

while living on Madison Street. Paula moved from Madison Street to Center Street, and then left Beaumont about Easter, 1933 - and she has never seen or heard from her since.

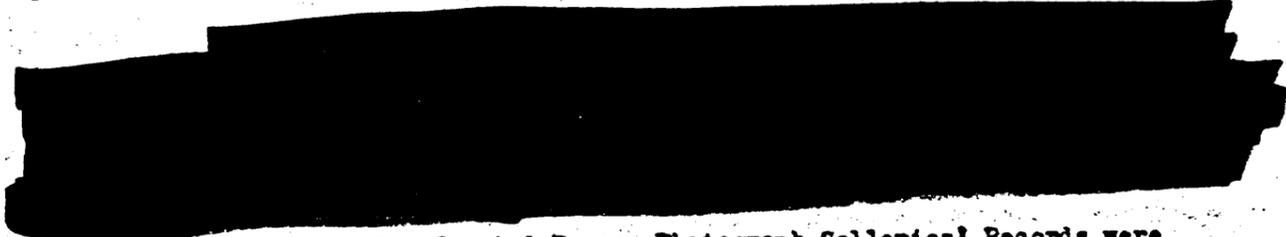
When Paula first married Dennis Woods she was about 15 or 16 years of age, and Mr. Quinn and his wife took Paula in. He is the elder of the Quinn Brothers in Galveston, Texas.

She went with Paula on one occasion to the Red Cross Office on Fannin, a block from the Old Royal Theatre to see about Charlie Harmon's Government Insurance or Bonus Money.

She also went to the Police Station in Houston, Texas with Paula and talked with Bob Ellis, then Superintendent of the Identification Bureau, to try to get a set of Charlie's fingerprints, and while there that day - either in August or September, 1932 - Ellis took Paula's fingerprints to be sent to Washington to identify herself.

Right after Paula had her wreck in Louisiana, she bought a farm out near Cheek or Fannett, Texas, and was living with Dennis Woods, she had some photographs - small snapshots - made of herself. One she recalls Paula was wearing a green dress and she was standing by some horses.

Mrs. Velma Turk stated that she knows Paula intended to return to Beaumont when she left about the last of April, 1933, because she hired a negro girl to keep the house at 994 Center Street clean for Theo Riley.

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 The Artcraft, Trost & Pappson Photograph Galleries' Records were checked. Paula Harmon's name does not appear therein.

Dennis Woods stated that so far as he knows Paula never had her photograph taken after her automobile accident. He stated that her brother Bird Brannon has been working at the sub-office of the County Tax Collector at Port Arthur.

Wesley Brannon, another brother, is employed by the Texas Company at Port Arthur.

A Mr. Miller is in charge of the Tax Collector's Office at Port Arthur, and it was learned that he through friendship for Bird Brannon, gave him work in that office. The necessity for his service terminated Feb. 20th. Mr. Miller was not in at the time of Agent's call, but Miller is a friend of A.R. Brantle



It was ascertained at Dallas that the Federated Metal Company is operated by Stonewell J. Smith, whose home is at Farmersville, Texas. Smith handles type and stereotype metals and stores his merchandise at a warehouse at 2301 Worth Street, Dallas, but travels all over the country all of the time.

With reference to the charge against telephone No. 6855, April 21, 1933, for Western Union Telegram, Mr. M. G. McGee, Manager of the Western Union at Beaumont, Texas, permitted Agent to read the telegram referred to as it was not paid for and was charged back by the telephone company to the Western Union in July 1933. The telegram reads:

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It will be noted by report of Special Agent W.F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 7-3-33 in connection with the Kansas City Massacre, on page 15, that telephone Jackson 7073, Kansas City, was the telephone in the house occupied by Verne Miller.

On page 20 of report of Special Agent Trainor, dated at Kansas City, 2-20-34, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Edward G. Bremer (Victim) - it is stated that "with reference to report of Agent Fallon, page 3, dated at Oklahoma City, 9-19-32, in the Nash, Holden and Keating Case, \*\*\* showed that Jack Carter acted as a go-between for Karpis and Fred Barker."

The Dallas Office does not have that reference report, and it is suggested that any information the Kansas City Office may have which would indicate that Jack Baxley is the Jack Carter connected with the Kansas City Massacre, be furnished the Dallas Office.

Jack Baxley was reported recently by his wife Grace to be in Florida, and it is known that they have at times stopped in Miami, Fla.

During the middle of February, 1934, Grace Baxley still was at her father's home on W. Bow Street in Tyler, Texas, but Jack Baxley was not there. The telephone number of T. E. Smith, Grace Baxley's father, in Tyler, is 2177-W.

The information concerning long distance calls placed to Chicago and St. Paul by Paula Harmon, was furnished the St. Paul and Chicago Offices.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

SAN ANTONIO OFFICE will ascertain from Bob Ellis, former Superintendent of the Identification Bureau at Houston, Texas, what became of the fingerprints taken by him of Paula Harmon at her request in the summer of

Fall of 1932. Also ascertain who Lockery is, in care of Johnny Frank's Wrecking Place at Houston, and what he knows about Paula Harmon or who the person MILLER is at Beaumont, Texas, who he called on February 1, 1933. Check call to Lee Harrison at Houston - phone Wayside-3864; and call to Preston-8911; and call to Galveston, Texas - No. 9364.

DALLAS OFFICE will ascertain who the person was calling from 6855, Beaumont, Texas, on May 25, 1933, phone No. 14-11-35. Will endeavor to contact Stonewell J. Smith at Farmersville, Texas.

PENDING.

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, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Reference is made to Division letter of February 24, 1934, in the case of VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (deceased), et al, CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER, St. Paul File No. 62-888, which also refers to the BREMER kidnaping case, in which the Division requests that handwriting specimens, other than signatures, of all suspects in this case be forwarded to the Division for examination.

Please be advised that examination of the file in the case of VERNON C. MILLER, deceased, et al, failed to produce any handwriting specimens other than a signature of ALVIN KARPIS as A. CARTER, which it is presumed the Division does not desire.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Rorer*  
W. A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.**

FILE NO. **97452**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Cincinnati, Ohio</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2-23-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2-23-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>Bliss Morton MGR</b>
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**ALVIN KARPIS with aliases;  
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases;  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.**

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Indiana Automobile Registration Bureau records show addresses for Walter Johnson at Austin, Texas, and Evansville and Indianapolis, Ind. Hoosier Motor Club, Indianapolis, through which he obtained license plates, has recent address for him at LeClaire Hotel, Moline, Ill. His letter heads show "Walter Grady Johnson Manufacturing Co." 2069 12th St., Detroit, Michigan.

**REFERENCE:**

Letter from the Kansas City Office 2-19-34.

**DETAILS:**

**AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

Records of the State Automobile Registration Bureau show that one Walter Johnson made application 12-9-33 for Indiana 1934 License plates for 1929 Packard Sedan, motor 1761096, serial 175716, which application was sworn to before Mary Qualters, Notary Public, and on which he was issued plates **89-244**. His address was given as Antlers Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

**DETAILS:**

The records further show an application made by him April 4, 1931 for an Indiana Certificate of Title, at which time he gave his address as 317 Vine St., Evansville, Indiana. The car covered by the title was Packard Sedan, Motor 176109-C, serial 175716, purchased by him 4-4-31 from the Packard Evansville Motor Company, Vine near Fourth St., Evansville, Indiana and mentions his former address as Elks Club, Austin, Texas. Title A-1554104 was issued him on this car. He paid cash for the car.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	<b>7-576-893</b>	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>MAR 2 - 1934</b>
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3 Division St. Paul Cincinnati St. Louis San Antonio		UNITED STATES <b>MAR 2 1934 A M</b> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>[Signature]</i>	CHECKED OFF: <b>MAR 7 - 1934</b> JACKETED:

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At the State Automobile Registration Bureau there also was found an application for driver's license, made out by Walter Johnson, Antlers Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana sworn to before Mary Qualters, Notary Public, December 9, 1933 on which he was issued 1934 Indiana driver's license 75335. In his application the following brief description is given of him: Born 9-16-1880 white, male, 5' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 310 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes. Agent made a tracing of his signature from the application and the same is retained in the Cincinnati Office file in this case. 97623

At the Antlers Hotel, Auditor Bigelow found no registration of a Walter Johnson and did not remember him.

Agent found that Mary Qualters is a clerk at the Hoosier Motor Club, 1840 N. Meridian St. On calling at this place, Miss Qualters could not remember what Johnson looked like, but stated the Club had correspondence with him and she referred agent to Noble Sutton, Manager of the Club.

Mr. Sutton produced his file, showing Johnson had obtained membership in the Club, and the club had assisted him in obtaining license plates, etc. Mr. Sutton could not remember the features of Johnson. He states Johnson has lost some of his papers and he had addressed a letter to Johnson as recently as February 22, 1934 at the LeClaire Hotel, Moline, Ill. His file shows Johnson was at the Ambassador Hotel, Tulsa, Okla., 12-20-33. Johnson has sent the Club checks from eastern cities, but Mr. Sutton did not know just where the checks came from. He did not know anything about Johnson personally, but pointed out that Johnson signed his letters as Walter G. Johnson, and sometimes as W. G. Johnson. In searching his file, he finally found a letter head reading as follows: "JOHNSON'S SUPER HEATER", manufactured by Walter Grady Johnson Manufacturing Company, General office, 2069-12th St., Detroit, Michigan.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

DETROIT OFFICE at Detroit, Michigan.  
FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE DETROIT OFFICE, copy of reference letter is forwarded herewith. Make such inquiries as may be necessary to determine whether Johnson could have any connection with instant matter.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

801 Title Guaranty Building,  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
February 28, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter from the St. Paul Office to this office under date of February 25, 1934 in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Edward George Bremer, VICTIM; KIDNAPING.

As requested by the St. Paul Office, I am transmitting herewith to the Division the physical characteristic sheets properly executed together with a photographs of the following named individuals:

- Thomas Carroll, with aliases, St. Louis Register No. 22166
- Dorothy Fralle, St. Louis register No. 22160
- Viola Deal Carroll, St. Louis register No. 34029
- John Arthur Winters, St. Louis register No. 34026
- Joe Howard, with aliases, St. Louis register No. 24087
- Ernest Mickie, St. Louis register No. 24088.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the St. Paul Office of the Division, together with a set of photographs of the above named individuals.

There is also being enclosed for both the Division and the St. Paul Office a number of copies of circulars issued by the United States Post Office Department for Thomas Carroll.

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Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

San Antonio Tex Feb 27 1934

M H Purvis  
 Division of Investigation  
 US Dept of Justice  
 1900 Bankers Bldg  
 Chicago Ill

Breakid Paula Harmon alleged have been arrested as Mrs O P Harmon Rock Island Ill Police their number thirteen naught three February twenty six twenty six together with Leta Graham Charles and Jim Harmon Suggest if possible obtain her prints and photo there also identify Leta Graham with whom she may still be in contact



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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, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St.Paul File No.7-30.

Please refer to Division letter dated February 12, 1934,  
and reply of this office dated February 20, 1934, regarding the re-  
sults of interview with one, ALCORN, who desired to furnish certain  
information to the Division under certain conditions.

In the letter of this office, dated February 20, 1934,  
the possibility is mentioned that DAVE BERMAN alias "DAVE THE JEW",  
whose fingerprint classification is:

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might be the individual in whom ALCORN was interested. To further  
assist the Division in locating the above party in a New York Peni-  
tentiary there is attached hereto a circular issued by the Post Of-  
fice Department in their case #79571D.

Very truly yours,

*W.A. Rorer*  
W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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PLEASE POST.

Post Office Department  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Case No. 79571-

OCTOBER 20, 1925

# REWARD - \$8,000.00

## Wanted for Hold-up and Post Office Burglary

DAVE BERMAN, alias Dave the Jew; WILLIAM KANNER, alias Dutch Kanner, alias Jack C. Hooper, alias Dutch Hooper; CHARLES P. CLOUSE, alias Curly Clouse, alias Paul G. Hanford, alias ~~Blackie Carter~~

These men are wanted for the hold-up of the Assistant Postmaster and the fireman-laborer, with deadly weapons, and the robbery of the Post Office at Superior, Wisconsin, on the night of November 20, 1925. An indictment has been returned and is pending against these men in the Western District of Wisconsin.



DAVE BERMAN, alias Dave the Jew. Description: Age, 22; height, 5 feet 8 1/8 inches; weight, 177 pounds; complexion, medium dark. Black hair, light brown eyes. Born in Russia.



WILLIAM KANNER, alias Dutch Kanner, alias Jack C. Hooper, alias Dutch Hooper. Description: Age, 27; height, 5 feet 9 1/4 inches; weight, 170 pounds; complexion, ~~medium~~ - Black hair, brown eyes. Good dresser. Born in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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March 16, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

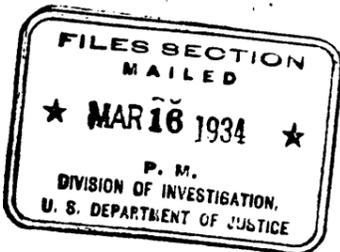
Reference is made to Inspector Rorer's letter to the Division, dated February 27, 1934, in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPING. There is transmitted herewith a copy of the criminal record of one Dave Berman, whose fingerprint classification is similar to that described in Inspector Rorer's letter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #698513.

CC: Mr. Rorer,  
St. Paul, Minn.



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Des Moines, Iowa.  
February 15, 1934.

Mr. E. E. Conroy,  
Division of Investigation  
Suite 1, Federal Building  
Kansas City, Mo.

Unknown Subjects  
Edward G. Bremer - victim  
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Dear Sir:

Mr. Park Findley, Chief, Bureau of Investigation, Iowa State Department of Justice, Des Moines, turned over to me some letters received by him from the party signing the letter as "Little Joe". As stated in a confidential letter to you today in which I gave the reason, I do not place a great deal of faith in the information contained in these letters; however, for your information only, I am quoting this second letter:

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Mr. Findley. The Federals think these tips are false but they are not. They want to get the credit first. The nine miles I meant was Hiway 169 it is almost 25 miles southeast of Creston a town Mount Ayre (Mt. Ayre) north east of there six or eight miles. This MI was here last summer and got to running around with a fellow by the name of Moore, Harold or Dick or Kid Moore This Moore was a hail insurance salesman out of Creston and he located the farm for them. This Moore boasted to some fellows the other night when he was tight how he and Carnie Shields wrote a banker and demanded money at Mount Ayre and to deputies arrested him and had to State Agents from Des Moines come and he out smarted them he said the dumb deputies arrested him and searched him every day he said I am smart and can get away with some real money He said he was working for the CWA for a blind fellow this Moore and you will find part of the gangs hide out. You can locate Moore threw the CWA and follow He hangs out Argous Restaurant 18th and Grand my pal and I want this gang got they doubled crossed us The leader is James Padden lives at Durban, Ill. He is mayor of that town he controls a gang in that district and he has some sporting houses and gambling houses in Calumet City on 101 Plumber st This gang has a saloon a fellow by name Murphy is one of them that are protected by the law locally threw Padden Mr. Findley. This is no anonymous letter some will say a crank but you do as I say and you will get some where Mr. Findley the Pretty Boy has left town but they the law was to hot here now since this kidnaping but they really intended to kidnap Mr. Darling and Mr. Carl Weeks but they give it up for awhile and went to Oklahoma in his hide out their I got it straight they left yesterday morning Mr. Findley I will not both you with these letters only when

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I get the facts. Little Joe"

In connection with letter of the Chicago Office to the St. Paul Office under date of February 10, 1934, and the attached memorandum of Agent E. S. Reed, I am informed that photographs of Doc Eaton, Ribbley, and LaRue have been secured by Agent Noonan, however, if additional photographs are desired, I will secure same.

In regards to whether Ribbley and Doc Eaton are wanted in Ottawa, Ia. for the killing of a bootleggers daughter, they are not wanted. I have all the details regarding same if of any value. In a previous letter I gave you all the discreet information I could secure regarding Vernon W. Lynch. The cover is still being maintained on his phone, but no information of value has been received.

In the absence of any definite information as to the perpetrators of the Bruner kidnaping, I desire to call attention to a number of likely suspects who are either residing now in Des Moines or have close connections here.

DEWEY BERLOVICH now resides at 1406 Harrison Street, Des Moines, and with John Waters, alias Co-About-Ribbley operate the Sportsman's Club at 565 - 7th Street. Berlovich is known as one of the smartest crooks in the middle west. He is a well known bondman and has connections everywhere. It is authoritatively reported that Harvey Bailey, Jack Klutas, Gus Winkler and others made their headquarters at his home following the \$2,000,000 Lincoln National Bank, Lincoln, Neb. holdup. Berlovich was later arrested for disposing of \$18,000 worth of these bonds which he claims to have received from Eddie LaRue. A few years ago Berlovich built himself a very expensive home, and within the last year he has been hard hit and as a consequence the mortgages on his home have been foreclosed. He is bitter against local authorities for "persecution" of him on the bond deal, and feels that they were the ones who caused him to lose his home. He is in need of money, and would be the "brains" in such a matter as this kidnaping.

JOHN WATERS, alias CO-ABOUT-RIBBLEY resides at 3106 - 48th St. and is a partner together with one Mose Cohen and Dewey Berlovich in the Sportsman's Club. Waters has been in the racket for years and with Berlovich furnished the brains. In 1930 Waters was the go-between for the kidnapers when Jimmy Sheridan, a local gambler was taken, and later in the kidnaping of Al Kitty, another gambler, he played a part. Neither of these gamblers would aid police, although enemies of Berlovich and Water, but every officer who worked on the case is satisfied that Berlovich, Waters, Klutas, and Eddie LaRue engineered the deals. It might be stated here that in each one of these cases conversation between the kidnapers and the victims was by wisper. Waters has a gruff whiskey voice. The local Police have called my attention to the fact within the last month Waters has been making himself very conspicuous, so much so that the officers have wondered what he is

was up to. Waters sister maintains an 87 acre farm about 35 miles from Des Moines. It is not used for farm purposes, it is well fenced and no trespassing is permitted, and Agent has received information from several sources that this is the hide-out for any visiting gangsters who are "hot". It is a very lively place for a hide-away in a kidnapping and is believed to have been the place where the two gamblers, Sheridan and Kitty, were held.

EDDIE LARDE, alias Eddie Bell recently arrested in Florida is a close friend of Dewey Berlovich, and according to the latter's statement, he secured approximately \$18,000 in stolen goods from LaBus after the Lincoln National Bank robbery in 1930.

CLARENCE "DOC" HATCH is now operating a night club at Burlington, Wis. where he is using the name of Hubbard. He is believed by local police to have been involved in the kidnapping of the two local gamblers, Jimmy Sheridan and Al Kitty. He used to frequent Des Moines often.

CURLEY CLOU SE is alleged to be another frequenter of Des Moines and is said to contact Berlovich and Go-About Hickey when in town. When in Des Moines he is said to stay with a Dorothy Wiese, alias Dorothy Wiese, alias Montana Dot who hustles from the Koo Apartments, operated by a man named Johnson who is unreliable. She is said to live at 914 Walnut St., Apartment 3A7. a further line up on this woman can be secured from the Narcotic Office.

PETE RAND local big dealer in the liquor business is reported to be paying up a lot of old bills that he has owed for several months. While it is not believed that Rand would actually participate in the kidnapping, he would do the "head work" for same.

SKIMMY WEIMAN an associate of Pete Rand is reported to have been out of town for about three weeks around February 1st. He went away broke and returned pretty well supplied with money. He claims to have been visiting Rick Lindsey, at South Omaha, Nebr. Lindsey is reported to be a stool for Detective Anderson of the Omaha Police Department. Weiman has been seen in company with two strangers, one goes by the name of Marsh, age about 45, height 5-9, dark, tough looking. The other is age about 36, 6ft., weight 160 lbs., dark. Both of these men are alleged to have been former prison mates with Weiman, who is believed to have served at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, Lincoln, Nebr. At the time Weiman was away his business was conducted by one Eddie Condon from Sioux City while Charlie Eaton looked after Pete Rand's business. Big Bill Hildebrandt of St. Paul is a close friend of Weiman's.

NOELIAN PORTER according to U.S. Marshal Fred Hird, Des Moines, should be considered a possible suspect in this kidnapping. He is 27 years old, height 5-9, weight 220 lbs., hair brown. His wife is Marie Porter from Newton, Ia., but he is now running around with a woman named Elsie McHenry, alias Alice Parrish. She was formerly "Tony the Wop's" woman. Tony is serving a 20 year sentence at Anamosa, Ia. This woman has been living on Logan Street. Another companion of Porter's is Gale Johnson, a safe cracker.

I visited Spirit Lake, Ia. which is near the Minnesota border last week and on authority of Mr. Harold Nathan, to ascertain if the siren in that town was blown at the same time as a factory whistle. In connection with this investigation I made inquiries at Garner, Betherville, Milford, Spencer, Emmetsburg, Algona, Dakota City, Fort Dodge, and Valley Junction, near Des Moines, and while nearly all these towns use a siren at morning, noon and evening, none had the combination of a factory whistle and siren together. It is reasonable to believe that due to the activity of the Federal Government on kidnapping matters that Bremer was not taken out of the State of Minnesota. For this reason I call attention to the town of Eveleth, Minn. which I believe has this combination of siren and whistle, the latter coming from the nearby mines.

I am setting forth the above information as of possible value in this case, knowing that in such kidnappings several men are used. The St. Paul Office may possibly have information, coupled with the above, will aid materially in identifying the subjects wanted.

Very truly yours,

O. C. Dewey,  
Special Agent.

CC- St. Paul  
Division

Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 28, 1934.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases.  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
Kidnaping. St. Paul File 7-30

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to report of Charles Jenkins, dated February 21, 1934, in the above case. This report, on page 2, indicates that the Rockford Mitten and Hosiery Mills, during 1933, sold socks to the Chicago Mail Order Company, Chicago, Illinois, and to the Gem Hosiery Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The report does not indicate whether the Rockford Mills sold to any other concerns and from this report it appears probable that other sales were made. Your attention is also invited to the fact that Agent Jenkins only checked the sales for 1933, which is not satisfactory. It is requested that sales for 1932 be also checked. It is of extreme importance that a thorough and complete check concerning these socks be made for 1932 and 1933. We are endeavoring to find the retail store who also handled either the underwear involved in this case or the shirt.

Your attention is also invited to report of W. C. Jamison, February 22, 1934, Chicago, Illinois, to page 3 thereof, wherein is listed the names of the stores purchasing these shirts in the State of Illinois, out of Chicago, but not in Cook County. It is requested that a more thorough examination be made in order to determine whether there are any other dealers in the State of Illinois other than the ones set out in this report who have purchased these shirts.

Please give this matter immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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

February 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 514,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

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

There is attached hereto a newspaper clipping and a letter received from W.R. Smith, attorney at law, McRae, Georgia, in which the writer states that he believes KARPIS and FRED BANKER were in McRae, Georgia, on February 12, 1934.

It is requested that Mr. Smith be interviewed immediately for whatever additional information he might have.

Very truly yours,

W.A. ROHR, INSPECTOR.

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

February 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

There is enclosed a photograph of MRS. G.P. HARMON, which photograph was taken by the Council Bluffs, Iowa, Police Department, February 25, 1934, their #1503, when she was arrested as an accomplice for breaking and entering a Post Office.

Please display this photograph to persons knowing PAULA HARMON, in your district, and advise this office at the earliest possible date if the enclosed photograph is a likeness of PAULA HARMON, the widow of CHARLES HARMON.

Very truly yours,

W.A. ROYER, INSPECTOR

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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 315,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram of February 20, 1934 in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, etal; Edward George Bremer, VICTIM; KIDNAPING.

The records of the Secretary of State at Springfield, Illinois were checked by Mr. Millard of that office at which time he advised that Ford roadster, motor No. A514,721, had not been registered under the name of Edward B. Bell in the State of Illinois for 1934. The indexes covering registration by motor number are not complete at this time, and no record could be obtained by a search for the motor number as given for this car. However, at the request of Special Agent G. B. Norris of this office a stop card was placed against this car in the files of the Secretary of State, and he will immediately notify this office should any attempt be made to register this car in the State of Illinois for 1934.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

February 22, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O.Box 1876,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. (AR 32-571 AM)  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

Reference is made to Division letter of February 19,  
1934, to the St. Paul Office regarding MR. WALLACE BOND, Super-  
intendent of Industrials, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester,  
Oklahoma, copy of which letter, and MR. BOND'S communication to  
the Attorney General were sent to your office.

Please have MR. BOND interviewed for whatever informa-  
tion he may have regarding the whereabouts of VOLNEY DAVIS and  
FRISD and ARTHUR BARKER.

Very truly yours,

W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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

February 28, 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, et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Reference is made to the letter of the Philadelphia Office, dated February 26, 1934, to the Director, copy of which was sent to your office. Regarding Chief of Detectives JACK BOHNER and Detective ROY GARDNER, who are said to have considerable information regarding the activities, relatives, and friends of HERD BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS.

Kindly have MR. BOHNER and MR. GARDNER interviewed for whatever information they can offer in this case.

Very truly yours,

W.A. ROEHR, INSPECTOR.

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

February 28, 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: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

Please refer to your letter of February 7, 1934,  
regarding information received from FRANK MARTIN, sheriff, Daven-  
port, Iowa, regarding one, MRS. MARY KROLL, 2340 East High Street,  
Davenport, Iowa.

Will you kindly advise this office as to the  
investigative activity taken by your office in connection with the  
above referred to letter?

Very truly yours,

W.A. ROBER, INSPECTOR.

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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: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-55.

Reference is made to your letter of February 10, 1934,  
regarding MEL GOLDHEBERG, who is said to have a residence in the  
South Side of Chicago, Illinois.

Please make the necessary investigation to determine  
if this residence could be the hideout sought in this case.

Very truly yours,

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W.A. ROBER, INSPECTOR.

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1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
February 28, 1934

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

Dear Sir:-

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,  
Kidnaping

With reference to the above matter,  
please be advised that Special Agent O. C. Dewey, in sending  
copies of photograph of John Waters, alias "Go-About" Riley,  
to the St. Paul and Chicago offices, indicated that if the  
apprehension of Riley is desired, he believes it can be effected  
in a short time. He operates the Sportsman Club in Des Moines  
with Dewey Barlovish.

Agent Dewey states that he saw "Go-About"  
Riley there about a week ago.

I have communicated this information  
to Inspector Rorer in St. Paul, and he stated that no one has  
identified Riley so far, and that while we do not desire his  
apprehension at the present, it is desired that he be kept under  
observation for a period, in order to determine his associates,  
and habits.

It is therefore requested that you  
arrange to have Special Agent Dewey or some other agent cover  
this matter for a reasonable length of time, advising Inspector  
Rorer of the St. Paul Office of developments.

Very truly yours,

MIP/dr  
CC Division  
St. Paul.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION Special Agent in Charge
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P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 27, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto are copies of a memorandum of this office regarding Yale Frost and Medley, and letter to the Kansas City office, concerning the same individuals.

It is requested that the following investigation be conducted by your office:

Frost and Medley, on leaving the Berkshire Hotel at Kansas City on February 17, 1934 left a forwarding address of the New Vickers Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. When registering they gave last addresses as follows:

Medley - 230 W. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
Yale - 331 W. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

From the attached communications it can be seen that there is some possibility that Frost and Medley may be involved in this case. It is desired that your office endeavor to locate Medley and Frost, either through the addresses given above, or information contained in the attached memorandum. When they are located, please question them regarding this matter.

On February 15 at the Berkshire Hotel, P.W. Medley sent the following telegrams:

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Mrs. E. W. Medley,  
112 S. 50th St.,  
Omaha, Nebraska.  
Two cases yesterday. Frost leaving for Chicago Friday or  
Saturday. Deal not so hot. Writing tonight.

Phil.

Mrs. E. Medley,  
741 N. 26th St.,  
Milwaukee, Wis.  
Two cases yesterday. Frost leaving for Chicago Friday or  
Saturday. Deal not so hot. Writing tonight.

Phil.

It is requested that the necessary investigation be made at  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to determine the identity of Mrs. E. Medley, for  
whatever possible connection she may have with this case.

Very truly yours,

W. A. BOKER  
Inspector.

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CC Division  
CC Kansas City

St. Paul file 7-30

Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 26, 1934.

Mr. G. V. Dewey,  
Care Kirkwood Hotel,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File 9-50

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith one of the film licenses used in the above entitled matter. It is requested that the Western Auto Supply Company of Des Moines be contacted, particularly to determine if six, nine, or twelve of these licenses were sold to any one person in the latter part of January, 1934 and prior to the 5th of February, 1934. Efforts should be made to determine also whether or not employees of the Eastern Auto Supply Company have any recollection concerning such sale, and to whom these articles were sold, looking toward the possible identification of a member or members of the group in question. It is understood that you have photographs of ALVIN KARPIS, the two BARKER brothers, VOLNEY DAVIS and HARRY CAMPBELL. It is believed that these licenses were purchased at Des Moines, Iowa.

Very truly yours,

W. A. HORN,  
Inspector.

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- MR. TOLSON.....
- MR. CLEGG.....
- MR. COWLEY.....
- MR. EDWARDS.....
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Telephone Your Telegrams to **Postal Telegraph**

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WHEMER HANNA:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

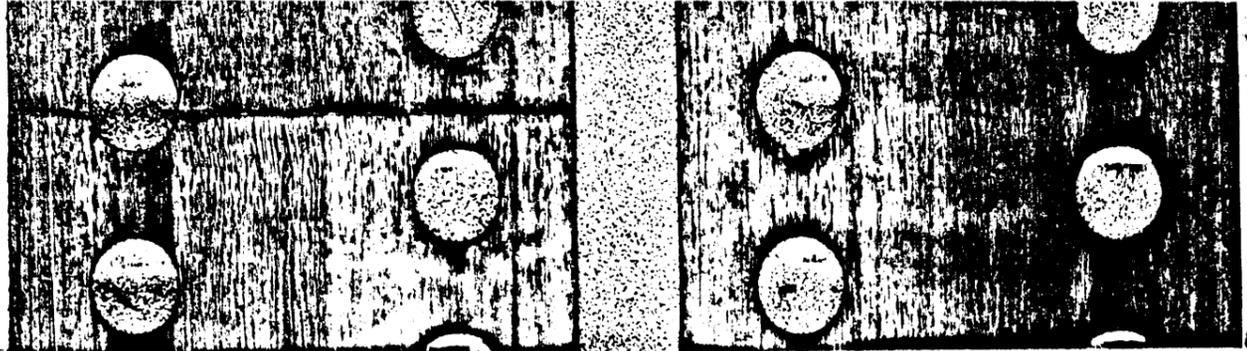
I then called MR. McFARLAND, Deputy Commissioner of Conservation, Minnesota, who is a friend of mine, and he likewise telephoned to various sections of northern Minnesota, advising me that he could not obtain a verification of the rumor but would continue to make inquiries, advising me immediately if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

I intend to see the confidential informant again tomorrow.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,  
Special Agent.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
February 26, 1934.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Rorer telephoned Sunday afternoon and advised that the telephone tap on the telephone lines of Attorney Lynch at Des Moines, Iowa had been unproductive of any valuable information in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case. Mr. Rorer recommends that this telephone tap be discontinued in view of its cost and lack of profitable information. There is some information that this attorney will leave Des Moines soon for another town and I inquired of Mr. Rorer as to the advisability of having him shadowed to the place where he is going and Mr. Rorer thought this might be well. Accordingly, he was told to make any arrangements which he believes necessary, with the Kansas City office, relative to the shadowing of this attorney.

As stated, Mr. Rorer recommends that the telephone tap be discontinued and if this is agreeable, the attached telegram should be transmitted to the Kansas City office.

Mr. Rorer stated that they had received information concerning a place located 38 miles below Rochester, Minnesota where it is now believed that the kidnap car was refueled with gasoline, on the occasion when Mr. Bremer states they put him out of the car for a time, shortly before their arrival in Rochester. An Agent has been sent there to check the details of this information and he further stated that the Chicago office was conducting an investigation in a little town in Illinois where, according to a Minister, it appeared that the bell siren and whistle arrangement may have been heard by the victim.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
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311 Hurley-Wright Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

March 1, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephonic instructions received from Mr. Clegg of the Division to contact Mr. Alexander Jamie at the Willard Hotel to secure information concerning the Woolverton kidnaping case at South Bend, Indiana and the First State Bank robbery at Holland, Michigan.

Special Agent L. Levin interviewed Mr. Jamie at the Willard Hotel and ascertained that Mr. Jamie does not have with him at Washington any of his files. He stated that he had received a letter from his son to the effect that Agent John Madala had obtained from his son the Woolverton kidnaping file. Mr. Jamie also told Agent Levin that it would not be necessary for him to wire any authorization to his son to furnish the Chicago Division Office with other information inasmuch as his son already has blanket authorization.

In connection with the robbery at the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan, Mr. Jamie commented that Lieutenant Hutson of the Michigan State Police at Lansing, Michigan has spent considerable time investigating this case and is very well informed with reference thereto.

This letter is in confirmation of telephonic report made to Mr. Clegg by Special Agent C. G. Schenken.

Very truly yours,

*Earle M. Black*  
EARLE M. BLACK, Assistant  
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. LOUIS, MISSOURI, February 27, 1934.

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WERNER HANNI,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING,  
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J. C. WILLEVER

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LEWISTON, IDAHO

February 12, 1934.

Mr. Harold Nathan, **MAR 7 1934**  
First Asst. Dept. of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

As one of the many million citizens of this "Land of the Free" I desire to enter my protest of the publicity given by the AP. in the daily papers, of the each and every detail clues known to your Department in these gang trails.

The enclosed two clippings published to the world advising the PATS that Mr. Bremer remembers the wallpaper on the room where he was held, thus giving them the opportunity to have the room re-papered, and that Bremer can identify two of them thus putting his life in jeopardy again, as they might desperately try to seal his lips.

