto Supply, St. Paul
Ford Agency, 117 University Avenue, St. Paul
Owens Ford, University Avenue, St. Paul
Central Ford, 9th St. St. Paul
Minneapolis Iron Store, wholesalers, Minneapolis
Sears Roebuck and Company, Lake St. Minneapolis
Sears Roebuck and Company, North Broadway, Minneapolis

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Golden Rule, St. Paul, Minn.
Capital Auto Parts, University Avenue, St. Paul
American Stock Parts, University Avenue, St. Paul
Colby Hamm and Company, University Ave. St. Paul
U.S. Mail Order Company, St. Paul
Joe Novotny, Sport Goods, St. Paul
Emil Novotny, Sport Goods, St. Paul
Arcade Garage, Arcade St. St. Paul
Pearl Brothers garage, Arcade St. St. Paul
Arcade Transfer and Fuel Co. Arcade St. St. Paul
W. F. Smith Garage, St. Paul
Decker Hardware Co. St. Paul
Kennedy Brothers Sport goods, St. Paul and Minneapolis.
F. and W. Grand Silver Store, St. Paul

It may be noted that of the above list of concerns, only the following are dealers in Filmo lenses:

Reinhard Brothers, Wholesalers, Minneapolis
Western Auto Supply Co. - 6 stores, Minneapolis and St. Paul
Minneapolis Iron Store, Minneapolis
Nichols, Dean and Gregg, wholesalers, St. Paul
Farwell Ozmun and Kirk, wholesalers, St. Paul
Topnotch Tire Co. Minneapolis
Central Organization, Minneapolis
Salute Auto Supply, St. Paul
Arcade Garage, St. Paul

Reinhard Brothers in Minneapolis, one of the original wholesalers to whom shipments of Filmo lenses have been made by the factory, has sold only two Filmo lenses at retail during the period December, January and February. Other sales, as previously reported, were made at wholesale to branch stores in South Dakota. Employees have no recollection concerning the retail sale of two lenses.

Western Auto Supply Company stores have checked all of their records with sales slips, and all Filmo lenses have been accounted for through retail sales of single units, concerning which the employees have no recollection except in the case of the University Avenue store, where a check has

developed that a shortage of eleven Filmo lenses exists. Through the efforts of the General Manager of the Western Auto Supply Co. stores, a check of stock, sales slips and invoices has been made, and according to Mr. Derse, the General Manager, they are unable to account for the shortage of eleven of the lenses, except through thefts. All other lenses sold by the Western Auto Supply stores in the Twin Cities have been accounted for through individual sales of one unit, and concerning which none of the employees of the various stores have any recollection. The shortage in the general store which was previously reported has been accounted for through shipment of 24 Filmo lenses on December 27, 1933, to the Wichita, Kansas branch store, 24 Filmo lenses on December 27 to the Des Moines, Iowa branch store, and 24 Filmo lenses to the Kansas City branch store on December 29, 1933. Leads in this connection have already been set out for the Kansas City office.

Investigation at the Topnotch Tire Company and Central Organization Stores has previously been reported, indicating only wholesale shipments to South Dakota, in connection with the Central Organization, and no sales whatever during the period in question by the Topnotch Tire Co.

At the wholesale house, Nichols, Dean and Gregg, all sales slips were checked in an effort to determine sales either to local garages or individuals, during the period in question, and it was ascertained that no sales of this item were made in January or February.

Agent was particularly advised by Mr. Farnell, in charge of automobile accessories, that no retail sales whatsoever have been allowed by this concern during the past six months.

With reference to Farwell, Ozmun and Kirk, wholesalers, St. Paul, with the assistance of Mr. E. P. Aurelius, Manager of the stock accessories division, check was made of all invoices and sales slips, with the result that it was noted Pearl Brothers Garage purchased a dozen Filmo lenses last August, and the Arcade Garage also purchased a dozen of these lenses in September. Records of the wholesaler were again checked to determine specifically whether a sales of this article might have been made to Herb's garage, St. Paul. Herb's Garage, it will be remembered, is a concern of doubtful reputation, and has been for some months past under suspicion. Through the assistance of Mr. Aurelius, arrangements were made with Mr. Ingman a salesman, to visit Herb's garage with various types of tail light equipment

in an effort to determine whether or not Herb's garage carries Filmo lenses in stock. It was believed advisable to use Mr. Ingman in this connection, inasmuch as the proprietor of the garage has frequently been contacted by Agents of this Division concerning other matters. Mr. Ingman reported that Herb's garage carried no Filmo lenses in stock, and apparently had sold none for many months.

At the Minneapolis Iron Store, through Mr. George Kelley, Manager in charge of automobile accessories, it was determined after checking all sales records, that no retail sales had been made for Filmo lenses during the period in question, and no record of wholesale shipments for garages or truck fleets was found.

At the Salute Auto Supply Company, 389 Rice St. St. Paul, through Max Salute, proprietor, it was ascertained that Mr. Salute operates his business solely through the purchase of bankrupt stocks, and although he has seven Filmo lenses on hand, he claims that he has sold none during the past four or five months.

At the Arcade Garage, 1007 Arcade St. St. Paul, it was ascertained that this institution has only two Filmo lenses in stock, which were purchased last fall from Farwell Ozmun and Kirk; that none have been sold since the first of December, and that all of those purchased from Farwell, Ozmun and Kirk were placed by the garage on trucks, as demands for same were made. Joe Brukow, proprietor, indicated that from time to time truck drivers stopped at his place of business for repairs, and up until quite recently he has carried Filmo lenses in stock to repair tail lights for these truckers; that during the last few months there has been very little demand for this article, and he has allowed his stock to become depleted.

William Pearl, Manager of Pearl Brothers Garage, 1198 Arcade St., advised that he has carried no filmo lenses in stock for approximately one year and has sold none during that period.

None of the other concerns contacted carry the Filmo lenses in stock, or have sold same during the past six months.

With reference to the Lightmaster, Sears and Roebuck, Lake Street, Minneapolis was again contacted, and the two persons employed in the electrical department were again interviewed, and advised that they have no recollection whatsoever concerning the sale of this item, although two Lightmasters have been sold since the 15th of January. Photographs of all

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subjects under suspicion were exhibited to both Mr. Andresean and Mr. Chatterton, and the description for Alvin Karpis as he appeared at the Grant Silver store, without result, ~~and~~ employees stating that they had no recollection whatsoever concerning these sales.

The Sears Roebuck Store on West Broadway in Minneapolis was visited, and Agent was advised that this branch had carried no Light-masters in stock since August last year, and had made no sales of this article.

Respectfully submitted,

E. N. NOTESTEEN,

Special Agent.

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Division - 3
St. Paul - 9

St. Paul, Minnesota,
February 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO INSPECTOR W. A. RORER:

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

Pursuant to instructions, I have contacted telephone offices for St. Paul, and Minneapolis, Minnesota, and have obtained a list of toll calls, including St. Paul and Minneapolis calls, covering the period November 20, 1933 to February 22, 1934, inclusive, made by persons listed below:

The telephone of HARRY SAWYER, Emerson 2002, was discontinued prior to October, 1933. The residence telephone of TOM FILBIN, Emerson 6795, was checked but no record was found of any toll calls for the period mentioned. The telephone of BENNY HARRIS, ELKHURST 3776, was discontinued prior to 1933. The listed telephone number for TOMMY BANKS' residence, 3817 Drew Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, is Walnut 0253.

List of St. Paul and Minneapolis toll calls:

HERBS GARAGE

Cedar 1368

St. Paul, Minnesota

To Mpls.	Area	Number	Date
"	Main	1449	11-24-33
"	Kenwood	4427	11-30-33
"	Atlantic	0271	12-13-33
"	Main	1449	12-18-33
"	Atlantic	0271	12-20-33
"	Geneva	8228	12-22-33
"	Main	1449	12-29-33
"	Atlantic	7272	1-1-34
"	Atlantic	6411	1-2-34
"	Kenwood	0303	1-2-34
"	Kenwood	0303	1-2-34
"	Atlantic	6411	1-5-34
"	Atlantic	6700	1-8-34
"	Atlantic	0271	1-12-34
"	Geneva	8228	1-29-34
"	Atlantic	0271	1-29-34
"	Geneva	8364	1-29-34
"	Dupont	8596	1-29-34
"	Dupont	0985	1-31-34

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To Mpls.	Geneva 8228	2-3-34
" "	Colfax 9262	2-5-34
" "	Kenwood 4427	2-7-34
" "	Kenwood 4477	2-8-34
" "	Geneva 8228	2-13-34
" "	Geneva 8228	2-14-34
" "	Geneva 8228	2-15-34
" "	Geneva 8228	2-17-34
" "	Geneva 8228	2-17-34
" "	Geneva 5218	2-18-34
" "	Geneva 8228	2-20-34
" "	Geneva 8228	2-20-34

PATRICK NOVELTY (TOM FILBIN)

Cedar 4899

St. Paul, Minnesota

To Mpls.	Bridgeport 3311	11-21-33
" "	Geneva 8361	11-21-33
" "	Geneva 5084	11-21-33
" "	Main 3401	11-21-33
" "	Atlantic 1423	11-22-33
" "	Main 3401	11-22-33
" "	Atlantic 3882	11-22-33
" "	Main 0713	11-25-33
" "	Atlantic 2610	11-25-33
White Bear	745-R 2	11-25-33
White Bear	357 M	11-25-33
To Mpls.	Bridgeport 3311	11-27-33
Jamestown, N.D.	1001	11-27-33
Jamestown, N.D.	790	11-27-33
Kansas City Mo.	Wabash 5612	11-27-33
To Mpls.	Atlantic 1423	11-28-33
" "	Main 0713	11-29-33

Collect call from SWAN HOLBERG, Telephone 381

Cottage Grove, Minn.

Tracy, Minn. (Dick Pfeifer), Telephone 24

Fargo, N.D. 117

Jamestown, N.D. 1001

To Mpls. Kenwood 4340

" " Main 0713

" " Main 2566

" " Kenwood 4316

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Aberdeen, S.D.	#4555	12-5-33	
La Crosse, Wis.	#83 Sheriff's Office		12-5-33
To Mpls.	Kenwood 4340		12-6-33
Redfield, S.D.	#49 (Central Ho)		12-7-33
Redfield, S.D.	(Central Ho)		12-8-33
White Bear #75			12-8-33
White Bear #744 J 1			12-8-33
White Bear #745 R 2			12-8-33
Sioux Falls (R. Dickensen) res. 1404 S. Grange			
To Mpls.	Kenwood 4340		12-11-33
"	Bridgeport 4571		12-11-33
"	Main 0753		12-12-33
"	Kenwood 4340		12-12-33
White Bear #503 R			12-12-33
To Mpls.	Kenwood 4340		12-13-33
"	Regent 5173		12-14-33
Aberdeen, S.D.	#4555		12-16-33
To Mpls.	Kenwood 4340		12-17-33
"	Kenwood 6312		12-17-33
White Bear 357 M			12-17-33
White Bear 357 M			12-17-33
To Mpls.	Atlantic 2181		12-17-33
"	Main 0713		12-17-33
"	Colfax 9995		12-19-33
"	Atlantic 1423		12-19-33
Collect call from HYBERG, Cottage Grove, Minn.			
	#381		12-19-33
To Mpls.	Kenwood 4340		12-20-33
"	Kenwood 4340		12-20-33
"	Kenwood 3040		12-20-33
"	Atlantic 1423		12-20-33
"	Kenwood 2125		12-20-33
"	Colfax 9995		12-22-33
Aberdeen, S.D.	#4555		12-23-33
To Mpls.	Regent 9572		12-23-33
"	Locust 4986		12-24-33
"	Kenwood 4340		12-24-33
"	Colfax 9990		12-24-33
"	Kenwood 4340		12-24-33
"	Colfax 9995		12-24-33
"	Kenwood 4340		12-27-33
"	Kenwood 4340		1-2-34
"	Main 0713		1-3-34
"	Main 0713		1-5-34
Aberdeen, S.D.	#4555		1-5-34
To Mpls.	Main 0713		1-6-34
"	Geneva 2185		1-6-34
"	Geneva 2185		1-6-34

Collect call from HOLBERG, Cottage Grove, Minn., #381		1-6-34
To Mpls.	Geneva 2185	1-8-34
"	Geneva 2185	1-8-34
"	Geneva 9041	1-11-34
"	Geneva 2140	1-11-34
Jamestown, N.D.	390 Gladstone Hotel	1-11-34
Jamestown, N.D.	Gladstone Hotel	1-12-34
To Mpls.	Main 0713	1-12-34
"	Geneva 2140	1-12-34
White Bear	357 M	1-14-34
White Bear	357 M	1-15-34
White Bear	357 M	1-15-34
Chicago	Ho 1266	1-15-34
To Mpls.	Atlantic 1423	1-16-34
Red Wing	5842	1-16-34
Mpls.	Geneva 2213	1-18-34
Mpls.	Geneva 2140	1-20-34
Mpls.	Kenwood 2125	1-25-34
Collect call from HOLBERG, Cottage Grove, Minn., #381		1-27-34
Mpls.	Atlantic 6466	1-27-34
Sioux Falls	#4378	1-29-34
Aberdeen, S.D.	#4555	1-31-34
Mpls.	Atlantic 6466	2-2-34
Collect call from HOLBERG, Cottage Grove, Minn., #381		2-2-34
East Grand Forks, Minn.	1885 or 524	
	Elmer Lucerson	2-3-34
Mpls.	Geneva 2140	2-5-34
Mpls.	Geneva 2140	2-10-34
Mpls.	Atlantic 6466	2-12-34
Aberdeen, S.D.	4555	2-14-34
Mpls.	Geneva 9041	2-16-34
Mpls.	Main 7244	2-17-34

HOLLYHOOKS (JACK PHIEFER) Emerson 2121 St. Paul, Minn.

To Tracy, Minn. (Dick Tyrner) #24		12-25-33
DePere, Wis.	#703	11-23-33
Beaver Dam, Wis.	937 W	11-24-33
Chicago	Delaware 1541	11-25-33
Chicago (Cinema Theatre)	Whitehead 5666	11-25-33
Chicago	Buckingham 9700	11-30-33
Chicago	Buckingham 9700	12-1-33
Duluth (G.E. McKenna - 4026 E. Superior)	La 756 W	12-7-33
Tracy, Minn. #24 (Dick Pfiffer)		12-13-33
Aberdeen, S.D.	4555	12-14-33

Watertown (Schulner Cigar Co.)	#157	12-16-33
Tracy, Minn.	#24	12-23-33
Northfield	599	12-25-33
Tracy, Minn.	#24	12-30-33
Benson rd, Minn. (J.C. Piefer)		12-31-33
Duluth	La 756 W	1-2-34
Washington, D.C. (Miss Audrey Billings)	Em 6067	1-4-34
Chicago	Buckingham 0163	1-5-34
Chicago	Delaware 1655	1-7-34
Chicago (Mike Fritzel - Chair Paro's Night Club)	Delaware 1655	1-7-34
Watertown (F.L. Sholder, res.)	#2157	1-10-34
Watertown (F.L. Schulner, res.)	#2157	1-11-34
Mandan, N.D. (McDonald)	#406	1-12-34
Watertown	#2157	1-14-34
Chicago	Buckingham 9700	1-17-34
Tracy, Minn.	#159	1-23-34
Milwaukee	La 1597	1-30-34
Chicago	Delaware 0718	
Winnipeg	Chair Paro's Nite Club	2-1-34
	73382 (Risner, Haines, or Cutler)	2-6-34
Grand Forks	3253	2-6-34
Telegram billed to this number 2-7-34		
sent to East Grand Forks - signature of sender Edwin Larson		
Fargo - Verne Smith - 2104		2-18-34
Northfield	599	2-20-34

HARRY'S SPEAKEASY

To Mpls.	Cedar 9942	St. Paul, Minn.
" "	Geneva 0440	11-22-33
" "	Atlantic 5674	11-25-33
" "	Kenwood 5088	12-1-33
" "	Main 9098	12-2-33
" "	Colfax 5554	12-2-33
" "	Main 3942	12-5-33
Somerset, Wis.	45 G (Boasa)	12-5-33
To Mpls.	Atlantic 7509	12-6-33
" "	Main 9098	12-8-33
" "	Atlantic 6033	12-13-33
" "	Cherry 4321	12-13-33
Somerset rd, Wis.	45 G	12-15-33
To Mpls.	Bridgeport 4523	12-16-33
" "	Geneva 1414	12-18-33
Somerset rd, Wis.	45 G	12-18-33

Charge telegram - Sender - J.B. Davenport
 to Culver City
 Cicero, Ill. Cicero 4942 1-9-34
 1-10-34

ABE GINSBERG Locust 4238 Minneapolis

To St. Paul Dale 2508 10-25-33
 Charge telegram - signed Ruth to Council Bluffs 11-15-33
 Charge telegram - Postal - signed Mort - subscribers
 name - A.S. Gaines - 5440 Dupont So., to

Telegram Denver, Colo. Ruth 12-22-33
 " Denver " 12-23-33
 " Los Angeles " 12-30-33
 " Denver A. Gaines 1-6-34

DOC STEINHARDT Regent 5178 Minneapolis

To - telegram N.Y. Billie & Gloria 11-29-33
 " Rutherford Jimmie & Gloria 11-29-33
 St. Paul Cedar 6778 12-15-33
 White Bear #10 12-17-33
 Fargo #6979 12-25-33
 Detroit Lakes 384 R (Tischhauser res) 12-25-33
 White Bear #10 12-30-33
 White Bear #10 12-31-33
 White Bear #10 12-31-33
 " #10 1-1-34
 " #10 1-1-34
 " #10 1-25-34
 St. Paul Tower 4200 1-25-34
 " Tower 4200 1-25-34
 " Tower 4200 1-29-34

TOM BANKS MINNEAPOLIS Geneva 8140

To St. Paul Humbolt 1874 12-11-33
 " " Cedar 4899 12-4-33
 " " Cedar 3716 12-4-33
 Troy, Ohio (Mrs. Edna Douglas Burton - Miami Co.,
 1112 So. Mulberry St., Dayton) 12-7-33
 St. Paul Cedar 4899 12-16-33
 " Dale 9177 12-18-33
 " Dale 9177 12-18-33
 " Cedar 9942 12-19-33

St. Paul

Cedar 9942	12-26-33
Dale 2319	12-27-33
Cedar 9942	12-27-33
Garfield 1597	12-27-33
Cedar 4899	12-28-33
Cedar 2867	12-28-33
Cedar 2867	12-28-33
Cedar 9942	12-29-33
Elkhurst 1555	12-30-33
Cedar 9942	12-30-33
Dale 3636	12-30-33
Cedar 0606	12-30-33
Cedar 9942	12-31-33

Garfield 1597	1-2-34
Cedar 6600	1-2-34
Garfield 1597	1-2-34
Garfield 1597	1-4-34
La 1050	1-8-34
Garfield 1028	1-8-34
La 4424	1-9-34
Cedar 4899	1-9-34
Cedar 0555	1-10-34
Cedar 4899	1-10-34
Cedar 6600	1-11-34
Cedar 0606	1-11-34
Cedar 9030	1-13-34
Garfield 1028	1-13-34
Elkhurst 4924	1-13-34
Garfield 4612	1-15-34
Cedar 4899	1-15-34
Cedar 4899	1-15-34
Cedar 0606	1-15-34
Cedar 9660	1-15-34
Garfield 4612	1-15-34
Cedar 6600	12-27-33
#3109	1-7-34

(J.E. McMann - res.)	
Marquette 7940	1-8-34
Edgewood 8442	1-8-34
#4988 - Nick Meyers (Miller Ho)	1-8-34
#34 - Majestic Ho.	1-11-34
#4541 Saulpaugh Ho.	1-11-34
#690 - Joe Healey res.	1-12-34
#4988	1-12-34
Call from J.B. Healy - Hibbing, Minn. #690	1-13-34
Cedar 0472	1-16-34
Garfield 4303	1-16-34

Shakopee

Milwaukee
 Milwaukee
 Winona
 Hot Springs, Ark.
 Mankato
 Hibbing
 Winona
 Call from J.B. Healy - Hibbing, Minn.
 St. Paul
 "

St. Paul

Cedar 5781	1-16-34
Cedar 9403	1-19-34
Cedar 9403	1-19-34
Garfield 4612	1-19-34
Garfield 4612	1-19-34
Cedar 4100	1-20-34
Cedar 4100	1-20-34
Cedar 6600	1-20-34
Cedar 5155	1-20-34
Cedar 9660	1-20-34
Cedar 4100	1-20-34
Cedar 4100	1-20-34
Cedar 4100	1-21-34
Dale 0378	1-22-34
Cedar 6118	1-22-34
Tower 8128	1-22-34
Cedar 4100	1-23-34
Garfield 1351	1-25-34
Garfield 7515	1-25-34
Tower 3647	1-25-34
Garfield 2222	1-26-34
Cedar 9660	1-26-34
Cedar 9660	1-27-34
Cedar 6600	1-27-34
Cedar 4100	1-27-34
Garfield 8617	1-27-34
Cedar 9660	1-27-34
Cedar 4899	1-27-34
Cedar 4100	1-27-34
Cedar 4100	1-28-34
Cedar 6600	1-29-34
Cedar 4100	1-29-34
La 1052	1-29-34
Cedar 4100	1-29-34
Cedar 8585	1-30-34
Cedar 0606	1-30-34
La 1052	1-30-34
Cedar 4899	1-30-34
Elkhurst 0899	1-30-34
Cedar 6600	1-31-34
Cedar 4446	1-31-34
Cedar 4899	1-31-34
Cedar 9660	1-31-34
Cedar 9102	2-1-34
Cedar 9102	2-1-34
Cedar 9660	2-1-34
Cedar 9102	2-2-34
Cedar 9102	2-2-34

St. Paul	Cedar 4899	2-2-34	
"	Cedar 9102	2-2-34	
"	Garfield 2617	2-6-34	
"	Cedar 4899	2-6-34	
"	Cedar 4446	2-7-34	
"	Tower 09216	2-7-34	
"	Cedar 9660	2-7-34	
"	Cedar 4446	2-7-34	
"	Cedar 4899	2-7-34	
"	Cedar 5020	2-7-34	
"	Cedar 4100	2-8-34	
"	Cedar 4100	2-8-34	
"	Cedar 4100	2-8-34	
"	Garfield 1597	2-8-34	
"	Cedar 8641	2-8-34	
"	Tower 7560	2-12-34	
Milwaukee	Hilltop 1821	1-17-34	
Winona	4988 - Nick Meyers	1-19-34	
Wash. D.C.	Streyers Bus. School, Miss Audrey Billings		
Milwaukee	Emerson 6087	1-19-34	
Chicago	Hilltop 1821	1-19-34	
Grand Forks	Delaware 0718	1-20-34	
Grand Forks	#524	1-22-34	
St. Paul	#31 - Bye	1-22-34	
Chicago	Cedar 4100	1-23-34	
	Thomas Sullivan		
	Sunnyside 9133	1-24-34	
Avon, Minn.	Joe Sky	#19	1-24-34
Grand Forks	Clarence Lucason #524	1-25-34	
Avon, Minn.	City Service Station		
	Sky #19	1-25-34	
St. Paul	Cedar 4899	1-25-34	
St. Paul	Cedar 4100	1-26-34	
St. Paul	La 1050	1-26-34	
Blooming Prairie, Minn. rd.	Albert Wanas	1-27-34	
Grand Forks	C. Lukson #524	1-27-34	
Agency, Ia	2404	1-27-34	
Rayville, Mo.	#85	1-27-34	
St. Paul	Cedar 2140	1-27-34	
Bemidji	Pete Anderson Smoke Shop	1-28-34	
Tracy, Minn.	#334 Richard Pfeifer	1-29-34	
Grand Forks	C. Lukron #524	1-29-34	
Red Lake Falls, Minn. rd.	Joe Helm	1-29-34	
St. Paul	La 1582	1-30-34	
St. Paul	La 1582	1-30-34	
Chicago	Crawford 5900	1-30-34	
	Old Gold Distillers		
Chicago	Fairfax 7006 6400 Cottage Grove	1-30-34	

Chicago	Ld 539 (or may be 537)	1-30-34
Milwaukee	Marquette 3085	1-31-34
Avon, Minn.	#19 - Joe Sky	1-31-34
Fargo	#1192	1-31-34
Ortonville	81 J 2 R. U. Huzok	1-31-34
E. Grand Forks, Minn.	#521	2-1-34
" " "	Hilmer Lukerson #524 or 1885	2-4-34
Chicago	Franklin 2100 Sherman Hotel	2-8-34
Grand Forks	#31 or 1789 - Bye	2-9-34
St. Paul	Cedar 4899	2-9-34
Grand Forks	#524 - C Luknor	2-10-34
Grand Forks	#524 or 1990 - C. Lukason	2-10-34
St. Paul	Garfield 2222	2-11-34

TOM BANKS
 Residence - 3817 Drew Ave. So. Minneapolis Walnut 0253

St. Paul	Garfield 2632	11-19-33
Hopkins	#621	11-24-33
"	"	11-25-33
"	"	12-2-33
St. Paul	Dale 6371	11-24-33
"	Elkhurst 4900	11-26-33
"	Elkhurst 4900	11-26-33
"	Elkhurst 0776	11-29-33
"	Elkhurst 4900	11-29-33
"	Dale 6371	12-2-33
"	Dale 2244	12-10-33
"	Dale 6371	12-10-33
"	Elkhurst 0776	12-15-33
Hopkins	#695	11-23-33
St. Paul	Cedar 6600	12-31-33
"	Cedar 6600	12-31-33
"	Cedar 6600	12-31-33
"	La 1052	1-5-34
"	Cedar 6600	1-5-34
"	La 1052	1-9-34
"	La 1052	1-13-34
"	La 1050	1-13-34
"	La 1052	1-14-34
"	La 1052	1-14-34
"	Cedar 9660	1-15-34
"	La 1582	1-15-34

Long Prairie, Minn., rd.	#277 - Call 8	12-23-33
St. Paul	La 1050	1-5-34
Winona	#4988 Nick Meyers	1-9-34
Moorhead, Minn.	#695 Geo. Baumweber	1-9-34
St. Paul	La 1582	1-9-34
East Grand Forks, Minn.	E. Lukason #524	1-10-34
Lexington, Nebr.	#443 Harold Banks	1-15-34
Mendon, N.D.	#140 H.A. Smith	1-15-34
St. Paul	Cedar 4899	1-20-34
"	Cedar 4100	1-21-34
"	Cedar 4100	1-23-34
"	Garfield 1551	1-25-34
"	Cedar 9660	1-25-34
"	Cedar 9660	1-27-34
"	Elkhurst 1902	1-30-34
"	Elkhurst 1902	2-1-34
"	Cedar 4100	2-1-34
"	Cedar 4100	2-2-34
"	Cedar 6600	2-2-34
"	Cedar 6600	2-2-34
"	Cedar 4100	2-3-34
"	Cedar 4100	2-3-34
"	Cedar 1902	2-3-34
"	Garfield 1551	2-5-34
"	Garfield 1551	2-5-34
"	Cedar 6600	2-5-34
"	Cedar 4899	2-7-34
"	Cedar 9660	2-7-34
"	Dale 1902	2-9-34
"	Cedar 9660	2-15-34
Chicago	Superior 4987	1-19-34
St. Paul	Cedar 4899	1-23-34
Long Prairie, Minn.	#230, Jack Segert (John) Restaurant	2-15-34

Toll slips for the latter part of January and February, 1933, covering several exchanges at Minneapolis, are now in the audit department for billing and could not be had at this time for the purpose of checking. The informant at the telephone company at Minneapolis advised that the slips should be available in a day or two. He has promised to advise me when slips are available so a check can be completed.