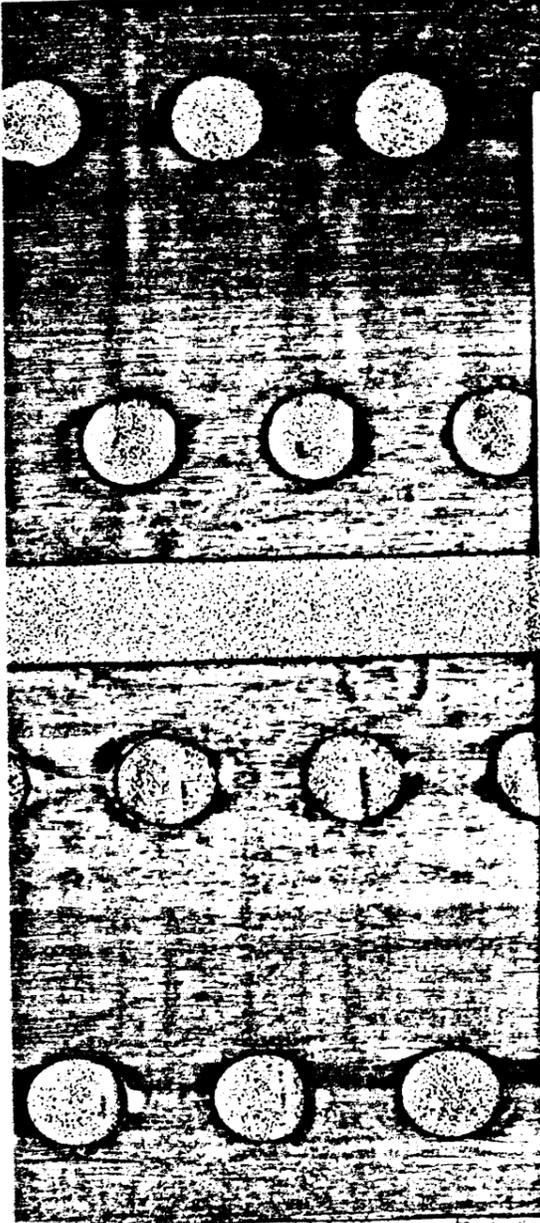
The second clipping gives notice to the PATS, that you have knowledge of the alleged movements in abandoning a house etc. etc.

I consider it an insult to you and your faithful workers to advise these matters to the world. You have the sincere respect of the entire country for the work you are doing, and nearly everyone condemns the press for publishing your every move.

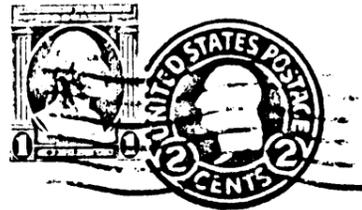
I feel better, now that I have blown off, but I do think that the present uncalled for playing into the hands of the gangs, should be stopped by the press.

Yours Very truly,

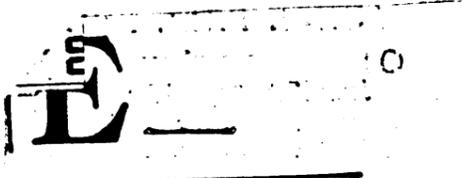
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J. HOWARD HOWE,  
602-8th Avenue,  
LEWISTON, IDAHO.



Mr. Harold Nathan. First Asst.  
Department of Justice,  
Washington,  
D.C.,



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# HAVE FEW CLUES IN BREMER CASE

But Federal, State and City  
Officers Working Hard  
To Find Trail

## RETELLS EXPERIENCES

Will Be Able to Identify the Two Who  
First Captured and Beat Him;  
Alcorn Gets Life.

St. Paul, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Three weeks of pain and hunger, punctuated by threats of being chained to the bed in a darkened room by his kidnapers, left Edward F. Bremer still in a state of semi-collapse today.

Pinched by the memory of vicious blows rained upon his head with pistol butts, the 37-year-old banker interrupted the recital of his experiences today by sobbing once, and almost swooning.

Simultaneously, federal, state and city peace officers were working feverishly to track down the band that Bremer believes numbered 10 or 12, which collected \$200,000 ransom before his release Wednesday night at Rochester, Minn.

**Have Few Clues.**  
The clues they had to work on: Bremer's ability to identify two of the gang; the two who beat him 15 or 20 times about the head and face until blood blinded his eyes when they stopped his automobile Jan. 17.

His memory of the wallpaper design on the room in which he was held prisoner 22 days.

Meager detail: of the ransom payment trip made through Faribault, Minn., on a lonely road Tuesday night by Walter Magee, wealthy contractor friend and intermediary, and the strange car the gang placed at his disposal for the trip.

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## TRAIL IS WARMER

Federal Agents Find New Clue  
As To Bremer Kidnapers

DEVELOPMENTS WITHHELD

Vernon Avenue Gang In St. Paul Now  
Suspected; Dillinger Gang Is  
Removed to Ohio.

St. Paul, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The possibility that the same gang engineered both the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings which netted \$300,000 was investigated tonight by police.

Automobile registrations supplied a possible link between the two crimes, it was learned, with the disclosure that an unidentified man and woman had fled from an apartment here the day after Edward G. Bremer's abduction Jan. 17.

A few days before William Hamm, Jr., millionaire brewer, was seized for \$100,000 ransom last June 15, a suspected gang abandoned a house on Vernon avenue, a good residential district here. Their automobile was disposed of through a second hand car dealer.

### Bought Small Coupe.

About the same time a new small coupe was purchased from an agency and registered in the name of the used car dealer, since gone out of business. Authorities intimated they had evidence indicating the new car was purchased by the Vernon avenue mob.

It was this same coupe that the unidentified man and woman owned and presumably used to flee from the apartment house a day after Bremer was kidnaped and several hours before his abduction was made public.

Federals in Charge.

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Mr. J. Howard Howe,  
603 6th Avenue,  
Lewiston, Idaho.

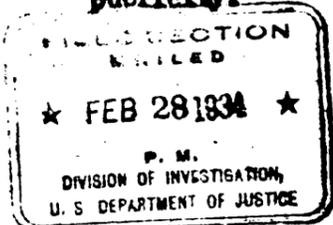
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Dear Mrs:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 12, 1934, wherein you refer to certain publicity in connection with the case involving the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer.

The publicity to which you specifically refer and to which you offer your objection relates especially to the indication that wall paper in the room where Mr. Bremer was held had been identified and also to the further allegation that knowledge was had as to the movements of certain individual in abandoning a house.

This is to advise you that I am in full agreement with you that through publicity methods the kidnapers should not be informed as to the developments of an investigation. I desire, however, to assure you that such information did not emanate from any employee of this Division. It is not the policy of this Division or its Special Agents to disclose to the press information concerning any case under investigation. You may be assured that I am in full agreement with you concerning such publicity.



Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

MAR 5 1934

In regard to the attached letter addressed to Mr. Nathan by Mr. J. Howard Howe, of Lewiston, Idaho, I thoroughly agree with the contents of Mr. Howe's communication, and I think he may be advised to that effect. This is the second letter which has been received; the first, I believe, was an editorial from some Western newspaper, criticizing the giving out to the press of the two items referred to in the attached letter.

I want immediate steps to be taken to ascertain, if possible, how this information got out, for it must have emanated from some source in either St. Paul or Minneapolis.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

FILE NO. 7-82-

REPORT MADE AT: <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2/28/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/23, 24, 26/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>ARTHUR MCLAWHON</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;                  et al -- UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.                  EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Winnie Williams, former wife of Bernard Phillips, questioned with negative results. Inquiries made at 1441 West Adams and 3010 Addison Street, Chicago, Illinois, former residences of John and Anna Karpis, alias Karpavicz, parents of ALVIN KARPIS. Inquiry made at 1108 and 1141 North Francisco St., former residences of KARPIS' sister, Mrs. P. H. Newbold; no information secured. Mrs. Margaret Lee and Mrs. Allen, sisters-in-law of Bernard Phillips, living at 6144 North Washatenaw Avenue, Chicago and receive letters twice weekly from party in Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, dated February 20, 1934.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <u>At Chicago, Illinois</u></p> <p>The reference report was scrutinized for possible leads in the Chicago District and this report will deal with a portion of the investigation which was suggested in Agent Trainor's report.</p> <p>Investigation disclosed that Winnie Williams, alias Mary Crawford, former wife of Bernard Phillips, formerly resided at 1115 East 62nd Street, Chicago, Illinois.</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">                       SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE                 </div>	COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3-Division 2-Kansas City 2-St. Paul 2-Chicago		RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 8 1934 CHECKED OFF: MAR 16 1934 JACKETED:
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Agent called at the Jackson Park Post Office Station, 6115 Langley Avenue, at which place the carrier covering the address, 1115 East 62nd Street, was unable to identify any of the following photographs: Mrs. Katherine Barker, Arthur Barker, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, Bernard Phillips and Mrs. Mary Phillips. The carrier informed he had observed no one, answering the descriptions of these parties, frequenting the vicinity of 1115 East 62nd Street.

It was understood that a Mrs. McQuade is the landlady at 1115 East 62nd Street, and that she bears a good reputation. Inquiry of her disclosed she remembered Winnie Williams having a room at her house from September 27, 1933 until October 4, 1933. During Miss Williams' stay there, she informed Mrs. McQuade she had had some trouble with her husband and was planning to leave him but when she took her departure she told Mrs. McQuade she had decided to go back to her husband. Mrs. McQuade advised that a man called for Winnie Williams when she left her place. Mrs. McQuade was unable to identify any of the above named photographs, as those of persons who had frequented her home and vicinity.

It is noted that Winnie Williams formerly lived at 8400 Paxton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, with a family by the name of Ross.

Agent interviewed both Mr. and Mrs. Ross concerning Winnie Williams and was informed that sometime during the summer of 1933, Miss Williams was introduced to them by one Gus Hackenyos. The Rosses informed Agent that Winnie Williams remained there during July or August and during that time, none of the persons represented by the photographs above noted called on Miss Williams, or were seen in the vicinity.

Agent observed the premises at 1441 West Adams Street, which was listed as one of the previous addresses of John and Anna Karpis and it was observed this is a disreputable rooming house, frequented by extremely undesirable characters, and in the best judgment of this Agent it would have been, not only fruitless but unwise to make any inquiries concerning the Subject, or his father and mother at this place. It is noted, however, it had already been ascertained that the mother and father of KARPIS are now living at 2842 North Francisco Street, Chicago, Illinois, under the name of Karpavicz.

At the Humboldt Park Post Office Station, Agent displayed the photographs aforementioned to carriers who deliver at 1108 and 1141 North Francisco, but they were unable to identify these photographs as being those of any people they had seen either around these premises or on their routes.

Agent was informed that at 1141 North Francisco, families by the names of Sidel, Gaep, Vilatzer and Hazel, received mail there.

On the premises at 1108 North Francisco is a dwelling house and the carrier stated no mail has been delivered there for sometime. He did not know the names of the occupants of these premises.

Agent called at the premises, 1141 and 1108 North Francisco, observed to be the former addresses of Mrs. P. H. Newbold, sister of KARPIS, and ascertained from the mail boxes at the first address, that the names appearing thereon were identical with those given by the carrier, and it was noted there was no name on the mail box at 1108 North Francisco.

At the North Center Post Office Station, 3855 Lincoln Avenue, Agent interviewed the carrier, who delivers mail to 3010 Addison St., and displayed to him the aforementioned photographs. He was unable to identify any of them. It is noted that 3010 Addison Street is the former residence of KARPIS' father and mother. He stated that the entrance to 3010 Addison Street is a large apartment building, but that only three flats are occupied at the present time by families whose names are Badi, Johnson and the janitor of the building, whose name he did not recall.

At the Wicker Park Post Office Station, 1221 North Paulina Street, Agent ascertained that the address of Mrs. H. Venute (correct spelling, not Venute) had been changed from 1831 West Grand Avenue to 1835 West Grand Avenue.

Agent interviewed the carrier on this route and displayed to him the photographs in question, none of which he could identify.

At the North Town Post Office, 2626 Devon Avenue, Agent made inquiry of the carrier concerning Mrs. Margaret Lee and Mrs. Allen, of 6144 North Washatenaw. He was informed by the carrier that these two ladies received mail at this address and that for some previous investigation, the nature of which he did not know, he had been instructed to keep an eye out on their mail for sometime for a letter from Florida. He stated that about the only unusual thing in their mail that he had observed was that about twice a week they received letters from some one in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill. He was unable to state who this was who was communicating with them from that place. Inasmuch as this carrier was interviewed at his home Saturday afternoon, February 24, and the Post Office had already closed, Agent was not able to make further inquiries of the Superintendent of this Post Office concerning the return address of these letters.

Agent observed the premises at 6144 North Washatenaw Ave. and noted them to be a very fine three-family apartment building in a very nice neighborhood of Chicago. The name, Mrs. Allen, appears on the mail box for the flat on the third floor of this building.

Mrs. Winnie Williams, the former wife of Bernard Philips, was interviewed at the Chicago Division Office on February 26, 1934, by Special Agent K. R. McIntire. She advised she is living at 7050 Merrill Avenue, Apartment 607, telephone Dorchester 4097. She stated if she cannot be located at that place, she may be reached through Mrs. Frank Ross, 8400 Paxton, Chicago, Illinois. In view of the fact it is known Bernard Philips was closely associated with ALVIN KARPIS and the BARKER BROTHERS, Miss Williams was questioned along this line with the hope of securing some information with regard to the habits and the places which are known to be frequented by these parties. She disclaimed any knowledge with regard to KARPIS, the BARKER BROTHERS, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Katherine Barker. She stated that in December of 1932, while living in Kansas City with Bernard Philips, the latter stopped on the street one day and spoke with KARPIS, but did not introduce her to Karpis. She stated she never did hear his name but recognized the picture of Karpis. She declared she had seen him at no other place and that her husband did not disclose his hangouts. She stated she has definitely ascertained that Bernard Philips is now dead; that sometime about October, 1932, she and Philips were living at an unnamed address in New York; that he left her, for reasons not stated, and never returned. She advised that she returned to Chicago and at a subsequent date, she learned from an underworld character, that Bernard Philips had been killed and that his unidentified body had been picked up in a sewer or a river in the vicinity of the Bronx, New York. She declined at all times to disclose the source of her information. She admitted Philips associated with Keating and Holden and other criminals, who are now confined in various penitentiaries, but she disclaimed any knowledge as to the places through which any well known criminals could be located.

Miss Williams advised that she and Bernard Philips and Francis Keating and his wife, lived together in an unnamed apartment in Saint Paul and during this stay, she heard Keating and Holden speak of PAULA HARMON, though she heard nothing more with regard to Paula. She declared she has never seen Paula Harmon and does not know any of Paula's connections.

Miss Williams denied knowing that Bernard Philips had at any time lived with KARPIS and the BARKER BROTHERS in Saint Paul. She stated Bernard Philips has a brother, Lee Philips, now serving time in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, who is reported to be the husband of Mrs. Margaret Lee, living at 6144 North Washatenaw Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. It is apparent this is the party from whom Mrs. Lee is receiving letters twice weekly from said penitentiary. Miss Williams believes that Mrs. Allen, who lives with Mrs. Margaret Lee, is the sister of the latter. Miss Williams also informed that her mother (not her sister) Mrs. Jessie Wertz, is living in Wilton, Connecticut.

Miss Williams was questioned at length with regard to well known criminals and prominent crimes committed in the Middle West during the past few years, in the hope of securing information with regard to the suspects in the Bremer Case, but without results.

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Copies of this report are being furnished the Kansas City Division Office at this time for their information only.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO DIVISION OFFICE: It is observed that no telephone is listed for R. Venute, but this office will ascertain, through the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, whether the Venute people have a telephone and will then check all toll calls and telegraph messages made to and emanating from the Venute residence at 1835 West Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Will also consider the advisability of interviewing Mrs. Venute, the sister of Alvin Karpis.

At 7144 North Washatenaw Avenue, Chicago, Illinois - will consider the advisability of interviewing Mrs. Margaret Lee and Mrs. Allen, sisters-in-law of Bernard Philips.

At Joliet, Illinois, at the State Penitentiary, will interview Lee Philips for information as to the associates of Karpis and the Barker Brothers and the places where they might be located. Will also ascertain the duration of Lee Philips' sentence.

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March 12, 1934

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.,  
Edward George Bremer - Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated March 3, 1934, addressed to the Chicago Office in the above entitled case, a copy of which letter was furnished your office, wherein it is noted that Winnie Williams, former passenger of Bernard Phillips, subject of Identification Order #1196, during August, 1932, registered at the Balvidere Hotel in New York City with Bernard Phillips as Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Patton.

There have been persistent rumors to the effect that Phillips is now dead. Winnie Williams has recently been reinterviewed by the Chicago Office and the results of that interview are set forth in the report of Special Agent Arthur McLashon, dated at Chicago, Illinois, February 28, 1934, a copy of which report is transmitted herewith for your information.

It is noted on page four of this report that Miss Williams is said to have stated that in December of 1932, while living in Kansas City with Bernard Phillips, the latter stopped on the street one day and spoke with Karpis, but did not introduce her to Karpis. She also stated that she never heard his name but recognized the picture of Karpis. This information seems to be inconsistent with the following quoted portion from the report:

"She stated she has definitely ascertained that Bernard Phillips is now dead; that some time about October, 1932, she and Phillips were living at an unnamed address in New York; that he left her, for reasons not stated, and never returned. She advised that she returned to Chicago at a subsequent date she learned from an underworld character that Bernard Phillips had been killed and that his unidentified body had been picked up in a sewer or

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In view of the persistent rumors to the effect that Phillips is now dead, and considering information set forth in Division letter dated March 3, 1934, and the report transmitted herewith, you are instructed to give immediate consideration to this angle with a view to establishing its authenticity. It is suggested that the Homicide Squad of the New York City Police Department be contacted for the purpose of ascertaining whether an unidentified body was recovered during the Fall of 1932 under the circumstances related above. The Division desires that this rumor be thoroughly investigated. Incidentally, you will recall that the Division received persistent rumors that Vernon C. Miller was believed to be dead prior to his appearance in Chicago, Illinois, on November 1, 1933.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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cc - St. Paul (Mr. Rorer)  
Chicago

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 28, 1934.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

Mr. Clegg transferred Inspector Rorer to me on the telephone yesterday and at Mr. Rorer's request I talked to Agent Notesteen. He asked for a description of the cap which was found in connection with the release of Edward G. Bremer and this was furnished him orally. Similar information is set forth in laboratory report dated February 26, 1934. Mr. Notesteen indicated that they believed they had located a retailer on the south side who had sold the cap in question.

I advised him the Washington Field office was at present conducting an investigation with a view to determining the headquarters of the cap makers union and would set out leads for the tracing of the cap through that source. He stated he believed this investigation should continue and that were the cap definitely established in St. Paul, telegraphic advice to discontinue the investigation would be sent out.

Respectfully,

*E. P. Coffey*  
E. P. Coffey.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
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801 Title Guaranty Bldg.,  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
February 26, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent F. F. Yearsley, dated at St. Louis, Missouri February 9, 1934, in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim; KIDNAPING.

In connection with this matter, I am enclosing herewith a letter and envelope in celluloid cover, which was turned over to this office by the Post Office Inspector at St. Louis, Missouri on February 23, 1934. This letter was received in response to the advertisement which was run in the St. Louis papers as referred to in the above mentioned report. It is noted that this letter was mailed to the Hotel Statler subsequent to the release of victim Bremer. Although the Hotel Manager had advised Special Agent H. G. Maynor that they would notify this office of any communications received subsequent to the withdrawal of the "plant" at this hotel, they failed to report the receipt of this letter, and on the contrary, on February 20, 1934 they forwarded same to the St. Louis branch of the dead letter office, at which place it was opened, and whereupon learning the contents of same, it was forwarded to the Post Office Inspector at St. Louis, Missouri, thereafter being turned over to this office.

This letter was freely handled by the clerks of the dead letter office, as well as by the Post Office Inspectors, prior to delivery to this Division, and so same will undoubtedly bear numerous latent fingerprints. It is however being forwarded to the Division for examination in the laboratory.

Upon receipt of this letter, an examination was made at the point of contact as furnished in this letter. However, at this time, there was no indication of any note having been fastened to a telephone pole in the alley as stated.

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Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 1, 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,  
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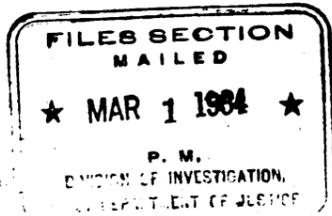
Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent V. W. Peterson, dated Chicago, Illinois, November 23, 1933, in the case entitled George Larson, with aliases, et al., White Slave Traffic Act, wherein on page six, it is noted that subject Larson from 1925 to 1933 claims to have been engaged in distributing slot machines in Wisconsin and Michigan to road-houses and saloons. The Division file does not reflect that subject Larson is presently being held.

It is suggested that subject Larson be interviewed relative to the above entitled case, and obtain whatever information he may be willing to disclose. It is also suggested that the victim in this case be interviewed, and that photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, and its associates, be exhibited to them for possible identification.

Very truly yours,

Director.



cc-W. A. Rorer

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MR. Clegg	.....
MR. Glavin	.....
MR. Ladd	.....
MR. Nichols	.....
MR. Rosen	.....
MR. Tracy	.....
MR. Egan	.....
MR. Quinn	.....
MR. Lester	.....
MR. Locke	.....
MR. Rorer	.....

February 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

There is attached hereto one copy of the transcript  
of telephone messages secured as the result of a tap on the tele-  
phone of VERNON LYNCH of Des Moines, Iowa, one copy of which is  
being kept in this office and the original is being returned to  
Special Agent O.C. Dewey at [redacted]

Very truly yours,

*W.A. Rorer*  
W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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February 24, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

*Edward R. Bremer*

The following Special Agents have been selected for duty at St. Paul on the Bremer case under the direct supervision of Mr. Rorer:

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Brennan, J. E. - St. Louis    | Nalls, R. L. - St. Paul     |
| Brown, R. D. - Cincinnati     | Nicholson, D. L. - Detroit  |
| Coulter, R. C. - St. Paul     | Noonan, R. T. - St. Paul    |
| Donaldson, R. B. - Detroit    | Notesteen, E. N. - St. Paul |
| Fortenberry, S. L. - St. Paul | Peterson, V. W. - Chicago   |
| Gross, G. J. - St. Louis      | Reinecke, H. H. - Chicago   |
| Hall, O. G. - St. Paul        | Ryan, W. C. - Chicago       |
| Marshall, M. E. - St. Louis   | Wood, W. F. - Cincinnati    |
| Melvin, T. G. - New York      |                             |

Respectfully,

*Howard P. Locke*

Howard P. Locke.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

REPORT MADE AT: <b>CHARLOTTE, N. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2/28/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/27/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>L. B. REED. :MLD</b>
TITLE: <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER - (Victim)</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">... of file reflects no further leads at present for Charlotte office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>RUC.</u></p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="text-align: center;">Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 2/20/34.</p>			
DETAILS: <p>A review of the file in this case has been made, and it does not appear that there are any leads which could be given investigative attention within the jurisdiction of the Charlotte office. All of the Agents in the Charlotte Office have been apprised of the salient facts reflected by the investigation thus far, and each of them has been furnished a set of the photographs of the so-called "Barker-Karpis Gang", together with descriptive information concerning each of them, which photographs were furnished this office with Division letter dated February 21, 1934. Each Agent has been instructed relative to the confidential aspect of this investigation.</p>			
<b>REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN</b>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>L. B. Reed</i> <b>Acting SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</b>	7-576-920 UNITED STATES		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>MAR 2 - 1934</b>
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March 1, 1934.

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

96201

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. C. Coulter, dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, February 24, 1934 in the above-entitled case that an examination is being made of toll calls for the period November 20, 1933 to February 2, 1934 over the telephones listed in the names of certain outstanding members of the underworld at Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

It is suggested that an examination be made of telegrams sent and received at Saint Paul and Minneapolis during the period that Bremer was held by the kidnapers, that is from January 17 to February 7, 1934.

The Division understands that in making such an examination there is no particular name or telephone number to be considered at the present time, but it is suggested that one of the agents attached to the Saint Paul Office who is acquainted with the prominent members of the underworld in that district should make a cursory examination of copies of telegrams on file for the purpose of locating a briefly worded telegram such as, "Will call you at 8:00 P. M.", "Communicate with me over phone number \_\_\_\_\_", or one similarly worded, which telegram may have been sent from Chicago or a point in northern Illinois or southern Wisconsin.

It is also suggested that a similar check be made at a "relay office" possibly located at Madison, Wisconsin or Rockford, Illinois for copies of telegrams received from small towns in their respective vicinities and relayed to Saint Paul or Minneapolis during the period in question.

It is understood from a special agent now in the Division who was formerly in the employ of the Postal Telegraph Company that the above suggested procedure is practicable and will possibly be productive.

Very truly yours,

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P. O. Box # 937  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

March 1, 1934.

96200

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

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

MAR 22 1934

Dear Sir:

Relative to the letter of Inspector W. A. Rorer addressed to the St. Paul Office under date of February 23, 1934 pertaining to the news stands handling Minnesota and St. Paul newspapers and with particular reference to those agencies in the district covered by this office reported to be dealing in these newspapers, you are advised that the Federal News Company mentioned on Page 5 of the enclosure accompanying Mr. Rorer's letter, is operated by W. A. McGrath, who has heretofore been interviewed upon this case, as indicated in the report of Special Agent J. C. Rider dated at Pittsburgh, Pa., February 20, 1934.

The Metropolitan News Company, likewise mentioned on Page 5 of the enclosure accompanying Mr. Rorer's letter, is operated by Pete Harlick, who has also been interviewed as set forth in Mr. Rider's report.

With reference to the Fort Pitt News Company, mentioned on Page 6 of the above described enclosure as handling the Minnesota Star, inquiries conducted heretofore, as outlined in Mr. Rider's heretofore mentioned report, indicate that the Fort Pitt News Company is not now receiving copies of the Minnesota Star or any other newspaper published in the Twin Cities.

With reference to these inquiries you are advised that similar inquiries conducted in Erie, Pa. and Wheeling, W. Va. did not disclose any news dealers in either city handling those papers.

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E. A. TAMM  
Special Agent in Charge

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG**

**BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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March 1, 1934

Inspector W. A. Rorer  
Division of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 515  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
Edward George Bremer (Victim)  
Kidnaping - Extortion

Reference is made to your file 7-50 in the matter of  
Unknown Subjects sl, Edward George Bremer (Victim), Kidnaping -  
Extortion, and particularly your letter of February 20th to the  
Division with respect to one DAVE BERMAN.

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You are also informed that the informant named Korn or Alcorn has not yet called at this office. You will note that the inform

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ant advises the man in whom he is interested is serving a forty year sentence, whereas Berman is serving a twelve year sentence. Notwithstanding this discrepancy, it is believed that Berman is the individual in whom the informant is interested.

It is suggested that the Postal Inspectors at Milwaukee be contacted to determine the present status of the mail fraud case pending against Berman and the others in the Western District of Wisconsin.

Very truly yours,

cc/Division ✓  
cc/Chicago

F. I. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

POST OFFICE BOX 815  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

87049

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  
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file 7-30

Dear Sir:

Kindly secure the photographs and fingerprints of MAURICE WEINER alias RED VINER alias MORRIS VINER from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. /OK

Please forward the photographs to this office, and direct a communication to the Division stating that at the request of this office it is desired that the fingerprints of the above named individuals be placed in the single fingerprint file for comparison purposes, in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

W. A. BORTH,  
Inspector.

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POST OFFICE BOX 515  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

87050

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:

There are transmitted herewith copies of the photographs  
of the following individuals:

Robert Schmitt,	Chicago Police No. C-5813
Thomas Carroll	St. Paul Police No. 23979
Morris Roisser	St. Paul Police No. 6315
Clarence (Doc) Eaton,	Des Moines, Ia. Pol. # 8670
Harry (Dutch) Sawyer	Police # 6463
William Weaver	St. Paul, Minn. Police # 23452
Dorothy Slaymore	

OK  
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It is desired that 20 copies each be made of these photo-  
graphs and that the photographs submitted herewith to you be returned  
to the St. Paul office at the earliest possible date.

It is also desired that 20 copies be made of the photo-  
graphs of the following individuals, who are suspects in the Hollad,  
Michigan Bank robbery, and are also mentioned in your letter of February  
10, 1934.

Go-about Bailey  
John Waters  
John Davis.

same name. OK

no record.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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BREMER KIDNAPPING PAULA HARMON PLACED LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL JANUARY  
THIRTY FIRST NINETEEN THIRTY THREE TO GLADYS SAWYER EMERSON TWO NAUGHT NAUGHT  
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1900 BANKERS BLDG  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

87051

BREMER KIDNAPPING PAULA HARMON PLACED LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL JANUARY TWENTY THIRD NINETEEN THIRTY THREE TO MADELYN SNYDER LAKEVIEW SEVEN SEVEN NAUGHT SIX CHICAGO ALSO TO MARGARET BLACK SAME NUMBER ON OCTOBER EIGHTH NINETEEN THIRTY TWO

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Department of Justice  
Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

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March 1, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated February 14, 1934, in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, Jr. - VICTIM, Kidnaping, in which a sock worn by victim was transmitted to this office in order that the manufacturer of the same might be identified.

Inasmuch as the sock in question has been identified by the New York representative of the Rockford Mitten and Hosiery Company, Rockford, Illinois, as being their product, the sock is being returned to the Division herewith.

Very truly yours,

*F. X. Fay*  
F. X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Dear Sir:

There has been returned to the Division from the New York Office, one of a pair of socks reported to have been furnished the victim in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, Jr. - Victim, Kidnaping, investigation in that district having been completed. Inasmuch as no further laboratory examination is believed warranted, the original sock is being returned to your office by registered mail.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC to  
New York Office.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
**Bureau of Investigation**  
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370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York

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March 1, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with the kidnaping case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, et al; Edward George Bremer (Victim), it is requested that you furnish the St. Paul Office with the criminal record of DAVE BERMAN, State Prison, Ossining, New York, No. 80404. Kindly furnish this office with a copy of the letter.

Very truly yours,

*F. X. Fay*

F. X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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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 George Bremer (victim);  
Kidnapping.

Dear Sir:

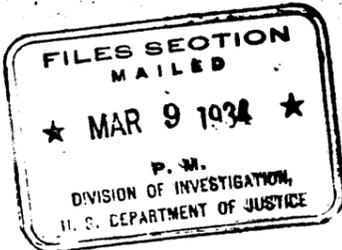
In compliance with the request of the Division Office, New York, New York dated March 1, 1934, there is transmitted herewith a copy of the criminal record of DAVE BERMAN, State Prison, Ossining, New York #80404, as reflected by the fingerprint files of the Division of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC-  
Division Office,  
New York, New York.

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DEAR MR MOYER  
THE REASON I AM WRITING YOU IS BECAUSE  
I WANT THE BREMPT SWAGGERS THEIR  
HEADQUARTERS ARE IN DES MOINES IOWA  
WE NO WE ARE HOLDING OURSELVES  
ANDI BEEN DOUBLED CRASSED BREMPT  
WAS HID IN DMI IN A HOME BY  
THE KENNITH SOND LITER IN HIS  
HOME AND A FELLOW BY THE NAME  
AL DICKERSON WAS IN ON THE  
DEAL AND THEY ARE BOTH GANGSECS  
BUT THE DES MOINES POLICE HAVE  
PROTECTED THEM FOR YEARS YOU LOOK  
UP THEIR RECORDS THEY SNATCHED  
JIMMIE SHERMAN THE DES MOINES  
GAMBLER THEY ARE THE BIRDS YOU  
FELLOWS WANT THAY  
THE M - SOME ARE IN CHICAGO DES M.  
MOINES IS THEIR MAIN OFFICE JUSTICE  
THAY ALL SAY THAY GET ON BY  
IN DES MOINES THAY SAY THAY DRIVE  
TO CHICAGO IN 8 HRS

ANONYMOUS INFORMATION  
KEEP ENY ... ATTACHED

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TAL FARLEY IS ONE OF THE GANG LOOK UP HIS  
RECORD IN CHICAGO WE DONT NO ALL OF THEIR  
NAMES BUT WILL TRY AND FIND OUT FOR YOU  
DONT TRY TO GET HELP FROM DES MOINES  
POLICE THEY ARE LIABLE TO BE TIPPED OFF  
THEY ARE A DEPUTY SHERIFF HARRY  
X CLAYMAN HE IS A TIP OFF FOR  
SANDLITER HE IS A GREAT FRIEND  
OF THEM WE WILL TELL YOU OFF  
CHARLE ANTHUR PRETTY BOY FLOYD HIS GANG  
ARE HID IN IOWA IN THE HILLS  
SOUTH OF MOUNT AYR IOWA EIGHT MILES  
SOUTH AND TWO OR THREE MILES EAST  
AROUND A LITTLE TOWN BY THE NAME OF  
WATTERSON ITS 3 1/2 HRS DRIVE FROM DES  
MOINES THEY DRIVE IN REAL OFTEN  
THEY WILL BE HARD TO FIND IT SURE IS  
HILLY DOWN THEIR THEY ARE GOING TO  
DO SOME KID NAPPING IN DES MOINES  
DARLINE AND CARL WEEKS THEY  
INTEND TO GET 600<sup>000</sup> OUT OF THE  
FAMILIES PRETTY BOY SAYS THAT WILL

KEEP FOR SOME TIME ITS FOOLISH  
TO LOOK FOR PRETTY BOY IN OKLAHOMA  
LAW OF COURSE HE MIGHT GO BACK  
THAY DRIVE UP FORDS FOR SPEED  
MR HOOVER THE REASON WE WROTE  
TO YOU WE NO ABSLOUTELY YOU ARE  
HONEST AND ARE WITH THE  
GOVERNMENT OF COURSE YOU CAN  
DEPEND ON MR FINDLEY BUREAU  
OF STATE INVESTIGATION DESMOINES  
WE WILL LET YOU NO SOON AS  
WE GET SOME MORE DOPE  
IN THEM

GENTLEMAN HERE ARE  
SOME FACTS



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MAR 14 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN  
SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM, KIDNAPING. There are  
inclosed herewith photostatic copies of an anonymous letter,  
postmarked at Des Moines, Iowa, February 28, 1934.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. 691326.