Very truly yours, 125

D. J. WALSH, SPECIAL AGENT

St. Paul, Minnesota,
February 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO INSPECTOR W.A. ROKER:

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

Supplementing my memorandum of February 24, 1934, you will find listed below additional telephone calls which will complete the period of November 20, 1933, to February 22, 1934, inclusive:

<u>TOM BANKS</u>	<u>Minneapolis</u>	<u>Walnut 0253</u>
<u>Place Called</u>	<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Party Called</u>
Fargo, N.D.	3567	H.A. Schmidt 2-19-34
<u>TOM BANKS</u>	<u>Minneapolis</u>	<u>Geneva 2140</u>
St. Paul	Cedar 9608	2-16-34
"	" 4899	2-18-34
"	" 9660	2-18-34
"	" 4899	2-19-34
"	" 9660	2-19-34
"	Dale 9366	2-19-34
"	Cedar 9660	2-21-34
Red Wing	237 R	Zenith Rehder 2-21-34
<u>JACK DAVENPORT</u>	<u>Minneapolis</u>	<u>Locust 9948</u>
St. Paul	Cedar 12877	1-29-34
"	"	2-2-34
"	"	2-21-34
<u>DOC STEINHARDT</u>	<u>Minneapolis</u>	<u>Regent 5173</u>
White Bear	10	2-18-34
Philadelphia	(Telegram)	2-10-34
<u>GINSBURG</u>	<u>Minneapolis</u>	<u>Locust 4238</u>
Duluth	Me 3600	Gaines 2-10-34
"	"	" 2-17-34

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REPORT MADE AT ST. PAUL, MINN.	DATE WHEN MADE Feb. 27, 1934	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/22 to 26/1934	REPORT MADE BY O. G. HALL
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Toll records of known local hoodlum connections of Karpis-Barker gang checked and analyzed. Investigation being conducted to locate typewriter and seller of socks, shirt, underwear, stationary, electric lamp, Filmo-lens purchased by kidnapers. Tommy Carroll purchased Ford coupe motor 40-283351 from Ford Motor Sales, St. Paul, May 13, 1933. Names of all possible suspects are being secured and submitted to Division to have fingerprints in single fingerprint file.

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DETAILS:

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated February 24, 1934.

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In connection with the attempt of this office to connect the kidnaping with known local hoodlum characters, known in the past to be friendly with the Karpis and Barker gang, telephones of the following individuals were checked for toll records during the period November 20, 1933 to February 22, 1934. This investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. L. Nalls at the St. Paul and Minneapolis telephone companies:

Herb's Garage, Cedar 1368, St. Paul, Minnesota
Patrick Novelty (Tom Filbin) Cedar 4899, St. Paul, Minn.
Hollyhocks (Jack Phiefer), Emerson 2121, St. Paul, Minn.
Harry's Speakeasy, Cedar 9942, St. Paul, Minn.
Hollywood (Jack Davenport), Emerson 1931, St. Paul, Minn.
J. Davenport, Locust 9948, Minneapolis, Minn.
Abe Ginsberg, Locust 4238, Minneapolis, Minn.
Doc Steinhardt, Regent 5173, Minneapolis, Minn.
Tom Banks, Geneva 2140, Minneapolis, Minn.
Tom Banks, Walnut 0253, Minneapolis, Minn.

Memoranda submitted by Special Agent Nalls in this connection are not incorporated in this report, but are attached hereto for the information of the Division. The St. Paul office is analyzing the toll records, and such leads as are indicated will be set out by letter.

Edward George Bremer was given a shirt, pair of socks and a suit of underwear upon his release by the kidnapers. Investigation conducted by the Division and other offices developed the source of the above garments. Other information showed the names and addresses of the retailers. A table has been drawn, cross indexing the various towns and cities where two or three articles were sold. As a result of this cross index it was learned that the Mueller Clothing Company of Windon, Minnesota, sells both the shirt and the underwear, and that the J. H. Conley Co. Watertown, S.D. sells the underwear and shirt. Information received at the office as a result of investigation by Special Agent E. N. Notestein a few minutes prior to the dictating of this report indicates that Karpis purchased some clothing in South St. Paul, Minn. This phase of the investigation is being developed as rapidly as possible.

Investigation is also being conducted to locate the typewriter used in writing the ransom notes. When developments occur as to this phase of the investigation the Division will be promptly notified. In this connection there is attached to this report copy of a memorandum of Special Agent O. G. Hall, regarding investigation performed by him in an effort to locate the typewriter.

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Investigation is being conducted by Special Agent E. N. Notesteen to locate the store in which the Filmo lens used by the kidnapers in the signal lights at the time of the payoff were purchased. In this connection there is attached hereto copy of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent E. N. Notesteen. This phase of the investigation is also progressing.

As has been previously stated in reports in this case, Walter Magee, contact man, was instructed by the kidnapers to proceed to 969 University Avenue, St. Paul, on the night of the payoff, where he would find a Chevrolet coupe identified by a Shell sign on each door, which car he was to drive in accordance with further instructions to be found in the car. This car was found to have been stolen on December 22, 1935, from Dr. J. L. Tomasek. Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry conducted the following investigation concerning the automobile:

St. Paul, Minnesota.
February 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. BOKER:

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

On the morning of February 23, 1934, I examined the Chevrolet Coupe used by WALTER MAGEE to deliver the ransom money in the BREMER case, and ascertained that the exact mileage on the car is 10,710.7 miles. I called the insurance company, the Northwestern Casualty Insurance Company, which company carried the insurance on the car, and they informed me that the mileage reported on the car at the time it was stolen was 8,000 miles; however, this was an estimate and the exact mileage is not known. This is the same statement given by DR. J. L. TOMASEK, who said that as near as he could remember, it was 8,000 miles but that he could not say the exact mileage.

After examining the route taken by WALTER MAGEE from 969 University Avenue to his return to the Schmidt Brewing Company at 882 West 7th Street, as nearly as could be ascertained, he drove between 135 and 140 miles on his trip.

I also exhibited the photographs of VOLNEY DAVIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, ARTHUR R. BARKER alias "DOC" BARKER, and FRED BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, EDWARD W. BENZ, THEODORE BENZ, MRS. KATE BARKER, to the men in the check room at the Bus Station and to various other employees at the Bus Station, and none of them were able to identify any of the above pictures as having been seen in the Bus Station at any recent date or at any time, as far as they could remember.

Very truly yours,

S. L. FORTENBERRY,
Special Agent.

SLF:HVS
5 - Division
9 - St. Paul

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For possible future use the St. Paul office obtained a list of all passengers arriving and departing from Minneapolis and St. Paul by Northwest Airways during the period January 16, 1934 to February 10, 1934, inclusive. This list is being kept in the office.

An investigation has been conducted by various Agents in the office in an effort to determine where the paper used by the kidnapers and the kidnaped victim, during the period of his abduction, was purchased. This investigation has failed to produce results to date, but is being continued. In this connection there is quoted herewith a memorandum submitted by Special Agent John E. Brennan:

"Referring to letter from the Boston office dated Feb. 19, 1934, and list of "Purchasers of Note Paper described", attached hereto, the undersigned made inquiry at the places listed in St. Paul and Minneapolis, but found none where the salesmen, salesladies or clerks had any recollection of the persons who had purchased this paper. Summarizing the various interviews it appears that the paper in question is the most staple kind available for public consumption, the most common bond paper in use, and requires no salesmanship to dispose of. The firms listed as above referred to have been direct purchasers from the Eaton Paper Company, but are by no means the only places in the Twin Cities where the paper may be purchased. They are, in fact, the largest purchasers, buying direct in order to obtain a larger discount, and in some instances pool their orders with smaller concerns, that it may be large enough, and in some instances act as jobbers, selling to drug stores and the like. The paper, particularly in lots P 202 and 4235 $\frac{1}{2}$, is available in many corner drug stores in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Due to the many sources from which a box of this paper may be obtained and the remoteness of obtaining an identification of a purchaser, at the suggestion of Inspector Rorer, further inquiry is being deferred in favor of other matters in which the time element is an important factor, and in which there is a somewhat larger possibility of identifying the kidnapers.

John E. Brennan,
Special Agent.

Reference is made to the incident in which it is claimed that Karpis, the two Barkers, and Tommy Carroll entered the home of a bank cashier at Topeka, Kansas, and attempted to force him to surrender the key to the bank of which he is an employee, for the purpose of robbing same. During their stay at the bank employee's home, they dropped a purse containing a conditional sales contract, of which Tommy Carroll was a party. The following investigation was conducted by this office regarding this phase of the investigation:

With reference to the Ford DeLuxe coupe, Motor No. 40-283351, purchased from the Ford Motor Sales Company, 117 West University Avenue, St. Paul, Special Agent O. G. Hall and R. C. Coulter, interviewed Herbert Imholte, Sales Representative of the above mentioned company at the St. Paul Division office. He claimed to recall the transaction, but not to be able to identify Carroll as the purchaser, stating the transaction involved their acceptance of a Chevrolet coupe. He later sent the company's original records to this office, at the request of Agents. These records disclose T. L. Carroll, 668 Central Park Place, St. Paul, purchased the Ford coupe in question on May 13, 1933, at which time 1933 Minneapolis Motor Vehicle license No. B337821 was assigned to the car in his name. Payment was made by actual allowance on Chevrolet Victoria 1931 model coupe, Motor No. 2460114, serial number 21 AE30513, bearing 1933 Minnesota Motor Vehicle license No. B316962, at \$365.00 and cash balance of \$421.04, with refund to Republic Finance Co. of \$115.00.

Agent Hall and this Agent interviewed Mrs. Adelia Filben, Apartment 010, Filben Court Apartments, 668 East Central Park Place, who stated that she had read about Carroll in the newspapers, and through that source knew who he was. However, he had never lived in that apartment building. She stated there was a girl by the name of Carroll who had occupied an apartment there, whom she believed to be a night club entertainer, but she left last winter and it was her understanding this girl went to New York. However, she left no forwarding address, and Mrs. Filben stated she knew none of the girl's associates. Mrs. Filben is the mother of Tom Filben, who substantially controls the slot machine racket in Ramsey County, in which St. Paul is the seat of Government. Filben is reported to own the apartment house in question and has become rather wealthy, although he has the reputation of associating with criminals.

A check at the Minnesota Motor Vehicle license bureau disclosed that 1933 Minnesota motor vehicle license B316-962, was issued to Ben Frank, 372 N. Smith Avenue, St. Paul, and later transferred to the Ford

Motor Sales Co. The date of transfer was given as October 20, 1933. However, this date was the day the Ford Motor Sales Co. sold the car to another individual, and is in accordance with the usual mode of sales.

The signature of T. L. Carroll appearing on the retail buyer's order was checked with the signature on the St. Paul Police identification records and was found to be identical.

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The 1933 St. Paul Directory lists Thomas (Sally) Carroll, Apartment 106, 668 East Central Park Place.

Post Office Inspector John Strech, Post Office and Customs Building, St. Paul, who handled the postal cases against Carroll and others, informed me he interviewed Sally Carroll, wife of Tommy Carroll, after he became a fugitive, and that he definitely recalls that she told him that she and Carroll visited the Century of Progress at Chicago for a week after his release from the Ramsey County Jail, and that she told him where they had lived, but owing to the fact that it had no bearing on the inquiry he was making, he made no note of the above information. Strech stated Sally Carroll is a radio entertainer and is now residing at 3242-16th Avenue, South, Minneapolis. He stated Carroll, who originally came from the State of Oklahoma, had never been in any serious trouble until after his release on bond in connection with the post office burglary; that the bond, which was in the amount of \$10,000.00, was returnable at LaCrosse, Wisconsin the third Tuesday in September, 1933; that Carroll was not present on that date and it was continued until October, 1933, when he was present, but again continued until November 16, 1933, when Carroll failed to put in an appearance. He stated during the latter part of October, 1933, the First National Bank of Brainard, Brainard, Minnesota, was robbed, and a week or two later the Minneapolis Police received a call that a bank robber was living at 637 E. 17th Street, which is the residence of Carmel Tremont, this woman having assisted Carroll in providing bail bond on the Post Office burglary charge; that two detectives called at this address and found Carroll there with \$1400.00 in a suit case, and possibly a machine gun, with which he attempted to escape. He was arrested by one detective and left in custody of the other while the first completed a search of the house. Before the return of the first detective, Carroll slugged the second detective and escaped. He was positively identified and later the money was reported to have been positively identified as a part of a shipment to the First National Bank of Brainard, from the Federal Reserve Bank. Carroll next appeared in San Antonio, Texas,

with one Fisher, who was recently returned and sentenced to a term in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, on charge of Post Office burglary from St. Paul, Minnesota. In addition to the Post Office burglary charge Carroll is wanted for murder of a San Antonio, Texas Police detective, which crime was committed at the time Fisher was arrested, or within a day or two of that time.

Mr. Strech further advised that investigation at San Antonio, Texas, disclosed that Carroll was associating with one Jimmie Williams, age thirty, blonde, about five feet six inches tall, and who weighed about one hundred and fifty pounds. He has a blonde wife, about thirty years old, and a child four or five years old, sex unknown.

Also with one Wayne Huttner, thirty-five years old; six feet tall, one hundred and seventy-five pounds, who had a dark haired wife. Both Williams and Huttner were reported to be driving new Essex Terraplanes, bearing California license plates, numbers not secured. Nothing further is known regarding these men.

Carroll was further reported to be associating at San Antonio with one Tommy Cannon, a St. Paul character, who drives a Buick Victoria coupe, listed in the name of Anderson at the Tailor Shop, next door to Harry Sawyer's former speakeasy on Wabasha Avenue, St. Paul.

Mr. Strech further advised that one Morris Goldberg was the person who arranged for Carroll's bond here, and that it is his understanding that Tom Filben put up a ten thousand dollar note to the principal owner of the real estate, when it became apparent that Carroll and Fisher were intending to jump their bonds and that Morris Goldberg received a fee of \$4,500.00 for securing the bond. Mr. Strech stated he was confident that Carroll would have stood trial had it not become known that he had been identified as one of the participants of the Brainard bank robbery. He stated after that time Carroll got "big" as he knew he would be sentenced to serve a life term in connection with that crime.

Mr. Strech stated he knew that Carroll was a friend of Karpis and the Barkers and that all were friendly with Harry (Dutch) Sawyer, and that they as well as Cannon appear to have substantial connections in St. Paul, as nothing ever happens to them here, although he was personally reported to the St. Paul Police Department instances when Cannon was well supplied with money and told them what bank it was reported to have come from. He stated from a confidential source he heard that Carroll was in St. Paul on January 19, 1934. However, he doubts that Carroll will attempt to communicate with his wife, as he was living with some other woman, name

unknown, when the trouble occurred in San Antonio. He further advised that he had been informed that the Burns Detective Agency had found where Carroll had been living in Topeka, Kansas, and that it had also been determined that Karpis and the Barkers had been residing in Topeka at another address. He stated that Karpis, the Barkers and Carroll are reported to have gone to Chicago after the unsuccessful attempt to rob the bank at Topeka, Kansas.

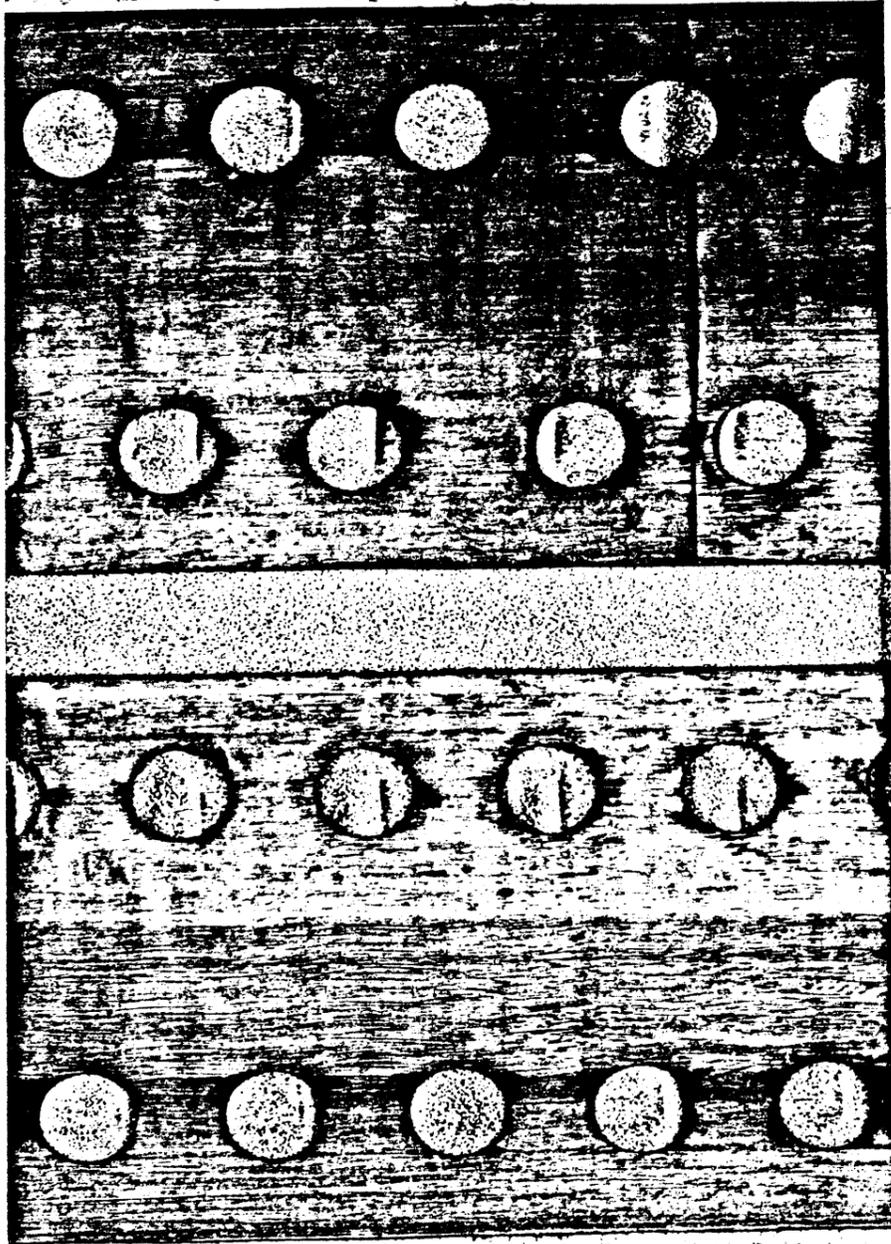
At a later date, if found advisable, Sally Carroll will be interviewed for information regarding the trip to Chicago with her husband. Some of the foregoing information does not appear relevant to the investigation at present, but has been recorded as received for whatever value it may be for future reference.

It is noted in the memorandum of Special Agent H. D. Bray, Kansas City, Mo. dated February 16, 1934, that reference is made to Sylvester Walters. There is a possibility that this man is an escaped convict from the Texas penitentiary, as he is known to Special Agent R.C. Coulter of this office, who stated he was sentenced to a term in the Texas State Penitentiary during or subsequent to 1925. He thereafter escaped, but was apprehended within a year or two, being arrested on a charge of robbery while armed, and was sentenced to serve a term of 99 years in the Texas State Penitentiary. Neither of these sentences was under the name of Sylvester Walters. However he is listed under that name as well as Stanley Stewart in the Identification Unit of the Division.

The investigation is continuing, and no leads are being set out.

The Division will be notified immediately of any developments of importance.

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March 8, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the memorandum of Special Agent O. G. Hall dated at St. Paul February 26, 1934, in connection with the investigation being conducted with a view to locating the Corona typewriter used to write ransom notes in the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward George Bremer, Victim.

It is noted that the memorandum describes the Corona typewriter in the possession of one Pete Keras of the Cozy Lunch Room, followed by the statement that this does not appear to be the machine sought. The reasons why this conclusion is reached are not set forth in the memorandum. The typewriter is described as having had, at one time, a Hectograph ribbon which is purplish and slightly smudgy. For your information, this is the type of ribbon used when writing the Barna kidnaping notes.

It is further noted Agent Hall sets forth, as typical exemplars to be taken of suspected typewriters, three short sentences. In making comparisons of typewriting specimens the Division prefers sample writing of every letter on every key of the suspected typewriter and further desires that the questioned material be copied in detail several times with a varied degree of pressure on the keys.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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February 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING

From a check of the weather reports which are available, the following information is submitted, showing the high and low temperature of the principal cities south of Portage, Wisconsin:

Date:	Madison, Wis.		Milwaukee, Wis.		Peoria, Ill.		Chicago, Ill.	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
1/17/34	24	8	26	12	38	20	36	17
1/18/34	24	20	30	26	36	22	32	28
1/19/34	40	16	44	18	48	24	48	24
1/20/34	34	20	36	24	44	26	39	21
1/21/34	Sunday							
1/22/34	No reports available							
1/23/34	46	24	50	28	50	28	51	31
1/24/34	38	30	38	30	40	36	40	32
1/25/34	52	10	52	14	60	20	54	28
1/26/34	20	16	26	18	28	22	28	23
1/27/34	42	34	42	36	42	34	39	27
1/28/34	Sunday							
1/29/34	26	-14	32	-10	14	-4	43	-6
1/30/34	-2	-6	2	-6	8	-2	3	-2
1/31/34	24	16	24	16	24	20	24	18

From the above it will be noted that the coldest day during this period was Monday, January 29, 1934, and that the warmest day was Thursday January 25, 1934, the temperature on this day being high enough to cause a thaw. The high and low temperatures of principal cities north of Portage, Wis. were as follows:

Date:	Des Moines, Iowa		Duluth, Minn.		Marquette, Mich.		Winnipeg, Minn.	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
1/17/34	32	18	6	-2	12	10	12	6
1/18/34	46	20	16	6	18	14	22	14
1/19/34	36	16	24	10	26	18	24	14
1/20/34	36	20	22	14	26	16	28	18
1/21/34	Sunday							
1/22/34	No report							
1/23/34	48	30	34	26	42	36	44	34
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Date:	Des Moines, Iowa		Duluth, Minn		Marquette, Mich.		Winlay, Minn.	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
1/25/34	56	12	32	-14	42	12	42	-2
1/26/34	26	22	12	8	24	10	24	24
1/27/34	50	40	22	26	22	22	40	22
1/28/34	Sunday							
1/29/34	26	0	-12	-30	4	-16	4	-18
1/30/34	8	0	-10	-30	0	-4	0	-8
1/31/34	50	26	22	12	24	4	22	24

From the above it will be noted that the coldest day in these cities was Monday, January 29, 1934, and the warmest day January 25, 1934, although the temperature in the North east portion reached only 42 degrees above zero, which would not be sufficient to cause a thaw, as referred to by victim Bremer.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. Nicholson

E. L. NICHOLSON,

Special Agent.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

February 26, 1934.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
Edward Bremer (Victim)
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Investigation by Special Agent Winstead at Beaumont, Texas, has developed that Paula Harmon has said that she had been arrested several times while accompanying Charlie Harmon, her deceased husband.

It is suggested that the criminal record of Charlie Harmon be searched for record of arrests and the Division Office covering each place of arrest be advised to ascertain whether, at the time of his arrest, Paula was also arrested. The purpose of this is to secure a photograph and fingerprint record of Paula since a number of contributors do not furnish the Division fingerprints of all persons arrested.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake

F. J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter dated February 26, 1934,
there are enclosed herewith copies of an abstract of the
criminal record of one Charles Preston Harmon, #2648 Police
Department, Houston, Texas, who may possibly be identical
with the individual referred to in your letter.

Photographs of Paula Harmon as Mrs. C. P. Harmon,
who was arrested with the above named individual at Council
Bluffs, Iowa on February 25, 1926, were forwarded to you
under separate cover.

Copy of this letter together with enclosure is also
being furnished Mr. Rorer of the Division for his informa-

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc - W. A. Rorer.
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U. S. Department of Justice
POST OFFICE BOX 515
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 26, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith photostatic copy of the
fingerprints of ADOLPH BREMER, Jr. These prints are to be compared with
unidentified latent fingerprints secured from various articles submitted
to the Division.

Very truly yours,



W. A. RORER,

Inspector.

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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 as 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.

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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) 'cashed' both the Hamm and the Bremer case."

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.

HN:HVS

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

February 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to letter from Chicago Division office dated February 17, 1934, in which it was indicated that one "Doc" Eaton might be a possible suspect in instant case, and further stating that Eaton's former wife lived in St. Paul.

Mr. Charles Tierney, Chief of Detectives, St. Paul, advised that Myrtle Eaton was known to St. Paul Police Department and had been arrested in St. Paul on December 10, 1930, for shoplifting, St. Paul Police Department No. 22402; and that Myrtle Eaton was at present living at 565 Portland Avenue, Apartment 101, and is being kept up by one Andy Rothmeyer, a saloon keeper of St. Paul.

It is suggested that as "Doc" Eaton is listed as a possible suspect, the fingerprint file should be checked in single print file with prints of Myrtle Eaton.

Photograph of Myrtle Eaton is being retained in the St. Paul Division office file.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer
W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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P. O. Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Okla.,
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Bldg.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

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

As requested in your letter of February 22, 1934, I am transmitting herewith eight photographs of Glen Roy Wright. Agent Franklin contacted the Police Department at Oklahoma City and was informed that the number of this individual is not 1992 but is 5656, and the only photograph available in the files of the Oklahoma City Police Department is one copied from a Police bulletin on Glen Roy Wright, which was apparently copied from a photograph on file of this Subject at the Tulsa Police Department. At this time the photographs as mentioned are being forwarded to you but efforts will be made to obtain the desired quantity from the Tulsa Police Department and same will be promptly forwarded.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

February 26, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

In connection with the above captioned case, it is imperative at this time that every effort be made to determine the location of stores which retail the socks worn by the Victim in this case and in connection with which investigation has been conducted by your office.

Special attention is called to the report of Special Agent Charles Jenkins, dated at Chicago, Illinois, February 21, 1934. It would appear that the distributor of these socks was the Chicago Mail Order Company of 511 South Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois. The details of the interview had by Agent Jenkins, at this place, have been carefully noted. It is felt that some record should be available at the office of this concern which would supply the names of stores to whom they have sold this article and it is requested that further investigation be made at the Chicago Mail Order Company with a view of determining this information. If the records are meager and complicated, it may be possible that the search could be narrowed to a territory covering the northern half of the State of Illinois.

If this concern, above referred to, will make its books available so that an agent, or even several agents, might be permitted to inspect them to secure the desired data, the management should be informed that we will volunteer the services of agents to examine the records to obtain as much detailed information as possible as to the location of purchasers of this particular article.

Will you kindly give this matter immediate attention and advise me at once.

Very truly yours,

W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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POST OFFICE BOX 815
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 26, 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 - UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

of whom?

Please have twenty photostatic copies each of the enclosed five photographs made and returned with the originals, to the St. Paul Division office, if possible so that same may be received here on the morning of February 28, 1934.

Very truly yours,

W. A. JONES,
Inspector.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
February 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO S.A. C. MELVIN H. PURVIS:

Re: BREKID
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Special Agent R.D. Brown is proceeding to Chicago in order to check air port records and air line schedules of potential value in this case. Please render him any assistance which becomes necessary and if an automobile is available it would facilitate his work.

Very truly yours,

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W.A. HORER, INSPECTOR.

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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

February 26, 1934.

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

RE: Alvin Karpis, with aliases;
et al.
Edward G. Bremer - Victim.
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

With reference to letter from the St. Paul office dated 2/23/34, suggesting that the files of the Dallas office be searched for letters written by KATHRYN KELLY to her mother:

You are advised that such search has been made and no such letters found.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
February 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. I. C. WEBER HANNI:

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

In compliance to your request to check the possibility of locating the hideout in this case by means of checking airplane flights in the vicinity of approximately 150 to 200 miles south or southeast of Portage, Wisconsin, the following information was obtained:

The victim has stated rather definitely that on January 28th, this being the second Saturday after his capture, while held at the hideout, he heard a plane flying almost directly over the hideout. He fixed the time of his hearing this plane at a very short interval of time before the ringing of a church bell; that the church bell always (on week days) rang shortly before the blowing of a factory whistle. He fixed the blowing of the factory whistle as being late afternoon or about five or six o'clock. In this connection, he stated the sound of the motor of this particular airplane had hardly become extinct before the church bell started ringing. Thus, the church bell, the factory whistle and the airplane were heard within a period of fifteen minutes at the most. It seems logical to believe the plane passed over the hideout shortly before five or six in the afternoon.

The victim stated that on other days he would hear airplanes often more than one in a day, which appeared to be passing his hideout some distance away. He stated that on some days and sometimes for two or three days he would hear no noises of airplanes passing. Thus possibly indicating the hideout was not located very close to an established air line.