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CHICAGO ILLINOIS FEBRUARY 27 1934

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

BREKID PAULA HARMON AS MRS CP HARMON ARRESTED POLICE ROCKISLAND ILLINOIS THEIR NUMBER THIRTEEN NAUGHT THREE FEBRUARY TWENTYFIVE NINETEEN TWENTYSIX TOGETHER WITH LEOTA GRAHAM AND CHARLES AND JIM HARMON CHARGE FUGITIVE FROM COUNCILBLUFFS IOWA PARTIES NOT MUGGED AT ROCKISLAND OBTAIN PRINTS AND PHOTO OF EACH PARTY AND FORWARD THIS OFFICE IDENTIFY LEOTA GRAHAM WITH WHOM PAULA MAY STILL BE IN CONTACT.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation  
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Washington, D. C.

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

HHC:GAJ

February 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent in Charge Alt advised last night by telephone that there had been no identification of any money in the possession of LaRue, or his wife, with money paid as a ransom. He stated that Florida newspapers had carried the story that there had been suitcases full of money identified and that the money which was received from Vermont had been identified but that none of these stories were true; that the newspapermen were, of course, trying to guess and their guess was wrong.

Subsequently, Mr. Rendell of the Associated Press, called me at my residence from the Department Building and inquired about this matter. I informed him that Florida papers had been carrying stories speculating as to the identification of money in this case and that the Division knew of no identification that had been made either as to money that had been shipped from Vermont, which Mr. Rendell asked about, or any other money. He asked what LaRue was being held on and I told him that the only angle in which we were primarily interested was the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case and he was wanted in some place in Illinois for prosecution in that case.

Respectfully,

*[Signature]*  
H. H. Clegg

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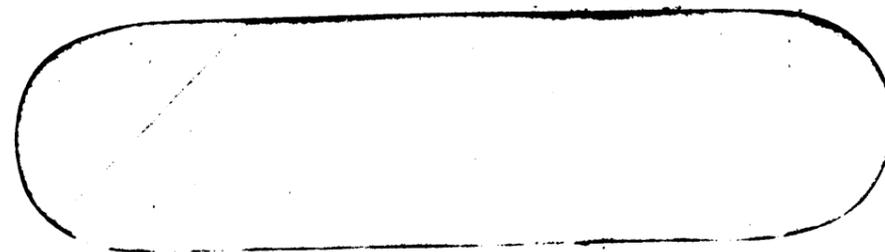
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sirs

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

There are transmitted herewith copies of a photograph of Mrs. C. P. Harmon, widow of the late Charles P. Harmon, notorious bank robber. Mrs. Harmon is believed to be associating with the Barker-Karpis gang and this photograph may be of assistance in locating this individual in your district in accordance with the requests directed to your office by the St. Paul Office.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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*Card Harmon*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

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February 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Alt telephoned from Jacksonville. He stated that there had been referred a lead from Mr. Rorer for him to cover bets made on the Carnera fight at Miami Wednesday night in order to see if any of the ransom money was exchanged there. Mr. Alt stated that under existing legislation in Florida no brokers could accept bets of this character and that all the betting, of course, must be done secretly and between individuals; that it would take a large number of Agents to even attempt to cover this lead. He further stated that his Agents were either tied up on the matter at Tampa or in court and there was no one he could send to Miami. He was instructed to send additional lists of the Bremer ransom money to Miami banks and to ask them to watch very carefully the deposits on the occasion of the fight and immediately following in an effort to identify a part of the ransom money if deposited there. He stated he would do this and anything else that was possible.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

*Edward G. Bremer*

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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 accordance with the information which you furnished Mr. Clegg by telephone on February 26, you are advised that the fingerprints of Clarence W. Haggerty, our file #87717, and Charles Adams, our file #114729, have been entered in the single fingerprint file. The fingerprints of these two individuals have also been compared with the latent prints in the Bremer Case with negative results.

For your information there are transmitted herewith copies of the criminal records of these individuals as they appear in the fingerprint files of the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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J M KEITH  
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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 WASHINGTON D C

BREMER KIDNAPING PAULA HARMON RECEIVED U S VETERANS CHECK NUMBER TWENTY TWO NINE SEVEN FOURTEEN OCTOBER THIRTY TWO AMOUNT FIFTEEN HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS PROBABLY PAYMENT INSURANCE CHARLES PRESTON HARMON ENDEAVOR ASCERTAIN WHETHER VETERANS ADMINISTRATION IS PAYING MONTHLY PAYMENTS TO PAULA HARMON AND TO WHAT ADDRESS CHECKS ARE BEING SENT.

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CINCINNATI OHIO

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BREKID ASCERTAIN WHETHER FORD ROADSTER MOTOR NUMBER A FIVE FOURTEEN SEVEN TWO ONE WAS REGISTERED THIS YEAR IN INDIANA IN NAME OF EDWARD B BELL OR ANY OTHER NAME

W A RORER  
Inspector

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

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD BREMER KIDNAPING NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR CALIFORNIA LICENSE SEVEN N NINE ONE FIFTY ISSUED TO REGISTERED AND LEGAL OWNER IRMA G HINSON NINE SIX TWO SOUTH CONCORD STREET LOS ANGELES WIFE OF GLENN HINSON LATTER EMPLOYED LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT PAST TEN YEARS REPUTATION HINSONS EXCELLENT CAR IS NINETEEN TWENTY NINE FORD COUPE MOTOR A TWO THREE FOUR FOUR TWELVE NAUGHT COLOR BODY AND WHEELS BLACK CAR WITH EXCEPTION OF SHORT PERIOD IN DECEMBER LAST HAS BEEN IN LOS ANGELES AND IS HERE PRESENTLY MRS HINSON DESCRIBED AGE THIRTY EIGHT FIVE FEET TWO WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED FORTY HAIR LIGHT BROWN EYES BROWN COMPLEXION FAIR DEPARTED LAST WEEK FOR SOME POINT IN EAST UNKNOWN MISTER HINSON DESCRIBED THIRTY EIGHT YEARS FIVE FEET TEN INCHES HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS BROWN HAIR BALD EYES BROWN COMPLEXION MEDIUM SOUTHERN ACCENT STOP NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR CALIFORNIA LICENSE SIX B FIVE NAUGHT THREE SEVEN ISSUED TO JULES C LACOCK FORT MACARTHUR SAN PEDRO CALIFORNIA FOR OLD GREY HUPMOBILE SEDAN MOTOR TEN FIVE NAUGHT SEVEN EIGHT LACOCK RETIRED ARMY NINETEEN THIRTY TWO AFTER THIRTY YEARS SERVICE WITH RANK SERGEANT MAJOR AFTER RETIREMENT RAN LUNCH COUNTER NORTH HOLLYWOOD AND LATER EMPLOYED FOX STUDIOS WEST HOLLYWOOD PRESENT ADDRESS FOUR THREE ONE LAKE STREET TOPEKA KANSAS AGE FIFTY EIGHT LOOKS YOUNGER FIVE FEET EIGHT AND ONE HALF WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE POUNDS EYES SQUINTED RIGHT CORNER OF MOUTH TURNS UP MUSICIAN HAIR SLIGHTLY GREY REPUTATION GOOD WHILE IN ARMY

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**DALLAS TEXAS FEBRUARY 24, 1934**

BREMER KIDNAPING PAULA HARMON SUBSCRIBER TO COSMOPOLITAN MAGAZINE PROBABLY  
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W. A. RORER  
Inspector

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Los Angeles, California  
February 26, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping  
L. A. File 7-42

Mr. J. L. Loch, assistant superintendent, Bureau of Identification, sheriff's office, San Bernardino, California, submitted information to this office relative to the activities of one OSCAR SHELTON who is now incarcerated in the Colorado State Penitentiary as No. 1117.

The sheriff's office at San Bernardino, as well as numerous peace officers in other points in California, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming, have been seeking Shelton's apprehension on bad check charges for sometime. Shelton's woman, one Pearl M. Gilbert, resided, and apparently is still residing, at the Planet Hotel in San Bernardino

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Mr. Loch believes that Shelton may have had something to do with the Bremer kidnaping,

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S.A.C., St. Paul - #2.

As will be noted in copy of a letter from Sheriff George A. Richard of Boulder County, Colorado, to the Sheriff at San Bernardino, California, Shelton was arrested in Omaha, Nebraska on January 4, 1934, was tried in the District Court of Boulder County, Colorado on January 10, 1934 on charge of confidence game, and received a sentence of eighteen months to fifteen years in the Colorado State Penitentiary.

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While it is noted that Shelton was apprehended and convicted at Boulder County, Colorado before the Bremer kidnaping occurred, this information is being submitted for such attention as you may deem appropriate, and copies of this letter are being furnished the Salt Lake City and San Francisco Division offices for the information of those offices.

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This office, however, has a very incomplete file in connection with that matter.

I have not had Pearl M. Gilbert interviewed at San Bernardino and will not do so unless you believe the facts warrant such action.

Very truly yours,

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San Francisco

B. E. SACKETT,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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M H PURVIS  
Division of Investigation  
U S Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Ill

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CHICAGO ILLINOIS FEBRUARY 28, 1934.

W. A. RORER  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
ST. PAUL MINNESOTA

PLEASE REFER TO YOUR LETTER FEBRUARY TWENTY SIXTH REQUESTING TWENTY  
PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF FIVE PHOTOGRAPHS IN VIEW MY CONVERSATION YOU  
YESTERDAY ADVISE IF YOU STILL DESIRE THESE PHOTOSTATS SUGGEST IF YOU  
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CC Division

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P. O. Box 514,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
February 28, 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 George Bremer, Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to letter from the St. Paul Office, dated February 17, 1934, in connection with the above-entitled case, concerning letter written by Robert Heyer, at Corinth, Mississippi, addressed to Chief of Police at St. Paul, Minnesota, it being believed that Mr. Heyer might have information in connection with the above case.

This is to advise that investigation by the Birmingham Office has resulted in ascertaining that none of the suspects in the above case have been identified by Mr. Heyer as the persons who robbed him of his automobile. A report, however, is being written in this case in connection with a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act violation, and the St. Paul Office will be furnished a copy of it for its information in the immediate future.

Very truly yours,

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

cc - Division.

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Room 1403  
370 Lexington Ave.  
New York City

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February 28, 1934

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

With reference to letter from the Philadelphia office to this office dated February 14th, listing further manufacturers of wall paper, located in this district, you are advised that contact has been had with officials of these companies without developing any indication that the wall paper in question was manufactured by them.

In this connection it is noted that the New Brunswick Industries, Inc., New Brunswick, New Jersey, is no longer in business, the concern being owned by the firm of E. H. Burge & Sons Company, Buffalo, New York, which had been previously contacted.

Further samples of wall paper, which in some degree answer the description given, have been received at this office from the United States Varnished Tile Company, 245 Crooks Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey, and are being transmitted to your office under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

CC:Division ✓

F. X. FAY  
Special Agent in Charge

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Room 1403  
370 Lexington Ave.  
New York City

GEW:ED  
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March 1, 1934

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
Edward G. Bremer  
Kidnaping

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent B. M. Hirsch dated at Washington, D. C., February 27th, 1934, and the portion thereof relating to the cap involved in this matter.

It was ascertained at the Cloth Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union, 105 W. 40th Street, New York City, that the serial number 9466411 at that Union was issued June 26, 1933 to Yarns Brothers, Inc., 297 Mercer St., New York City. It was ascertained that this company is now the Yarns Cap Company, Inc., at 26 Waverly Place, New York City, and Mr. C. Yarns, President, advised that he is able to identify this cap as one of their manufacture which was ready for sale in October, 1933; that the cap in question was shipped in an unknown quantity to Laumerman Brothers, 1713 Dunlap Ave., Marinette, Wisconsin. He stated that there is also a possibility that some of these were included in shipments to the Mid West Cap Company, 205 1/2 Second St., Des Moines, Iowa, but that there are no other firms in the United States to which it was shipped. Both of the aforementioned firms are jobbers. Shipments were made in October, November and December, 1933.

Copy of this letter is being transmitted to the Kansas City office in view of the information concerning the firm at Des Moines, Iowa, and for its information, it not appearing that the Kansas City office has received the report of reference, it is stated that the cap which was forwarded by separate cover to the Chicago office, bears a label of the Cloth Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union, #9466411 and is stamped with the letter "E". The purpose of the investigation is to determine who purchased the cap.

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A summary of the foregoing information was submitted to the Chicago office by telegram today.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY  
Special Agent in Charge

CC: Division  
St. Paul  
Kansas City

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

ST. PAUL, MINN.

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>DALLAS, TEXAS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2-28-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2-25-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>F. S. DEHN.</b>
TITLE: <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. Edward G. Bremer (Victim).</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Ed Weatherford says he has been advised that there is an outlaw hideout owned by a former army chaplain located in Oklahoma between Nowata and Coffeyville, Kansas.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Ed Weatherford, Detective of the Ft. Worth, Texas, Police Department, stated he has an informant [redacted] and a personal friend of George Kelly, [redacted] that this informant met members of the Keating-Holden Gang [redacted] became quite friendly with them; that he also knows Fred and Doc Barker, formerly of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Harry Campbell and Charlie Harmon; [redacted] Harry Campbell and Charlie Harmon; [redacted] about a year ago the Barkers were in Tulsa arranging for a hideout prior to their pulling some job; that he does not know Paula Harmon, but heard the gang discuss her and knows they have absolute trust in her and call on her when they want any help or anything done.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">That informant, according to Weatherford, does not know Paula Harmon, but stated she contacts Frank Nitti, Chicago Gangster; that this gang are friends of Jimmie Rowe, a well known bootlegger of Wichita, Kansas, and Kansas City; that Rowe and Nitti are very close friends; that there is an ex-chaplain (Army) who operates a farm between Nowata, Oklahoma and Coffeyville, Kansas, known to Henry Lowery, Sheriff of Nowata; that this gang uses this farm as a hideout. Informant named Doc Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell as running mates and will possibly be found together in their hideouts.</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>P. J. Beard</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-932	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 8 - 1934
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Weatherford did not disclose the name of his informant but close contact will be maintained with Weatherford in an effort to secure additional information.

No leads are being set out for other offices, this being left to the discretion of each office.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FORM NO. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-15.** **CV.**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>NEW ORLEANS, LA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2/28/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/16 to 2/28/34.</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>J. V. BLAKE</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 1em; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> gives names of persons with whom he was associated in criminal activities at Sioux City, Iowa, and who, he thinks, may have been the persons who effected the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer and the collection of the ransom money. He has nothing tangible except a belief that they would have been capable of putting over this crime. Investigation through news dealers this district handling St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers unproductive to date.			
REFERENCE:  Letter from St. Paul Office dated 2/17/34; telegram from St. Paul Office 2/16/34; letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, to New York Office 2/23/34.			
DETAILS:  <div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 1em; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> AT LORANGER, LOUISIANA  <div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 1em; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> He says that he formerly lived at Sioux City, Iowa, where he was engaged in the illicit liquor business with a gang which he believes might have undertaken the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer and which he believes is the ring which committed the crime if it develops that Bremer was brought to Sioux City. He has no facts on which to base this belief except his former association with these people and his knowledge of their premises, which could easily have been used to keep a kidnapped person hid while negotiating for the ransom money. <div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 1em; margin-top: 5px;"></div>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>R. Whiteley</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	<b>7-576-933</b>	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>7-5-1934</b>
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He was much interested in whether he would collect a reward in the event the information he gave led to the solution of this kidnaping. He was advised that the government has offered no reward.

[REDACTED] He advised that this ring has the protection of the Sheriff's office and the police department, or did when he was with them, and that they pay well for it and get good protection. The persons suggested by [REDACTED] as being in the ring are:

JOHN BRIENZO, alias "MICKY" BRIENZO, who has served a term in the Iowa State Prison and also one in the Minnesota State Prison.

DONA MAY, last name not clear. She is a sister of Brienzo and was formerly married to one Ray Evans who is doing life in the Iowa State Prison for a bank robbery at Turin, Iowa. Dona May's present husband is Harry Sherotte or Charlotte or something like that and lived at 114 West 14th St., Sioux City. Dona May is the leader.

HARRY [REDACTED] husband of Dona May.

MIKE HERMAN - married to a sister of Dona May.

MARY HERMAN - sister of Dona May. Her husband, Mike Herman, has been tried for murder at Sioux City and also did time at Lincoln, Neb.

PHILAMENE [REDACTED] sister of Dona May.

DICK OLSEN - is a partner of Dona May's present husband, is from Minnesota and formerly did time with Sherotte or Charlotte at Lincoln, Neb., being released from there shortly before the year 1931.

IKE SHERMAN - Jewish, Sioux City, is not closely connected with the above ring but has operated some with them and has a brother at Minneapolis who on one occasion had Ike and this ring come to Minneapolis and pull off a robbery at a dance hall which Sherman was operating. Sherman had a large diamond ring which he replaced with a glass one for this robbery and afterwards collected insurance for the loss of the diamond.

Another member of the ring was mentioned as a notorious character known as the "Turk" who could not have been connected in this kidnaping as he is doing life at Fort Madison, Iowa. Charley Ford, now doing time at Fort Madison for bank robbery and murder is also mentioned as having been connected with the gang.

[REDACTED] On one occasion when business was bad, Dona May had said to him that they were not making any money with liquor so "Let's kidnap somebody". He told her he would not go into anything like that. No one was suggested as the subject of the kidnaping nor was any place suggested for getting a victim.

Dona May, Micky Brienzo and Mike Herman each has an underground vault at home. [REDACTED] says that he has been in each of these places and that

at one time Micky's vault contained a great number of stolen bonds. He says that each vault is a large room with a secret entrance which he describes as follows:

Dona May's vault was located at her home, 114 West 14th Street. The entrance is under the steps leading from the inside of the house to the basement. Under these steps there is a door, the edges of which are concealed by 4x4's which are there as dummy braces. The door does not appear more than a plain wall with these dummy braces there. Overhead there is a piano wire sticking out. The door is opened by pulling this wire and pushing the door at the same time. The wire is projecting overhead through the door which appears to be a wall.

Mike Herman's vault is located at his home, 2010 E. Seventh Street. The entrance to it is behind the water meter in the basement. A piano wire is also the means of opening the door to this vault. Mike has some window screens hung on the wall in his basement and these screens conceal a wire which is sticking out through the cement blocks just to the left of the water meter. The door appears to be cement blocks or wall and should be pushed at the time of pulling the wire.

Micky Brienzo's vault is at his home, 2008 E. Seventh Street. The vault is built under the kitchen, the entrance being under the step of the back door. He says that by scraping away about two inches depth of dirt under this back step a square door, about 20 x 20 inches, will be disclosed. This door should be lifted out and then there is a drop of about three feet and an upright door, 3 x 2 feet, will be seen. This is the entrance to a large room under the kitchen. [redacted] says that when Micky's brother Tommy, now deceased, was living there, he, [redacted] saw a great number of stolen bonds stored there.

[redacted] says that one reason he believes this ring may have been guilty of the kidnaping was their way of handling the job. He thinks Olsen being from Minnesota could have been the one to spot the victim. He says that the fact that Mr. Bremer was beaten over the head makes him think that Micky Brienzo had a hand in the job as Micky was always quick to use force when he told a victim to do a thing and he was slow about complying.

[redacted] also advised that Dona May had a safety deposit box at the Farmer's Loan and Trust Company, Sioux City, when he was working for her.

Effort was made to get sufficient information from [redacted] to be able to keep in touch with him but he insisted that he has no idea where he will go or stop but said that he will get in touch with one of the offices of the Division in the event he thinks of anything else that may be of interest. He suggested that if he goes through Kansas City he may get in touch with the office there. He was given the address of the New Orleans office and said that he will write if he has anything else to communicate.

[redacted] again and again insisted that the Sheriff and Chief of Police at Sioux City were giving this ring protection and should not be brought into the matter. He believes that if this ring had anything to do with the kidnaping, the money will be in one of the vaults and that all three places should

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be raided simultaneously. He also requests that his name be not used or made public as he believes the ring would go to any expense and trouble to get him if they knew he gave this information. When he left Sioux City, [REDACTED] says that one Davenport was Sheriff and Hayes was head of Public Safety in the city. Earl Morgan was the pay off man who collected from them.

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent in Charge R. Whitley:

In compliance with requests from the St. Paul Office, daily contacts have been maintained with the two news dealers in New Orleans handling St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn., papers. Photographs of prominent suspects in this case have been exhibited to the dealers and they have indicated a cooperative attitude. The details of these contacts are being set forth in memorandum form for the New Orleans file but inasmuch as all information obtained to date has been purely negative, it is not being repeated in detail in this report. The daily contacts with these news dealers will be continued and appropriate action will be taken immediately in the event any information of possible value is obtained.

Out of town news dealers at Mobile, Alabama, Meridian and Jackson, Mississippi, Shreveport and Monroe, Louisiana, were also contacted by agents of this office, who ascertained that none of the dealers in these towns handle the papers in question.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE, at New Orleans, La., will continue to maintain daily contacts with the news dealers handling St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn., newspapers.

P E N D I N G

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1 St. Paul, Minnesota. St. Paul FILE NO. 7-33  
 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

REPORT MADE AT St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE 3-1-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/26 & 27/34	REPORT MADE BY O. C. Hall
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation made by several agents assigned to this case to locate the places where various articles, used by the kidnapers, were purchased reported herein. PAULA HARMON not identified as woman living at 204 Vernon Avenue in June, 1933. VAIL FROST, Lime Springs, Iowa, reported to be involved in this matter; however, investigation does not substantiate rumor. Victim seen when released from car of abductors at Rochester, Minnesota, February 7, 1934. Information received that FRED BARKER may have been at Pine Island, Minnesota, on night of BREMER'S release. Partial identification secured of ARTHUR BARKER at place where first ransom note was left.

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finger print*

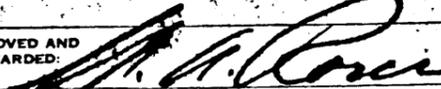
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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent O. C. Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 2-27-34.

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DETAILS

At St. Paul, Minnesota.

This report covers the details of investigation reported by agents assigned to this case during the period indicated above.

MR. and MRS. JOHN MILLER, 1209 Hague Avenue, were two persons used by the kidnapers for contact purposes late in the period of MR. BREMER'S detention by his abductors. Their story, previously reported, is that prior to the date when the HILLS BROTHERS' COFFEE CAN, containing a contact note, was left at their residence, on two occasions persons had come to their house requesting the location of 1193 Hague Avenue and, on being informed of the location, had departed in what seemed to the MILLERS to be the wrong direction.

In order to clear this phase of the investigation, the following inquiry was made by Special Agent W.F. Wood, who submitted the following memorandum:

February 27, 1934  
St. Paul, Minnesota

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING St. Paul file 7-50

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated February 24, 1934, which reflects that Mrs. John Miller, 1209 Hague Avenue, St. Paul, at whose premises two men called on different occasions following the kidnaping, and inquired concerning the location of the address 1193 Hague Avenue, Mr. F. E. Hicks, 1197 Hague Avenue, advised that L. C. Cornell at 1193 Hague Avenue had lived there for the past three years; that he has four children and is a person of excellent character and head of the boy scouts in St. Paul.

Mrs. L. D. Cornell advised that her eldest daughter Belva Cornell a student at college has frequently men visitors. Mrs. Cornell recalled that the Friday following the kidnaping one Carl Hintzen, 1624 Ashland Avenue, telephone Midway 1839, a student at McAllister College, had a date with her daughter. Mrs. Cornell examined the diary of her daughter which showed that this date with Carl Hintzen occurred on the Friday following the kidnaping.

Belva Cornell who was ill in bed advised that Carl called for her about eight thirty on this occasion to take her on a sleigh ride party, but could not recall distinctly what clothes he wore on this occasion. Belva stated that Carl was about twenty years of age, five feet 10 inches in height, and would weigh about 160 pounds.

Carl Hintzen was contacted by telephone and advised that towards the latter part of January, 1934, he had occasion to take Belva Cornell to a sleigh ride party, but that he had never been to her house before and consequently did not know in what house she lived. He stated he inquired at a house located a few doors up the street from her and the house was pointed out to him; that he came to call for her in his car which he had parked in an opposite direction from her house, and that after finding out the direction he got in his car and drove around the block to 1193 Hague Avenue. With reference to report of Special Agent Coulter dated Feb. 24, 1934, it is noted that Mrs. Miller stated that after pointing out the direction of the house at 1193 Hague, the person making this inquiry went in an opposite direction.

Carl Hintzen advised that the night he went on this sleigh ride party he was wearing boots, a red mackinaw and a brown hunting hat.

Belva Cornell's diary showed that she had a date with Archie Duncan the Thursday following the Friday visit with Carl Hintzen which would be January 25th. Belva stated that Archie called for her about 6.00 P.M. on this occasion to take her to a swimming meet. Belva stated that Archie is about 6' tall, 170 pounds, high cheek bones, large eyes, blue, and that his front upper teeth protrude somewhat.

Belva stated that Archie Duncan is a student at McAllister College, St. Paul, living at 1572 Cortland Street, telephone 3562 Midway.

Archie by telephone advised Agent that he called for Belva to take her to a swimming meet about 6.50 P.M. one evening the latter part of January. Archie stated that he had on a dark suit and overcoat, and was rather dressed up. Archie stated that he does not remember calling at any house to ask the direction to 1193 Hague Avenue, although he did ask the direction of some boys along the street near 1193 Hague Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. WOOD,

Special Agent.

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Photographs have been received, from the Division, of a MRS. C.P. HARMON, who, it was thought, was PAULA HARMON suspected of being one of the associates of the KARPIS and BARKER gang. PAULA HARMON is the widow of CHARLES HARMON, bank robber, who was killed at Menomonie, Wisconsin, during a raid on the Kraft State Bank, by KEATING, HOLDEN, WEBBER, HARMON, and others.

During the investigation of the case entitled, VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, deceased, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, ATTEMPT TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER, St. Paul File No. 62-888, it appeared that the BARKER brothers and ALVIN KARPIS resided at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, with a woman named PAULA, and on June 10, 1933, they were visited by FRANK and FRANCIS NASH. In order to definitely establish whether the photographs submitted by the Division were likenesses of the woman at 204 Vernon Avenue, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W.F. Wood:

February 27, 1934.  
St. Paul, Minnesota

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated July 27, 1933, entitled VERNON C. MILLER with aliases Obstruction of Justice, page 8, wherein it was suggested that the photograph of PAULA HARMON and the Barker Brothers and Alvin Karpis be submitted to Mrs. Fullerton, who resides next door to 204 Vernon Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Photograph of Paula Harmon was exhibited to Mrs. Fullerton, 210 Vernon Street, who stated positively that Paula Harmon was not the woman staying next door at 204 in June, 1933. Mrs. Fullerton was positive in the statement and remarked after viewing the photograph of Mary Phillips, wife of Bernard Phillips, that the person staying at 204 in June, 1933, resembled Mary Phillips.

Photographs of Arthur Barker, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and Volney Davis were exhibited to Mrs. Fullerton, who advised that neither of these men were persons she saw at 204 Vernon St.

Photograph of Paula Harmon was exhibited to Mr. McLaren, who advised that it was not the photograph of the woman who had rented a house of him at 204 Vernon Street in June, 1933.

Mr. McLaren advised that about a week ago he heard the watchman at Delwood near White Bear Lake, named Newton, state that he heard from a Mr. Lambert that three men and a woman had rented a cottage from him about the time J. Stanley Smith and two or three men were supposed to have checked out of 204 Vernon St. Mr. McLaren did not know how Mr. Lambert knew the time these parties checked out at 204 Vernon St. He stated they rented a cottage at White Bear Lake and stayed a short time; that they came over to his place in a hurry one day stating that they were leaving for Kansas City; that they paid him \$75.00 on the rent which was rent for an additional month; that they advised him when they left that they would be back, but they never did return. Mr. McLaren recalled that Miss J. Stanley Smith told him once that she was sorry they had not taken a cottage at White Bear Lake instead of living in St. Paul at 204 Vernon St.

The Photograph of Paula Harmon was exhibited to Mr. Conroy who works in the butcher shop of Meschaums, corner of Clair and Snelling Street, who recalled vividly the woman J. Stanley Smith from 204 Vernon St. and he stated positively that it was not the photograph of the woman from 204 Vernon Street.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. WOOD,

Special Agent.

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St. Paul - 9

ADDENDUM BY SPECIAL AGENT O. G. HALL:

The statement contained in the last paragraph of the preceding page, regarding information from a MR. LAMBERT, at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, refers to investigation conducted by this office immediately after the apprehension of KEATING and HOLDEN in Kansas City, Missouri, evidently, as KARPIS and BARKER and FRANK NASH and possibly BERNARD PHILLIPS rented a cottage from MR. LAMBERT at Mahtomedi, White Bear Lake, Minnesota, and lived there for a short time, having under circumstances as narrated by MR. LAMBERT to MR. NEWTON. However, this office will make an inquiry to establish the correctness of this.

In view of the information contained in Agent Wood's memorandum, a photograph of PAULA HARMON was sent to the Dallas Division Office for the purpose of having same displayed to persons that knew PAULA HARMON, in order to definitely determine if the photograph was that of PAULA HARMON.

There follows a memorandum submitted by Special Agent E.N. Notestein regarding the efforts to locate the place in which a shirt, given to Victim BREMER by his kidnapers, was purchased:

February 27, 1934.  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER

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

Relative to the investigation being made to locate the place of purchase of the so-called french flannel Cluett and Peabody shirt involved in this case, please be advised that all Twin Cities dealers in this article were visited by this Agent and Special Agent Donaldson with the following results:

According to report from the Chicago office by Special Agent W. C. Jamison, dated February 22, 1934, in the Twin Cities proper the shirt in question is handled by the Dayton Company of Minneapolis, Juster Brothers, Minneapolis, Standard Clothing Company, Minneapolis, Rogowski Brothers, South St. Paul and Schuneman's Department Store, St. Paul.

At the Standard Clothing Company, Minneapolis, through Mr. E. Lundquist, in charge of the shirt department, it was noted through exhibition of photographs of the Karpis group, that Mr. Lundquist had no recollection concerning the sale of shirts to any of these parties. He was unable to identify the photographs as being representations of customers who had called at the store, and further stated that due to the large turn-over of this french flannel type of shirt, it would be impossible to determine who the purchaser of these shirts might have been.

At Juster Brothers, Minneapolis, Mr. J. C. Mark, in charge of the shirt department was interviewed and denied positively that Juster Brothers had ever handled Cluett and Peabody french flannel shirts. Later however, Mr. Mark stated that he had purchased on special order direct from the factory, three french flannel shirts for Mr. McClennon of Marsh and McClennon Company in Minneapolis; that these were the only Cluett and Peabody french flannel shirts ever handled by this store. It is noted in the report of reference that a sale of three shirts on Oct. 20, 1933, was made to Juster Brothers. Mr. Mark was unable to recall ever having seen the photographs of Karpis, the two Barkers, Volney Davis, and Harry Campbell.

At Dayton Brothers Department Store, Minneapolis, Minn. through Mr. L. H. Harvey and R. B. Madsen, in charge of the shirt department, it was ascertained positively according to these two gentlemen that no shirts of any kind were ever sold to any of the persons involved.

At Schuneman's Department Store, St. Paul, Mr. H. E. Archer, Assistant Manager of the shirt department was interviewed by Special Agent Donaldson regarding this matter. He examined the photographs of the suspects and also in Agent Donaldson's presence passed the same to several other employees who work in this department, but none of these persons could recall having sold any shirts to anyone resembling the photographs of the suspects.

At Rogowski Brothers, South St. Paul, investigation concerning the sale of a french flannel shirt, size 15, developed that John Rogowski, more by suggestion than actual recollection, was of the opinion that some time in January he had sold a size 15 shirt, the last in a box, to a person who resembled the photograph of Alvin Karpis. Mr. Rogowski, however, in his description of the purchaser, stated that he was quite tall and very thin. In his examination of the photograph of Karpis he was unable to state whether Karpis was in fact the purchaser or not.

The above investigation was conducted by this Agent and Special Agent Donaldson.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. NOTESTEEN,  
Special Agent.

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Division - 3  
St. Paul - 9

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With further reference to the report that a VAIL FROST of Line Springs, Iowa, might be involved in the BREMER kidnaping, which report has, previously, been furnished the Division, there is set out below the following memorandum submitted by Special Agents R.L. Nails and T.J. Dodd, the first two pages of which memorandum refer to LUCILLE HEIN, a 15 year old girl at Rochester, Minnesota, who states she saw MR. BREMER released by his abductors on February 7, 1934. The remaining pages of the memorandum refer to VAIL FROST and his associates;

St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER:

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

Supplementary to a memorandum submitted 2-19-34, to which reference is made, please be advised that Special Agents R. L. Nalls and T. J. Dodd proceeded to Rochester, Minnesota, and Lime Springs, Iowa, pursuant to your instructions. In Rochester, Minnesota, the agents interviewed MISS LUCILLE HEIM at her home on 114-1/2 Fifth Street Southeast and obtained the following signed and witnessed statement from her:

"Feb. 20, 1934  
Rochester, Minn.

"My name is Lucille Hein, I live at 114-1/2 Fifth Street, southeast, in Rochester, Minnesota. I wish to make the following statement to Rosser Nalls and Thomas Dodd, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. I make this statement freely and voluntarily.

"On the evening of February 7, 1934, at about 8:00 p.m., I was returning to my home from the downtown district of Rochester, Minn. As I crossed the iron bridge over the Zumbrota River I noticed a car parked on First Place about one-half of a block from Fourth Street, which is the street that the bridge is on. This car had very bright headlights and it attracted my attention. As I reached the corner of Fourth Street at First Place, I stopped as the car looked suspicious to me. As I looked at it, I saw the right front door of this car open and a man was pushed out of the car on to the street. The car was standing on the east side of First Place facing north, toward me.

"The man seemed to stumble when he was pushed out of the car and this made me watch him. The car started up and came towards me at a fast rate of speed as it reached the intersection of Fourth Street and First Place it turned east on Fourth Street. After it had passed me, I crossed First Place from the west to the east side. The man crossed First Place from the east to the west side as I crossed in the opposite direction. I watched him as he seemed to stagger and it appeared to me that he was carrying a hat or some article in his left hand. As I walked south on the east side of First Place, this man walked north on the west side. When I reached the McCormick Deering Bldg. on First Place, I stopped and watched this man and

saw him put a hat on. He turned the corner at First Place and Fourth Street and walked west on Fourth Street. I then proceeded to my home. The next morning, I heard that Mr. Bremer had been released the night before in Rochester and I wondered if he was the man I had seen. Every day on my way to school I looked in the weeds near where I saw him, thinking I might see a bandage or something, but I never did see anything. I heard no voices at all as I watched the car and this man.