Agent interviewed R. E. MIDDLESTADT, Chief Dispatcher and F. W. WHITTIMORE, Operations Manager, Northwest Airways, Inc., at the offices of that company, located at Holman Municipal Airport, St. Paul, Minnesota, on this date. Both stated the average citizen would be unable to distinguish between the noises created by single and tri-motored ships. In fact, MR. WHITTIMORE, who claims he has been flying for eighteen years, stated he is not always able to distinguish between the two noises unless there was some difference in the R.P.M. of the motors of a tri-motor ship or unless the ship were comparatively near. He stated that, of course, a tri-motored ship or a bi-motored ship creates a louder exhaust noise than does a single motored plane but that should a pilot of a single motored plane be bucking a strong head wind, he would probably be "gunning" or racing his motor at

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a greater speed than when cruising in good weather and his motor would thus create a much louder exhaust and possibly give persons on the ground the impression that a bi-motored or a tri-motored ship was passing.

The persons then interviewed then checked airport weather charts for weather in the Chicago area on the afternoon of January 28th, which showed that weather conditions in that vicinity were bad; that an 80-mile wind was blowing from the northwest and the ceiling in the Chicago area was but 1,000 feet. Upon further checking the weather they stated Northwest Airways regularly dispatches a ship out of Chicago for St. Paul, Minnesota, at 4:30 p.m.; that this plane's route takes it straight into Rochester, Minnesota, but because of the before mentioned bad weather the ship was grounded and did not take off at all.

As to possibility of commercial planes, not connected with airline service, flying on that date, both stated such a presumption was impossible because of the weather condition and further, at this season of the year and because of the depression, there is practically no flying being done other than by the airlines. In fact, he (MR. WHITTMORE) stated if anyone were flying on the afternoon of January 28th for pleasure purposes, they were "crazy".

The before mentioned gentleman were then given an idea of the approximate position of the point to be located; that of a point approximately 175 or 200 miles south, southeast or southwest of Portage, Wisconsin; also the fact that a city having street cars and traffic signals, which city is located approximately 70 to 90 miles from the point, the location of which is desired. MR. WHITTMORE then stated he knows of his own knowledge that the only city south of Madison, Wisconsin, now having street cars (the first city south of Madison) is Rockford, Illinois. Rockford is a city of 85,000 population. The next cities south of Rockford, having street car systems are Elgin and Aurora, Illinois, according to MR. WHITTMORE. Elgin is 54 miles southeast of Rockford and Aurora is 75 miles from Rockford, located southeast. Joliet is located 95 miles from Rockford. Both of the above named gentlemen dismissed the possibility of the point attempting to be located as being on or near the route of the Northwest Airways from Chicago to Rochester, Minnesota.

They stated the only established airlines operating straight west and southwest out of Chicago are United Air Lines, operating straight west of Chicago over Aurora and Sterling, Illinois, operating three ships each way each day and American Airways, operating southwest of Chicago over Joliet, Morris, Streator and Peoria, Illinois. Both stated that the records of these airlines would show the positions of airplanes being operated by

them between five or six o'clock at any point close to Chicago on January 28th; that the pilots of regular airline ships radio their position every half hour; that since a strong wind was blowing from the northwest, the ships flying at that time could easily have been off course and if backing the wind, motor or motors would be speeded up and persons on the ground would gain the impression the ship was closer than usual; that possibly the wind was blowing in such a way that persons on the ground at a certain point would hear it very distinctly although the location be ten or fifteen miles away.

MR. WHITTMORE suggested that records of both the American Airways and the United Air Lines be checked at Chicago with reference to the above and impressed agent that it was entirely possible to locate airplanes (positions of) operated by those companies at almost any time during the afternoon of January 28th.

There is attached hereto a map showing the routes traveled by the airlines mentioned and showing the distances from Portage, Wisconsin.

Very truly yours,

E. D. BROWN,
Special Agent.

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cc Chicago

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

February 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
505A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

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

Please obtain immediately name, present
address, description, associates, and all possible
information pertaining to person who had prescription
No. 196725--Dr. Kilb. (possibly abbreviation) filled
at Hilp's Drug Store, Reno, Nevada, December 27, 1932.
The above information was taken from a small green
bottle with black screw top which contained a number of
round, transparent, light pills.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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POST OFFICE BOX 515
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 27, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING - St. Paul file 7-50

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted with this letter copy of a communication from Stephen Creech, U.S. Game Protector, Box 506, Peoria, Illinois, under date of February 26, 1934. This letter is in response to a circular letter forwarded to Mr. Creech by Inspector W.A. Rorer, copy of which circular is attached hereto.

It is desired that Special Agents of the St. Louis office contact Mr. Creech at the earliest possible date, for the purpose of obtaining any information which he may possess pertaining to the above entitled matter. Obviously no information should be furnished Mr. Creech with reference to the purpose of the inquiry.

Kindly give this matter prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Bureau of Biological Survey

Peoria, Illinois
February 26, 1934.

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

My dear Mr. Rorer:

Receipt is acknowledged of your confidential circular dated February 21. I have read with much interest the list of sounds which were heard in a certain community in my district. From the account set out in the first 4 paragraphs of your letter there is no question in my mind but what I have such a community in my district. However your request is so vague that I do not feel like making a statement at this time.

If you will advise me more fully concerning the reason and object of this request I believe I can name the place to which you refer. It may be possible that I could render personal assistance.

On February 20, one of your agents were here requesting information concerning a list of my men. No doubt that was in connection with this same request. One of these circulars has been sent to a State Game Warden living in Peoria, and I am very much afraid that so far as being confidential, a great mistake has been made there, because it has been discussed with others.

I gather from this letter and newspaper accounts that it has to do with a certain kidnapping in your city. Two years ago I was responsible for the apprehension and the prosecution of some twelve people for the kidnapping of a Doctor in Peoria.

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If you intend to send a man down here to discuss this with me, please advise me in advance so that I may be here, but if you send a man here, send one who is in a position to go into detail.

Very truly yours,

STEPHEN CREECH

U.S. Game Protector

BOX 306, Peoria, Ill.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

February 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Special Agent H.C. Coulter has been advised of the following:

" GEORGE NEFF and CLARENCE SPARGER both have served sentences in the Missouri State Penitentiary. No. 6001 is either NEFF'S Missouri State Penitentiary number or his St. Joseph, Missouri, police number. Both of these men are white, and NEFF is about thirty-five years old. I do not possess any further identifying data regarding either.

Ray Harrington, Superintendent of the Minneapolis Police Bureau of Identification, advised that the Minneapolis Police Department received a letter dated December 17, 1933, from Mr. B.T. Andrews, Chief of Police, St. Joseph, Missouri, in which he stated he had received information from a confidential source that the above mentioned men borrowed a large sum of money and left St. Joseph about three weeks prior to the date of the letter above mentioned, with the intent, according to his informant, to stage a bank robbery in this vicinity. They intended to come directly to either St. Paul, or Minneapolis. Mr. Harrington stated no robbery had occurred since the receipt of the above mentioned letter."

Please check the prints, in the single fingerprint files, of the above persons against the latent prints obtained in this case.

Very truly yours,

W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
February 26, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING - S.L. File 7-27.

Dear Sir:

Under date of February 15, 1934, you forwarded to me a photograph of Charles J. Fitzgerald, Kansas State Penitentiary No. 6621, in order that it could be exhibited to Arthur Johnson, in inmate of the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado, to learn if he could identify the photograph.

I wish to inform you that the photograph was forwarded to Mr. Roy Best, Warden of the Colorado State Penitentiary, and he was asked to exhibit it to Arthur Johnson. I today received word from Warden Best that the photograph was shown to Arthur Johnson alias Red Price, Colorado State Penitentiary No. 5715, and that Arthur Johnson stated that the photograph was that of a man known to him as Charles Deen or Fitz.

For your information I wish to make known that before the photograph was sent to Warden Best, the information on the reverse side of the photograph, namely the name and aliases of the person, together with his description, was concealed so that Arthur Johnson would not have any opportunity of learning any part of the information contained on the reverse side.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - St. Paul.
cc - Chicago.

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

February 26, 1934

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases
ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephonic conversation with Inspector Rorer, it is suggested that arrangements be made to cover the Carnera-Loughran fight at Miami, Florida, Wednesday, February 28th in an effort to locate Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker, who are suspected of being implicated in the Bremer matter.

Very truly yours,

M.H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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M. H. Purvis

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida

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February 27, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

As of possible interest to the Division, I am enclosing an editorial that appeared in the Tampa Daily Times, Tampa, Florida, on February 17, 1934, in connection with the apprehension of EDWARD DOLL with aliases, subject of I. O. #1214.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 27, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your letter of February 16, 1934, regarding captioned case, I am attaching hereto St. Paul Police Department photograph No. 25, 979, which is a photograph of THOMAS CARROLL, alias TOMMY CARROLL alias T. L. CARROLL alias JAMES ROY BROCK, alias FRANK SLOAN alias FRANK SLOWY and a supply of circulars, issued by the Post Office Department.

With reference to the Ford Deluxe Coupe, Motor No. 40-283751 purchased from the Ford Motor Sales Company, 117 West University Avenue, St. Paul, Special Agent O. G. Hall and Special Agent R. G. Coulter interviewed Herbert Imholte, Sales Representative of the above mentioned company at the St. Paul Division office. He claimed to recall the transaction, but not to be able to identify Carroll as the purchaser, stating the transaction involved their acceptance of a Chevrolet coupe. He later sent the company's original records to this office, at the request of Agents. These records disclose T. L. Carroll, 668 Central Park Place, St. Paul, purchased the Ford Coupe in question on May 13, 1934, at which time 1933 Minnesota Motor Vehicle License No. B337821 was assigned to the car in his name. Payment was made by actual allowance on Chevrolet Victoria 1931 Model coupe, Motor No. 2460114, serial No. 21A230613, bearing 1933 Minnesota Motor Vehicle license No. B316962, at \$365.00 and cash balance of \$421.04, with refund to Republic Finance Co. of \$115.00.

Agent Hall and Agent Coulter interviewed Mrs. Adelia Filben, Apartment 101, Filben Court Apartments, 668 East Central Park Place, who stated she had read about Carroll in the newspapers and through that source knew who he was. However, he had never lived in that apartment building. She stated there was a girl by the name of Carroll who had occupied an apartment there, whom she believed to be a night club entertainer, but she left last winter and it was her understanding this girl went to New York. However, she left no forwarding address, and Mrs.

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Filben stated that she knew none of this girl's associates. Mrs. Filben is the mother of Tom Filben, who substantially controls the slot machine racket in Ramsey County, of which St. Paul is the seat of Government. Filben is reported to own the apartment house in question and has become rather wealthy, although he has the reputation of associating with criminals.

A check at the Minnesota Motor Vehicle License Bureau disclosed that 1933 Minnesota motor vehicle license E316-262, were issued to Ben Frank, 372 N. Smith Avenue, St. Paul, and later transferred to the Ford Motor Sales Co. The date of transfer was given as October 20, 1933; however this was the date the Ford Motor Sales Co. sold the car to another individual, and is in accordance with the usual mode of sales.

The signature of T. L. Carroll appearing on the retail buyer's order was checked with the signature on the St. Paul Police identification records and was found to be identical.

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The 1933 St. Paul City Directory lists Thomas (Sally) Carroll, Apartment 106, 668 East Central Park Place.

Post Office Inspector John Strech, Post Office and Customs Building, St. Paul, who handled the postal cases against Carroll and others, informed Agent Coulter that he interviewed Sally Carroll, wife of Tommy Carroll, after he became a fugitive and that he definitely recalls that she told him that she and Carroll visited the Century of Progress at Chicago for a week after his release from the Ramsey County Jail, and that she told him where they had lived, but owing to the fact that it had no bearing on the inquiry he was making, he made no note of the above information. Strech stated Sally Carroll is a radio entertainer and is now residing at 3242-16th Avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minn. He stated Carroll, who originally came from the State of Oklahoma, had never been in any serious trouble until after his release on bond in connection with the Post Office burglary; that the bond, which was in the amount of \$10,000 was returnable at LaCrosse, Wisconsin the third Tuesday in September, 1933; that Carroll was not present on that date and it was continued until October, 1933, when Carroll failed to put in an appearance.

He stated during the latter part of October, 1933, the First National Bank of Brainard, Brainard, Minnesota was robbed, and a week or two later the Minneapolis Police received a call that a bank robber was living at 637 E. 17th Street, which is the residence of Garmel Tremont, this woman having assisted Carroll in providing bail bond on the Post Office burglary charge; that two detectives called at this address and found Carroll there with \$1400.00 in a suitcase, and possibly a machine gun, with which he attempted to escape. He was arrested by one detective and left in custody of the other while the first completed a search of the house. Before the return of the first detective, Carroll slugged the second detective and escaped. He was positively identified, and later the money was reported to have been positively identified as a part of a shipment to the First National Bank of Brainard from the Federal Reserve Bank. Carroll next appeared in San Antonio, Texas, with one Fisher, who was recently returned and sentenced to a term in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, on a charge of Post Office burglary from St. Paul, Minnesota. In addition to the Post Office burglary charge, Carroll is wanted for the murder of a San Antonio, Tex. Police Detective, which crime was committed at the time Fisher was arrested, or within a day or two of that time.

Mr. Streech further advised that investigation at San Antonio, Texas, disclosed that Carroll was associating with one Jimmie Williams, age thirty, blonde, about five feet six inches tall, and who weighed about one hundred and fifty pounds. He has a blonde wife, about thirty years old, and a child four or five years old, sex unknown. *Jillie*

Also with one Wayne Huttner, thirty-five years old, six feet tall, one hundred and seventy-five pounds, who had a dark haired wife. Both Williams and Huttner were reported to be driving new Essex Terraplanes, bearing California license plates, numbers not secured. Nothing further is known regarding these men.

Carroll was further reported to be associating at San Antonio with one Tommy Cannon, a St. Paul character, who drives a Buick Victoria coupe, listed in the name of Anderson at the tailor shop, next door to Harry Sawyer's former speakeasy on Wabasha Avenue, St. Paul.

Mr. Streech further advised that one Morris Goldberg was the person who arranged for Carroll's bond here, and that it is his understanding that Tom Fisher put up a ten thousand dollar note to the

principal owner of the real estate, when it became apparent that Carroll and Fisher were intending to jump their bonds and that Morris Goldberg received a fee of \$4,500.00 for securing the bonds and Mr. Streech stated he was confident that Carroll would have stood trial had it not become known that he had been identified as one of the participants of the Prineard bank robbery. He stated after that time Carroll got "big" as he knew he would be sentenced to serve a life term in connection with that crime.

Mr. Streech stated he knew that Carroll was a friend of Karpis and the Barkers and that all were friendly with Harry (Dutch) Sawyer, and that they as well as Cannon appear to have substantial connections in St. Paul, as nothing ever happens to them here, although he has reported to the St. Paul Police Department instances when Cannon was well supplied with money and told them what bank it was reported to have come from. He stated, from a confidential source he heard that Carroll was in St. Paul on January 19, 1934. However he doubts that Carroll will attempt to communicate with his wife, as he was living with another woman, name unknown, when the trouble occurred in San Antonio. He further advised that he had been informed that the Burns Detective Agency had found where Carroll had been living in Topeka, Kansas, and that it had also been determined that Karpis and the Barkers had been residing in Topeka at another address. He stated that Karpis, the Barkers and Carroll are reported to have gone to Chicago after the unsuccessful attempt to rob the bank at Topeka, Kansas.

At a later date, if found advisable, Sally Carroll will be interviewed for information regarding the trip to Chicago with her husband. Some of the foregoing information does not appear relevant to the investigation at present, but has been recorded as received for whatever value it may be for future reference.

It is noted in the memorandum of Special Agent H. D. Bray, Kansas City, Missouri, dated February 16, 1934, that reference is made to Sylvester Waters. There is a possibility that this man is an escaped convict from the Texas Penitentiary, as he is known to Special Agent R.C. Coulter of this office, who stated he was sentenced to a term in the Texas State Penitentiary, during or subsequent to 1925. He thereafter escaped, but was apprehended within a year or two, being arrested on a charge of robbery while armed, and was sentenced to serve a term

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of 99 years in the Texas State Penitentiary. Neither of these sentences was under the name of Sylvester Walters. However he is listed under that name as well as Stanley Stewart in the Identification Unit of the Division.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROBEK,

Inspector.

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CC Division
CC San Antonio

February 24, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

In response to your telegram of February 24,
there are transmitted herewith ten photographs of
Dorothy Slayton.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Edward J. Brennan

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801 Title Guaranty Building,
St. Louis, Missouri,
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith two copies of a letter received at this office from the United States Attorney at Springfield, Illinois in connection with the case entitled EDDIE LARUE, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, together with two copies of a letter addressed to the United States Attorney at Springfield, Illinois by the County Attorney at Lincoln, Nebraska.

In response to this letter, I desire to advise that the United States Attorney has been informed that Subject LaRue has admitted his guilt in connection with this violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and further that he has indicated his desire to enter a plea of guilty on this charge.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THE COUNTY ATTORNEY
Lancaster County
Court House
Lincoln, Nebraska

87065

February 20
1934

Hon. Frank K. Lamon,
United States Attorney,
Springfield, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I am advised that it is the intention of the government to take Eddie LaRue alias Doll, now under arrest in Tampa, Florida, to Springfield, Illinois, for prosecution under the Dyer Act.

We have on file in our courts here a complaint against LaRue charging him with a two million dollar bank robbery and have convicted two of the bank robbers during the past two years.

I am very anxious to secure the return of this man to this county for prosecution, and in view of the fact that the two men convicted here received 25 year sentences, which LaRue would also receive if we were successful in convicting him, I thought possible you would give us an opportunity to try him here.

In the event he should not be convicted, we would stand the expense of returning him to Springfield for you. I will greatly appreciate your co-operation or any help that you can give us.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Max G. Towle

County Attorney
Lincoln, Nebraska

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Department of Justice
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
Southern District of Illinois

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Springfield, Ill.
February 24, 1934

D. M. Ladd,
Special Agent in Charge,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
801 Title Guaranty Bldg.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

In re: Eddie LaRue, alias Edward Doll, etc.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter yesterday received from the County Attorney of Lancaster County, Nebraska. It appears that the State of Nebraska is very anxious to prosecute LaRue for crimes alleged to have been committed by him in that state.

I believe that you are thoroughly familiar with the case pending against LaRue in our district. It is a case in which, to say the least, a successful prosecution would be very doubtful. We have been holding it upon our docket largely in order to assist the Department in the apprehension of LaRue. It is our suggestion that LaRue should be released to that jurisdiction which has the best chance to convict him for one of the more serious crimes which he is alleged to have committed, such as bank robbing, kidnapping, etc.

We have forwarded to the United States Attorney at Florida the necessary documents for the return of LaRue to this district, but believe that the subject-matter of this communication should be given careful consideration by your service before a removal order is actually entered. If LaRue is removed to this district, it might thereafter become more difficult to surrender him to some other jurisdiction for trial than it would be under the present circumstances.

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If there is any information or recommendation which we can make for your assistance in this matter, kindly call upon us.

Yours very truly,
FRANK K. LEMON
United States Attorney

(Signed) Marks Alexander

By Marks Alexander
Ass't. U. S. Attorney

MA:CM

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida

February 27, 1934

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

RE: EDWARD DOLL with aliases, I. O. #1214
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that this morning, by long distance telephone, Special Agent H. E. Anderson from Tampa, Florida, informed that this subject during the past twenty-four hours has become despondent and very much depressed, fearing that when removed he will be taken to South Bend, Indiana, for prosecution in connection with the kidnaping of Howard A. Woolverton, and that he constantly is making inquiry as to whether his brother, Harry Doll, has been picked up in Chicago. He intimated that if his brother, Harry, is taken into custody in Chicago on the information that he has furnished to Division agents at Tampa he, Edward Doll, might attempt to commit suicide. He maintains that when Mr. Woolverton was abducted and confined in his brother's, Harry's, home near Lockport, Illinois, his brother had no knowledge of the fact that Woolverton had been kidnaped and was being held for ransom, and that if Harry is prosecuted in connection with this matter the part he took was at the instance, suggestion and arrangement of his own, Edward Doll's.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
February 25, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. BORER:

As per your request, there is submitted herewith information as to the assignment of one agent for the purpose of checking St. Paul and Minneapolis stores on the flash lights involved in the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

Please be advised that in the first place the flash lights, nor the lenses, were available at the time the St. Paul Division Office instituted local inquiry; that on February 11th, telegraphic information was obtained from the New York office that a certain concern in Minneapolis was manufacturer of the particular flash light. Inquiry was immediately started by an agent to ascertain from that concern, the distributors of that particular flash light. It was found that such a concern did not exist in Minneapolis. The New York office was advised and immediately at the same time, the agent assigned was instructed to check all electrical concerns with a view to ascertaining the identity of the manufacturer of the particular flash lights in order to find where they were being distributed. Subsequently, information was received as to the dealers in film-olenses, and upon receipt of that information only a few stores were named, and one agent could properly take care of that assignment. Later, this office was advised that the flash lights were being distributed by a certain chain store, of which there is only one located in St. Paul and Minneapolis, and the same agent was assigned to this lead. The investigation in this case was such that there were no leads that could have been checked quicker by more than one agent, unless a store to store canvass would have been undertaken. The same is true with reference to the filmolenses.

During this period other agents at that time at the St. Paul office were engaged in investigative work in connection with the case. In fact, all agents were at all times engaged in carrying out leads in the Bremer case. The flash lights proper have never been available for investigation here, and investigation to ascertain places where such flash lights were being sold was undertaken on the strength of the name only and leads as to distributors. I think the records in the file will indicate this matter was given appropriate and prompt attention.

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The flash lights were forwarded to the Division within two hours after they had been brought to the St. Paul office by the writer, on telephonic request from the Division and they (have never been available for identification purposes.) The identification made by the saloslady on February 20, 1934, was made on the strength of the photographs the Division furnished of these flash lights.

Very truly yours,

WALTER HARRI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
POST OFFICE BOX 515
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 27, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
ET AL - UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file 7-30

Dear Sir:

In answer to your inquiry of the 24th instant, for an explanation concerning the investigation performed in the Twin Cities covering the purchase of the flash lights used in the above case, I am attaching hereto copy of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer
W. A. RORER,

Inspector.

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
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MR. NATHAN	
MR. TOLSON	
MR. CLEGG	
MR. COWLEY	
MR. EDWARDS	
MR. EGAN	
MR. QUINN	
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MR. LOCKE	
MR. RORER	

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. Purvis telephoned with reference to one [redacted] alias [redacted] an informant, who claims he can get information from [redacted] concerning a suspect in the Bremer kidnaping case at St. Paul and I told Mr. Purvis that Mr. Rorer was expecting to hear from his office as to Mr. Purvis' conclusions as to the value of [redacted] and, if [redacted] alias [redacted] was needed by Mr. Rorer the Division would authorize the payment to him of a maximum of \$50.00 plus his railroad fare to and from St. Paul, that the ticket should be purchased for him and a small amount of money given to him for the trip to St. Paul and after he had rendered his services the additional funds could be given to him.

I talked to Mr. Tolson about this as I had previously discussed it with you and Mr. Purvis subsequently telephoned and stated that Mr. Rorer wanted this informant sent to St. Paul and Mr. Purvis was authorized to do so in accordance with previously discussed arrangements.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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Official Indicated below by check mark

- MR. NATHAN
- MR. TOLSON
- MR. CLEGG
- MR. COWLEY
- MR. EDWARDS
- MR. EGAN
- MR. QUINN
- MR. LESTER
- MR. LOCKE
- MR. ROSEN

MEMORANDUM

The AG handled this by an oral statement.
[Signature]

- Solicitor General Biggs
- Assistant to the Attorney General Stanley
- Assistant Attorney General Stephens
- Assistant Attorney General Wideman
- Assistant Attorney General Keenan
- Assistant Attorney General Sweeney
- Assistant Attorney General Blair
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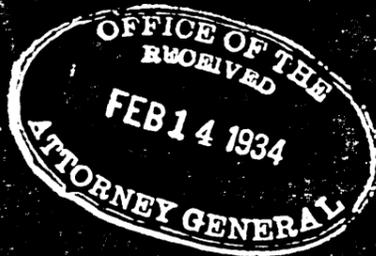
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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 13, 1934.



MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Concerning the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, Minnesota, I desire to advise you of the following circumstances that have been reported to me by the Special Agents at St. Paul:

A Special Agent was stationed in the home of the father of Edward G. Bremer, and on the night that Mr. Bremer was released by the kidnapers upon his arrival at his father's home, the Special Agent in this home advises that one of his first inquiries was whether the serial numbers of the currency delivered as ransom had been turned over to the Federal Investigators. He became highly indignant upon learning that these had been delivered to our Special Agents, indicating that the kidnapers had threatened that members of Mr. Bremer's family would be killed or injured should this information become known.

An employee of Mr. Bremer's bank by the name of Miss Dickman, who occupies a position similar to that of Secretary to Mr. Edward G. Bremer, received one of the ransom notes, but when Special Agents questioned her she claimed that she could not tell whether the individual delivering the note was tall or short, fat or thin, because it was too dark. Special Agents have examined the premises and have found that there is, even at night, sufficient illumination for an identification to be made on the porch where the note was delivered.

It was recently as February 12, 1934, the Mr. Bremer who had been kidnaped cried during the course of the questioning of him and expressed fear that his daughter would be killed in the event he talked and he indicated that he would not make a positive identification, but shortly thereafter he tried to convince the Special Agent that he had told him everything that he knew. He admits not being blindfolded for several days during the course of his incarceration but he continues to claim that he cannot identify any one of his kidnapers and to represent that he did not even see their shoes or any part of their bodies. It was in the daytime that he was kidnaped but he denies that he can give any description of the individuals who participated in this kidnaping.

Mr. Bremer has, during the past few days, given some details concerning the description of the place where he was held. Due to his

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Memorandum for the Attorney General.

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attitude, however, the Special Agents are unable to conclude whether these details are true or false. He gives the appearance of being a thoroughly frightened individual. Of course, his attitude is not one which is very helpful to the Special Agents of this Division who are attempting to identify and cause the apprehension of the kidnapers.

With reference to our recent conversations concerning this situation, I desired to advise you of these additional facts. In the event you consider it advisable to issue any statement concerning this matter I am submitting, attached hereto, a suggested draft of such a statement for your consideration.

The most recent reports from Special Agents at St. Paul are to the effect that the apparent hostility of Mr. Bremer is not believed to be personal but is thought to be a hostility that is general toward all those who would seek the solution of this crime.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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311 Harley-Wright Bldg
Washington, D. C.

March 1, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - EDWARD G. BRIDGER,
Victim of KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my telegram dated February 26, 1934. In connection therewith, Special Agent R. P. Burruss was advised by Mr. J. C. Dale, Financial Service, Veterans Administration, that check payable to Mrs. Paula Harmon in the amount of \$1585 was mailed to her, care of General Delivery, Winnie, Texas, on October 19, 1932. This check was returned and was subsequently sent to her on November 5, 1932, care of C. H. Peacock, Post Office Box #732, Beaumont, Texas.

Mr. Dale further informed Agent Burruss that the file reflected that Charles Preston Harmon, while serving in the army during the World War, made application for a \$10,000 insurance policy and that same was discontinued effective June 6, 1919, on account of non-payment of dues. The file also indicates that his mother, Martha A. Harmon, resided at Mount Enterprise, Texas. Agent Burruss arranged with Mr. Dale of the Veterans Administration to have a flash placed in the Veterans Administration file pertaining to Charles Preston Harmon, IC-825449, to notify the Washington Field Office should any further correspondence of any nature whatsoever be received from Paula Harmon or anyone else having interest in this case.

Very truly yours,

EARLE M. BLACK, Assistant
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake, Dallas, telephoned. He inquired about the status of the Transient Bureau, and he was informed that they were a part of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration. He wanted to know if there was jurisdiction to investigate if a theft or fraud against the organization occurred, and I suggested that he endeavor to have this matter referred to the Division of Investigations, Department of the Interior. He indicated that there had been a loss to the local organization at Dallas of about \$750.

Mr. Blake asked for a picture of Paula Harmon, and it was ascertained that such a photograph was available and he requested that photographs and fingerprints of this individual be forwarded to his office as she was being sought for questioning in the Bremer case and he felt that the photographs and fingerprints would be helpful as she originally came from the Dallas territory.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

Edward G. Bremer

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February 28, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to your recent letter concerning an interview with Mr. Alexander Jamie at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., you are advised that the Washington field office contacted Mr. Jamie for the primary purpose of ascertaining the hide-out place in the Koolverton kidnaping case so that it might be determined whether this was the same house in which Mr. Bremer was held.