"I think the car was a 1933 model Ford Sedan, dark colored, probable black. I didn't see any license plates as I was watching the man. However, as the car passed me. I noticed two men in the front seat. The man sitting beside the driver was wearing an ordinary cap, but I didn't notice the color.

"I didn't see anyone else on the street nor did I see any other car.

(Signed) LUCILLE HEIM  
114 1/2 Fifth Street, S.E.

Witnessed:

T. J. DODD, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice.

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

It may be noted that photographs of suspects and others were exhibited to MISS HEIM but she was totally unable to identify any of the said photographs as anyone she had seen on the night Victim BREMER was released.

At Lime Springs, Iowa, agents interviewed MR. and MRS. RICHARD JONES in their store "The Leader". In lieu of the actual specimens themselves, photographs of the underwear, socks, and shirt worn by the victim on his return were exhibited to them. Both persons stated that the inadequacy of the photographic representation rendered identification by them exceedingly difficult, if not impossible. However, MR. JONES stated that he believed he did have underwear answering the description of that photograph but at the present time he has none of it in stock. MR. and MRS. JONES stated that they believed the "quick sale" in the reference memorandum was made to RICHARD FROST, father of VAIL FROST, and not to VAIL FROST himself. MRS. JONES appeared vague about this and

showed signs of aggression when Agent Dodd questioned her as to whether or not she had altered her original statement made to him concerning this sale. She furthermore seemed over-anxious to impress the agent with the fact that as she stated before, "It just seemed to her that Mr. Frost was the man." It may be noted that as stated in reference memorandum, MR. RICHARD JONES made this sale, but it is MRS. RICHARD JONES who recalls the sale, MR. RICHARD JONES not being able to recall it at all.

Agents next interviewed Postmaster J. A. HUESINK of Lime Springs, Iowa, who advised that he knew VAIL FROST as a boy; that he believed him to be about 37 years of age; that the father of VAIL FROST is a retired rural mail carrier who bears a good reputation in the community, but that the son, VAIL FROST, has been a mysterious sort of person and it was rumored that he was a liquor runner, and has been out of Lime Springs for ten or 15 years until approximately two years ago when he returned to Lime Springs and purchased one of the finest homes in town, establishing his residence there. MR. HUESINK stated that it is his recollection that VAIL FROST was connected with the Donahue-Frost Corp., dealers in spotlights. The location of said corporation was unknown to MR. HUESINK. He further added that at another time, VAIL FROST was reported to be an agent for pin ball games and still later was supposed to be connected with the Sterling Manufacturing Company of Chicago, Illinois. As far as MR. HUESINK knows, he is still connected with the last named company as he has received mail from this firm not long ago. MR. HUESINK advised that two or three weeks ago--he could not fix the date definitely--MR. RICHARD FROST, father of VAIL, came into the Post Office and requested that all mail for VAIL FROST be forwarded to 3832 Brooklyn Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, and that a day or two later, MR. RICHARD FROST notified him that the mail should be sent to Birkshire Hotels, 1021 Lynwood Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri.

Photographs of suspects and others were shown to MR. HUESINK but he could not recall ever having seen any of them. He did recall that approximately three weeks ago, a stranger was in the company of VAIL FROST in Lime Springs, Iowa. ~~\_\_\_\_\_ wife \_\_\_\_\_ with Postmaster HUESINK at \_\_\_\_\_~~

MR. ROBERT PRATT, Postal Clerk, who resides next door to VAIL FROST in Lime Springs, was next interviewed and he told substantially the same story about VAIL FROST, adding that he had never seen any suspicious looking cars around the FROST home nor had he noticed any unusual circumstance about that home at any time. He stated that MRS. VAIL FROST is quite a social mixer in the town with the women folk, but MR. FROST is seldom home. Photographs were shown to MR. PRATT and he identified the picture of ED DOLL alias LARUE as a man to whom he believes he was introduced in the Post Office lobby by VAIL FROST some three weeks ago; that

this man was introduced to him as a MR. MEDLEY, a business associate of VAIL FROST. He described this man as follows:-

- Height - Close to 6 feet
- Weight - 175-180 pounds
- Complexion - Light
- Did not notice the color of the eyes
- Hair - Light brown
- Wore a dark gray suit, light colored overcoat, and a hat which he believed to be soft, slouch type
- Age - Approximately 35 years

MR. PRATT stated he believes he met a MR. BOLTON of Chicago who visited the FROST home last summer. He thinks this man was related to MRS. FROST and was supposed to be connected with the Marshall-Field Company of Chicago.

MRS. ROBERT PRATT was interviewed in the presence of her husband and she corroborated the statements of her husband, but could not identify ED DOLL. However, she stated that she saw this man only at a distance.

Both MR. and MRS. PRATT stated that VAIL FROST owns a large black Cadillac Sedan and a 1933 gray Plymouth Sedan. MRS. PRATT stated that VAIL FROST is the son of RICHARD and MARY FROST and he has one brother, WILLIAM FROST, who resides at Lime Springs, Iowa, and is referred to in reference memorandum. She also stated that she believes MRS. FROST'S first name is ETHEL. She also stated that MRS. FROST has a daughter by a previous marriage whose name is JANE BARNEROCK, who is believed to be residing in Quincy, Illinois.

MR. PRATT stated that VAIL FROST is also known as "JACK" FROST.

Agents next interviewed Town Marshal CAMERON of Cresco, Iowa. He told the same story as outlined in the reference memorandum, and stated that it was his belief that VAIL FROST was a liquor runner but that he had no positive information to this effect.

At the County Treasurer's office, Cresco, Iowa, the following description was obtained of VAIL FROST'S Plymouth Sedan; 1933 model, factory No. 2,060,959, four-door deluxe sedan, engine No. 65,596, 1934 Iowa license plates 45-331.

Agents then proceeded to New Hampton, Iowa, and interviewed Sheriff GEORGE MURRAY of Chickasaw County, who originally called this office concerning this lead. He had nothing to add to the information he had already given, but he reiterated his statement to the effect that he believes he had a FROST and a MEDLEY or MEDLIN in his custody at one time for a swindle offense. Sheriff MURRAY called the Iowa State Identification Bureau at Des Moines and requested that pictures of all the FROSTS on record be forwarded to the St. Paul office as soon as possible. Sheriff MURRAY called Sheriff TOLAF JOHNSON of Howard County, in which Lime Springs is located, and arranged to have him meet the agents in Lime Springs. Accordingly, agents met Sheriff JOHNSON and his deputy, MR. OWEN. They stated that they had little information concerning MR. VAIL FROST but that he had somewhat of a suspicious reputation in the community, but that they had little or no actual information concerning him. They had heard that he was engaged in rum running.

At the offices of the Lime Springs Telephone Company it was found that MRS. T. R. HUGHES, owner of the said company, was in Des Moines, Iowa, and would remain there until February 24th and that no records could be examined in her absence without her express permission.

MR. T. R. JONES, who is referred to in the reference memorandum as proprietor of a butcher shop in Lime Springs, Iowa, was again interviewed. He related practically the same story as outlined in said reference memorandum and he stated that he obtained his original information from MISS FRANCIS WOLF, who was formerly employed as a maid in the VAIL FROST residence. When questioned concerning the information that he had given to the effect that VAIL FROST was seen in Rochester, Minnesota, on the night Victim BREMER was released, he stated that he drew this inference from newspaper article he had seen in the Lime Springs Herald to the effect that VAIL FROST was a caller in Rochester, Minnesota, on or about that date.

Acting on this information, agents proceeded to the Post Office and there examined copies of the Lime Springs Herald for the past two months. The following clipping was taken from the Lime Springs Herald as of February 8, 1934, which clipping is being kept in the St. Paul file:

"Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Frost drove to Rochester, Minn., Monday, where they met Mr. P. W. Medley, a friend who has been in business in Los Angeles, Calif., the past six months. He will be their guest for a short time. From Rochester they went to Minneapolis, and returned home in the evening. Mr. Frost and Mr. Medley were business callers in Waterloo Tuesday and Wednesday."

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Because of the fact that it was believed that interview with the Lime Springs Herald reporter might prove damaging to the investigation in Lime Springs, said interview was not conducted at this time.

[REDACTED] was interviewed and he stated he had known VAIL FROST since childhood;

[REDACTED] further stated that he believes VAIL FROST was employed as a salesman by the Fuller Brush Company some 10 or 12 years ago somewhere out of town, the exact location being unknown to him; and that later on, he was employed in various parts of the country as a specialty and advertising salesman.

[REDACTED] He believed that FROST headquartered at Chicago and that some time ago he married a Chicago girl, his present wife, who is his second or third wife. He stated he believed VAIL FROST to be about 50 years of age. He said that the citizens of Lime Springs are suspicious of VAIL FROST because he returned to Lime Springs after an absence of 10 or 12 years and purchased one of the best homes in town; that his father and his mother are people of moderately poor means and it has been rumored that VAIL FROST was a rum runner.

MISS FRANCIS WOLFE was interviewed at the house of CHARLES PETERS where she is employed as a domestic. The following signed statement was obtained from her and photographs of the suspects and others were shown to her. She identified a photograph of ALVIN KARPIS as being a striking resemblance to a man introduced to her as MR. MEDLEY and to whom she makes reference in her signed statement. The picture of ED DOLL was particularly shown to her but she could not recall having seen him and was certain he was not identical with the man known to her as MEDLEY. She described MEDLEY as follows:

Height - 5 feet 3 inches  
Weight - 145 pounds  
Hair - Dark, combed straight back  
Color of eyes - Uncertain  
Thin face  
Dark complexion

She was unable to give an estimate as to his age but stated that she did not believe him to be as old as Agent Nalls. She stated that he was wearing a light suit, dark brown overcoat, and medium brown hat.

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It will be noted that Postal Clerk PRATT and MISS WOLFE select two different photographs as those resembling the man known as MEDLEY, and both MR. PRATT and MISS WOLFE described the individuals they met entirely differently.

"Lime Springs, Iowa.  
Feb. 21, 1934.

"My name is Frances Wolfe, I live in Lime Springs, Iowa. I wish to make the following statement to R. L. Nalls and T. J. Dodd, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice. I make this statement freely and voluntarily.

"I first went to work for Mr. and Mrs. Vail V. Frost at their home in Lime Springs, Iowa, as a maid some time during the last part of November, 1933. They had two automobiles, a black Cadillac Sedan and a Plymouth Sedan, colored light tan. During the time I worked for them, there were no strangers there. I noticed a pistol under Mr. Frost's pillow in the morning when I made the bed. There was also a gun used for hunting, either a rifle or a shot gun. Mr. Frost was away from New Year's Day, of 1934, until he returned Feb. 2, 1934. On Feb. 5, 1934, Mr. and Mrs. Frost left home at about 8:00 a.m., and said they were going to Rochester. They left in the Plymouth and they returned that same night around 7:30 p.m., and they had a man with them whom they introduced to me as Mr. Medley.

"On Feb. 7, 1934, Mr. Medley and Mr. Frost left home at about 8:00 a.m., and went to Waterloo, Iowa; they returned about 7:00 p.m. that night.

"The next day they went to Waterloo and Mason City, I believe, and returned about 7:00 p.m.

"On Friday, Feb. 9, 1934, Mr. Medley and Mr. Frost were out all morning and they returned about noontime.

"Mr. Frost seemed excited about leaving and they left about 3:30 p.m., Mr. Medley driving the Cadillac and Mr. and Mrs. Frost driving the Plymouth, I presume as they packed their things in it before I left the house. I did see Mr. Medley drive off in the Cadillac.

"Mr. Frost just told me that they might go away on Wed., Feb. 7, 1934, but she didn't say when they would leave. She spoke about getting me another job and tried to get me one. She said they might go to Kansas City, Mo. One time I heard Mr. Frost say he would like to go to California.

"From the general conversation, I gathered that Mr. Medley and Mr. Frost were both selling cheese crates.

"Mrs. Frost told me that Mr. Medley came from California recently but that originally they lived in Chicago, that is, Mr. and Mrs. Medley.

"I recall mailing a letter to Mr. Frost somewhere in Michigan, during the latter part of January. Mrs. Frost went to Rochester on Jan. 25, 1934, on the train and came home that evening.

"I think Mr. Medley's first name was Phil or Thiel. He wrote many letters but he mailed them himself.

"On Feb. 3, 1934, Mr. and Mrs. Frost drove off and told me they were going to Minneapolis. They returned late that night.

"Mr. Frost has an Irish setter and also a Persian cat which they took with them.

"There is an oil furnace in the cellar and the cellar is all one big room.

"I describe Mr. Frost as follows:

5 ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches tall  
190 lbs.  
Light brown hair  
Brown eyes  
ruddy complexion  
full face  
large mouth  
Eyes are large and bulging  
False teeth  
Well dressed  
Dark blue chinchilla overcoat  
Derby or grey soft hat.

(Signed) MISS FRANCES WOLFE,  
Lime Springs, Iowa.

Witnessed:

T. J. DODD, Sp. Agent, Div. of  
Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
203 P. O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

R. L. NALLS, Sp. Agent, Div. of  
Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
203 P. O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn."

TJD:HVS 3 - Div.; 9 - St. Paul.

T. J. DODD, Special Agent.

In connection with the above, there is being submitted the following memorandum by Special Agent T.J. Dodd, concerning the clothing alleged to have been purchased by RICHARD FROST, father of VAIL FROST:

Feb. 24, 1934,  
Hampton, Iowa.

Accompanied by Sheriff Murray, agent interviewed Mr. Richard Jones at Lime Springs, Iowa, and exhibited to him pictures which were forwarded from the Iowa Bureau of Investigation. MR. JONES stated that none of these was a picture of VAIL FROST of Lime Springs.

Agent then called on Richard Frost, father of Vail Frost, and he advised that he has not purchased underwear for two years and he does not recall where he last bought underwear.

At the offices of the Lime Spring Telephone Company, agent was advised that the manager is still out of town.

In connection with the same phase of the investigation, there is submitted herewith the following memorandum of Special Agent O.G. Hall, regarding a telephone conversation had with Mr. Spear of the Kansas City Division Office.

The Chicago Division Office has been requested, by letter, to conduct the necessary investigation as indicated in the memorandum of Special Agent Hall, which is as follows:

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 22, 1934

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file 7-30

Mr. Spear of the Kansas City office telephoned today and advised that Vale Frost, Mrs. Vale Frost, and P. W. Medley, had registered at the Berkshire Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Frost gave their reference address as 331 W. Michigan, and registered on the 10th of February. Mr. Medley gave his reference address as 230 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, and registered on February 11. The three checked out of the hotel on February 17. The Frosts, when they arrived at the hotel, had with them a hunting dog, an Angora cat, and a large car, possibly a Cadillac. It seems that Mrs. Frost did not leave Kansas City, but is residing at the home of some doctor. She is calling for her mail at the Berkshire Hotel.

The photograph of Alvin Karpis was exhibited to hotel employees, and they stated that while the photograph bore some resemblance to P. W. Medley, it probably was not his likeness. They described Mr. Medley as follows: 5 ft. 8 inches, 140 pounds, slender build, chestnut hair streaked with gray, nice appearing, wearing dark driving glasses, New York accent. While at the hotel Frost sent two telegrams as follows:

"Feb. 15, 1934.

Mrs. P. W. Medley,  
112 S. 50th St.  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Two cases yesterday. Frost leaving for Chicago Friday or Saturday. Deal not so hot. Writing tonight.

Phil.

"Feb. 15, 1934.

Mrs. H. Medley,  
741 N. 26th St.  
Milwaukee, Wis.

(the message is identical with the one above).

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The Kansas City office was informed that it was no longer desired to apprehend any of the above named, but that if they could conveniently do so, to ascertain Mrs. Frost's whereabouts, in the event it later became important.

O. G. HALL,  
Special Agent.

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The following is a memorandum submitted by Special Agent O.G. Hall, regarding an interview on February 6, 1934, at the Division Office with Mr. Dan Martin of Pine Island, Minnesota:

St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING St. Paul file 7-50

On February 26, 1934, Mr. Dan Martin, proprietor of the White Eagle Station with a tavern in connection therewith, at Pine Island, Minn. came to the Division office and was interviewed by me regarding certain information he had in this case.

He advised that on the night of Edward G. Bremer's release, he had received information that a filling station at Rochester, Minn. had been robbed by two men in a car, which car did not have a front bumper. A few minutes after receiving this information a 1930 Ford Coach, dark dirty color, came from the north on the St. Paul-Rochester highway, and drove into his filling station, which is on the left of the road, the Ford coach facing north when the car was stopped at the pumps. In the car were four men, two in the front seat and two in the back seat. Martin came out of the filling station and was asked to check the oil by the driver. Keeping in mind the reported robbery of the Rochester filling station, Martin walked around the front of the car and found that the car did have a bumper. He also noted however, that the car had Minnesota license plates (1933), number B222403. Martin raised the hood and found that the car did not need any oil. He then walked around the back of the car and as he did so he noticed that the car had the same numbered license on the back. He noticed that the driver of the car was rubbing his eyes as if just awakening, or having had very little sleep for some time; that the man directly in back of the driver was sitting upright in his seat and squarely facing the front of the car. He noticed this man particularly, and described him as being about 35 years of age, medium build, with rather noticeable eyes. The two men on the right side of the car were sitting diagonally, facing the left of the car. He got a very poor view of these people. Something aroused Martin's suspicions, and when the car drove away and continued driving south on the highway he immediately went into his filling station and noticed that the car had arrived at 7.35 P.M. At the same time he wrote the license number of the car on a piece of paper which he exhibited to me. The following morning, when he came to work, he was informed that Bremer had been released on the previous evening. Thinking the matter over he

decided to report the above to the St. Paul Police, and did talk to Tom Dahill, the Chief, giving him the facts. About four o'clock that afternoon, Dahill called up and asked him if he was sure about the license number, to which he replied he could not be mistaken. Dahill then said a Police detective would come out to see him, but never did show up. This is the last he ever heard of the matter.

Concerning the car, he stated he noticed that when it came into the driveway the headlights were turned off, and that when they left both headlights were on. He described the driver of the car as being 45 years old, 5 ft. 8 inches tall, weighing 165 pounds, sandy hair, dark Fedora hat, dissipated looking. He could not give a description of the other front seat occupant, or the rear seat occupant. The driver was not wearing an overcoat. On viewing photos, Martin believed photo of Fred Barker resembled man in the left rear seat.

Martin also reported that on the same evening Doctor Deitz of Pine Island rode with a man named Ivan of Pine Island to Rochester, Minnesota, and a car at five corners flashed headlights several times as they passed. (This does not appear to be of any significance unless Martin has his dates wrong, and this incident occurred a few days before).

He also reported that a Mrs. Clausen, whose maiden name was Ida Minny, made some remark at Pine Island where she resides, about a bus being stopped or signalled with flash lights. He had no other details concerning this.

I suggest that an immediate investigation be made at Pine Island, to run out the three above incidents. The Agent should have photographs of Curly Clause, Tommy Carroll, the Bentz brothers, Barker brothers, Davis, Campbell and Karpis, as well as others, for the purpose of displaying them to Martin and other persons.

Respectfully submitted,

O. G. HALL,  
Special Agent.

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RWM  
CC - Division - 3  
St. Paul - 9

An Agent has been dispatched to Pine Island, Minnesota, to conduct the necessary investigation concerning the above memorandum and the Division will be promptly notified of all developments of importance.

There follows a memorandum submitted by Special Agent E.N. Notesteen regarding the effort to locate the seller of the underwear given to Victim BREMER by his kidnapers and also a memorandum by Special Agent E.N. Notesteen regarding the investigation to locate the clothing reported to have been worn by ALVIN KARPIS at the time of his purchase of the three flashlights used in the pay-off in this case:

February 27, 1934.  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER

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

Concerning the effort to locate the sale of the underwear involved in this case, it may be noted that according to the letter from the Chicago office to the Director dated February 17, 1934, which included lists of stores in the St. Paul/territory handling this article, and naming only the Northwest Buyers and Jobbers, 215 E. 4th Street, St. Paul, in the Twin Cities, investigation at that concern developed that the Northwest Jobbers, through Assistant Manager Larry E. Pires, 190 E. 4th Street, St. Paul, during the past two years, sold underwear of the kind described to Blumenfeld's Clothing Store, South St. Paul, and Minkin's Store, 3 East Lake Street, Minneapolis. These two outlets are the only dealers in the Twin Cities proper or in the immediate area handling this article. The underwear is jobbed through Carson Pirie Scott and Co. of Chicago.

At Blumenfeld's Store, South St. Paul, Mr. D. Blumenfeld was interviewed and presented the identical type of underwear, advising that he had sold a great many suits of this underwear in the late Fall and Winter of 1933 and 1934, and had no idea concerning the purchasers. It appears from Mr. Blumenfeld's statement that thousands of truck drivers from all points in the north west visit South St. Paul daily, and his trade is almost entirely transient for that reason. Photographs of the Karpis and Barker group were exhibited to Mr. Blumenfeld, who indicated that the photograph of Alvin Karpis was familiar to him, but he had no distinct recollection as to whether he had sold underwear to this party. He had no recollection as to any of the persons represented in the other photographs.

Mr. M. Minkin, 3 E. Lake St. Minneapolis, Minn. was interviewed and advised that although he carried Carson Pirie Scott and Company underwear he had never stock this particular article which appears to bear a center row of stitching in the collar. It appears that there are two other styles of underwear in approximately the same weight, but neither of these

models has the middle stitch in the collar. Mr. Minkin was unable to give any information of value concerning the sales of any of this underwear.

Neither of the above two stores contacted, concerning the underwear, have for sale either the shirts or socks involved in this matter.

The above investigation was made by this Agent and Special Agent Donaldson, on temporary assignment from the Detroit Division Office.

Respectfully submitted,

E. N. NOTESTEEN, SPECIAL AGENT.

EN:JMS

3-Division  
9-St. Paul

February 27, 1934.  
St. Paul, Minn.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING - St. Paul file 7-50

With reference to the clothing reported to have been worn by Alvin Karpis at the time of his purchase of the three flashlights at the F. and W. Grand Silver Store in St. Paul, it may be noted that Mr. D. Blumenfeld, Mr. A. Blumenfeld and Mr. P. J. Possman at the Blumenfeld Clothing Store, Concord Avenue, South St. Paul, stated that some time in January a young man, very well dressed, with a pleasing personality, rather slight in build and dark complexion, called at the Blumenfeld store at about 8:30 in the morning (none of the gentlemen were able to establish the exact date), and purchased a pair of dark high-topped laced leather boots, and a dark blue wool cap with long visor. This customer made no inquiry concerning the price of the two articles and after examining breeches for sale at the store, stated he would go elsewhere for the trousers, which he did, leaving his original purchase at the Blumenfeld store. He returned approximately one half hour later and purchased a dark blue wool zipper jacket.

Mr. A. Blumenfeld made this sale. Mr. D. Blumenfeld was not present at the time, but Mr. P. J. Possman was in the store and recalls the statement by Mr. A. Blumenfeld to the effect that "that was an easy sale". Photographs of Karpis and the two Barkers, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell were exhibited to both Mr. A. Blumenfeld and Mr. P. J. Possman, Mr. A. Blumenfeld stating that the photographs of Alvin Karpis looked like the customer, but he was not positive concerning the matter. Mr. Possman also chose the photograph of Alvin Karpis as the purchaser of the cap, zipper jacket and high leather boots.

Neither of the Blumenfelds nor Mr. Possman were able to state positively whether any of the underwear of the type in interest in this case was sold to this customer, although they stated that he might also have purchased underwear, either at the time of the original purchase of the other articles, or at a later date. They indicated that the photograph of Karpis, to the best of their recollection, was familiar to them, and that they believed he might have been in the store on two or three occasions. Mr. Possman stated that he was quite sure he could identify

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the customer if he saw him again. MR. A. BLUMENFELD and MR. POSSMAN were unable to give an accurate description of the purchaser, other than has already been presented.

Concerning the caps carried by BLUMENFELDS, it may be noted that this type of wool cap is apparently identical with that left in the MAGEE payoff car by the kidnapers. The cap which was found in the car and subsequently forwarded to the Division contains a red, gray and blue wool lining with seams dividing the inside of the cap into four sections, which seams, according to information furnished this Agent by the Division are dark blue in color. On the caps now in stock in BLUMENFELD'S store it may be noted that there are none with red predominating in the lining, but they do have a cap of the same general construction, with a blue wool lining, and the seams in black. MR. A. BLUMENFELD advised that these caps come in shipments with various colored linings, and that it is entirely possible that the cap sold to the person believed to have been KARPIS did, in fact, have the red type of lining.

In endeavoring to place the time of the purchase of merchandise at BLUMENFELD'S accurately, MR. A. BLUMENFELD stated that to the best of his recollection the boots, jacket, and cap were sold about five weeks ago, or in the latter part of January, 1934.

Neither MR. BLUMENFELD, nor MR. POSSMAN, were willing to give a signed statement at this time but they will be again contacted in an effort to obtain such a statement even though this statement will not be absolutely definite as to identification.

It is further noted that, in both MR. BLUMENFELD'S and MR. POSSMAN'S opinion, when the purchaser returned to the store, after making the original purchase and leaving to obtain the breeches, with a package in his hand, which, it is believed, was the pair of breeches which he had failed to purchase at BLUMENFELD'S. Concerning the purchase of the breeches, as before stated, none of the clothing stores in South St. Paul, Minnesota, had definite recollection concerning such sale.

Relative to the underwear, as before stated, BLUMENFELD'S handle the identical type of garment purchased for the Victim. This underwear is peculiar in that the collar carries a middle stitch not common to any other type of underwear.

Respectfully submitted,

E. N. NOTESTEEN, SPECIAL AGENT.

ENN:JMS  
3-Div.  
9-St. Paul

Special Agent R.B. Donaldson submitted the following memorandum regarding his effort to locate the seller of the five gallon gasoline cans found at Portage, Wisconsin:

St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER:

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

With regard to the cans used by the subjects in this case for purposes of transporting gasoline, I wish to advise that I have made inquiry with a view of identification of these cans, and also with a view of locating a place where they were purchased, if possible.

At the general offices of the American Can Company, 747 Prior Avenue, Mr. JOHN GILLESPIE, Manager, was interviewed. He inspected the photograph of the cans, and from the one showing the profile of the cans, that is, the tops, was able to definitely identify the can on the extreme left as being one manufactured by the American Can Company. This type of can, which is known as a domestic oil can, square, five-gallon capacity, wire handle, with 1-3/4 inch screw top, is manufactured in great quantities at the several plants of this concern throughout the United States. The informant stated that his concern does no retail business to speak of but the cans are sold in large quantities to concerns such as paint companies, food companies, etc., to be filled and properly labeled with the purchaser's labels. Occasionally, an individual will call at this office and secure several of these cans. In this connection, the records were inspected in agent's presence to determine small purchases during the past three months and only three of such purchases were noted. In each instance, the purchase was more than four cans with one exception when three cans were purchased. Photographs of the suspects in this case were displayed to the persons who would ordinarily have waited on these customers, and they failed to identify any of them.

MR. GILLESPIE furnished me with a list of concerns to which this can is sold in the Twin Cities. This list contains the names of approximately 50 concerns.

In an interview with a salesman for this company, MR. LOUDERMILK, he stated that he had no idea where such cans could be bought by single units unless it would be from some oil station or from some large manufacturing concern which used them in great quantities and which would accommodate an individual in selling him one can. This gentleman stated that possibly, the Speed-O-Lac Products Company, 115 Glenwood Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, might possibly sell a few of these cans to persons desiring same.

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At the offices of this concern in Minneapolis, Minnesota, MR. W. COOPER, Manager, was interviewed. He stated that his company manufactures varnishes, lacquers, and paints, and this type of can is used, that most of the cans are secured from the National Biscuit Company, which concern uses them. He also stated that he had no recollection of selling these cans in retail; and in company with him, agent went with him through the factory and inspected several brands of five-gallon cans therein but did not find any can resembling the three cans shown on the right in the photograph.

MR. COOPER, as also the individuals interviewed at the office of the American Can Company, could not identify the three cans shown on the right in the photograph but thought they were possibly made by the Continental Can Company.

The suggestion that possibly this type of can might have been secured from an oil station caused agent to make inquiry at a number of oil stations in the city of Minneapolis, which included all the principal oil companies. The photograph was displayed in each instance and in every case agent was advised that this particular type of five-gallon can is not used by any of these companies in dispensing its products. Such companies, for the most part, have adopted a round, five-gallon can and have their respective company's labels painted thereon. All of the persons interviewed at these oil stations informed agent that there is a State law which prohibits the placing of gasoline in any can except it be painted red and that they adhere strictly to this regulation; and if an individual called with a can to have it filled which was not painted red, they would not place gasoline in it.

Further inquiry is being made with a view of identifying the other cans and securing addresses of places where they would be possible dispensed. *A more exhaustive investigation is being conducted.*

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. DONALDSON,  
Special Agent.

RED:HVS  
3 - Division  
9 - St. Paul

Special Agent E.N. Notestein submitted the following memorandum regarding the attempt to locate the store in which the filmolens used in the flashlights at the time of the payoff were purchased:

February 27, 1934.  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR ROHRER:

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

Relative to investigation in an effort to locate Filmolens, please be advised that the garages and accessory stores in the city of South St. Paul, Minnesota, which is a separate incorporated city, were contacted on February 26, 1934, without result. None of the following concerns carry this item in stock or have any knowledge concerning a recent sale of same:

Gambles Store  
Robinson's Tire and Accessory Store  
Concord Department Store  
Chevrolet Agency  
Ford Agency  
Concord Auto Sales  
Concord Sporting Goods Co.

With the exception of the Robinson Tire and Accessory store, there were no firms in South St. Paul dealing exclusively in automobile accessories. All other concerns which handle automobile parts were visited.

A lead to the Kansas City Office has, previously, been set out for development at Des Moines, Kansas City, and Wichita. A Filmolens is being forwarded to Mr. O. C. Dewey, of the Kansas City Office, at Des Moines, Iowa, for use in contacting the Western Auto Supply Company at that place.

In the event that investigation by the Kansas City Office does not result in location of the place of purchase of the Filmolens, the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis will be divided into districts and an effort made to visit every garage in this locality.

Very truly yours,

E. N. NOTESTERN, SPECIAL AGENT.

ENN:JMS  
3-Division  
9-St. Paul

Special Agent D.L. Nicholson submitted the following two memoranda:

St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER:

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

Reference is made to the memorandum submitted by Special Agent O. G. Hall dated January 20, 1934, regarding the delivery of the first ransom note in this case. In this connection, agent interviewed BILL RITTER, who resides at 50 Central Terrace, and he stated that on the morning of January 17, 1934, between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m., he left his residence to go to a corner store on Central Avenue to purchase a box of snuff; that as he left his house, a large car, which he believes to be a 1929 or 1930 Hudson Sedan with a trunk on the back, came up Central Terrace at a high rate of speed and turned into Harriet Avenue, this being the street which runs alongside of WALTER MAGEE'S office. RITTER stated that this car contained three men and stopped in front of the driveway into MAGEE'S garage; that one of the individuals got out of the car, at which time he observed that this individual had a package or letter in his hand, and walked toward the garage; that he (RITTER) continued to the store and as he returned, the car drove away, turned left into Central Avenue, and then right on to Rice Street.

RITTER was unable to see the two individuals who remained in the car but stated that the individual who left the car and walked toward the garage was about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches, wearing a light overcoat and hat. He was shown the photographs of the suspects in this case and he selected the photograph of ARTHUR R. BARKER as resembling the individual, although he was unable to make a positive identification.

Inquiries were made at other residences and stores in this vicinity but no one was located who had seen this car or any actions which would appear suspicious and appear to be connected with the delivery of the first ransom note in this case. RITTER also advised that he had heard of no one else in this vicinity having any information or seeing the car.

Over MAGEE'S office, a club, which is thought to be private, is conducted. At this place it was ascertained that the door bore a "closed" sign and agent was unable to gain admittance. No one in the vicinity seemed to know who operates this club although inquiry was not made at MAGEE'S office. It is possible that the club is open only during the evening and bears the closed sign during the daytime. Further inquiry will be made in this connection and the owner of this club will be interviewed.

Respectfully submitted,

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3 - Division  
9 - St. Paul

D. L. NICHOLSON,  
Special Agent.

St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. BORKER:

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall dated St. Paul, Minnesota, July 27, 1933, contained in the VERNON C. MILLER file, St. Paul No. 62-888, and being serial No. 91. In this report an interview is set out with MR. THOMAS NEWMAN, attorney at law, Commerce Building.

This agent re-interviewed THOMAS NEWMAN at his office in the Commerce Building who advised that in March, 1933, an individual came to his office stating that his name was J. STANLEY SMITH and requested that he (NEWMAN) represent him in collecting a note in the amount of \$250, which was given to SMITH by JOHN BOVARD, Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri. He stated that he wrote a letter to BOVARD but received no response; that SMITH returned to his office in approximately one month and inquired what progress had been made with regard to the collection of the note; that he informed SMITH that he had not received a reply from BOVARD and that SMITH again returned in approximately one week, at which time a reply had still not been received and SMITH stated that he was going to St. Louis, Missouri, and requested that he be given a copy of the letter which NEWMAN had written to BOVARD, which was done; and he therefore has no correspondence in his office relating to this matter.

He further stated that SMITH first came to his office on a Saturday afternoon and that he wrote the letter himself, as a result of which he has no stenographic notes from which the contents of this letter can be obtained. MR. NEWMAN further advised that several weeks after SMITH had made his last visit to his office, MRS. JAMES McLAREN, who owns the premises at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, called him by phone and inquired as to whether or not he was acquainted with J. STANLEY SMITH. He informed her that he was, but knew nothing definite about him but presumed that he would pay his rent, which was all that MRS. McLAREN appeared to be interested in.

MR. NEWMAN further stated that the identity of SMITH is unknown to him and that on one occasion, he believes SMITH was accompanied to his office by a woman but that he paid little attention to her and was unable to describe her; that SMITH informed him that he was employed by the Consolidated Metals Company of St. Louis, Missouri.

The photographs of the suspects in this case were exhibited to NEWMAN who selected the photograph of HARRY CAMPBELL as resembling J. STANLEY SMITH. It is to be noted that when previously interviewed by Agent Hall, NEWMAN selected the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS as resembling SMITH.

NEWMAN claimed to have no additional information regarding SMITH or his associates and claimed not to have seen anyone in company with SMITH with the exception of the woman as set out above.

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. NICHOLSON,  
Special Agent.

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3 - Division  
9 - St. Paul

As stated in reference report, investigation is being conducted to develop all angles of this case at the earliest possible date.

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO

8201

MAR 2 1934

The Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your circular letter of February 8, 1934, "List of Bank Notes Paid as Ransom in Kidnaping Cases", with inclosures.

If you desire that copies of the letter under acknowledgment and copies of the inclosures thereto be submitted to Customs field officers, I have to request that 500 copies of the circular and its inclosures be furnished the Bureau for dissemination.

By direction of the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

F. J. MURPHY  
Assistant General Counsel.

*Equipment  
to see also  
as neg. copies  
and 3-7-34  
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Commissioner of Customs,  
Bureau of Customs,  
Treasury Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Hon. F. J. Murphy.

Reference: 8201.

Dear Sir:-

I desire to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated March 2, 1934, in which you request 500 additional copies of the list of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnapping cases for submission to the Customs Field Officers of your Bureau.

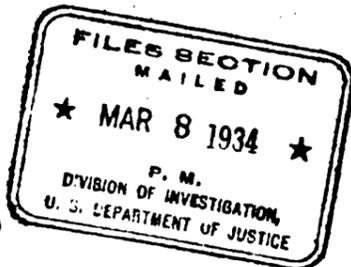
I am pleased to comply with your request and am today arranging to have 500 copies of this list delivered to your office.

Thanking you for your attention and cooperation in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.

cc: Washington F.O.  
Equipment & Printing Sec.



1216 Smith Young Tower  
San Antonio, Texas.  
February 27, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 1274,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Through a confidential source at Houston, Texas, information was received to the effect that one Johan Armour, Miami, Okla., is a sweetheart of Fred Barker and he not only on occasions contacts her personally but that he communicates with her regularly. Of course, it is not known his method of communication.

Through this same source information has been received that Mrs. Chastain (full name unknown) at Sapulpa, Okla., who is the mother of Bob Chastain, now alleged to be an inmate of the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Okla., and who was formerly a running mate of the Barker boys, is for some reason very bitter towards the Barker boys and might be a source of information, if properly contacted.

Information has also been received that there is a tourist eat on the Sand Springs Road, just off the highway at the south approach of the Arkansas River Bridge, operated by an individual known as "Cagle Kye" and that this place is occasionally used as a hide-out by Oklaho outlaws including the Barkers and their running mates; that it also be used as a Post Office for these individuals.

While this information is meager, it is furnished you for ever use you may be able to make of it.

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Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent

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318 News Building  
San Francisco, California.

February 25, 1934.

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Refer file  
#7-53.

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

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DIVISION ONE

Dear Sir: Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Referring to my letter of the 24th in-  
stant, regarding the tracing of certain California licenses,  
please be advised the National Automobile Theft Bureau checked  
1934 California license #7N9150, and ascertained it was is-  
sued to Erma Genevieve Hinson, of 962 South Concord Street,  
Los Angeles, California, for a model A Ford, and it is under-  
stood that her husband is an employe of the Los Angeles Fire  
Department.

I am sending a copy of this letter to  
Los Angeles for further checking.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

W.C. Division.  
C.C. St. Paul.  
C.C. Los Angeles.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 19, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN	✓
MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	✓
MR. COWLEY	✓
MR. EDWARDS	✓
MR. EGAN	✓
MR. QUINN	✓
MR. LESTER	✓
MS. LOCKE	✓
MR. ROBER	✓

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to issuing Identification Orders on Arthur R. Barker, et al in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, it is suggested that there not be Identification Orders issued in this case for the following reasons:

The only purpose served by issuing Identification Orders would be to put the Division on record that the kidnapers were known and it is not believed that the issuance of Identification Orders will result in the arrest of these individuals by any local police department because of their connection with police departments. With the amount of money in their possession now, they are in a position to bribe the ordinary police official.

On the other hand, the following reasons are set forth why Identification Orders should not be issued:

1. The Division has in its possession more information relative to the identity of these individuals than in any previous case, where the Division was seeking a fugitive, to my knowledge. In this connection, reference is made to the memorandum dated January 31, 1934 covering the activities of these individuals.

2. It is believed that these individuals will be located solely through the efforts of Special Agents of the Division, who, when located, can then direct the activities of a police department in bringing about their arrest.

3. In lieu of Identification Orders, it is suggested that a strip of photographs be prepared, bearing the full face view of each of these individuals, said strip to be prepared in the size of the book containing Government transportation requests and sufficient number prepared so that each Agent in the Division will have one in his possession, this strip to contain the name and general description of each individual. In the event it is deemed advisable, sufficient number will be placed in the hands of responsible and trusty detectives of local police departments in the Middle West.

Respectfully,

*R. P. Nally*

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*Edward G. Bremer*

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

March 1, 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.

As previously reported, Edward George Bremer claims that he heard certain sounds, including the sounding of a siren, the blowing of a factory whistle, and the ringing of church bells, at specific times during the period he was held captive. In order to locate the hideout, circular letters which contain all available information pertaining to the sounds heard by Bremer have been forwarded to towns and cities in Minnesota, Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and North Dakota. Copies of said circular letters have previously been forwarded to the Division.

As indicated in former reports, submitted in this matter, it appears that Portage, Wisconsin, is situated approximately half way from the place where Bremer was held captive to Rochester, Minnesota, the place where Bremer was released. In view of this fact, it appears quite probable that the hideout is situated in Wisconsin or the northern part of Illinois. Index cards have been made for all towns in Illinois which are within a radius of 235 miles from Portage, Wisconsin. The names of these towns and cities were taken from the Postal Guide. Likewise, index cards have been made on all towns in Wisconsin, which are listed in the Postal Guide.

Approximately 200 replies are received daily. These replies are being filed in alphabetical order with reference to the town in which the author of the letter resides. Separate files are being maintained for the replies of each State. This procedure has been adopted in order to expedite the search for replies from certain town when information is received that possibly the hideout may be situated at that place. Upon receipt of replies from the various towns and cities, appropriate notations are made on the index cards, whether the reply contains negative information or whether information is contained therein indicating the possibility that the hideout may be in that particular locality.

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In view of favorable information received from the following towns the Chicago office was requested on February 22, 1934, to conduct appropriate investigation at Cary and Crystal Lake, Illinois, and Burlington, Wisconsin. On February 26, 1934, the Chicago office was requested by telegraph

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to conduct investigation at Morton Grove, Illinois, and Melrose Park, Illinois. On March 1, 1934, Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis of the Chicago office was requested by telephone to cause appropriate inquiry to be made in the vicinity of Riverside, Illinois. These requests were made as a result of information contained in the replies to the circular letters received from these cities.

Today, circular letters are being forwarded to each town and city situated in the State of Wisconsin from which replies have not been received. Said circular letters are being directed to the Postmasters of said towns because of the fact that many of the towns listed in the Postal Guide do not have mayors or other officials to whom previous circular letters were directed.

In addition to forwarding circular letters to the places indicated above, letters have likewise been directed to officials in each town situated in Lake County and Porter County, Indiana, as well as numerous other cities in Indiana and Iowa, which are within a radius of 235 miles of Portage, Wisconsin.

Very truly yours,

  
W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

VWP:HVS

1216 Smith Young Tower  
San Antonio, Texas.  
February 27, 1934.

GTJ/ML

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

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Referring to report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, of your office, for February 20, 1934, page 20, wherein it is stated that Jack Carter had made a call from the Ambassador Hotel, Kansas City, to No. 5866, San Antonio, Texas.

There are at present the following Telephone Exchanges in San Antonio:

Belmont	Fannin	Kenwood	Parkview
Cathedral	Garfield	Lambert	Perishing

that have been in existence since September 3, 1932, and prior to that time the Exchanges were:

Crockett	Mission	Travis	Woodlawn
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In order to check the possible identity of the person called over Telephone 5866 it will be necessary to know what Exchange was called or at least to know the approximate date of the call, in order to determine whether it could have been over one of the old Exchanges or one of the present Exchanges.

Through a confidential informant at Houston, Texas, it has been ascertained that Paula Herman always stopped at the Baltimore Hotel in Kansas City, Mo., when in that city for short periods of time. Some lead on her may be obtained at this hotel.

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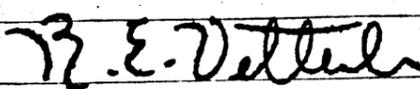
Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-33**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>San Francisco, Cal.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2/26/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/20-21/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. E. Vetterli--IS</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, alias GEORGE DUHN, alias R. E. HAMILTON, alias RAYMOND HADLEY, alias GEORGE HALLER. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">Check of the various newspaper stands on streets and in hotels at San Francisco, Oakland, and Sacramento, California, failed to reflect any unduly suspicious circumstances surrounding inquiries for St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="text-align: center;">Telegram from St. Paul Office, dated February 16, 1934.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="text-align: center;">The following investigation was conducted at Sacramento, California by Special Agent S. J. Tracy:</p> <p>Mr. Louis Chargin, employee, newsstand handling out of town papers at the corner of 9th and K Streets, Sacramento, advised that no requests have been made of him for St. Paul or Minneapolis newspapers during the past three weeks, or prior thereto, that he could recall.</p> <p>Mr. Al Myers, owner of the newsstand mentioned in the preceding paragraph, advised that about 9 days ago a well dressed man accompanied by an equally well dressed woman, asked for a Minneapolis newspaper of recent date, then inquired for back numbers of the same paper. Mr. Myers said he informed them that he did not have any back numbers, and referred them to the newsstand at 7th and K Streets, but he noticed that they left his stand, and walked along K Street towards 10th Street, in the opposite direction from where he directed them. He described the woman as wearing a</p>			
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red or rust colored coat with fur trim, somewhat shorter than her companion, and appearing to be about ten years younger, and having considerable make-up on. He described the man as being about 42 years of age, dark grey suit, overcoat, about 180 pounds, and about 5'8" tall, light complexioned. He has not seen them since, or before, and there was nothing about their conduct to attract his attention other than as stated above.

Mr. Oscar Parisi, employee at newsstand at 9th and J Streets, Sacramento, advised that he had not had any requests for St. Paul or Minneapolis papers that he recalled, for several months. Mr. Jim Daily, owner of the stand at 9th and J Streets, was unable to recall any requests for such papers.

Mr. F. B. Fites, owner of newsstand at 808 I Street, opposite the Post Office Building, Sacramento, stated that he does not carry out of town papers for the reason that he has practically no call for same. That no one has inquired concerning St. Paul or Minneapolis papers recently that he recalls.

Mr. H. Hogan, employee of newsstand at 7th and K Streets, Old Post Office Building Corner, advised that he had had no calls for St. Paul or Minneapolis newspapers during the past several weeks from strangers.

Mr. J. J. Patton, owner of the newsstand at 7th and K Sts., advised that in the early evening, two days following the release of Bremer, a dark colored Packard Sedan stopped at the curb in front of his stand, and one of two men in the front seat inquired for a St. Paul newspaper; that they returned two days later and got the paper, and as they took it, one of the men pointed to an article and said "there it is", and they drove off. Patten stated that he never saw them before or since, but that he would recognize them if they returned. It is his impression that the automobile had California plates, for the reason that he believes he would have noticed out of State plates. He described the man as appearing to be tall and heavy, but he is not sure of the height because they did not get out of the car. It is also his recollection that they appeared rather "tough" or "hard boiled", wore hats but no overcoats. He added that he was very busy at the time, and did not pay a great deal of attention to them, and he could not describe the condition of the car as to dust or mud, indicating considerable travel, or as to luggage, or other contents of the car.

Mr. Patton, a young man, stated that if he saw the men again he would recognize them, would note their appearance and automobile license number, and advise the United States District Attorney, Post Office Building, Sacramento, requesting that the San Francisco Division Office be notified.

No other newsstands handling out of town papers could be located in Sacramento. The hotels handle Pacific Coast papers generally, and a few handle the Denver Post. The Hotel Sacramento handles one New York City paper of minor circulation.

All of the places contacted referred Agent to the newsstand operated by Mr. Patton at the corner of 7th and K Streets. This stand is on the main street so far as through traffic is concerned.

The following investigation at Oakland, California, was conducted by Special Agent Wm. R. Ramsey, Jr.:

Investigation developed that there are presently only two newsstands carrying out of State newspapers, a stand at the northeast corner of 7th and Washington, L. Hooker, attendant, and on 12th between Broadway and Washington, attendant Guido Espino.

Inquiry conducted at these and other locations in Oakland where it was thought that such papers might have been carried, confirmed the information that only the two stands noted carried out of town papers.

At neither of these stands were St. Paul or Minneapolis papers available, and Agent was advised that they had not carried them for some two months. Further that no unusual inquiries had been made for such papers, or Chicago papers, nor had anyone endeavored to have them ordered.

The investigation set forth below was conducted by Special Agent T. P. Geraghty at San Francisco, California:

Agent made investigation at the Palace Hotel, Fairmont Hotel, and St. Francis Hotel; none of the above hotels handles St. Paul or Minneapolis papers.

The newsstand at B - 3rd Street, just off of Market Street, handles 4 Minneapolis papers a day, and one St. Paul weekly Sunday paper. The newsstand in front of 702 Market Street, near Kearney Street, handles two Minneapolis papers a day. No St. Paul papers handled.

Neither of the proprietors of the above newsstands could again recognize any purchaser of the Minneapolis or St. Paul papers.

Newsstands at Market and Powell, and Market and Jones Streets, do not handle St. Paul or Minneapolis papers.

The woman in charge of the out of town newspaper department at the Public Library, Civic Center, stated that the Public Library receives daily the Minneapolis Journal and St. Paul Pioneer Press, which papers are in demand everyday, but that she has taken no particular attention to persons calling for and reading said papers.

PENDING



St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 23, 1934

MEMORANDUM:

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

Each agent who is especially assigned to this case and those agents of the Chicago office who are working toward the location of the hideout, or who may thereafter do any work in the vicinity of the hideout, must be familiar with the contents.

Outstanding Noises Which Were Heard by Victim and Which Distinguish the Vicinity of the Hideout.

1. A loud stationary siren sounded early each weekday morning and at almost the same time a whistle, which appeared to be a factory whistle, also blew. This siren never sounded but once on Sunday, which was possibly the second Sunday of victim's captivity (January 28th) and at that time sounded perhaps three or four times.
2. A whistle which appeared to be a factory whistle, and also appeared to be stationary, blew each weekday morning and evening at about dusk, which whistle never blew at midday nor on Sunday.
3. A church bell rang each Saturday in the late afternoon, which bell again rang each Sunday morning several times, indicating several services.
4. A second church bell rang each Sunday morning once, indicating one Sunday morning service. No church bell was heard at any other times.
5. Railroad trains passed constantly, but many trains passed in the early morning and about dusk.
6. What appeared to be a shifting locomotive engine was heard daily at various times and was close enough to the hideout for the victim to hear the discharge of steam from the exhaust.
7. Airplanes were heard most of the days of victim's captivity, but not every day. Their noises appeared to have no regularity as to the time of day when heard.

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Characteristics Which Distinguish Location of Hideout House.

1. A large and a small dog could be heard almost daily by victim, barking in the vicinity of the house.
2. Children could be heard daily, plainly, very close to the hideout house; and the voices of the children indicated that they passed the hideout house each morning and afternoon to and from school.
3. Each day were heard sounds of motor vehicles close by, indicating that the highway was perhaps not more than two city blocks away; heard these vehicles change gears indicating that they were either stopping for a railroad crossing, an intersection, or changing gears for an incline.
4. The factory whistle appeared to be closer to the hideout house than the church bells but the church bells were closer than the siren. The locomotive was closer to the hideout than the factory whistle. Trains appeared to stop as for a station approximately one mile away.
5. To enter hideout, victim, close by the house, walked down from seven to ten steps, perhaps wooden.
6. Victim heard kidnapers' car when they would approach hideout but did not hear them leave, which may indicate that there is inclined ground in close proximity of house.

Peculiarities of Hideout House

1. Victim believes there were at least six rooms, and maybe more, on the floor of the house where he was confined; that there was a floor above him, which he thinks was occupied by a man, a woman, and two children.
2. He believes the entrance to the floor on which he was kept was through the kitchen.
3. An electric rug cleaner was used in the house.
4. The flushing lever to the toilet had the cover broken off, leaving only a metal screw effect.

5. Adjacent to the toilet, which was on the same floor that victim was kept, and the floor of the toilet was of a slightly higher level than that of the other rooms.

6. At least two stoves, one in the kitchen and one in an adjacent room, were coal burning stoves, and victim believes there was a coal bin on the floor on which he was kept.

7. The house was equipped with electric lights; and in victim's bedroom the light had a drop cord.

8. Victim's bed was of iron, the head of which appeared to have a metal scroll design effect.

9. The wall paper in victim's room contained trees with various colored flowers, shaped like clover leaves. The paper also contained a fence consisting of two upright posts together with horizontal posts of the same length on each side. The wooden pieces to each fence design ranged in number from nine to eleven.

10. Victim's bedroom contained a small, cheap wooden table covered with oil cloth.

11. Victim believes that there were four or more beds on the floor where he was confined.

12. It is possible that the door opening between the living room, wherein there was a coal burning stove, and the small room adjacent to the toilet had no door swung therein.

13. Victim's bedroom had a window near one corner, which window was boarded up and probably now contains marks in the window casing indicating that nails or screws were used.

Food Which was Furnished Victim  
and Concerning Which, When Hideout  
is Found, Investigation Should be  
Made to Establish Identification.

Meats:

Veal, pork, chicken, steak, and oysters.

Canned Fruit:

Peaches, pears, apricots, canned goods, peas, corn, tomato juice, coffee, shill con carne, perhaps chop suey.

Biscuits:

On one occasion, served biscuits which were possibly baker's biscuits or Bisquick biscuits.

Other Foods:

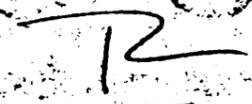
Celery, radishes, sliced tomatoes, ripe olives, apple pie, fresh pears, apples, oranges, colored beans, strawberry shortcake, and chop suey which may have been prepared by Chinese.

On one occasion, victim was given fresh fish, which he is quite sure were perch and which the kidnapers claimed they caught by fishing through ice.

Other Peculiarities

On one occasion, the hideout was visited by an outsider who remained in the kitchen and was entertained by only one of the kidnapers. He may have been a neighbor, a game warden, or a trapper, if trappers live in that vicinity. The investigative report covering this occasion should be reviewed and every effort made to locate him.

Investigative report should also be consulted for the peculiarities of cutlery, china, and dishes. A cereal bowl was furnished victim which was yellow inside with a blue flower therein.

  
W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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U.S. Army Recruiting Office.  
Post Office Bldg.  
Glens Falls N.Y.

3/1/34.

Dear Sir.

I am very much interested in the List of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases that was sent me, I am up here in the foot hills of the Irondacks Mountains a good hide out for kidnapers I think, and of course being a soldier in the Army do not have many five and ten dollar bills to check your list with, But I am staying at a Hotel here where there is plenty of money changes hands, and I have given this list to the manager of this Hotel and he is also very much interested in it, and we check it right along, Perhaps you have still in mind the Oconnell case that happened in Albany only sixty miles from here, I also have this in mind and know they are around here, and hope that I can be of some assistance to you some time, but being in the Federal Government the same as you are it would be difficult for me to get anything out of it, unless the Manager of the hotel was given credit for information that would eventually lead to an arrest and convection. However we have talked this thing over between ourselves, and if we should ever happen to run in to any of the numbers that you have listed, You can be assured that I will not fail to notify you.

Yours Respectfully.  
Lawrence XConsidine.  
U.S. Army Representative.

*Edward L. Brennan*

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Mr. Lawrence Conidine,  
U. S. Army Recruiting Office,  
Post Office Building,  
Glens Falls, New York.

Dear Sir:-

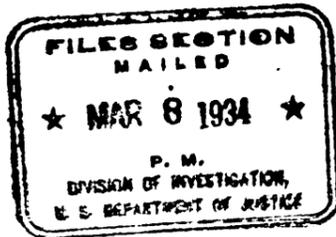
I desire to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated March 1, 1934, wherein you refer to the circular listing bank notes used as ransom in kidnaping cases which was issued by the Division of Investigation.

I desire to thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Should you at any time identify any currency by the list, please immediately notify either this office or Mr. F. X. Fay who is the Special Agent in Charge of the New York office of this Division located at 370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403, New York, New York.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc: N. Y.



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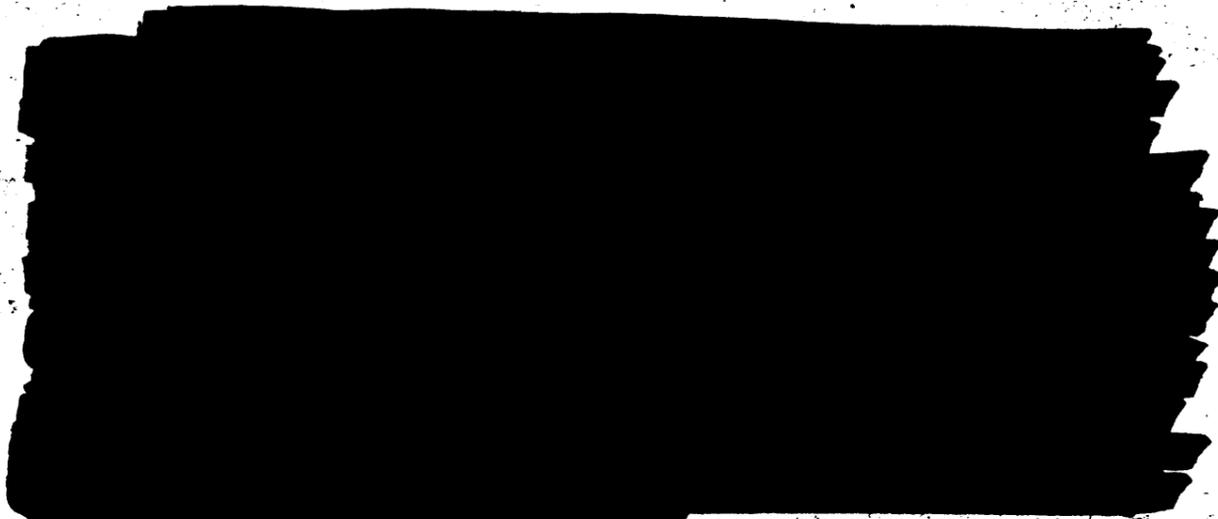
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box No. 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases  
ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of February 23, 1934, relative the  
above entitled matter, you will find enclosed herewith eight photographs  
of Maurice Weiner, with aliases, together with three photostatic copies  
of Weiner's fingerprint card, all of which were secured from the United  
States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.



In accordance with instructions contained in your letter, communica-  
tion is being forwarded to the Division requesting that fingerprints of this  
individual, together with those appearing in the title of this case, be  
placed in the single fingerprint file for comparison purposes.

Very truly yours,

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625 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan  
March 1, 1934

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- MEMORANDUM -

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Pursuant to instructions contained in memorandum of Special Agent in Charge Larson to the effect that Agent contact the news stands in the city of Detroit handling St. Paul or Minneapolis newspapers, all the news dealers mentioned in the memorandum were contacted by this Agent with the exception of the Majestic News Company located on the 5th floor of the Shubert Building, and the Bagley News Company, located at 620 Capitol Theatre Building. Agent being advised that these were distributing offices for the news stands, and they did not sell papers to individuals.

As the result of the contacts it was learned that there are only about six St. Paul and six Minneapolis newspapers received in Detroit, Michigan; that none of the stands have regular customers for these papers, and that it is very seldom that all the papers are sold.

Agent was advised by the men at the news stands that it is very seldom they see the same customer twice.

Photographs of members of the Karpis-Barker gang were shown to the men at the news stands and they advised that none of these men were known to them.

J. L. Murphy  
Special Agent

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. ROHRER:

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

There has been received at the St. Paul Division office a letter from MR. ENOCH H. NELSON, Superintendent of Mails at Minneapolis, Minnesota, in which he advises that Carrier J. W. DWYER stated that the people who reside at 2427 East Lake of the Isles Boulevard think that C. H. DAVIS, who resided at that address, may be some sort of racketeer; that he appeared to have plenty of money, was well dressed, and used to stay out until three or four a.m.

Agent interviewed Carrier J. W. DWYER of the Traffic Station and he advised that MRS. ANNA F. BUHOLZ resides at 2427 East Lake of the Isles Boulevard; that she has resided at this address for many years and that she is the owner of the home at this address and is, in his opinion, thoroughly reliable.

Agent interviewed MRS. BUHOLZ, who advised that on January 15, 1934, MR. C. H. DAVIS, who at that time was employed by the National Fiber Can Company of Cudahy, Wisconsin, as a Minneapolis representative, obtained a room at her home and remained there until February 15, 1934, a period of one month; that during this period, DAVIS went out quite frequently with an individual by the name of MASTERCAN, whose father, she understands, owns and operates the National Fiber Can Company, and that on these occasions he kept very late hours:

MRS. BUHOLZ described this individual as being 29 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches, 165 pounds, chestnut hair, brown eyes, pleasing personality, and was a neat dresser.

She was unable to identify the suspects in this case as being DAVIS. From the above, it would seem that this C. H. DAVIS is not the DAVIS involved in this investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. NICHOLSON  
Special Agent, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
February 23, 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: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al.,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
Kidnaping

Reference is made to my letter to you, dated February 23, 1934, in the above-captioned case, particularly to paragraphs two and three on page two of said letter, in which it is indicated that one Tom Antone had been interviewed at the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, and that he said that his wife, Billie Evans, was in jail at Vinita, Oklahoma on a forgery charge.

Please be advised that Special Agent Hollis has interviewed Billie Evans, who is now in jail at Vinita, Oklahoma on a forgery charge. She stated to Agent Hollis that she is not married to Antone, but that she is from McAlester, Oklahoma, and met him in that vicinity last fall, and after his escape from the Penitentiary, accompanied him to Chicago, Illinois; that Antone said that Dorothy Slaymon (or Slayman), the alleged wife of Alvin Karpis, is a niece of Antone, and that while in Chicago, she and Antone visited Dorothy Slaymon who was residing at that time in the 900 block on Buena Terrace in an apartment with a girl whose first name is Kay, but whose last name is unknown; that Dorothy Slaymon's name is on the buzzer or directory in this apartment building, and that Dorothy was at that time working with the Eastman Kodak Company in Chicago; that she did not see Karpis while in Chicago and did not hear his name mentioned, but that Antone and the Slaymon woman had several talks of a confidential nature which she did not overhear, and every indication is that probably the Slaymon girl is related to Antone. This information was furnished telephonically on February 24th to the Chicago office.

Agent Hollis, in a further interview with Marissa DeVan at Tulsa, Oklahoma, mentioned in the letter referred to, learned that Harry Campbell and people reside at 825 South Rockford, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and that Campbell has a favorite sister whose name is Laura Campbell; that this girl, sometime in

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January, went to St. Louis, Missouri for the purpose of undergoing a surgical operation, but that she did not go through with it, and returned to Tulsa, and got some treatment in a local hospital there; that the Bevan woman has stated that Laura Campbell now has her bags packed, and is in readiness to go to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota for this operation sometime about March 1, 1934. Malissa Bevan stated that it is a known fact that the Campbell family is in destitute circumstances, and that no member thereof is earning enough money to defray the expenses of even the trip to St. Louis, Missouri, or the trip to Rochester, Minnesota, and the general belief is, of course, that Harry Campbell is furnishing this girl with the money required in these activities. This information has been furnished telephonically to the St. Paul office, with the suggestion that inquiry might be made at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota to determine whether arrangements have been made for the hospitalization of Laura Campbell, and in the event she goes there, proper surveillance could be maintained in an effort to ascertain whether Harry Campbell contacts her.

This office, at this time, has under consideration the matter of shadowing Laura Campbell if it can be learned that she really is going to Rochester, Minnesota for hospital treatment, as it is thought she possibly might contact Harry Campbell en route.

On February 24, 1934, I received a long distance telephone call from Special Agent in Charge Blake of the Dallas office, in which he referred to a memorandum of Agent Guinane of the Oklahoma City office, dated December 18, 1933, which relates to the information furnished concerning the home of one Horace Cannady (or Kennedy) near Madill, Oklahoma, suspected as being the hide-out of gangsters and outlaws. Mr. Blake stated that he had received information from one W. E. Wyatt, a Special Agent of the Ft. Worth and Denver Railroad, to the effect that a confidential informant of Wyatt, whose name has not been learned, has made the statement to Wyatt that there are supposed to be four men in an automobile, at the home of Horace Cannady near Madill, Oklahoma; that this car bears a Michigan license, and that the four men are the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer.

The Oklahoma City office has a file on one Horace Cannady, alias Horace Kennedy, a boxcar thief, who has been convicted in Federal Court and sentenced to the Leavenworth Penitentiary. Inquiry by Agent Smith of this office of the Frisco Railroad Special Agents, disclosed that Horace Cannady is now serving a term in the McAlester State Penitentiary for boxcar theft. The Penitentiary at McAlester was contacted, and it was ascertained that Cannady is now confined there.

Agents Smith and Deaderick immediately went to Ardmore, Madill and Tishomingo, Oklahoma where inquiries were made of reliable persons with

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respect to whether any Horace Cannady (or Kennedy) is known in that locality. None is known to any of the officers interviewed. Inquiries were made of the Assistant Postmaster at Madill, Oklahoma with respect to whether or not any Horace Cannady (or Kennedy) is known down there or has been known in the past, and results were negative.

Agents Smith and Deaderick interviewed T. S. Splawn, Sheriff at Madill, Oklahoma who is said by Sheriff Fred Hunt of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, a friend of this Division, to be reliable and trustworthy, and Splawn stated that he formerly was an employee in the Post Office and has resided at Madill for many, many years, but has never heard of any Horace Cannady (or Kennedy) and that he has no information as to any such hide-out in that locality. Sheriff Splawn related to these Agents that about a week prior to the 24th of February, he was informed that two or three strange men in a large car, bearing a Michigan State license, had visited two local prostitutes, and that these men were well-dressed, apparently suspicious, and they were not known, but that before he could get down to conduct an investigation, they had gone, where he did not learn nor did anyone ascertain the make of the car or the license number it was bearing.

In view of the fact that the informant of Wyatt and informant of Detective Ed Weatherford of the Ft. Worth Police Department, mentioned in the memorandum of Agent Guinane, December 18, 1938, whose identity is not known by this office, had definite information as to the location of one Horace Cannady (or Kennedy), it was not deemed advisable at this time to interview the alleged prostitutes at Madill, Oklahoma contacted by the men in the car with the Michigan State license.

Upon receipt of advice from Agents Smith and Deaderick as to their failure to find any trace of Horace Cannady (or Kennedy), I contacted Special Agent in Charge Blake at Dallas, and requested that every effort be made to have the informant, or one of them in this matter, meet Agents of this office at Ardmore, Oklahoma, or that vicinity, in an effort to determine definitely the location of this place. Mr. Blake later informed me that he had contacted Ed Weatherford of the Ft. Worth Police Department, and that Weatherford believed that the informant could locate the place and would proceed to Ardmore, but not unless accompanied by Weatherford, where a conference could be had with representatives of this office in an effort to locate this place.

Mr. Blake informed me that he would advise when the informant and Ed Weatherford could proceed to Ardmore, and would designate a meeting place.

Up to the present writing, no information has been received to the effect when the informant is to be at Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Further investigation in connection with the Barkers, Karpis, Campbell and Volney Davis has been conducted in this District, and reports covering the same will be submitted as early as practicable.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division  
Kansas City, Mo.  
Dallas, Texas  
Chicago, Ill.

1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 1, 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.

Dear Sirs:

~~On 2/26/34, a letter was received from the mail  
of JOHN KARPIS, brother of ALVIN KARPIS, now living at~~

~~On 2/26/34, this office was advised by  
in connection with the above mentioned case, to  
Mr. John Karpavicz, 224 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas, from the State  
Savings Bank, 824 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas, said letter  
being postmarked at Topeka, Kansas, 10:00 P.M., February 26,  
1934.~~

It is understood that KARPIS has frequented Topeka  
and vicinity and that he has a sister living in Topeka.

In confirmation of my wire of even date to you,  
it is requested that pertinent investigation be conducted at  
the State Savings Bank in Topeka, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Chicago, Illinois  
March 1, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
KIDNAPING. Chicago File 7-82.

Reference is made to your letter dated February 26, 1934, at Saint Paul, Minnesota, in which you request twenty photostatic copies of each of the following photographs: Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Arthur R. Barker, Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker.

It is noted these are the large photographs transmitted with your letter of February 26th. Reference is now made to my telephonic conversation with you yesterday afternoon, in which it was explained that twenty copies of each of the photographs of the above named persons, were forwarded to you on the night of February 27, 1934, in view of which fact, you advised it would not be necessary to make twenty copies of each of the larger photographs.

In keeping with our telephonic conversation of this morning, I am transmitting herewith, to you, the large photographs of the above named five individuals.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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370 Lexington Ave.  
New York City

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March 1, 1934

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

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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent B. M. Hirsch dated at Washington, D. C. February 27th, 1934 and the portion thereof relating to the goggles involved in this matter.

It has been ascertained by Special Agent C. E. Weeks, of this office, that these goggles were manufactured by the Chicago Eye Shield Company, 2500 Warren Boulevard, Chicago, this information being supplied by Mr. F. A. Fink of the White Head Metal Products Company, New York, agents for these goggles. Mr. Fink advised that a Mr. Malcolm is the president and owner of the Chicago Company and should be contacted with reference thereto. He stated that Mr. Liutand may be contacted in the event of Mr. Malcolm's absence.