Mr. Jamie stated that he had heard from his son in Chicago and his son had advised him of the request of the Chicago office for information contained in Mr. Jamie's files and he, in turn, had requested his son to turn over any information of this character which might be desired by the Chicago office.

He claims that he did not have any of these files with him here.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Laboratory Report

February 23, 1934.

Case: Unknown Subjects (Letter addressed to Postmaster, St. Paul, postmarked Cleveland, Ohio, 2-3-34), Adolph Bremer, Victim; Extortion. Number: 7-576

Specimens: 1 letter addressed to U.S. Postmaster, St. Paul, Minn., postmarked 2-3-34. 1 note enclosed beginning "Please deliver enclosed letter". 1 envelope enclosed addressed to Adolph Bremer. 1 note beginning "Place this add in wed. mornings paper".

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: February 16, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel.

The outside envelope measures 7.11 by 3.93 inches. It has a linen finish and there is no water-mark. The inside envelope addressed to Adolph Bremer measures 5.75 by 3.79 inches. It is a heavy cream paper with a mottled water-mark finish. There is no water-mark design of the manufacturer. This envelope is lined with solid brown colored paper which extends completely over the flap and is as wide as the envelope and extends 2.8 inches further. This lining is .0021 inches thick.

The three pages of the letter are written on identical paper measuring 7.88 by 4.98 inches. The paper has green lines .35 inches apart and there is no water-mark. The handwriting on the envelopes and on the letters is identical but this is not like other handwriting in this or other cases.

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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Special Agent W. A. Roser,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Re: Unknown Subjects; Adolph Bremer,
Victim; Extortion.

Dear Sir:

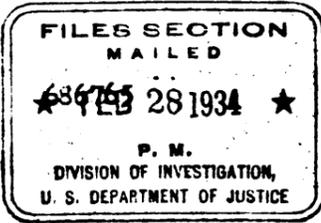
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division February 16, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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February 28, 1934

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

ALL Field Offices

Dear Sir:

In connection with the further investigation of the case involving the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, Minnesota, you are advised that this case has been made a special assignment under the direct supervision of Inspector W. A. Rorer.

All communications addressed to St. Paul relative to this matter should be forwarded to Mr. Rorer at the address of the St. Paul office. Upon receipt of any letter, telegram or telephone call from Mr. Rorer, his request should be complied with immediately as he has been designated in full charge of the investigation.

Very truly yours,

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
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Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to a telegram from the St. Paul office to this office, dated February 27, 1934, requesting that specimens of handwriting other than signatures be obtained of Volney Davis, Arthur (Doc) Barker, and Harry Campbell.

Please be advised that search of the files in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary failed to show any handwriting of these individuals other than signatures.

The office of the Parole and Pardon Attorney, state of Oklahoma, has a record on Davis and Doc Barker. Five letters written by Davis, when he was in the McAlester State Penitentiary, were found in this file, were borrowed, with the promise that they would be returned, and are transmitted herewith. These letters were received for and should be carefully preserved as it was definitely requested that they be returned when they have served their purpose.

The records of the Pardon and Parole Attorney do not disclose any specimens of handwriting of Arthur (Doc) Barker other than signature. I am transmitting herewith three parole reports purporting to bear his signature; one for February, 1933, rendered February 27, 1933 at Neosho, Missouri and witnessed by M. M. Roley, S. A. Keller and G. E. Barker, and in this parole report Doc Barker states that he was employed sixteen days during that month by S. A. Keller at Neosho, Missouri. Another for March, 1933, rendered at Neosho, Missouri, with the return address, Box 174 of that town, dated March 28, 1933, in which he stated that that would be his address indefinitely and that for eighteen days he worked for different parties as a common laborer at \$1.50 per day, and witnessed by Jack Ziller and Rannie Farmer. The third report is for January, 1934, rendered at Neosho, Missouri, return address Post Office Box 174 of that town, dated January 30, 1934, in which he states that he will be at this address indefinitely, and that he has worked twenty days for different

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parties as a common laborer and has earned \$54.00. It is witnessed by Jack Ziller and Mrs. Rannie Farmer.

Application for Banishment Parole bearing two signatures of Doc Barker was obtained from the records of the Pardon Attorney's office and also an Application for Clemency, dated June 16, 1931, bearing two signatures of Doc Barker was obtained at the Pardon Attorney's office and are transmitted herewith.

There was found in the file of Doc Barker at the Pardon Attorney's office a letter dated February 14, 1934, written at Neosho, Missouri, and signed George E. Barker, address Post Office Box 174, Neosho, requesting that some parole report blanks for his son, Doc Barker, be forwarded. A similar letter, dated March 28, 1933, signed George E. Barker, Post Office box 174, was obtained. There is nothing to indicate that these letters are in the handwriting of Doc Barker and are not being transmitted herewith.

All of the documents forwarded herewith have been copied and information contained therein in the nature of leads will be collated and proper investigation conducted.

The Kansas City office was apprised today telephonically of the names appearing on these parole reports.

As is indicated, no handwriting specimens could be found of Harry Campbell. Agent Hollis informs me that he has made a thorough search of the records in the Police Department at Tulsa, Oklahoma, but has been unable to obtain any specimens of Harry Campbell's handwriting there. He will conduct further investigation in an effort to obtain such specimens and, if obtained, same will be forwarded forthwith to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl's.
cc-St. Paul
Kansas City

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Laboratory Report

February 20, 1934.

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

Number: 7-576

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Specimens: 1 envelope addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, postmarked 1-30-34, at St. Louis, Mo., and marked Personal.
1 letter beginning "This is to let you know that your son"
1 newspaper ad re instant case
1 letter and envelope addressed to Mr. A. Bremer and written by a Catholic priest.

Examination requested by:

St. Louis Office.

Date received: February 13, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Examination by: C.A.Appel.

Result of examination:

February 13. The pencil script with which the letter was written is the same as the envelope. The letter measures 9.9 by 8 inches and there is no water-mark in either the envelope or letter. The letter was probably torn from a pad. The scheme used in this case is similar to that used in the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edsel Ford, et al, Victims; Extortion, and the name Harold E. Harlan under which the pay-off man was to register also compares with the name Harold C. Benson used in the Ford case in an exactly similar manner.

The fingerprint powders and iodine have stained this letter and should not have been applied in the field.

There are no particular similarities between the handwriting in this letter and in the other cases. This handwriting will be kept for comparison with other specimens as they are received.

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

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

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 13, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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Laboratory Report
February 23, 1934.

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

Specimens: 1 envelope addressed to Adolph Bremer and postmarked Brooklyn,
N.Y., 1-31-34 - two page letter enclosed beginning "The
greatest shock of my life came" - page 2 beginning "Edward is
very ill", letter signed by James M. Powers.

Examination requested by: New York Office.

Date received: February 16, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Examination by: C.A. Appel.

Result of examination:

February 16. The envelope measures 6.49 by 3.68 inches and there is no
water-mark. The letter was written on two pages of the letter-head of James
M. Power, Democratic Club Incorporated in Brooklyn. The stationery has
already been identified.

The handwriting was compared with that of Clara Feldman and
others in the Urschel case for the reason that it is the same style of
writing and possesses some similarities. It, however, is not identical with
that writing. Attention is invited to the composition and spelling in this
letter indicating it was written by a person with little education.

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Special Agent in Charge,
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

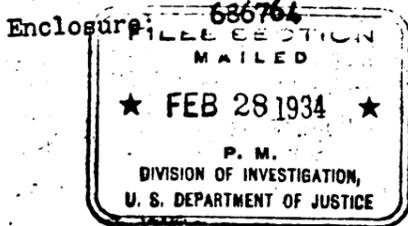
Dear Sir:

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.



Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

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February 28, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
Kidnaping and Murder of Charles
A. Lindbergh, Jr.

There are transmitted herewith two copies of two memoranda submitted by Special Agent T. H. Sisk of this office under date of February 6, 1934, concerning information furnished by the informant Betty Jane Guthrie, who suspects that one R. F. D. Lemon is implicated in the Lindbergh kidnaping. It will be noted that she also suspects Lemon of being involved in the Bremer kidnaping.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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New York City, N.Y.
February 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
KIDNAPING AND MURDER OF
CHARLES A. LINDBERGH, Jr.

On January 26, 1934, Miss Betty Jane Guthrie called at the New York Division Office to impart further information relative to the individual R.F.D. Lemon, whom she accuses of kidnaping the Lindbergh baby. She stated that in recent months Lemon has been associating with the following individuals, who may possibly have some connection with the Lindbergh case:

SAMUEL HERSHENSTEIN, Attorney, 25 Broadway, New York City. According to Miss Guthrie, this individual is a former Assistant District Attorney in New York County, and may be "all right" as he is becoming suspicious of Lemon. Hershenstein was retained to draw up a broker's contract for Lemon and his crowd, according to Miss Guthrie.

AL HARTMAN. Miss Guthrie believes that this individual is associated with Brown & Secord, brokers, 341 Madison Avenue, New York City, who are allegedly promoting the stock of the Lava Cap Gold Mining Corp., of which Lemon is presently endeavoring to gain control. Miss Guthrie stated that Lynn N. Secord one of the partners of the above firm, is a disbarred St. Louis lawyer, and resides at the Hotel Lexington, New York City. She stated there is a possibility that this individual may be assisting Lemon in the passage of the Lindbergh ransom money.

HAROLD BROWN, 320 Bradford Street, Brooklyn, N.Y., and his brother, NED BROWN, 2662 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. Miss Guthrie states that these brothers are also partners in the firm of Brown & Secord, and are not beyond suspicion in this matter.

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Miss Guthrie further advised that in July 1933, Lemon ^{applied} arranged for a license to sell Lava Cap Gold Mining stock but as far as she knows the license has not as yet been granted. She stated the Federal Securities Corp. of 80 Center Street, New York City, are investigating the application and that it is her intention to appear before them and expose Lemon to the end that his application will be denied. Miss Guthrie further stated that it is her intention to appear before the Internal Revenue Bureau relative to Lemon's income tax returns and to expose him to that Bureau.

She stated that she recently learned that some of Lemon's trunks are in storage at the Davis Express Co., New York City, and that Lemon continuously visits the storage rooms and opens these trunks. Miss Guthrie gives an opinion that some of the ransom money in the Lindbergh case may be concealed in these trunks.

Miss Guthrie furnished the further information that Lemon's son, who she alleges is also involved in the Lindbergh case, is presently in a hospital somewhere in New York City. She stated that this is a suspicious circumstance inasmuch as there was a hold-up in New York City around the holidays and one of the suspects answers young Lemon's description. Miss Guthrie stated it would be wise to check up and find out whether young Lemon was in the hospital suffering from a gun shot wound as he possibly was involved in the hold-up.

Miss Guthrie further advised that Arthur Hoge, an attorney of Palo Alto, Calif., has been actively associated with Lemon for quite a long time. She stated that Mr. Hoge is a high class person and was formerly president of one of Lemon's gold companies. She stated that Lemon used Hoge in establishing a residence in California, and that Hoge innocently assisted him in establishing his alibi in connection with the Lindbergh case by procuring for Lemon, letters of introduction dated March 1, 1932.

She further stated that Lemon's business associate, Walmsley, is beginning to break with Lemon, but that it was not yet safe to interview him.

Miss Guthrie stated it is her intention to notify the New York Office when it would be safe to interview Walmsley.

T.H. SISK,
Special Agent

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

February 5, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Re: Unknown subjects
Kidnaping and murder of
Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr.

Miss Betty Jane Guthrie, who has alleged that one R. F. D. Lemon is the kidnaper in this case, called the writer by telephone on February 2, 1934 and advised she had important information to impart. Miss Guthrie stated she was calling from the Grand Central, one block from the New York office, and would rather not come to the New York office to report her information because Lemon might see her entering the building, and cause her bodily harm, he having already threatened to throw acid in her face.

Miss Guthrie was interviewed at a nearby restaurant, selected by herself and imparted the following information.

Lemon recently called a meeting of the officers and directors of the Lavacap Gold Mining Corporation to be held in New York City at noon on Saturday, February 3, 1934. Although Lemon called this meeting himself, and everyone expected him to be there, it was not his intention to be present. His scheme, according to Miss Guthrie, was to have everyone at the meeting and out of his way while he made a secret trip out of town to a point somewhere in the middle West. Miss Guthrie stated that Lemon was desperate for money to save the Lavacap Mining Company and the purpose of his trip was to get \$60,000.00 cash in "hot money." Eventually, she stated, Lemon planned to procure one million dollars in cash from unknown sources. Inquiry was made of Miss Guthrie as to the source of her information, how she knew the money in question was "hot money" and exactly where Lemon would procure same. In reply she stated that no legitimate banker or business concern would extend credit to Lemon because he had been completely discredited in financial circles. Consequently his only recourse was to "hot money". Although she would not definitely so state, Miss Guthrie indicated that the source of her information was Miss Julia Hart, former secretary of the Lavacap who has in the past furnished Miss Guthrie with much of her information regarding Lemon's activities.

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(It is pointed out that both Miss Hart and Miss Guthrie at one time were employed by Lemon.) Miss Guthrie further stated that she had reason to believe the \$60,000.00 in question was part of the ransom money paid in some kidnaping case in the middle west, quite possibly, the Bremer case. Miss Guthrie advised that she is not prepared at the present time to state how she links Lemon to the Bremer case and remarked that in her opinion it was up to this Division to find out in what way Lemon is implicated in this particular case. She requested that the New York Division office place Lemon's residence at the Beaux Arts Apartments, New York City, under surveillance over the week end and follow him when he left on his secret trip for the purpose of ascertaining the source from which he was obtaining the \$60,000.00. Miss Guthrie had many suggestions to offer concerning the proper way to investigate Lemon. Among these were the following:

Search his room.

Open his trunks in the basement of the apartment.

Listen in on his telephone conversations, and obtain all phone calls made from his apartment for the past few months and allow her to examine them and explain to the New York Office the identity of each person called and how he or she might fit into the picture.