The goggle is listed as Industrial Goggle, 524 "M and L" and is made to wear over regular eyeglasses. Mr. Fink advised that they are a comparatively expensive make of goggle and are not ordinarily used except where State labor regulations require such precautions, and are as a general matter sold to large industrial concerns; further, that it is a common thing for strips of inner tubing to be used as a headband when the original headband wears out. He further advised that the ventilation holes on the sides of the goggles are covered by a steel mesh at the time of manufacture. Information as to distributors of these goggles should be obtained from the Chicago office of the company.

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During the course of the investigation, Mr. C. W. Blount, Assistant Manager of the Bakelite Corporation, 247 Park Avenue, New York City, was interviewed and he advised that the frames for the goggles are made of bakelite, described as material #1957 with 34 oak; that the frames were apparently manufactured about five years ago inasmuch as the outer portions of the shield have become scarred due to exposure to weather, whereas the portion nearest the rims is still smooth, indicating that they were molded before the time when the molders were aware of the best process of molding and that they had used the 34 oak to strengthen the construction around the frames. Incidentally he pointed out that these goggles have been used in both grinding and welding work, it being indicated that they were used for grinding due to the fact that particles of steel are adhering to the sides of the goggles and that they were used for welding, due to the fact that splashes of the acid penetrated into the glass. He suggested that a chemist should be able to analyze the particles of steel adhering to the sides to determine whether it is machine or tool steel and that in the event it appears to be tool steel, the field of search for the place at which they were used may be greatly limited.

He further stated that inasmuch as it appeared they had been used for both grinding and welding, the probability is that they were used in a very small shop or garage where one individual would do both types of work.

The goggles in question have been forwarded to the Chicago office by separate cover and a summary of the foregoing information submitted by telegram today.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY  
Special Agent in Charge

CC: Division ✓  
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**Bureau of Investigation**  
311 Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

March 2, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Upon telephonic instructions from Mr. H. H. Clegg of the Division, Agent Levin interviewed Mr. Alexander Jamie at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C. on February 24, 1934.

Mr. Jamie advised that he did not have in his possession any files relating to any cases and particularly to the Woolverton kidnaping which occurred in 1932 at South Bend, Indiana and also the file in connection with the robbery of the First State Bank, Holland, Michigan. Mr. Jamie, however, stated that he had recently received a letter from his son from Chicago which in substance stated that Agent John Madala attached to the Chicago Division Office had interviewed the son and had either been given or had access to the two above mentioned files. Mr. Jamie further stated that if such were not the case, he would immediately, upon request, advise his son to turn over whatever information the Division sought in connection with the two above described files.

In addition, Mr. Jamie recalled that a Lieutenant Hutson of the Michigan State Police whose headquarters are Lansing, Michigan, had been actively interested in the robbery of the First State Bank of Holland, Michigan and doubtless had more information than Mr. Jamie's file in that matter would reveal.

This information was given to Mr. Clegg by telephone on February 24, 1934.

Very truly yours,  
*Earle M. Black*  
EARLE M. BLACK, Assistant  
Special Agent in Charge.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.  
FEBRUARY 28, 1934.

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

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

2/9/34

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, to this office under date of February 23, 1934, there are being transmitted herewith a photostatic copy of the fingerprints and two photographs of Maurice Weiner, alias Red Viner, alias Maurice Viner, obtained from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, where his register number is 39154.

Pursuant to Inspector Rorer's instructions, it is respectfully requested that the attached fingerprints of Weiner be placed in the single fingerprint file for comparison purposes in connection with the above captioned case.

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Very truly yours,

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M. C. SPEAR  
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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March 1, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that a zipper brief bag bearing the name of Mr. Dahill, Chief of Police, St. Paul, Minnesota, was left at this office some time ago by Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan. This bag contained certain papers and was held intact here and was forwarded to you yesterday for delivery to Mr. Dahill.

Please see that he gets this bag immediately.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

March 2, 1934

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

RE: EDWARD DOLL with aliases--  
I. O. #1216  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

Dear Sir:

The following arrangements have been made with respect to the removal of this subject from Tampa, Florida, to Springfield in the Southern District of Illinois.

C. N. Hildreth, Jr., United States Marshal, Jacksonville, Florida, advised that he has received authority from the Department to employ three guards to accompany Deputy United States Marshal Joe Moe in the transportation of this subject from Tampa, Florida, to Springfield, Illinois; that the three guards will be hand-picked and he has instructed Deputy Moe to exercise all precaution in the removal of this individual. He has arranged a drawing-room reservation for the entire route.

The party will leave Tampa, Florida, March 3, 1934, at 1:10 P. M., via Seaboard Air Line Railway, arriving at Jacksonville, Florida, at 7:15 P. M.; will depart from Jacksonville at 9 P. M., via Southern Railway; will arrive at Atlanta, Georgia, March 4, 1934, at 6:20 A. M.; will leave Atlanta, via N. C. & St. L. at 8 A. M., arriving at St. Louis, Missouri, on March 5, 1934, at 7:45 A. M.; will leave St. Louis at 9:10 A. M., arriving in Springfield, Illinois, March 5, 1934, at 11:30 A. M.

Deputy Joe Moe has been advised and cautioned by the writer, generally and specifically, to exercise all possible precaution in the handling of this man. He has been advised of his desperate character and that undoubtedly he will attempt to escape if given the smallest opportunity.

Doll will be kept under constant guard of Division Agents until his departure from Tampa.

Suggestion is made to the St. Louis office that the custodian of the institution in which Doll will be confined in Springfield, Illinois, be warned and cautioned to use all care to prevent this person's escape. Doll has indicated that if given a fifty-fifty chance he will at least make an attempt to escape.

Very truly yours,

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R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases  
ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

The St. Paul office advised by letter dated February 20, 1934, that it is necessary to locate Paula Harmon, who is now associating with Doc Barker, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, and to that end, your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent in Charge R. G. Harvey, Kansas City, Mo., March 25, 1932, in the case captioned: Frank Nash, Escaped Federal Prisoner, a copy of which report was furnished to your office.

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The above mentioned letter from the St. Paul office dated February 20, 1934, suggested that Paula Harmon be located through Mrs. Maud Mikuel, and that if no success were had in locating Paula Harmon, that probably the address of Madelyn Snyder, a very close friend of Paula Harmon, could be determined.

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Investigation at Kansas City, Kansas, by Special Agent H. D. Bray reveals that Frank and Margeret Mikuel moved from 537 Elizabeth Street, during June 1932, to 1140 Quindaro Boulevard, and that they have been gone from that address about nine months, according to Mrs. Hannon, the owner of the property.

The Post Office at Kansas City, Kansas, has no forwarding address on Mr. and Mrs. Mikuel, however, it was learned from John Mikuel, 400 Fowler Street, Kansas City, Mo., that he is a brother of Frank, and that Frank and Margeret Mikuel are now residing at 1616 Walker Ave., Houston, Texas, and that Fran Mikuel is employed in a garage somewhere in Houston.

It is suggested that your office carry out the request of the St. Paul office by endeavoring to locate Paul Harmon and Madelyn Snyder through Mrs. Mikuel.

Very truly yours,

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

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cc-Division  
cc-St. Paul

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3/3/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/22, 25, 26/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>M. F. GLYNN</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Alvin Karpis, Fred and Arthur Barker and associates unknown at the Florence Hotel, Pullman, Illinois. Room 21, Graceton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, was occupied by one David Feinerman, alias A. B. Fine, and his paramour from November 10 to December 23, 1933. Efforts to determine the identity of Feinerman's paramour at this time unsuccessful.

**REFERENCE:**

Letter from the Kansas City Office, dated 2/16/34.  
Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, dated 2/20/34.

**DETAILS:**

Mrs. William Fischer, manager of the Florence Hotel, Pullman, Illinois, advised, when interviewed, that M. J. Finley, who formerly resided at this hotel, and who was in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad as a special agent, is now deceased. The photographs of Alvin Karpis, the two Barker brothers, Kate Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Theodore and Edward Bentz, Sam Tarran and Thomas Carroll were exhibited to Mrs. William Fischer, the manager of the Florence Hotel above referred to, and she was unable to identify any of them. Said photographs were also exhibited to the manager of the Florence Hotel, namely Mr. William Fischer, and to the clerk at said hotel, William Simpson, and they failed to identify these pictures as being those of anyone known to them.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. A. Gurnea</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-957 UNITED STATES	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 5 - 1934
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The register at the Florence Hotel, Pullman, Illinois, was checked from December 1930 to date, and same failed to reveal that Alvin Karpis or the Barker brothers had registered at this hotel during the period indicated. Mrs. William Fischer, the manager of the Florence Hotel, advised that she would gladly communicate with this Office in the event any of the above named individuals should appear at her place. It is noted, however, from the report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, dated August 4, 1932, at Chicago, Illinois, entitled "FRANK HASH, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO 1166, ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER" that the Fischers are not considered reliable, and that no information of value may be expected from them.

Referring to reference letter dated at Kansas City on 2/16/34, it was noted that a billfold containing a pencilled memorandum bearing the following inscription - "Drexel 0780, Room 21" and the name "Gloria Passen" was found in the yard of Don Hasselbrook, 1346 High Street, Topeka, Kansas; that this billfold apparently was owned by Thomas Carroll, with aliases.

Mrs. L. H. Eckroad, manager of the Graceton Hotel, 4249 Drexel Blvd., Chicago, Illinois, telephone - Drexel 0780, informed Special Agent W. C. Baum, of the Chicago Division Office, that Room 21, prior to the opening date of the Fair in Chicago, had not been occupied for approximately two years; that during the Fair this room was occupied from time to time by various individuals, none of whom remained more than one night; that on November 10, 1933, she rented this room to one A. B. Feinerman and his alleged wife, Anne Feinerman; that they occupied this room until December 23, 1933. Mrs. Eckroad informed Agent Baum that she was not very well acquainted with the Feinermans; that they never spoke to anybody while living at this address.

Mrs. Eckroad, when interviewed by the writer, advised that Feinerman was apparently of Jewish origin; that he recently operated a restaurant or tavern at 205 East 43rd Street, Chicago, Illinois; that he had sold out this place some time during the middle of December 1933. Mrs. Eckroad stated further that Feinerman and his alleged wife, Anna, left the Graceton Hotel on December 23, 1933, stating that they were going to Detroit, Michigan, and expected to open a tavern at 47th and Drexel Blvd., Chicago, Illinois, on their return from Detroit. Mrs. Eckroad stated further that a short time prior to the Feinermans' departure from the Graceton Hotel, Feinerman purchased a Ford Coupe; that she believed this was a 1933 model. She

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stated she had no idea where this car was purchased and no more information to offer regarding same.

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Mrs. Eckroad stated that the Feinermans received no mail while living at the Graceton Hotel, and had no friends visiting them. She also stated that she had no idea where Feinerman or his alleged wife came from. She stated, however, that she believed that Mrs. Feinerman came from the North Side of Chicago, and on one occasion heard her call a telephone number with a Sunnyside exchange; that Mrs. Feinerman told her, Mrs. Eckroad, that this was her sister's telephone number.

Mrs. Eckroad described Feinerman and his alleged wife as follows:

Name	A. B. Feinerman
Age	35
Height	5'5"
Weight	160 to 170 lbs.
Build	stocky
Complexion	swarthy
Hair	black, somewhat curly, turning gray over the temples
Eyes	blue
Marks & Scars	appeared to have scar on right side of mouth
Beard	heavy and dark, -however clean shaven
Mouth	large and flabby
Appearance	unkempt and dirty
Nationality	apparently Jewish

Name	Anne Feinerman
Age	20
Height	5'6"
Weight	100 lbs.
Build	slender
Hair	bleached blonde
Eyes	hazel
Complexion	fair and pale
Dressed in a black crepe dress and black sealskin jacket.	

Photographs of Karpis, the Barker brothers, Davis, Campbell, Kate Barker, Thomas Carroll and the two Bentz brothers were exhibited to Mrs. Bakroad and she failed to identify any of them.

James Lynch, assistant superintendent of Post Office Station M, 4235 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, informed the writer that Feinerman and his alleged wife were unknown to this Office; that their records failed to reveal that Feinerman ever received mail General Delivery or rented a box at said office.

Inquiry at 205 East 43rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, revealed that this store is now occupied by two colored men who operate a tavern. They stated, when interviewed, that Feinerman was unknown to them, and suggested that inquiry be made at the office of the J. F. Armstrong Realty Company, 205 East 43rd Street, regarding the identity of Feinerman.

The application for rental of the premises at 205 East 43rd Street, on file at the office of J. F. Armstrong Realty Company, 205 East 43rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, was examined and same revealed that these premises were leased to one David Fineman, from August 29, 1933 to December 10, 1933; that at the time these premises were rented Fineman claimed to be living at 535 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and gave as references Dr. A. M. Oberman, 818 W. 14th Street, Chicago, Illinois, and William Weinstein, 4022 Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois. The clerk on duty at the office of the J. F. Armstrong Realty Company informed the writer that on December 10, 1933 Fineman sold his business at 205 East 43rd Street, and that his present whereabouts are now unknown to them.

Mrs. Carol Luck, 535 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, when interviewed, stated that she had rented one of her rooms to Feinerman some time in July of 1933; that he left her about the first of November 1933, and that when he left he was several weeks in arrears on his room rent. Mrs. Luck stated that she knew nothing of Feinerman's connections in the City of Chicago, and was not aware that he had an alleged wife by the name of Anne. Mrs. Luck was unable to give any in-

formation regarding the identity of Feinerman.

William Weinstein, 4022 Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois, who operates a saloon at this address, advised, when interviewed, that he had known Feinerman for a good many years; that he was not acquainted with any of Feinerman's relatives, but was of the opinion that Feinerman was married and had grown children. Weinstein stated that he had not seen or heard from Feinerman for over eighteen months and was surprised to learn that Feinerman had given him as a reference when he leased the premises at 205 East 43rd Street. Weinstein stated further that several years ago Feinerman was a ward committeeman in the old Morris Eller Ward in the City of Chicago; that about the year 1928 he was arrested and charged with the interference of voters. Weinstein stated that Feinerman spent several months in the County Jail as a result of this arrest. However, he was of the opinion that Feinerman was never convicted. Weinstein was unable to give any information which might be helpful in locating Feinerman.

Dr. A. M. Oberman, 818 West 14th Street, Chicago, Illinois, when interviewed stated that Feinerman had rented a store at 818 West 14th Street for a good many years; that he was quite successful in business until he was finally arrested about 1928. Dr. Oberman stated that he had no idea where Feinerman may be located at present;

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Dr. Oberman referred Agent to Maurice Goldstein, 817 West 14th Street, Chicago, Illinois, for further information regarding Feinerman.

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Under the pretense of being a restaurant owner, Agent called on Manny Goodman and Solly Schuman, both of whom are mentioned above, and inquired as to where they purchased their chili. Both of them stated that they purchased their chili from some concern in Chicago, and denied that they purchased any from David Feinerman.

It will be noted from the interview had with Mrs. Eckroad, manager of the Graceton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, that Feinerman, who apparently is known under the following names - David or A. B. Feinerman, or David or A. B. Fineman - is now said to be the owner of a Ford Coupe. It is quite possible that when Feinerman purchased this car he gave the address of 535 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, or Graceton Hotel, 4249 Drexel Blvd., Chicago, Illinois.

Report covering the remainder of the investigation requested in reference letter will go forth from this Office immediately.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE will direct a letter to the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois at Springfield, Illinois, to determine whether or not there is a Ford Coupe, probably a 1933 model registered under the following names: David or A. B. Feinerman, or David or A. B. Fineman, 535 Wrightwood Avenue, or Graceton Hotel, 4249 Drexel Blvd., Chicago, Illinois. If there is such a car registered determine where same was purchased.

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THE CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago, Illinois [REDACTED] and will  
also secure photograph of Felnerman from police department.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota.**

KC FILE NO. 7-37

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Kansas City, Mo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3-1-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2-14 to 2-28 1934</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>M. C. SPEAR JGW</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Details possible Bremer hideout Davenport, Iowa, do not coincide with chart actual hideout. Vail, Frost and Madley left Kansas City hotel for Chicago February 17, 1934. Further investigation to locate Karpis and associates through Informant at Topeka, Kansas futile to date; investigation along this line being continued. Photographs Frank and Bossie Nigro, former suspects in Katz kidnaping, Kansas City, Missouri, 1931, being furnished St. Paul for possible identification instant case. Fred and Arthur Barker apparently not known to have visited father, George Barker, at Neosho, Missouri since summer of 1933. Further investigation being made at Neosho in an effort to obtain information relative location Barker Brothers. Investigation Kansas City, Missouri Water Department fails to reflect Volney Davis as employee thereof. Numerous stores throughout Kansas City territory contacted relative to sale of flashlights and lens used in instant case, but no information obtained to indicate any suspects purchased such merchandise Kansas City territory.</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated February 20, 1934.			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-958	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>MAR 5 1934</b>
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DETAILS:

Referring to letter from Special Agent in Charge Warner Hanni, of the St. Paul Office, to the Kansas City Office, dated February 18, 1934, requesting that an investigation be made relative to the possible hideout where Bremer was kept being in Davenport, Iowa, based upon information furnished by Mrs. Mary Kroll, 2340 East High Street, Davenport, Iowa, Special Agent Liah Whitson, under the guise of conducting a survey of economical housing conditions in behalf of the Civil Works Administration, gained entrance to all houses on the north side of the street in the 2300 block on East High Street at Davenport and made a thorough inspection of the various houses visited; however, Agent Whitson did not locate a house which answered the description of the place where Bremer was held in this kidnaping case. The house designated by Mrs. Mary Kroll at 2326 East High Street, Davenport, Iowa, was examined by Special Agent Whitson, and it was found that the occupants are Joe Cerney, wife Louisa Cerney, his son Charlie, and his daughter Helen.

Agent Whitson states technically there might be considered to be four rooms downstairs in this house, but the living room stretches across the front of the entire house, using space otherwise possible for two rooms. The furniture is new looking and there is a cabinet radio. Back of the long living room is a bedroom and kitchen. Between the bedroom and kitchen is a stairway to the cellar and attic. The house has a hot water heating system, and the living quarters are very neat, even the furnace appearing to be clean. The only room which appears to be not particularly neat is the laundry room and the basement. From Agent Whitson's examination of these premises, it did not appear that the same was that where Bremer was held, judging from the chart of the Bremer kidnaping hideout, which was furnished by the St. Paul Office. A chart of the Cerney premises prepared by Agent Whitson is attached to St. Paul copies of this report.

Agent Whitson noticed that at 6:30 AM the bells of the State Orphans' Home at Davenport rang; however, he did not hear a siren or factory whistle at 7:00 AM. In view of the fact that Agent Whitson had proceeded into the house under the guise of a Civil Works Administration worker, he did not question the occupants, Joe Cerney and his family, relative to the gentleman who was supposed to have been brought into those premises with a bandaged head, as mentioned by Mrs. Mary Kroll information of which will be found in the copy of Agent Dewey's memorandum set out in letter from the Kansas City Office to the St. Paul Office under date of February 7, 1934. An interview will be had with the Cerney family in the immediate future to ascertain the details relative to the individual who Mrs. Kroll saw being taken into the Cerney home with a bandaged head.

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Reference is made to the report of Assistant Director Harold Nathan, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, February 21, 1934, particularly the memorandum of Special Agent T. J. Dodd set out therein, on pages three to six inclusive, relative to Vail Frost of Lime Spring, Iowa; reference is also being made to letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer to the Kansas City Office under date of February 22, 1934 relative to Frost.

Through investigation by Special Agent O. C. Dewey at Des Moines, Iowa, it was ascertained that 1935 Iowa license plates 45-947 were issued on a 1928 Cadillac Sedan, motor number 302521, in the name of V. V. Frost of Lime Spring, Iowa. Contact by Special Agent Dewey with the State Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Des Moines, Iowa, reflected that that Bureau had no record of information on file concerning Vail Frost.

It was likewise ascertained that the above described Cadillac Sedan had not been licensed in the State of Missouri.

The following memorandum has been submitted by Special Agent G. F. Hurley relative to the investigation of Special Agent A. E. Farland and himself relative to their inquiries to locate the Frosts. The information obtained was immediately furnished Special Agent Hall of the St. Paul Office by telephone, and pursuant to this telephonic conversation the Kansas City Office was advised to make no efforts to cause the apprehension of Mrs. Frost in Kansas City; however to endeavor to ascertain her whereabouts in order that such information would be available in the event the same was later needed.

February 22, 1934.

Memorandum for Mr. Spear:

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping

"On above date Agents A. E. Farland and G. F. Hurley proceeded to the Berkshire Hotel, 1021 Linwood Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri, and ascertained from Mrs. Ostrander, Manager, that on February 10, 1934, a Mr. V. V. Frost and wife registered in at the hotel; registration card No. 349 shows Mr. V. V. Frost and wife, 331 West Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, assigned room 804. Registration card No. 374 for February 11, 1934 shows the name of P. W. Medley, 230 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, assigned room 804.

"The employees at the hotel were questioned about the activities of the above people and gave the following information; that both Mr. Medley and Mr. and Mrs. Frost were continually visiting each others room and were up at all hours of the night;

Mr. Frost had a large bird dog that he played with continually, and Mrs. Frost had an angora cat with her as a pet. Medley only had a hand trunk with him when he checked in, but the Frosts had considerable luggage. The employees are under the impression that Frost and Medley had cars, but could give no information concerning the same, other than that one of them was a Cadillac.

"Both Mr. Frost and Mr. Medley left the hotel on February 17th sometime in the morning; Mrs. Frost did not leave the hotel until later in the day, stating that she was going to live with some doctor while her husband was away.

Mrs. Frost has called at the hotel periodically since that time for mail. When Frost and Medley left the hotel they left as a forwarding address, the New Vickery Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. When Medley left the hotel he paid his rent with a check, drawn on some Chicago bank.

Medley was described by the employees at the hotel as being about 35 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches in height, 140 pounds in weight, slim build, wore dark glasses, chestnut brown hair streaked with grey, clean cut in appearance, and talked with a New York accent. Pictures of Alvin Karpis, suspect in this case, were shown to the employees, and while no positive identification was established, the consensus of opinion was that the pictures did resemble Medley. It should be borne in mind that Medley usually wore dark glasses while around the hotel.

On February 15th, Medley sent two telegrams while staying at the hotel. These telegrams were viewed by Agent at the local Western Union Station, 1015 East 31st Street, Kansas City, Missouri, through the courtesy of [redacted]. One telegram was addressed to Mrs. P. W. Medley, 112 South 50th Street, Omaha, Nebraska:

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The second telegram was addressed to Mrs. H. Medley, 741 North 26th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

Investigation was made at the LaSalle Garage, which is located across from the Berkshire Hotel, to ascertain whether or not Medley or Frost had parked their car there while staying at the hotel. The registration sheet of this garage failed to disclose any information about either a Cadillac or a Plymouth car, which cars were supposed to have been in the possession of Frost and Medley while they were in Kansas City. A check was also made at the Berkshire Garage with no results.

No effort was made to locate Mrs. Frost until the above information was relayed to the St. Paul Office, and this action is being left to the discretion of the St. Paul Office.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd) G. F. Hurley,

Special Agent

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Investigation has been pursued further by the Kansas City Office in an endeavor to locate Alvin Karpis and his associates through contact with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and the following memorandum concerning further investigation by Special Agents W. F. Trainor and A. E. Farland has been submitted by Special Agent Trainor:

Reference is made to the report in this case dated at Kansas City, Missouri. [REDACTED] Mention is there made of Informant [REDACTED] who was endeavoring to secure information relative to the location of Alvin Karpis, through Italians named Frank, Tony and Joe of Kansas City, who are said to be mutual friends of [REDACTED] and Karpis.

The location of the dine and dance establishment of these Italians was finally fixed by [REDACTED] as 532 Grand Avenue. [REDACTED] also secured the phone number of that establishment as Harrison 9182. Later investigation at the Telephone Company relative to this phone will be shown herein.

On each day from February 19 to 22, 1934, [REDACTED] met this Agent at the Pickwick Hotel, in Kansas City, Missouri, per arrangement with him. He was unable during his stay here to make personal contact with "Frank" or to learn the surnames of the Italians in question. He was unable to learn where they live, as he was told by a boy on duty at 532 Grand Avenue that Tony and Frank, while they reside somewhere in Kansas City, always call the restaurant themselves and their residence address or personal telephone numbers are unknown at their place of business.

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[REDACTED] saw Tony in a dark colored Chevrolet Sedan, with two other men who were strange to him. Tony was in the front seat, on the right hand side and another man was behind the steering wheel, the third man being in the back seat. [REDACTED] The lights were out and he was not able to secure the license [REDACTED] of the car without suspicious scrutiny and therefore did not do so.

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that Tony had some money which he was afraid to spend because it was "hot". That it was not counterfeit, but that it was desired that it be changed for other currency.

The informant described the companions of Tony as follows:

(1) Man in driver's seat:  
Age: 30-35 years  
Height: 5' 10"  
WEIGHT: 170 to 175 lbs.  
Complexion: Light  
Dressed in grey overcoat, felt hat. Appeared like a prize-fighter, had cauliflower ears. Apparently an American. Spoke in calm tones, plain English speech.

(2) Man in back seat of car:  
Age 22-24 years  
Height: 5'5"  
Weight: 140 lbs.  
Complexion: Dark  
Dressed in dark suit, no overcoat; wore red tie with black diagonal stripes. Did little talking. Had accent of Green, Italian, or Mexican. Looked like Mexican.

These parties were seen only in sitting posture, according to the informant, and he could not secure a clear view of them due to poor light.

The car in which Tony and these men were seated was parked in the street on Locust near 6th Street, in front of a grey colored tenement house, across from which there is a vacant lot.

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On the night of February 21st Agent R. G. Reed and this Agent stopped at the Pickwick Hotel in order that the informant might make immediate contact with information as to any new development, but he failed to call or appear, as he was asked to do if any new information were available.

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[REDACTED] went to 532 Grand Avenue where the boy on duty told him that Frank and Tony were both there. [REDACTED] they had left town that morning, around 9:00 A.M. That they were driving a tan colored Auburn Coupe with yellow canvas top and that the boy on duty had carried some suitcases to the car for them when they left.

On the evening of February 22nd, Sheriff Rogers, of Topeka, advised telephonically that [REDACTED] to have seen a tan colored coupe of description similar to that in which Frank and Tony were allegedly traveling from Kansas City.

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[REDACTED] the informant stated that he had not since seen the Italians.

[REDACTED] Topeka was arranged at the National Bank of Topeka in a vacant office. He

promised to keep in close contact with the Sheriff and it was arranged that he should secure any money which might be given him by the Italians to change, and that he would bring it to Mr. Rogers, if the opportunity offered, and if not to change it at some department store and immediately advise Mr. Rogers where it was changed.

The informant was shown photographs of Karpis, Arthur R. Barker,

Fred Barker, T. J. Carroll and numerous other suspects in this matter, but stated he could not identify any of them as men whom he had seen while in Kansas City.

The Kansas City Office is keeping in close touch with this informant and if any new developments occur the Sheriff at Topeka will immediately call for the assistance of the Kansas City Office. The instant case was not mentioned by Agents but Sheriff Dean Rogers of Topeka suggested that the Italians might be disposing of some of the Bremer ransom money. Mr. Rogers is keeping the matter secret and no publicity will be given same, according to his statements.

Mr. Rogers stated that there is a party named Earl Mallory residing at 451 Lake Street, Topeka, Kansas. That Mallory is a police character and is now on bond in Topeka on charges of Highway Robbery. That he suspects Mallory of being friendly with members of the Barker-Karpis mob and that his house is being watched closely. He stated that there was at the residence on the afternoon of February 23rd two strange automobiles; one a Hupmobile Sedan, green and black color, bearing California 1934 license #6B-5037 and a Ford 1929 model Coupe, dark blue color, bearing California 1934 tags #7N9150. It was also ascertained that there are strange men in the house as a general rule. The house will be closely watched by Mr. Rogers. As yet he did not believe it advisable to raid the place. The license numbers and owners are being checked by the Los Angeles and San Francisco offices.

Sheriff Rogers stated he has a confidential informant residing in Topeka who knows Alvin Karpis personally, and who stated to him that through another acquaintance of Karpis, name not mentioned by Mr. Rogers, he learned that on the night of February 15, 1934, which was the night of the attempt to rob the National Bank of Topeka, Karpis was seen by the party mentioned, in a brown colored Hupmobile sedan with several other men who were not recognized, on the street in Topeka. Karpis was partially intoxicated and recognizing the man waved to him. The man talked with him and when asked where he was going Karpis remarked "we're headed for St. Joe". At that, one of Karpis' companions is said to have shoved him down in the car and the group drove away.

Since it would be necessary to travel by way of St. Joseph, Missouri, from Topeka in proceeding to Albany, Missouri, which point is mentioned in the report of February 20th as a hide-out of Karpis, it was deemed probable that Karpis and his companions were headed for Albany from Topeka. Immediate investigation there was therefore believed advisable. Due to the violent snow storm Agents Farland and Trainor were unable to proceed further than St. Joseph, Missouri.

Inquiry was made at the St. Joseph, Missouri Police Department where Detective G. C. Fee, formerly Sheriff at Albany, was interviewed. He was not told the reason for the inquiry. He was asked whether or not he had ever heard of an Italian at Albany who might be the brother of Frank, mentioned herein. He stated that there were no Italians there when he resided at Albany. That he has been away from the town for ten years and that if there are any of that nationality in that vicinity now they would be easily located through inquiry of residents at Albany.

Mr. Fee stated that there is a stationary siren used at Albany for fire alarm purposes and that he believes it is also used morning, noon and evening to denote the time of day. He makes occasional trips to Albany for visits to relatives and believes the siren was being used last December when he was there. The pretext was used that an informant had stated that a certain purpose, whose location the Division is seeking, lives in a small town in the vicinity of St. Joseph, believed to be Albany, which town uses such a siren, the name of the town not being definitely known. There is not such a siren shown as being used in Albany, Missouri, according to information furnished in letter from the Chicago Office to the St. Paul Office dated 2-16-1934.

At the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Kansas City, Mo., Agent was given access to the records by Mr. John Moler, Assistant General Attorney. It is found that phone number Harrison 9182 is located at 532 Grand Avenue, and is a public telephone, the number not being listed in the directory. The phone was installed October 18, 1933, in the name of Fred Carlat, 205 Reliance Building; Carlat is a real estate operator and receives a commission on the phone. The name Sam Carrumusa is shown on the contract and is crossed out, indicating that Carrumusa had the phone in his name when it was first installed. No credit card is made out for such a phone, as the company is in position of a debtor rather than a creditor of the subscriber.

The only long distance telephone call on Harrison 9182 during the period since installation is shown to have been made on December 25, 1933, to Claude Attaberry, 1320 Jackson, St. Joseph, Missouri, phone number 63911. That party's connections will be investigated.

Calls made to suburban points from this phone are shown of record as follows:

Jan. 13, 1934	to phone number	Bethel 72-N-11
Jan. 21, 1934	to phone number	Bethel 72-N-11
Feb. 7, 1934	"	"
Feb. 10, 1934	"	"
Jan. 15, 1934	"	Independence 1967W.

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No long distance calls of the Bethel and Independence numbers are shown of records.

It is shown that phone number Bethel 7B-N-11 is that of J. F. Hickman, located 1/2 mile East of Muncey, Kansas. It is found from the contract of Hickman that he works for the Union Pacific Railroad Company at the roundhouse. He will be further checked.

The Independence, Missouri phone number, 1967W, is shown as that of J. E. Campbell, 11633 East 15th Street, Independence, Missouri. The phone was disconnected February 9, 1934. The contract card of Campbell is on file at the Independence, Missouri Office of the telephone company and has not been examined.

At this time the telephone company is securing tickets of long distance and suburban calls of Fred Carlat for the past two months. He resides at 824 W. 52nd Terrace, house telephone number Highland 4694, and has business telephone Victor 6752 at 205 Reliance Building. It appears that Carlat may be able to furnish the names of Frank and Tony, or whoever holds the lease on 532 Grand Avenue. The establishment at that address is found to be known as the "M. & L. Buffet". For the present no open inquiry is being made of Carlat, since there is danger that he might advise the Italians who are under suspicion, namely Frank and Tony.

Sheriff Tom Bash, of Kansas City, was consulted and advised that he is not acquainted with the parties who operate the M. & L. Buffet. He promised to secure whatever information he can in this connection and advise. He will treat it as confidential. Mr. Bash is entirely reliable and cooperates freely with this office.

The City License Inspector has no record of any license issued for operation of a restaurant at 532 Grand Avenue.

Inquiry through the Alcoholic Beverage Unit, of this Division, fails to reflect any record of an investigation of parties located at 532 Grand Avenue. Further inquiry in this connection will be made relative to Tudis Jackson and his friends of the Italian element here. Same could not be completed due to the fact that most of the employees of that office were absent on Saturday afternoon when Agent called. Some knowledge of Frank and Tony may be in possession of that unit.

Investigation was also attempted at the Internal Revenue Division of the U. S. Treasury Department to ascertain whether there has been a permit issued for sale of beer or whiskey at 532 Grand Avenue, but that office was closed due to Saturday half-holiday. Same will be later made.

Investigation was made by Special Agents Farland and this Agent at Albany, Missouri, on February 26 and 27, 1934. Upon arrival there immediate contact was made with Dr. C. A. Ross, dentist, who is Mayor of Albany and considered a very reliable citizen. He called into conference Mr. E. La Redmon, Prosecuting Attorney, at Albany, whom he stated is a very discreet person. These individuals were requested to treat the inquiry in strict confidence. No mention was made of the instant kidnaping case, nor of the Kansas City massacre case. They were shown photographs of Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis, for purposes of identification as likenesses of persons seen there by them. They were unable to identify any of the photographs, but both stated that the photograph of Karpis was somewhat familiar to them, although they could not place Karpis as anyone whom they have seen.

Messrs. Ross and Redmon stated there is no Italian family residing anywhere within a radius of twenty miles from Albany, or in Albany, insofar as they know, and that they believe they are acquainted with everyone in that vicinity. They stated that they know of no criminal hideout in or near Albany. They advised that the only family in the vicinity who might be friendly with such individuals as Karpis, and others, would be a family named Shelby, who have been associated with outside bootleggers, and who reside near the Burlington Railroad Station at Albany in a one story frame house. There are a couple of young women in the Shelby family who are reported to be of lewd character and they have some illegitimate children, all residing at the same place. There is a young man in the family named Russell Shelby, known as "Harmonica". Russell Shelby is from 28 to 30 years of age; 5'8" in height; 155 pounds in weight; medium complexion; effeminate in his actions and served a term in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth three or four years ago, according to these men; the charge on which he served or the place at which he was convicted is unknown to them. He comes into Albany occasionally but remains away a great part of the time.