Miss Guthrie also requested, if possible, that the New York Division office make an energetic effort to locate safety deposit boxes or bank accounts in the name of Lemon or his associates. Miss Guthrie stated that if this were done and Lemon's safety deposit boxes were opened several big crimes including a number of kidnapings would undoubtedly be solved. In connection with Lemon's bank account, it is stated that Miss Guthrie through an attorney named Nickerson is interested in a civil suit against Lemon, and it is her intention if any of Lemon's assets can be located, to have Nickerson file an attachment against them. Miss Guthrie also repeated what she had previously stated that Lemon's group and her group were fighting for control of the Lavacap Mining Company. She stated that as a result of this fight and the fact that she has brought Lemon's criminal activities out into the open he has threatened to "get her" and she no longer leaves her home at night for fear of reprisal.

In addition to the above, Miss Guthrie stated that Lemon has two new associates named Max Lehman and Al Hartman concerning whom she knew nothing except that they are of a low order. She suggested that they be checked as they may be involved with Lemon in some of his kidnaping cases. Miss Guthrie inquired as to how the investigation of Lemon was getting along, and wanted to be informed as to what had been developed to date. No information was imparted to her.

In conclusion Miss Guthrie stated that she recently had a long distance telephone conversation with Mr. Robert W. Whooley, through whom she says, her information concerning Lemon was placed before the Attorney General. Miss Guthrie stated that Mr. Whooley inquired of her during this conversation as to whether the Government was investigating Lemon or merely "playing around" with the information furnished. She further stated that Mr. Whooley was awaiting word from her before seeing the Attorney General relative to the progress of the investigation. Miss Guthrie went on to state that she knew many prominent people and intended to use her influence, if necessary, to have an investigation conducted which would positively show that Lemon actually kidnaped the Lindbergh baby himself. She stated that she is at the present time arranging through a friend of hers to have an interview with Mrs. Roosevelt about the matter. As to Lemon's guilt she stated there is no question. Of this she is positive.

Miss Guthrie went on to state that Lemon's activities since the first of June, 1934 were exactly the same as his activities in the Spring of 1932 when he kidnaped the Lindbergh baby. She stated that he is now living over again the life he led in the Spring of 1932 and is unquestionably preparing at the present time to perpetrate another big kidnaping, which will be a sort of sequel to the Lindbergh kidnaping.

Miss Guthrie was informed that the information furnished by her would be reported to the Special Agent in Charge of the New York Division office. On the day of its receipt the information furnished by Miss Guthrie was reported to S.A.C. F. X. Fay who stated no action would be taken as to same.

The report of Special Agent H. R. Philbrick dated San Francisco, 1/18/34 shows that Lemon was registered at the Stewart Hotel in San Francisco on March 1, 1932, and that he checked out of this hotel and registered at the National Hotel, Nevada City, California, on March 2, 1932 remaining there until March 14, 1932. Inasmuch as Lemon was in San Francisco on March 1, 1932 the date the Lindbergh baby was kidnaped, it would have been impossible for him to have kidnaped the child himself.

The report of Agent Philbrick indicates that Lemon was in California during the greater portions of the months of February and March, 1932, and refutes various information given by Miss Guthrie concerning this individual. In view of the above investigation conducted by the San Francisco office, no further investigative attention will be given to the information furnished by Miss Guthrie.

T. H. SISK
Special Agent

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

February 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,
KIDNAPING.
Chicago File #7-82.

In keeping with your letter of February 23, 1934, there is being enclosed herewith 20 copies of the photographs of the following persons, together with the originals which you sent to this office:

Robert Schmidt
Thomas Carroll
Morris Roisner
Clarence (Doc) Sawyer
William Weaver
Dorothea Slaymore

I am also enclosing two additional photographs of Dorothy Slaymore which were received from the Division today, in view of the fact that they are an improvement over the above noted.

In addition you requested copies of the photo of "Go-About Reiley", John Waters and John Davis. Our files disclose Waters to be identical with Reiley. We have only a photostat of this man's picture, so we wired Kansas City to secure copies of this photo at Des Moines, Iowa, and forward to you. It is presumed that you have received this man's picture by this time. Our files failed to reflect a John Davis.

I am also enclosing herewith 20 copies of the front and profile views of the following, which will be of assistance to you: Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Arthur Barker, Volney Davis, and Harry Campbell.

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Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS

Special Agent in Charge.

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CC: Division

February 26, 1934

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

Dear Sirs:

The Division is in receipt of several communications relative to the publicity which has been given to the identification of the wall paper in the room where Mr. Bremer was held in custody; also relative to the fact that the serial numbers on the bank notes were retained, and concerning knowledge of the alleged movements of those involved, and also with reference to the fact that an unidentified man and woman fled from an apartment in St. Paul the day after Mr. Bremer's abduction.

It is my firm conviction that information of this kind should not be published in connection with kidnaping cases, and I am in full agreement with those holding such a belief and have so informed them.

I desire that you ascertain, if possible, how this information became known, as it obviously emanated from some source in either St. Paul or Minneapolis.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

Edward G. Bremer

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1531 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,
El Paso, Texas,
February 26, 1934.

Mr. John C. Peck,
Sheriff,
Roswell, New Mexico.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:
ALVIN KARPIS, with alias;
ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases;
EDW. G. BREMER - Victim,
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an investigation being made by this office, it is respectfully requested that you call on Milton Wright at Roswell, who is apparently a news dealer selling the St. Paul Daily News of St. Paul, Minnesota, and confidentially ascertain from Mr. Wright if he is selling or has had calls for any issues of the above named paper recently, and whether the persons purchasing such papers are known to him.

I will ask you to treat this matter very confidentially and if you obtain any information, kindly advise me at once and an appropriate investigation will be made by an agent from this office.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE: 2/27/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/23/34	REPORT MADE BY: S. K. MCKEE
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; ARTHUR BARKER with aliases; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: W. C. Juniac, 4827 Lee Street, Niles Center, Illinois, was issued 1933 Illinois license #176-876 for use on 1929 Ford tudor, motor No. A-1194268; same license used from 8/18/33 until 2/20/34 on 1933 Plymouth coach, motor No. PC 163283; plates destroyed 2/20/34; neither car nor plates were ever out of possession of owner. Albert Dedic, 2528 South Clifton Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was issued 1933 Illinois license No. 176-867 for use on 1929 Ford tudor, motor No. A-108078; neither car nor plates ever out of possession of owner; plates displayed to Agent.			
REFERENCE: Telegram from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, 2/23/34, and copy of letter dated 2/19/34 from St. Louis office to St. Paul office.			
DETAILS: AT NILES CENTER, ILLINOIS.			
DETAILS: Interview was had with Mrs. William C. Juniac, Apartment 2, 4827 Lee Street, Niles Center, Illinois, in the absence from home of her husband. She stated that her husband is manager of "The Dental Student Magazine" and has an office in the Palmolive Building, Chicago, Illinois. Concerning 1933 Illinois license plates No. 176-876, Mrs. Juniac said same were issued to her husband for use on a Ford tudor sedan. She advised the Ford car had been traded in during August, 1933, on a Plymouth coach and the licenses were used on the latter car from the date of the trade until			
<small>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</small>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. A. Quinn</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-886	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 2 - 1934
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Monday, February 20, 1934, at which time they were replaced at the Blameuser Motor Sales, Niles Center, Illinois, for 1934 licenses, the 1933 plates being left at the premises of the motor company. Mrs. Juniac produced an insurance policy of the North British Mercantile Company, 150 William Street, New York City, which described the Ford car formerly owned by her husband as a 1929 Ford tudor, bearing motor No. A-1194268. She said this car was of a beige color at the time of purchase, but had been painted black about a year ago. She produced an owners card relating to 1933 Plymouth coach, motor No. PC 163283, serial No. 1843224, blue black in color, which stated on its face that the above car had been purchased from the Blameuser Motor Sales, Niles Center, Illinois, on August 18, 1933.

Mrs. Juniac stated, further, that her husband used his car mainly for commuting from Niles Center, Illinois, to the city of Chicago and return; and, that he left his car parked on the street in Chicago during business hours. She, also, advised her husband has not been away on a trip since January 1, 1934, and the license plates in question have not been stolen or loaned to anybody during the period from January 1, 1934, to the time the plates were replaced with new ones.

Arthur Brenke, Blameuser Motor Sales, 8008 Lincoln Avenue, Niles Center, Ill., was contacted and he stated, in response to questions, that he had changed license plates for W. C. Juniac during the forepart of the week of February 19, 1934; that Mr. Juniac had left his old plates at the garage and that same had been burned.

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Albert Dedie, 2528 South Clifton Park Avenue, Chicago, presently unemployed, was interviewed. When questioned regarding 1933 Illinois plates No. 176-867, he immediately produced same and displayed them to the writer. He likewise produced his 1933 registration card, which indicated the above plates had been issued for use on a 1929 Ford tudor sedan, motor No. A-108078, dark green in color. Dedie stated the above plates and car have been in his continuous possession for the past year; and, that he has never loaned his car to anybody. He advised, further, that the only time he has been out of the city during the past two months was on January 27, 1934, the occasion being a one day trip to Sumava, Indiana, and return.

The above data would seem to indicate that neither the license plates nor the automobiles of Messrs. Juniac and Dedie could have been used in connection with the captioned matter.

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Laboratory Report

February 24, 1934.

Number: 7-576

Case: Edward Doll, with aliases, Fugitive,
I. O. #1214.

Specimens: 1 agreement between G. Kelly and Genarro Spiznoco
signed by George Kelly.

Examination requested by: Boston Office.

Date received: February 17, 1934.

Examination requested: Handwriting.

Examination by: C.A.Appel.

Result of examination:

February 19. A comparison of the handwriting with that of George R. (Machine Gun) Kelly indicates that the latter is distinctly different. A comparison was made with the signature of Edward Doll as it appears on I. O. #1214. A signature such as this one does not show enough of the normal characteristics to enable a decision to be made; however, some of the characteristics are very similar; for instance, wherever he writes "ll", Doll makes the first "l" very much smaller than the second and the curve between the first and second is distinctive. This appears in the agreement. The slant is the same, the manner of making the "r", and several other characteristics so that it may be said Doll could very easily have written the agreement. If additional specimens of the handwriting of Doll are obtained a more positive conclusion may be made.

- 4 - Director (1 copy for Kelly file).
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 2344,
Boston, Massachusetts.

RE: EDWARD DOLL, with aliases,
Identification Order #1214.

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 17, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with the laboratory report dated February 26, 1934, in the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, describing the black handbag submitted by your office, there are transmitted herewith two copies each of five photographic views of this handbag. Additional photographs are available for yours or auxiliary offices upon request.

The Washington Field Office is at present conducting investigation with a view to identifying the manufacturer and subsequently the distributors and retailers of this bag.

Very truly yours,

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minn.**

FILE NO. 7-22 Ms

REPORT MADE AT: Birmingham, Ala.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2/28/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/27/34	REPORT MADE BY: H. E. Roberts,
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Rev. John E. Ellis, Columbus, Ga., denies knowledge of Mrs. Paula Harmon's whereabouts, but states information can possibly be procured through her father at Port Arthur, Texas.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent H. T. Arterberry, Dallas, Texas, 2/17/34.			
DETAILS: AT COLUMBUS, GA.:			
<p>H. S. Poole, Postal Carrier #5, was interviewed and stated that he carries mail to 310 - 13th Street; that he does not know of anyone excepting John E. Ellis and his family receiving mail at his place; that he is the minister of the St. Paul Methodist Church and is considered a reputable citizen in the community. Agent displayed the photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker and Harry Campbell to Mr. Poole and he stated that he has not seen any of them around this neighborhood.</p> <p>Rev. John E. Ellis, 310 - 13th Street, was interviewed and stated that Mrs. D. B. Bramon is his sister; that he does not know the name of his niece at this time, since she married on one or two occasions and it is possible that it is Harmon; that Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Bramon, resided on a farm near Columbus, Ga., in a community known as Midland, Georgia, for about six months, coming here from Texas; that they left here in June, 1933, for Port Arthur, Texas, where they reside at 337 DeQueen Boulevard; that their daughter Paula did not come to visit them while they were near Columbus and has not been here for fifteen years; that his brother-in-law, D. B. Bramon, is honest and trustworthy and could be depended on to do what is right in the event he should be taken into the confidence of the Government. Mr. Ellis stated that while the Bramons lived in Columbus, they told</p>			
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him their daughter Paula was living either in St. Louis or Kansas City, Missouri, with her deceased husband's relatives. He did not know the names of any of these relatives, but stated that their names might have been Harmon since Agent stated that is the name she is known by at this time. Rev. Ellis promised to treat the contact confidential and would not mention same to his sister. No information was given Rev. Ellis whatsoever as to the nature of the inquiry.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE DALLAS OFFICE at Port Arthur, Texas, will contact Mr. D. B. Bramon, 537 DeQueen Blvd., for information as to Paula Harmon's whereabouts, if it deems it advisable.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINN.**

FILE NO. **7-33-**

REPORT MADE AT: DALLAS, TEXAS.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2-27-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/25-27/34	REPORT MADE BY: C. B. WINSTEAD.
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TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. Edward G. Bremer - Victim.	CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Paula Harmon had safety deposit box, Houston. Fingerprinted at Houston, 1932. Had camera snapshots made of herself after auto accident. Phillip Manhar lived with her at Beaumont. Called Chicago and St. Paul by telephone and wired Vivian Moore, phone Jackson 2073, Kansas City, April 21, 1933. [REDACTED] No photographs of Paula at [REDACTED] Port Arthur. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent C.E. Winstead, Dallas, Texas, dated 2-23-34; and report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 2-20-34.

DETAILS:

Vivian Childs, wife of Clyde Childs, Beaumont, Texas, met Paula Harmon at the home of Mrs. Charlie Face at 2019 Bissonett Street, Houston, Texas, when she with one of Charlie Harmon's sisters called on Mrs. Face - in the summer of 1932. Later she and Paula moved to Galveston, Texas and rented a house out near the beach where they made beer. People objected, moved out in a week.

They also stayed in two small hotels across the street from the Buccaneer Hotel, Galveston, but never registered or rented a house in [REDACTED] names. Paula Harmon had money kept in safety deposit box in a bank on Main, two or three blocks from the Rice Hotel, South, in Houston, in a new building. They came from Galveston to Beaumont together. They parted and she next [REDACTED]

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