There is a party known as Walter Tracy in jail now at Albany, Missouri, charged with attempted bank robbery. He was arrested last April, and held in the County Jail at St. Joseph, Missouri, from which place he escaped approximately September 2, 1933, and was reapprehended in Chicago, Illinois, during December 1933 when he was returned to Albany. It was reported by Mr. Redmon that Tracy has a hook-up with Kansas City mobsters, especially some of the Italians. He stated he has been interviewing Tracy for the purpose of securing information regarding general activities of the underworld, and that Tracy apparently is willing to furnish him information, but to date has given nothing definite. He recommended that if any definite information could be secured by the Agents relative to individuals in the vicinity of Albany it might be advantageous to talk with Tracy. However, until more

definite information had been ascertained it was deemed inadvisable to interview this prisoner, for the reason that it might result in divulging to him more information than he would be expected to give. Furthermore such an interview did not seem desirable without some definite basis upon which it would be possible to question him.

Messrs. Ross and Redmon advised that they have no information whatever regarding anyone named "Frank" who has a brother residing in the vicinity of Albany and who comes from Kansas City. Mention was made to them of the possibility of Frank driving a tan colored Hupmobile Sedan. Mr. Ross stated that one of his night police officers had several months ago mentioned something about a car of that description of which he was somewhat suspicious. He promised to take up the matter with the police officers and secure any information available. It was recommended by these men that no interviews be had with the police or sheriff at that time because these men are inclined to gossip and are not discreet in their activities.

Mr. Ross ascertained that the Shelbys do not have electric lights or city water in their residence.

It was definitely ascertained by these Agents, who heard same, and through interview with Messrs. Ross and Redmon that there is a stationary siren at Albany, Missouri, which is sounded at 7 A.M.; noon; and 5 P.M. There are a number of sawmills, which are moveable, in the vicinity of Albany and there is also a train on the Burlington Railroad which passes Albany about 7 A.M. each day. This is probably a coincidence but the Agents heard the siren and the train whistle at the same instant on the morning of February 27th. The sawmills which operate in the vicinity of Albany are said to sound their whistles, when in operation, in the morning at seven. There is no Catholic Church at Albany, but the Southside School has a bell very much like a church bell. There is only one church bell at Albany, and that is on the Methodist Church, which bell sounds almost identically the same as the school bell. Messrs. Ross and Redmon stated that the school bell rings every morning and that on Sunday the Methodist Church bell rings at 9 A.M. and 10:45 A.M., and that occasionally there are special services at the church, although Mr. Redmon does not recall that there were any within the past four weeks. He is a member of that church.

Most of the people in the vicinity of Albany are said to burn coal for heating purposes. There is said to be fishing on the river not far from Albany where they catch perch and other small fish. There is no Game Warden at Albany.

Mr. Redmon suggested that he personally interview Walter Tracy on February 27th, since he has been accustomed to talking to him almost daily.

He performed the interview and returned stating that Tracy had informed him that he is acquainted with two Italian gangsters at Kansas City, one known as Tony Fatella and another known as Frank Nigro. During that interview, Tracy informed Mr. Redmon that he had an idea that he could be of assistance to law enforcement if he were given a "break", and he mentioned that he believed he knew something about some individuals connected with the Bremer kidnaping case. This statement was made to Mr. Redmon, according to Redmon, "out of a clear sky", and when Mr. Redmon repeated same to the Agents there was no indication given to him that the Bremer case was the one in which Agents are primarily interested. Discussion in regard to that was terminated.

The Agents decided to immediately proceed to Topeka, Kansas at that juncture and display photographs of Frank Nigro and Bossie Nigro, who are respectively Kansas City Missouri Police Department 7908 and U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, 21212, and with whom this office has been familiar heretofore. These were to be displayed confidentially to [redacted] to determine whether or not Frank Nigro is the individual known to him as Frank.

The photographs were displayed on February 28th [redacted] who stated that neither is a likeness of the party known to him as Frank or Tony or Joe, and that he does not recall having seen either of these individuals.

Agent Trainor ascertained several months ago, while at the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department reading the police file in connection with the Michael Katz kidnaping case, which occurred in 1931.

[redacted] was thoroughly interrogated in an effort to secure a copy of the handwriting of Alvin Karpis and stated that he once heard from Karpis during the year 1931, after he himself was released from [redacted] while Karpis was there confined. He searched through his trunks at his residence, [redacted] but was unable to find any specimen whatever of the handwriting of Karpis. He stated that Karpis had a girl friend, name unknown to him, who formerly resided with Karpis' sister, Mrs. Amelia Grooms, on Monroe Street, in Topeka, but he does not know her name nor where she is now located. He

promised to secure any additional information in this connection.

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[redacted] stated that since he left Kansas City on February 22nd no further contact has been made with him by Frank, Tony or Joe. He thinks it is probable that due to the violent snow storm which occurred, they may be remaining inactive for the time being, and that it is possible that they will contact him later. He is in constant touch with the Sheriff at Topeka and with this office, and if there are any new developments he promises to report same. He also stated that he will come to Kansas City on the evening of March 1st, and if he can, at that time, secure any additional information regarding the whereabouts and name of Frank he will report it to the Kansas City Office. [redacted] was requested to mingle among his underworld friends in Topeka on February 28th and to report on that date to this Agent any information available as to the surname of Frank. He remarked that there is a bootlegger named Bully Brown, at Topeka, who used to purchase liquor from Fudie Jackson and Frank, and that he might know Frank's last name. Sheriff Dean Rogers advised that he would send one of his jailers to see Bully Brown, that party being well acquainted with Brown, and an endeavor would be made to learn the surname of Frank. This endeavor was not successful on February 28th and Sheriff Rogers will report any additional information secured telephonically.

[redacted] through inquiry of some of his bootlegger friends, names not known, advised this Agent on February 28 that he ascertained the name of Frank to be probably Frank Tipini, although he is uncertain as to the correctness of this name. Later investigation at Kansas City failed to reflect that Tipini is known to Sheriff Tom Bash or his assistant John Kelley.

[redacted] which Agent secured several weeks ago through confidential sources. Open inquiry at the Police Department was not believed advisable at this time. This matter is being followed through all sources in Kansas City which it appear can be advisably approached.

Investigation will be continued in a cautious manner at Albany, Missouri. On this date, March 1st, Agents Farland and Trainor are proceeding to the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas to interview several convicts who come from Topeka, Kansas, and who may be acquainted with Fudie Jackson and Frank. As soon as Frank's surname can be ascertained it appears that a better basis for investigation at Albany, Missouri, may be available.

The authenticity of the statements of [redacted] informant, are of course somewhat questioned since he is probably seeking to prolong favor with the Sheriff at Topeka. However, every possible avenue of investigation is being followed based upon the information secured from him. It appears probable that there are such individuals as Frank, Tony and Joe, and that those parties may be friends of Alvin Karpis since this information has been available through [redacted] for several months, as mentioned in

the report of this Agent dated December 27, 1933, in the Kansas City massacre case.

Information as secured from [redacted] is being reported to the Kansas City Office in memorandum form when secured.

Photographs of Bossie Nigro and Frank Nigro, mentioned above, are being forwarded herewith to the St. Paul Division Office.

Relative to the 1934 California license plates 8-B-5037 which appeared upon the Hupmobile Sedan at Topeka, Kansas, as mentioned in above quoted memorandum from Special Agent Trainor, it was ascertained by the San Francisco Office that this license had been issued on a Hupmobile Sedan, motor number 105078, in the name of Jules C. Lacock, Fort McArthur, San Pedro, California. Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, of the San Francisco Office, in his letter to the Kansas City Office, under date of February 24, 1934, advises that he requested the Los Angeles Office by telephone to make inquiry concerning these license plates. Under date of February 24, 1934, Acting Special Agent in Charge Sackett, of the Los Angeles Office, telegraphically advised that the above mentioned Hupmobile was an old car of a grey color; further stating that the registrant, Jules C. Lacock, retired from the United States Army with the rank of Sergeant-Major in 1932 after thirty years of service; further stating that after retirement Lacock ran a lunch counter in North Hollywood, and was later employed by the Fox Studios in West Hollywood; Lacock's present address being 431 Lake Street, Topeka, Kansas. It was further stated in Los Angeles telegram that Lacock is about 58 years of age, however, looks younger; is 5 feet 8-1/2 inches in height; 155 pounds in weight; his eyes are squinted; the right corner of his mouth turns up; his hair is slightly grey; his reputation while in the Army was said to be good, and it was said that he was a musician.

Relative to the 1934 California license tags 7-F-9150 seen on the 1929 model Ford Coupe at Topeka, Kansas, mentioned in Agent Trainor's memorandum, hereinbefore quoted, the Los Angeles Office advised that these plates had been issued to the registrant and legal owner, Irma G. Hinson, 962 South Concord Street, Los Angeles, California, Mrs. Hinson being the wife of Glenn Hinson, who had been employed by the Los Angeles Fire Department for the past ten years. The Los Angeles Office further advised that Hinson's reputation was said to be excellent. The car in question is a 1929 Ford Coupe bearing motor number A-2344120; has black body and wheels. The car was said to have been in Los Angeles, California with the exception of a short period in December, 1933, and it was further stated that the car was presently at Los Angeles. Mrs. Hinson was described as being 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches in height, 140 pounds in weight, light brown hair, brown eyes and fair complexion. Mr. Hinson was described as being 30 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches in height, 175 pounds in weight, having brown hair, being somewhat bald, having brown eyes and medium complexion. It was further stated that Mrs. Hinson had departed last week (apparently the week beginning February 11th) for some unknown point in the East.

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The following memorandums were submitted by Special Agent H. D. Bray under date of February 16, 1934 and February 20, 1934, concerning his investigation at Neosho, Missouri and vicinity, looking toward the location of Fred Barker and Arthur Barker, it being remembered that the Barkers' father, George E. Barker, resides at Neosho, Missouri.

On February 8, 1934, Captain Malick, State Highway Patrol, Springfield, Missouri, called the Kansas City office and advised that he desired an Agent to meet Sergeant Ebler at Joplin, Missouri, the following day.

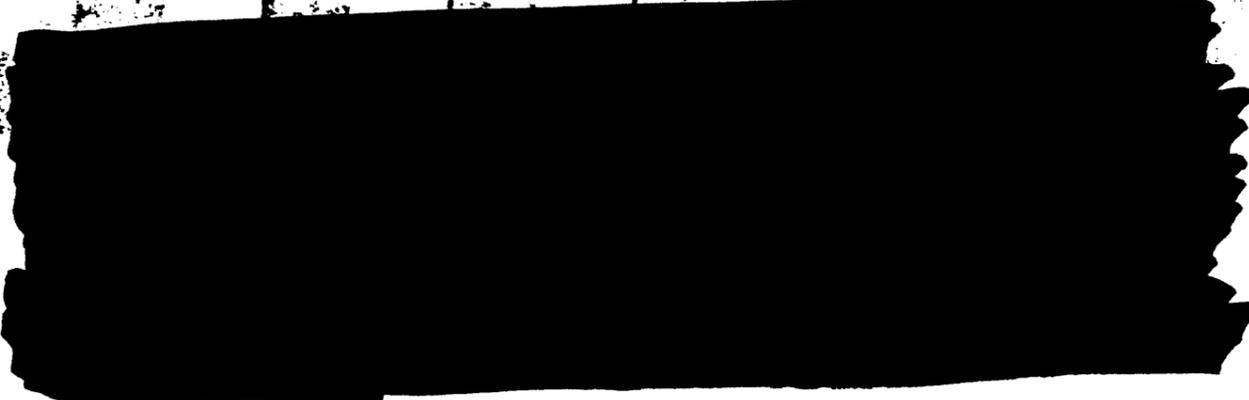
Sergeant George S. Kohler, State Highway Patrol, Joplin, Missouri, advised Agent that the reason for Captain Malick's call was that the newspapers had stated that Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis were wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case at St. Paul.

Sergeant Kohler advised that his troop at [redacted] and at [redacted] had, through a confidential informant, gained entire [redacted] with a gang operating at [redacted]. Sergeant Kohler advised that he and two other State troopers had spent several days associating with the gang and had received considerable valuable information. He advised that to date they had identified two of the members as being wanted on serious charges, but that they were deferring apprehension of these two members in the hope of learning plans of various jobs being anticipated by the gang and in the hope of securing information as to the location of Barker, Karpis and others badly wanted.

Sergeant Kohler advised that investigation had shown that Fred Barker's father, residing at Neosho, Missouri, frequently makes trips to Picher, Oklahoma, where he contacts one W. M. Roley, a promoter, and cashes checks with Roley, drawn on the order of Barker's bank account at Neosho, Missouri; that Roley in turn cashes these checks at Marx's Grocery Store, No. 1, at Picher.

He, Sergeant Kohler, advised that his investigation reveals that the elder Barker probably meets Fred Barker at the filling station of Earl Slade, north of Picher on U. S. Highway No. 55.

Sergeant Kohler stated that from an informant at [redacted] it had been learned that Fred had a place used as a hide-out on the farm of Bill or Bob France, about five miles east of Picher on the Neosho River.



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Sergeant Kohler advised that George Calvin, who is now being held at the County Jail at Springfield, Missouri, for attempting with arms to rob a bank at Reed Springs, Missouri, was talking and was furnishing valuable information, which was proving to be correct, but that they expected to receive additional information from Calvin of more importance; that Calvin had advised that Fred Barker was known as "the Kid."

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Sergeant Kohler advised that the gang at [REDACTED] had mentioned "the Kid" several times in his presence and in the presence of the informant, and that the Kid was often referred to along with Scarface Johnnie, who was spoken of as now being in South Dakota.

Sergeant Kohler advised that Scarface Johnnie is believed to be Louis (Slick) Austin, alias "Slick" Lewis, who has a large red scar on the right side of his face running diagonal from the temple to the chin, or from the corner of the jawbone to the eyebrow, dark complexion, about 5 feet 10 inches, slender, age 35 to 45, with gray hair over ears and temples. This information was picked up by Association with the gang. His information is that Scarface Johnnie will be back in [REDACTED] soon.

Scarface Johnnie is supposed to be a partner of James Marvin Marshall, Springfield, Mo., P.D. No. 907, who is described as

- 34 years
- 5 feet 9 1/2 inches
- 185 pounds
- stout
- hair brown
- eyes gray
- tattoo - girl's head on right and left forearms.

Captain Kalliek was later interviewed and he and Sergeant Kohler advised that they had the utmost confidence in their informant, [REDACTED]

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At this time no information has been received from the St. Paul office indicating that Bremer could have been held as great a distance from St. Paul as Picher, Oklahoma. However, this information is being submitted for possible future reference.

Reference is made to my memorandum, dated February 16, 1934. At Neosho, Missouri, interview was had with [redacted] with whom Agent has had earlier contacts.

[redacted] is advised that Barker had done odd jobs such as washing dishes and wore old clothes until about two years ago when he suddenly quit work [redacted] and began wearing better clothes. He advised that Barker now has no visible means of support, although he claims to own a mine somewhere in Oklahoma.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted] has endeavored to learn something about the mine, but the mine remains a secret. It is very doubtful that he has a mine, and it is believed that Barker is mentioning the mine to alley suspicion. The purpose of the interview was not disclosed, that is, that Fred and Doc are sought in the instant case, however, [redacted] volunteered his opinion, based on newspaper articles, that the Barkers may have been involved in this case.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] who has been interested in assisting the State Highway Patrol in locating Fred Barker for several months, advised that Doc Barker had not been seen in Neosho since the summer of 1933 when he was supposed to have just been released from the Oklahoma Penitentiary.

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George Barker is now driving a 1933 Chevrolet Coach which he bought new from the Chevrolet dealer at Neosho. Sergeant George B. Kahler, State Patrol, Joplin, Missouri, recommended interviewing Earl Parkorney at the Chevrolet garage, in whom Kahler has the greatest confidence from past experience. Mr. Parkorney advised that about a year ago George Barker bought a second hand 1930 Chevrolet car from a local man in Neosho, whom he knew, and on April 8, 1933, Barker traded it in on a new 1933 Chevrolet Coach, paying \$250.00 by a check on the First National Bank of Neosho, and making a note for \$165.00. A month later he paid the note by a check on the same bank. These are the only cars George Barker has ever owned. He advised that Barker later bought a radio for the car and also paid for it by check. He does not purchase gasoline there, however, should he make a purchase there Mr. Parkorney promised to either keep the bills or keep the serial numbers and notify the Kansas City office.

George Barker occupies a room over the Peoples Cafe and apparently spends most of his money at the cafe, however, Agent was advised by Sergeant Kahler that the management of the cafe could not be expected to furnish any information. He likewise buys his gasoline and oil at a small garage with the same reputation.

Interview was had with Jess Saxton, former deputy sheriff and a good source of information, who advised that he had been attempting to locate Fred Barker for two years through George Barker. He advised that once every week or two weeks George Barker will leave Neosho in his car, usually about 11 P.M., and sometimes about 5 P.M., and return early the next morning or the second day. Mr. Saxton about three months ago followed Barker to determine where he was going and determined that he always followed U. S. Highway #71 to a point about five miles toward Joplin, Missouri, where he turned west on a country road. The road being traveled very lightly he never followed him any farther. This road would lead to Joplin by a circuitous route, or to Oklahoma. It is believed that he might be going to the home of Kate Melton, a man, who has a new brick house about five miles from the highway on the country road. Kate Melton is a gambler of bad reputation. His name has been mentioned by the gang being watched by the Patrol at Joplin, as mentioned in my other memorandum.

Mr. Saxton advised that George is foolish about women and is often seen talking to various girls of Neosho; that he will try to make a date with any girl that will smile at him. He advised that one [redacted] who is a local girl, her parents residing on a farm near Neosho, has been seen frequently riding with George Barker, and going up and down the stairs leading to George Barker's room. [redacted] as spent much of her time in

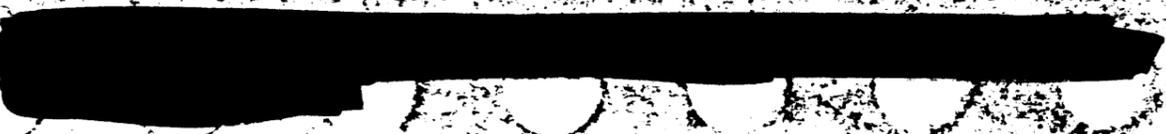
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Picher, Oklahoma, also. She is no doubt the blonde referred to in the telephone call from Special Agent in Charge Brantley as she is about 35 years old, blonde hair, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches and slender.

Mr. Barton feels that the old man is meeting Fred Barker on his frequent trips and that Fred could be located by following George, however, it would be impossible to follow him on a lonely road without attracting attention. He advises that George Barker is easily approached and dislikes driving the car, due to his age and limited experience with cars. He believes that a stranger could within a few days time get himself into the graces of the elder Barker so well that he would allow the stranger to go along on one of his trips to drive the car, provided he assumed the right pose. In view of the circumstances, however, this appears doubtful.

Mr. Barton advised that Doc Barker had not been seen in Neosho since he spent a few days with his father in the summer of 1933. At that time he had a small child with him, about four or five years old, which he believed was a girl. He did not know whether Doc was married.



Concerning the mine near Picher, Oklahoma, mentioned in my earlier memorandum, Sergeant Kahler advised that he would take his informant with him on February 22, 1934 to Picher and locate the mine; that the informant was unable to describe the location of the mine as a circuitous route was taken to reach it when the informant was there before.

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On February 22, 1934 Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, of the Oklahoma City Office, telephonically furnished certain information relative to the possible whereabouts of Volney Davis, which telephonic conversation was confirmed through letter from Agent in Charge Brantley to the St. Paul Office under date of February 23, 1934. Special Agent G. F. Hurley inspected the employment records of the Kansas City, Missouri Water Department for any information concerning the present employment or whereabouts of Volney Davis; however, these records failed to reflect any information concerning Davis.

Accompanied by Fred Hussey, Chief Mechanical Engineer of the Kansas City, Missouri Water Department, Special Agent Hurley interviewed Carl Wishrope, Superintendent of the Pipe Lines, A. C. Crepp, Chief Engineer of the Water Department, M. F. Russel, Chief Engineer of the Pumping Division, W. Gilkerson, Superintendent of the Filtration Plant, Pat Harrison, Foreman of the Pipe Lines, and Mr. Geary, Chief of the Meter Division, all of the above named being connected with the Kansas City, Missouri Water Department and having charge of employees in various divisions of that Department. None of these individuals knew Davis by name nor by photograph.

Similar inquiries to the above will be made at the Municipal Water Department of Kansas City, Kansas, a city adjacent to Kansas City, Missouri, in an endeavor to ascertain whether Davis may possibly be employed by that Company.

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Reference is made to Division letter to Chicago dated February 11, 1934; Detroit letter to St. Paul dated February 12, 1934; and Chicago letter to the Division dated February 13, 1934, concerning the list of stores, which, it was requested, should be contacted to ascertain if they had sold any of the flashlights or filmolens used by the kidnapers in this case had been purchased from those stores. The following stores were contacted; however, no information was obtained from any of the stores to indicate that any of the suspects in this case had purchased either the flashlight or lens therefrom:

SEARS AND ROEBUCK STORES:

At 519 Jefferson Street, Burlington, Iowa.  
111 East College Street, Iowa City, Iowa.  
101 South Market Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.  
121 East Main Street, Ottumwa, Iowa.  
28 Main Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa.  
412 Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa.  
114 East Second Street, Davenport, Iowa.

Likewise the Eagle Auto Parts Company, 212 Scott Street, Davenport, Iowa, was contacted, as was the J. C. Penny Company at Des Moines, Iowa.

Investigation reflected that there had never been an H. L. Green Store in Keokuk, Iowa.

Further investigation is being pursued constantly in this case by the Kansas City Office and any information, which, it is believed, should be the subject of immediate inquiry by some other field office is being furnished the particular office by telephone or telegraph, and likewise copies of memorandums received by Agents from the field relative to particular important information are being immediately furnished the St. Paul Office and the Division.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/2/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/19, 20, 24, 25/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>M. B. RHODES</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Persons at Chicago who have had occasion to investigate the activities of Edward W. Bents and his brother Theodore E. Bents advise that these brothers have in the past been closely associated with such notorious characters as Eddie Doll, Harvey Bailey, Gus Winkler, Albert L. Bates, Pearce Lanigan, Jack Klutas, Fred Burke and the late Frank Nash; that Ed Bents is an ex-convict with a long record and Theodore Bents has been arrested by Tacoma, Washington and San Francisco, California Police, both men at the present time being fugitives from justice. "Big Homer" alleged to be known to Peoria, Ill. police and to have contact with the Shelton gang at East St. Louis.			
REFERENCE: Letter of Special Agent in Charge, R. E. Vetterli, San Francisco Office, dated February 14, 1934.			
DETAILS: <u>At Chicago, Illinois.</u> Agent interviewed Mr. Emory J. Smith, Suite 724, First National Bank Building, who stated that he is at the present time and has for many years, been Counsel for the Illinois Bankers Association. He stated he is not a member of the so-called "Secret Six" as stated in the reference letter. In addition to being Counsel for the Illinois Bankers Association, Mr. Smith is Special Assistant to the Attorney General of Illinois, and has for			
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several years in the past been actively engaged in investigating and prosecuting a number of prominent bank robbery cases in this state; that as a result of his activity in the above line he has had occasion to come in contact with a large number of criminals and to study their various gang set-ups.

With reference to the Bentz brothers, Mr. Smith stated that he recalls that approximately two years ago a man named Theodore Bentz, who originally was from the West Coast, was picked up by the authorities in Canada and returned to Madison, Indiana for questioning in a bank robbery there; that the authorities were unable to get anything on this individual and Theodore Bentz was brought to Chicago; that he questioned Bentz in a hotel here in reference to the activities of Bentz's brother, Edward, who is familiarly known as Eddie Bentz, relative to some stolen securities. Subsequent to the above questioning Theodore Bentz was released and he has not seen him since.

Mr. Smith further stated that Eddie Bentz was closely connected with the late Gus Winkler and was also an associate of such notorious criminals as Eddie Doll, Jack Klutas, Fred Burke, Harvey Bailey, Albert L. Bates, Pearce Lanigan and the late Frank Nash. Another member of the gang was Joe Hays, alias Tom Slattery, alias Tracy Cartwright, who was killed in the course of a bank robbery at Upper Marlboro, Maryland, on April 2, 1931. Associated with Hays in the above Maryland robbery were Pearce Lanigan and Edward Bentz, who at that time was using the alias of Edward R. Richards.

Mr. Smith stated that undoubtedly Mr. Roscoe C. Saunders, whose present address is the American Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, who now holds the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Bureau of Identification and Investigation for the State of Illinois, and who at the present time is doing investigative work in Southern Illinois, is well acquainted with all the members of Gus Winkler's outfit, and would, he is confident, furnish representatives of the Division with all the information he has relative to their connections and activities. Saunders was formerly connected with the Illinois Bankers Association as Director of Criminal Prevention.

In a further effort to learn more of the activities of Eddie Bentz, Agent, at the office of the Illinois Bankers Association, examined a number of Mr. Saunder's reports, which reflect that Albert L. Bates, Joe Hays and a man named "Dutch" Miller (not Vernon C. Miller) robbed the Plano State Bank at Plano, Illinois on December 9, 1931; that Saunders obtained a confession from Bates of the above crime and Saunders also obtained a signed statement from Pearce F. Lanigan, who is now an inmate of the Joliet, Illinois Penitentiary, on February 27, 1932, to the effect that Joe Hays told him, shortly before he was killed in the Upper Marlboro robbery, that Bates, "Dutch" Miller and himself held up the Plano bank.

There is in Saunder's reports, a description of Edward W. Bentz, who assisted Lanigan and Hays in the Upper Marlboro robbery. This description is contained on Washington State Prison photograph card, and is set forth as follows:

Name: Edward W. Bentz, alias  
George Fairchild.  
Washington State Prison No. 8208  
Age: 22 (in 1917)  
Height: 5 feet 10 3/8 inches  
Weight: 175 pounds  
Build: Muscular  
Hair: Light brown  
Eyes: Gray  
Complexion: Light  
Occupation: Laborer  
Place of birth: South Dakota

Criminal Record:  
Sentenced on 12/11/18 from Pierce  
County, Washington to 1 1/2 to 20 years  
in the Washington State Penitentiary  
at Walla Walla, Washington, for first  
degree forgery; paroled on 11/29/18.  
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There is nothing in the Illinois Bankers Association file relative to Theodore Bentz, likewise the names "big Homer" and Whitey Anderson do not appear therein.

Subsequent to the above investigation at the office of the Illinois Bankers Association, Agent again interviewed Mr. Smith, who stated that he believed that he has heard Mr. Saunders, in the past, speak of a hoodlum named "Big Homer" and he stated that he would write Mr. Saunders and request him to furnish what information he has in regard to this individual. As to Whitey Anderson, Mr. Smith was unable to recall this individual.

In the above connection it is noted that in the report of Special Agent B. L. Dameron at St. Louis dated November 28, 1933 in the case entitled Eddie Doll, with aliases, Fugitive, Chicago File No. 26-3139, that Mrs. Catherine Kelly informed Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd of the St. Louis Office at Memphis, Tennessee on September 28, 1933 that she was well acquainted with Doll, who was known to her as Eddie LaRue; that she met him in Fort Worth, Texas when Doll was with Ed Bentz and that Doll and Bentz were wanted at Colfax, Washington for a bank robbery.

Special Agent R. G. Eberstein of the Portland Office submitted a report in the above case dated December 27, 1933, wherein it is stated that two men in Colfax, Washington believed Doll to be one of four men who robbed the First Savings and Trust Bank of Colfax on September 21, 1932. This information confirms previous statements to the effect that Eddie Bentz has been closely associated with Eddie Doll.

An examination of the current telephone directory for Chicago reflects that there is no dentist listed therein as Barnack, referred to in the reference letter; however, the directory lists a Doctor Charles Barnack, 9204 Commercial Avenue, Chicago. Said address being in the Southern section of the city.

On February 24, 1934 Agent again conferred with Mr. Smith who advised that he had written Mr. Saunders in regard to "Big Homer" and that Saunders replied to him as follows:

"Now about Big Homer. If he is the man I think he is, he is an associate of the Sheltons and has been around with them in Peoria and I think Montgomery, Chief of Detectives at Peoria knows all about him. I understand he is a big man - weight over 200 - foreign extraction - dark complexion.

He hung out with Carrie Stevens of East St. Louis while down in that section. I will try to obtain more information about him and advise you later.

About Theodore and Ed Bentz. Ed Bentz was an associate of Albert Bates and was to be in the kidnaping of Urschel in Oklahoma, but just before the kidnaping he (Bentz) and the crowd fell out so Bentz missed that. He was wanted for a bank rap in Texas, but guess he got out of that - I am not sure. The best man to see is George Floman of the American Express Company, 1817 Garland Building, 58 East Washington Street, phone Harrison 9700; also our friend over at the Hartford Insurance Company. They know about this man perhaps more than anyone else. I made some notes about Bentz when Theodore was in your office, but later destroyed them. That is why there is no record in the IBA."

Mr. Smith stated to Agent that Mr. Saunders was in error about Theodore Bentz being in his, Smith's, office; that he has no recollection of ever talking to Theodore Bentz in his office, but he remembers talking to him in a hotel in Chicago on the occasion previously referred to, and this is undoubtedly what Mr. Saunders means in his letter. Mr. Smith also advised that the person mentioned by Saunders in the Hartford Fire Insurance Company is Mr. Paul Girard, Chief Special Agent of that Company, who is also mentioned in the letter of reference.

In reviewing the file in this case, Special Agent K. R. McIntire of this office, consolidated the following material facts in reference to the individual known as "Big Homer", who is an important suspect in the instant case.

The Detroit Division Office advised the St. Paul Office by letter on February 9, 1934 that Mrs. Catherine Kelly had advised that Big Homer is usually found loitering around the Island at Burnham, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago; that he is a very heavy set man, about 5 feet 8 inches in height, weighing 220 pounds and talks in a low tone of voice and is between 45 and 50 years of age.

Mrs. Kelly also confirmed the fact that Big Homer is a friend of Eddie Doll, alias LaRue. She stated that he is reported to drive a Cadillac four door sedan and is supposed to have a wife and baby, the latter being about 4 years old, living in Burnham, Illinois.

In a letter to the Jacksonville Office from Chicago, dated February 21, 1934, Big Homer is reported to have been married in Chicago in 1923 or 1924 to an unknown girl; that a man named George Bilton, a close friend of Homer's, was a witness to the above ceremony; that Bilton frequents Delaney's Saloon near 26th and Indiana Avenue, Chicago; that Bilton was supposed to be a chauffeur for Al Capone up to 1926 or 1927, since which time he has been a habitual drunkard. Bilton is supposed to be a friend of Tom Featherstone of the Chicago Police Department, who is in charge of a squad on the South side. Bilton is described as 36 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing 180 pounds and a very neat dresser.

In a letter of this office to the St. Paul Office dated February 17, 1934, it was pointed out that one, Babe Jones, upon interview by Special Agent Newman of this office, advised that Homer is also known as "The Big Moose"; that Homer has a very good friend, one, Willie Harrison, a former St. Louis police character and who now operates a saloon in Calumet City, Illinois. Harrison is reported to have been arrested in Chicago in 1930, 1931 or 1932 for participation in a bank job at Jefferson, Missouri, but was not extradited. Babe Jones described Big Homer as follows:

Age: about 40 years  
Height: 6 feet 2 or 3 inches  
Weight: 270 pounds  
Complexion: Dark  
Hair: Dark  
Very congenial personality and a good looking individual.

At the Office of the Bureau of Identification, Chicago Police Department, Agent ascertained the following criminal record of suspect, Edward W. Bents:

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In addition to the above record the following notations appear in the Chicago Police file:

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[REDACTED]

Agent requested the Identification Bureau of the Chicago Police Department to furnish three copies of Eddie Bentz's photograph. Owing to the press of other matters, the Identification Bureau was not able to supply these photographs immediately, but advised that during the course of the next few days they would prepare same and furnish the Chicago Office with them.

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The Identification Bureau at Chicago had no record of Theodore Bentz, however, at the Bureau of Records, Chicago Police Department, Agent ascertained that that Bureau has a record of two persons by the name of Theodore Benz, who apparently are different individuals.



In accordance with the request contained in the reference letter, Agent interviewed Mr. Paul Girard, Chief Special Agent of the Hartford Indemnity Company, Room A-1529, Insurance Exchange Building, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Girard stated that his office had had occasion to investigate the activities of Ed and Theodore Bentz in connection with bank robberies and attempts to dispose of loot therefrom; that he believes that the Bentz brothers were born in Grand Forks, North Dakota; that their family moved to Tacoma, Washington in the early youth of the boys; that Ed and Theodore Bentz have a brother by the name of George Bentz, who resides at 7124 Beldon Avenue, Chicago. George Bentz is a carpenter and a fairly respectable citizen - by this Girard means that he never knew George Bentz to be in any trouble, however, he does not think George Bentz would give any information as to the present whereabouts of his brothers.

Mr. Girard further stated that Ed Bentz is an associate of Albert Bates, Eddie LaRue and Fred Burke; that on November 12, 1931 the National Branch Bank at Madison, Indiana was held up by a large number of men; that fifty thousand dollars in bonds and some 8 thousand dollars in travellers checks were taken by the robbers; that on Thanksgiving Day, following the above robbery, Theodore Bentz tried to sell some of the above referred to travellers checks to a bank in Calgary, Canada; that the bank got suspicious and got in touch with the Officials of the National Branch Bank of Madison, who advised the Canadian bankers that the above referred to travellers checks were part of the loot from its vaults and requested that Theodore Bentz be picked up by the Canadian authorities. Girard stated that a few minutes after the Canadian bank received the above information, they had the police in Calgary pick Bentz up, and that the police found about five thousand dollars in cash and about two thousand dollars in travellers checks on his person; that the checks were identified as part of the loot from the above bank.

Mr. Girard further stated that Theodore Bentz was returned to the Indiana authorities at Madison, Indiana. However, no one who witnessed the above referred to robbery could identify him as participating in the hold up.

Shortly after the above incident, Ed Bentz was picked up by the authorities, but nobody who witnessed the robbery could identify him. The result of the above was that neither of the Bentz brothers were prosecuted for the above offenses. There was a charge filed against Theodore Bentz by the States Attorney at Chicago for possession of stolen property; Ted claiming to Chicago authorities that the travellers checks which he had in his possession when picked up in Canada, had been secured by him here. However nothing apparently came of the above referred to charges insofar as it effected Theodore Bentz.

Mr. Girard stated that the last time he saw Theodore Bentz was apparently the latter part of 1932 or sometime during January, 1933; that he last saw Ed Bentz in November, 1932 while Bentz was in jail in McKinney, Texas. He stated that Ed Bentz is known to the Seattle Police as number 6894 and that Theodore Bentz has been arrested by the police of Tacoma, Washington and San Francisco, California; that

Theodore Bentz's police number at Tacoma is 6605 and his San Francisco police number is 48921. Mr. Girard further stated that Ted Bentz is about 30 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weight, about 220 pounds, is clean shaven, medium complexion and is a radio engineer by trade. He stated that he is a much more polished individual than his brother Ed; that Ed is a typical "rough-neck" and the type who would go out and hold up a bank; that Ted is of the salesman type, is a good talker and is an excellent individual to dispose of "hot" goods. Both of the Bentz brothers, in Mr. Girard's opinion, would not hesitate to participate in a kidnaping job.

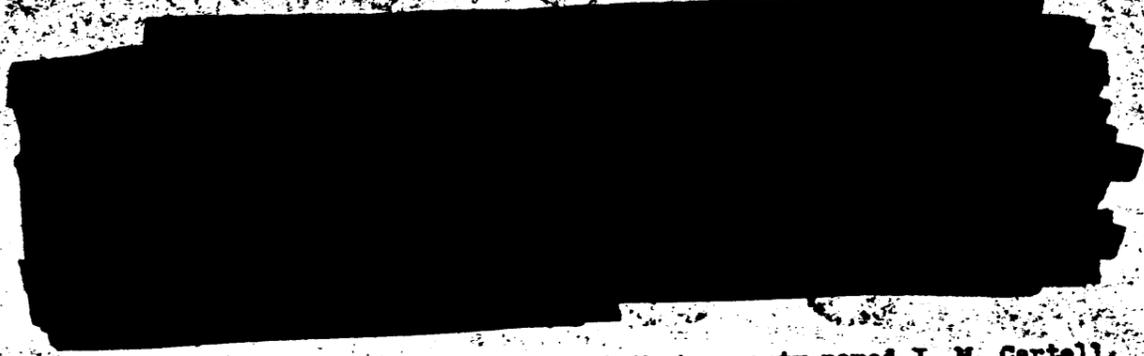
Mr. Girard further stated that, at the present time, Theodore Bentz is wanted by the Chicago office of the American Express Company for fraudulently issuing travellers checks of that concern; that on October 5, 1933 the American Express Company issued an Identification Order for Ted Bentz and offered a reward of \$100.00 for his capture. He further stated that Mr. G. B. Plowman, Chief Special Agent for the American Express Company at Chicago, is very desirous of effecting Ted Bentz's apprehension.

Agent interviewed Mr. H. C. Eldridge, Special Agent of the American Railway Express Company, who advised that his superior, Mr. Plowman is, at the present time, absent from the city and is not expected to return for at least a month. However, he, Eldridge was entirely familiar with the Ted Bentz case and discussed same fully with this Agent.

Mr. Eldridge stated that the American Express Company on October 5, 1933 issued an Identification Order for Ted Bentz, offering a hundred dollars reward for his capture; that to-date Bentz has not been apprehended and the above reward is outstanding. He stated that his company is desirous of prosecuting Ted Bentz for disposing of a number of American Railway Express Money Orders that were stolen. He furnished the following information in regard to Ted Bentz:

He stated that Ted Bentz's correct name is Theodore Everett Bentz; that he uses the alias of Ted Bentz and Edward Byron; that, among the former addresses used by this individual, is care of Mrs. Frank Keller, 816 South Grant Street, Tacoma, Washington, and the Homewood Hotel, Homewood, Illinois; that he is known at the Hershbeck

Motor Corporation, 5603 Hohman Avenue, Hammond, Indiana. Further, that at one time he rented safety deposit box number 4504, Columbus Memorial Building, Chicago.



Mr. Eldridge further advised that a party named J. M. Cartell, address unknown, wrote to Mr. O. D. Colby, Special Agent of the American Express Company, Seattle, Washington, on November 6, 1933, that Theodore Bentz and his nephew Ernest Johnson were at Reno, Nevada about the above time, but however, investigation by Colby at Reno failed to verify the above fact.

According to Mr. Eldridge, Ernest Johnson, who also goes by the name of Ernest Johnstone, a nephew of the Bentz brothers, is 23 years of age (1933), five feet nine one-half inches tall, weight 141 pounds, medium build, medium dark complexion, blue eyes and dark brown hair; that he has a scar over his left eye near the hair line. He is known to the Seattle police as number 14911, to the Tacoma police as number 6187 and to the Portland, Oregon police as number 12217.

According to Mr. Eldridge, a party named Charles LeRoy Kelso, Dallas, Texas police number 10564 is a brother-in-law of the Bentz brothers. He is supposed to be the husband of Pauline Bentz, who is known as Pauline Richards. Pauline Bentz is described as follows:

- Age: 37 years (1932)
- Height: 5 feet 9 inches
- Weight: 140 pounds
- Build: Medium
- Complexion: Medium
- Eyes: Hazel
- Hair: Auburn
- Kings County, Washington No. L-3847.

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According to Mr. Eldridge, the Bentz Brothers are close associates of George "Machine Gun Kelly" and A. L. Bates; that while these men were around Chicago last year they received mail through a Mrs. A. A. Turner, Lawrence Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

Concerning Edward Bentz, Mr. Eldridge stated that his correct name is Edward Wilhelm Bentz; that he had a bank account at the Continental and Commercial National Bank, Chicago, in the name of E. R. Richards, 745 South State Street, Chicago. He is also known as Ned Dewey, Ned R. Dewey, Neu Dewey, Fred Williams, Miles Dancher, Miles Dauncher, Jack O. Kearns, Arthur Desmond, Ned Roland Dewey, E. N. Bentz, G. B. Rainier and G. B. Renier. His former wife is Mrs. E. R. Ronaldson, alias Vera Bentz, who is known to the Seattle police as number 17109; that his present sweetheart is named either Marion Friedmark, Mary Friedmark or Vera Freemark, who formerly resided at 704 Monroe Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; that a Mrs. R. Capperton, 17907 Homewood Avenue, Homewood, Illinois, is a sister of the Bentz brothers and that they have a brother, George, who resides at 7124 Belden Avenue, Chicago. A Mrs. Frank Hays and Joe Wineberg are alleged to be friends of the Bentz's. Mrs. Frank Hays' address is 2340 Coleman Avenue, Chicago and Joe Wineberg's address is 28 West Harrison Street, Chicago.

Mr. Eldridge further stated that along about November 23, 1933 Mr. H. H. Maxwell, Chief Special Agent of the Railway Express Agency of Seattle, Washington, wrote a letter to his office advising that Ed Bentz was supposed to be living in or near Minneapolis, Minnesota about that time; however, his office conducted investigation there and the above lead was unproductive. He further stated that Mr. Colby of his Seattle Office advised him by letter on December 11, 1933, that the Bentz brothers and "Pretty Boy Floyd" were supposed to be living in the mountains, 125 miles South of Seattle; that this lead, up to-date, has been unproductive, inasmuch as he has heard nothing more from Colby in regard to the matter.

The following automobiles are used by Ed and Theodore Bentz:

1928 Model Oldsmobile Sedan, 1930 Illinois License plates number 736658, issued to Edward Byron, 2009 Ridge Road, Homewood, Illinois.

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1931 Model Ford Tudor Sedan, 1933 Illinois License plates number 865133, issued to G. B. Rainier, Shelbroke Hotel, Chicago.

He further stated that Ed Bentz was supposed to be driving a Lincoln Sedan, blue in color, with Illinois license plates at Chehalis, Washington on December 4, 1933. This information was also received by him from his Seattle representative, Mr. O. D. Colby.

Mr. Eldridge furnished this Agent with a number of the Identification Orders issued by his company for Theodore Bentz and they are being made a part of the Chicago file.

Subsequent to Agent's interview with Mr. Eldridge, Agent again interviewed Mr. Emory C. Smith, who advised that he had recently obtained a photograph and a copy of Ed Bentz's fingerprints. He furnished Agent with the above documents and same are being made a part of the Chicago file. The source of same, according to Mr. Smith, is the Chicago Police Department.

Inasmuch as Ed and Theodore Bentz and Big Homer are considered as suspects in the instant case, it is desired that these persons be apprehended and questioned in regard thereto, therefore, the following leads are being set forth with a view to apprehending these parties.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

##### ST. LOUIS OFFICE.

###### At Peoria, Illinois.

Is requested to interview Chief of Detectives Fred Montgomery and ascertain from him all information in his possession as to Big Homer; securing, if possible, photographs and fingerprints of this individual and transmit same to this office, as well as to the Division and to the St. Paul offices.

It is also suggested that the St. Louis Office, through its contacts at East St. Louis, Illinois, endeavor to ascertain something of Big Homer's identity.

###### At St. Louis, Missouri.

It is also suggested that the St. Louis Office interview Mr. Roscoe Saunders, who now resides at the American Hotel in St. Louis, and obtain from him what additional information, if any, he has as to the identity of Big Homer and Ed and Theodore Bentz.

PORTLAND OFFICE.

The attention of this office is directed to the various names and addresses of relatives and associates of the Bentz brothers in that territory referred to herein; same to be used by the Portland office in efforts to apprehend these two brothers. It is thought that contact by that office with the Seattle and Tacoma Police Departments together with an interview with Mr. O. D. Colby, Special Agent of the American Express Company, Seattle and Mr. H. H. Maxwell, Special Agent of the Railway Express Agency, Seattle, might be productive as to furnishing leads as to the present whereabouts of these men.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE.

The attention of this office is invited to the various addresses of relatives and friends of the Bentz brothers in San Francisco, referred to herein, and it is suggested that same be used by that office in their efforts to locate these boys for questioning in connection with this case.

CHICAGO OFFICE.

At Burnham, Illinois.

Will conduct appropriate investigation in an effort to locate Big Homer, keeping in mind the fact that Homer is supposed to have a wife and baby residing at that place; will also endeavor to contact George Bilton, who hangs out at Delaneys saloon near 25th and Indiana Avenue, Chicago, in an effort to locate Big Homer; will also contact Bilton through Officer Tom Featherstone of the Chicago Police Department.

At Chicago, Illinois.

Will also endeavor to locate Ed and Theodore Bentz by conducting investigation at various addresses of their friends, relatives and associates, referred to herein; keeping in contact with Mr. Emory Smith, Mr. Paul Girard and Mr. Eldridge, previously referred to.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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March 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

In a memorandum dated February 16, 1934, there is reported a telephone conversation with Mr. Purvis at Chicago, showing that I asked him to locate a brief bag of Mr. Dahill of St. Paul and transmit the brief bag to him.

Mr. Purvis stated he would do so on that date and incidentally remarked that he would not be surprised if the brief bag contained information concerning the Bohn and perhaps the Hamm kidnaping cases.

Confirming conversation with the Director's office today, I telephoned Mr. Purvis and found out that the brief bag had been forwarded to the St. Paul office yesterday, February 28, 1934, and the St. Paul office was being asked to deliver the brief bag to Chief Dahill.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

*Edward to Nathan*

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Director,  
Division of Investigation  
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Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases;  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM  
Kidnaping Detroit file 7-25

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memorandum from Special Agent R. C. Chapman of Cleveland, advising that he recently came in contact with one [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Telephone [redacted]

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[redacted] advised Agent Chapman that an individual known to him as Wilbur Pettijohn appeared in Cleveland some time in December, 1933, driving a dark colored Buick Coupe with a cream colored stripe, which car bore New York license plates, numbers unknown. That he was accompanied by a woman who was introduced as his, Pettijohn's, wife. [redacted] states that Pettijohn remained in Cleveland for a period of about two weeks and, when he departed, he indicated that he was going to either Detroit or Chicago [redacted] at the present time, is unable to furnish any information as to where Pettijohn resided while in Cleveland.

He further went on to state that an individual in Cleveland known as "Jimmie the Wop" had informed him that about five days following the release of Victim Bremer, Pettijohn was in Cleveland for a few days, displaying a roll of money and indicating that he had come from Chicago or Milwaukee. [redacted] stated that this man, Jimmie the Wop, seemed to be under the impression that perhaps Pettijohn might have been involved in the Bremer kidnaping. [redacted] states that he did not see Pettijohn on this occasion but that it is his information that Pettijohn left Cleveland within a few days, probably driving south.

[redacted] also advised that perhaps Pettijohn was involved in the Lake Factor kidnaping and also might have been involved with Basil Benghart and others in the mail robbery at Charlotte, North Carolina, in November, 1934. He further added that Pettijohn was sentenced in Federal Court at Cleveland, Ohio

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or five years ago to serve a term in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta following a conviction under the Dyer Act. [redacted] states that he became personally acquainted with many underworld characters while operating a garage in Cleveland and it was through this medium that he became acquainted with Pettijohn.

The files in this office reflect that one L. D. Pettijohn, Jr., alias W. B. Rankin, alias E. A. [redacted], was the Subject of an investigation of [redacted] in [redacted] was the office of origin in [redacted] concerning a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. It is noted in this particular file and in the report of Special Agent Cox, Charlotte, dated 8-16-30, that Pettijohn was sentenced from Cleveland on May 4, 1926, to serve 18 months at Atlanta. The Detroit Office does not have a file on this case and it is believed that the file concerning this offense is now in Cincinnati, which office covered the territory in which Cleveland is located in 1928.

The description of Pettijohn in the above report is given as follows:

Age: 41  
Height: 6 feet 1 inch  
Weight: 150 pounds  
Build: Slender  
Hair: Black  
Eyes: Hazel  
Occupation: Associated Press reporter  
Slight scar on left cheek  
Nose: Broken and is pointed to the right side of his face

This answers practically the same description as that given by [redacted] the informant at [redacted].

It is suggested, in view of the information furnished by [redacted] that Pettijohn's fingerprints, which are evidently on file at the Identification Unit, be examined for comparison with the latent fingerprints found with regard to the Bremer kidnaping. It is also suggested that the Division forward photographs of Pettijohn to the Chicago and St. Paul Offices.

A copy of this letter is also being forwarded to the Charlotte Office for such consideration as it might be given in connection with the mail robbery which occurred there on November 15, 1933.

It is [redacted] impression that Pettijohn will be back in Cleveland before long and, in the event the Division desires to locate him, he, [redacted] will put forth every effort in aiding us along this line.

cc - Chicago  
St. Paul  
Charlotte  
Cincinnati  
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Very truly yours,



Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
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625 Lafayette Building,  
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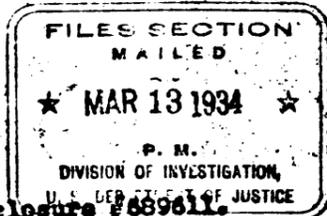
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 2, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al; Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

From the information appearing in the identification files of the Division it would appear the individual described as W. D. Pettijohn was received on November 3, 1933, in the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, to serve a sentence of 5 years, convicted of issuing fraudulent checks. Copies of the criminal record of Pettijohn who is Division No. 822725, are attached herewith for all offices which receive copies of this letter. The Kansas City office should determine whether this individual is at present incarcerated in the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City.

A photograph is transmitted herewith to the Detroit office in order that it may be exhibited to the informer at Cleveland, Ohio, to determine if he is identical with Wilbur Pettijohn described to Special Agent Chapman.

Very truly yours,



Director.

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Copies to:  
Mr. W. A. Rorer - St. Paul,  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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Mr. Rorer called from St. Paul (10:30 A. M.) He advised that he desired Agents O. G. Hall, Coulter, Motesteen, Halls, Noonan, V. H. Peterson, Reinecke and Fortenberry at St. Paul in connection with the Bremer case. Agent Fortenberry 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 Korn 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. If 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 that former Chief of Police Brown [redacted] 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-Mash gang, by Mr. Mahoney, Mayor of St. Paul. This criticism was alleged to have been made by Mr. Maho in 1932 while he was campaigning for re-election.

Respectfully,

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H. H. Clegg.

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Edwin A. Brown b7c

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February 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

I telephoned Mr. Rorer at St. Paul in regard to the investigation of the Bremer case. He stated that they are making more headway than this morning; that the girl positively identified the cap; and that with regard to the flashlight, the girl stated that he had a little red disc in his hand and wanted to buy some similar. Mr. Rorer was very much pleased with the work done by Agent Notestein in identifying this girl. Mr. Rorer stated that when other evidence was turned over to him the cap was not included by Mr. Hanni, and that he discovered it only this morning. I instructed him to make a careful check to see that nothing else has been hidden away.

Mr. Rorer wishes to have Agents Hall, Coulter, Notestein, Halls, Noonan, Peterson, Reinecke and Breman on the case. Agent Fortenberry is now assigned to the case, but will be released when they have finished interviewing the victim. Mr. Blake is returning to Dallas. Agents Hardy, Dodd, and Anderson are left in the St. Paul Office with Agent in Charge Hanni to handle the regular work of that office. I advised him that a stenographer is leaving Chicago this evening for St. Paul. I again told Mr. Rorer that he is of course in complete charge of this investigation and that he may call on the St. Paul Office or any other office to run out leads.

Mr. Rorer advised me that the memorandum being prepared relative to conditions in St. Paul and Minneapolis is being mailed to us tonight.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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March 2, 1934.

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

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent B. M. Hirsh, dated February 27, 1934, and special attention is called to the investigation concerning the pillow in the above named report. The investigation at this office was conducted in compliance with the report of reference. *m*

At Charles Bloom, Inc., 15 East 26th Street, New York City, Mr. Bloom stated upon examination of the pillow top that it appears to be a domestic product; that it was probably sold at least ten years ago. Its execution indicates that the braid and muslin top were gathered separately. It would be necessary, in order to determine the manufacturer of this pillow, to examine the pillow form, and an examination was so conducted. There appeared to be a printed word on the upper side of the pillow form, apparently reading "COKE", under which appeared to be the numbers 22 x 26, indicating that the size of the pillow form was 22" by 26". Upon measuring the pillow, it was found that the numbers coincided with the printed matter on the muslin, of which the pillow was made. Further examination of the pillow form disclosed that it was made of an unbleached muslin of a very cheap grade, and which is not customarily used by the manufacturers of pillows. The pillow top apparently indicates a design of foreign nature and appears to be that of a Pierrot and Pierrette, usually found in the designs of France and Italy. The pillow top is made of a cotton back goods, having a cheap plush rayon face, and is usually found in goods used for upholstery pillows, and decorative pillows used for davenport, couches and the like.

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At the Patent Division, located at the New York Public Library, examination of the trade names and trade marks contained therein was made, to ascertain if the word COKE or any variation of same was registered. This check of the records was made from 1915 to date and nothing bearing upon this identification could be made. Examination of Thomas' Directory was also made, to determine if any firms doing business under the above stated name were listed. The records revealed no like or similar name.

At the John Wanamaker stores, Broadway at 9th Street, New York City, buyers of the Upholstery, Curtain, Drapery, Bedspread and Pillow Departments were interviewed to determine whether they had ever handled such an article, and whether they were familiar with its manufacture or distribution. No information of any value could be ascertain from those interviewed which would directly point to the identity of same, and the possibility that it ever had been handled by this shop. Miss Tyson, in charge of the Drapery Department, advised that the pillow and pillow form might be of home made origin; that it apparently showed a great deal of wear, and to the best of her knowledge would be at least ten or fifteen years old. She also stated that she had never seen this particular type of pillow on display in any other department stores.

At the Silk Association of America, Inc., 468 Fourth Avenue, New York City, Miss Bunt, Secretary of the Association, stated that the pillow form and pillow top are of unusual design, and that in all her experience she had never come in contact with this particular type of pillow. Examination of the records of textile design indicated that no such pattern had ever been registered with this Association. She also stated that registration of designs was usually confined to silks used in the manufacture of ladies' dresses, and that this custom had been instituted approximately four years ago. Prior to that time no concerted effort was made to register pattern designs. Examination of the pillow top was made by Mr. McCready, expert of the Velvet and Plush Department, of the Silk Association of America, who stated that the pillow top was either of foreign manufacture or made in a home; that it was customary for women years ago to purchase patterns on this particular type of cotton cloth having a plush facing, upon which they would dye certain colors and by means of a special needle containing a dissolving solution outline their particular pattern which they desired to be obtained.

Mr. Abe Blumenthal, of Sidney Blumenthal & Company, 1 Park Avenue, stated that his particular firm was engaged in the manufacture of all types of curtains, draperies, bedspreads, pillows, and various types of cloths used in practically every type of manufacture, and

and that to his knowledge his firm had never handled this particular type of plush velvet. Experts in the employ of the above named company were interviewed to determine whether they had ever come in contact with this particular type pillow top, and they could come to no definite conclusion in determining whether the particular case in question was made by a domestic firm or whether it was of foreign manufacture.

Mr. Pillsbury, superintendent of the P. R. Mitchell, Inc., located at 548 West 23rd Street, manufacturers of pillow forms, stated that the particular pillow form submitted to him for examination was not manufactured by a New York pillow manufacturer, and came to this conclusion after examining the contents of the pillow, which is comprised of a kapok filling mixed with cotton scraps. All pillows manufactured in the state of New York must be submitted for approval to the Department of Bedding, a branch of the Department of Labor of the state of New York, and before such pillows are approved must bear a tag stating that the contents of the pillow are either kapok, down or cotton, and percentages of these ingredients must be stated on the tags attached to the pillow forms sold by the retailers. This law has been in effect for the last fifteen years, and in view of the type of filler and muslin used, it is the belief of Mr. Pillsbury that this particular type of pillow was manufactured in a state having no strict regulations concerning the manufacture of bedding. He suggested that the Better Bedding Alliance of America, located at 608 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, be interviewed to determine the identification of the word "COKE" on the pillow form. He stated that this particular publication has on file a list of all trade names not registered at the Patent Office. It also has a list of all firms submitting advertisements to the publication and engaged in the manufacture of pillow forms.

At the Labor Department, New York City, Department of Bedding, L. A. Havens, Director, examined the pillow, pillow top and contents, stating that this apparently was a foreign product, either brought into this country or manufactured by someone at home. It is the duty of this particular department to examine all bedding produced in the state of New York for approval and distribution throughout the state. This particular design of pillow top is not familiar to Mr. Havens, and it is not customary for pillow manufacturers to sew the pillow form in the particular manner in which this pillow form was executed. An examination of the kapok contents of the pillow was made in the laboratory of this department, and the result showed it to contain 50% cotton and 50% kapok, of an inferior grade, which has never been used by manufacturers in this state and is of a secondary class, usually gathered from second hand

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pillows. The particular type of cotton apparently seems to be of foreign growth, and is the type grown in Egypt. This, however, could not be determined, because the available tests could not be run at this time. Mr. Havens also advised that this pillow form may have been manufactured, assuming that it was of domestic make, in Chicago, where the requirements are not as strict as those in this state, and he suggested that the following manufacturers be interviewed:

The Economy Pillow Company  
Ettinger Manufacturing Company  
Rose Lace Manufacturing Company  
Edson Novelty Company.

The pillow and pillow top are being forwarded to the Chicago office by registered mail, under separate cover, for proper investigation.

Very truly yours,

*F. X. Fay*

F. X. FAY  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-St. Paul  
Chicago  
Washington Field.

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota.**

S. A. FILE NO. **7-41**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>San Antonio, Texas.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>March 1, 1934</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2- 5, 16, 21, 23, 24 26, 27 -34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>J. V. Murphy</b>
TITLE: <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Mrs. Nora Mauher, 1717 Chenevert Street, Houston, sister-in-law of Paula Harmon, nee Brannan, furnished information relative to Paula Harmon and her associates, and her photographs. Investigation developed Paula Harmon, as Polly Walker, nee Brannan, arrested Houston Police Department their No. 4038, March 5, 1933. Photograph and fingerprints obtained from Houston Police. Houston Police records show Paula Harmon arrested 2-26-26 at Rock Island, Illinois, as Mrs. C. P. Harmon, P. D. #1305.

**REFERENCE:** Reports of Special Agents C. B. Winstead, Dallas, Texas, 1-31-34, and H. T. Arterberry, Dallas, Texas, 2-16-34, and telegram of SAC Hanni, St. Paul, Minnesota, 2-19-34.

**DETAILS:** Mrs. Marvin T. Treadwell, 1708 Chartress Street, Houston, Texas, sister-in-law of Paula Harmon, was interviewed and stated that she had little or nothing to do with Paula Harmon, wife of her brother, C. P. Harmon; that her sister, Mrs. Nora Mauher, 1717 Chenevert Street, could furnish more information than any of the relatives of her brother, C. P. Harmon relative to Paula Harmon. Mrs. Treadwell stated that she had nothing to do with Paula Harmon, and therefore, would not have any information of value concerning her; that possibly her sister, Mrs. J. A. Bryan, of 1708 Travis Street, Houston, Texas, might be able to supply some information regarding Paula Harmon.

Mrs. Phillip (Nora) Mauher, Apartment #2, 1717 Chenevert Street, Houston, was interviewed. She stated that she does not know the present whereabouts of Paula Harmon; that she has had no contact with her in some time. Mrs. Mauher

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stated that in her opinion none of her sisters would have any information concerning Paula or her whereabouts; that she assisted Paula and her husband, Curtis Preston Harmon, prior to his death in the fall of 1931, in keeping him hid from the authorities, but since his death she has nothing to conceal and will assist in every way in locating Paula, his wife, as she is of the opinion that much of her brother's (C. P. Harmon) troubles were due to influences of Paula Harmon, his wife. She stated that in 1931 she and her family were residing in Kansas City, Missouri, and her brother, C. P. Harmon, was serving a term in Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary; that during the time Curtis Preston Harmon, her brother, was in Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary his wife, Paula Harmon, was staying with some people in St. Paul, Minnesota, who operated a road house and where various criminals frequented. She does not know the name or location of the road house.

With reference to telephone numbers in memorandum book of personal effects of Paula Harmon, as set forth on Page #4, of reference report of Special Agent Winstead, Dallas Office, 1-31-54, Mrs. Mauher stated that Paula during her visits at her home mentioned the name of "Lydia Johnson, Ken-2082," and she must be a friend of her's; that "Callie, Douglas 0869" is a negro maid of Paula's and wherever Paula may be in Chicago she will have this negro maid "Callie" working for her; that she recalls Paula mentioning a friend of her's in Chicago by the name of Madline, and she, Mrs. Mauher, is of the opinion that Madline is the wife of one Jack Snider, a Greek or Italian. Also Paula mentioned the name of her good friend Sue Gordon, Buck 1460, which, in opinion of Mrs. Mauher, is a resident and personal friend of Paula's in Chicago. Mrs. Mauher stated that if Paula is in Chicago she will be found in the company of her personal friend Madline Snider. She also stated that at one time Paula had an apartment on Diversey Parkway, exact number unknown, in Chicago, and she sold her furnishings to her friend Madline; that when she had the place she had the negro maid, "Callie" working for her.

Mrs. Mauher furnished Agent with two snapshots of Paula Harmon, nee Branhan, one of which was taken prior to the time she had an automobile accident in January, 1932, and the other since January, 1932; that as result of the accident, Paula received a broken nose, which left a scar across the base of the bridge of her nose, and slightly dislocated her cheekbones. Mrs. Mauher stated she has no other information regarding Paula Harmon.

The above information was furnished SAC Jones by telephone, for transmittal to interested offices.

Mrs. Joseph A. Bryan, Apartment 35, 1708 Travis Street, Houston, was interviewed and she stated that she has no information regarding present whereabouts of Paula Harmon; that she last saw her in 1931 or 1932, when Paula came to see

her regarding the insurance carried by Curtis Preston Harmon; that her brother, Curtis Preston Harmon, had made her, Mrs. Bryan, the beneficiary of his insurance policy, and after his marriage to Paula Brennan, he then had same changed, making Mrs. Paula Harmon the beneficiary; that after her brother, C. P. Harmon, was killed, Paula Harmon called upon her to find out if Curtis Preston Harmon had made change in the beneficiary of his insurance policy. Mrs. Bryan stated that she informed Paula Harmon that her brother, Curtis Preston Harmon, had changed the beneficiary of his insurance policy to his wife, Mrs. Paula Harmon, and if he had not, she Mrs. Bryan, certainly would have collected same upon his death, and Mrs. Paula Harmon would never have received one cent of it. Mrs. Bryan stated she had no regard for Paula Harmon, and had nothing to do with her, and could not furnish any information regarding present whereabouts of her.

An effort was made to locate Charles M. and Mrs. Francis Face, a former salesman and wife, in Houston, Texas, who were friends of Mrs. Paula Harmon, without success. Upon interviewing Mrs. Mauher again she stated that she sewed for Mrs. Charles Face, but Mrs. Face had often inquired of her if she knew where Paula was located. She is of the opinion that Mrs. Face can furnish no information regarding Paula's whereabouts, and if Agent would interview her, Mrs. Face would not divulge Paula's location, if she know.

Mrs. Mauher stated that when her brother, Curtis Preston Harmon, was in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, Paula Harmon resided at 4017 Pine Grove, Chicago, Illinois, under the name of Marie Merritt. Also she lived in an apartment one block off Sheridan Drive, street address unknown, and Paula later sold her apartment furnishings to her girl friend named "Louise." Mrs. Mauher further stated that about June, 1933, Paula Harmon was at the Baltimore Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, and she sent some money to Theodore Riley, at Beaumont, Texas, her boy friend.

A check of identification records of the Houston Police Department was made regarding Paula Harmon and her various aliases, but no record could be found of her.

The above information was furnished to SAC Jones, San Antonio Office, by telephone for taking up for transmittal to interested offices.

An effort was made to ascertain location of Carl C. Curry, friend of Paula Harmon, through the Postoffice Department, but they have no record of such person. 1930-31 City Directory of Houston lists Carl C. (Rose F) Curry, automobile salesman, 1411 Dumble Street, but interview at this location discloses he is not residing there and his present location is not known. The Postoffice Department state they have no forwarding address on Carl C. Curry, as records are not kept on forwarding address but two years. Check of Police records, Houston Police

Department, disclosed no record of Carl C. Curry.

On February 21, 1934, Mr. Don Dever, Kansas State Highway Officer, at Houston, Texas, informed Agent that Fred Barker has a sweetheart at Miami, Oklahoma, by the name of Joan Armour (sometimes pronounced "Amur"); that she is corresponding regularly with Barker. Mr. Dever also stated that Mrs. Chasteen, who resided in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and is the mother of Bob Chasteen, now serving State sentence in Oklahoma State Penitentiary, is now unfriendly to Fred Barker, former associate of her son, Bob Chasteen, and she may be able to furnish information regarding Fred Barker, which may lead to his whereabouts. Mr. Dever also stated there is a tourist camp located just off the highway at the South approach of the Sand Springs, Oklahoma, bridge over the Arkansas River, which is operated by a man named Smith, alias "Humpty," alias "Goggle Eye," who is friendly to all criminals, and many criminals have stopped at his tourist camp. This information was also furnished the San Antonio Office by telephone for transmittal.

This Agent, assisted by Special Agent E. H. Parker, after checking various taxi cab companies, located Theodore Riley at Ford Taxi Company, 2409 Avenue "E" Galveston, Texas, who stated that he is now residing at 2419 Avenue "E" Galveston. He stated that he knew Paula Harmon, nee Brannan, in Beaumont, Texas, where he lived with her for a period of time. He stated he has not seen her since she left Beaumont, Texas, in April or May, 1933, for Chicago, Illinois, when he took her to the airport field for departure; that after she left she returned in about ten days or two weeks, and in a few days again left, stating she was going to Chicago, Illinois, and he was unaware of her whereabouts as he has not heard from her or seen her since. Riley stated that after Paula left the second time, she called him by long distance telephone from Kansas City, Missouri, and then sent him \$40.00 by mail; that at time she called him she did not state where she was stopping in Kansas City. Riley stated he does not know where Paula Harmon may be located in either Chicago, St. Paul, or Kansas City, and does not know any of her friends in those cities. Photograph of Paula Harmon which was obtained from Mrs. Nora Mauher in Houston, was exhibited to Theodore Riley, and he readily identified same as that of Paula Harmon, nee Paula Brannan. Theodore Riley stated that Paula was never much of a letter writer, and that she probably would not have written him in a period of 30 days.

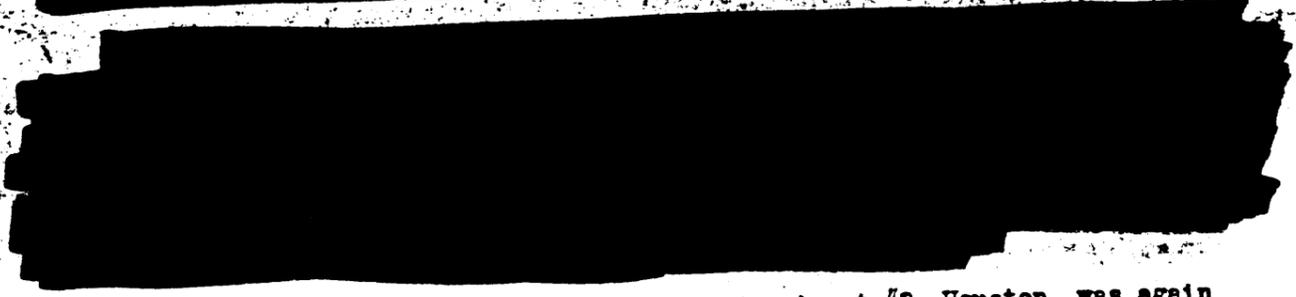
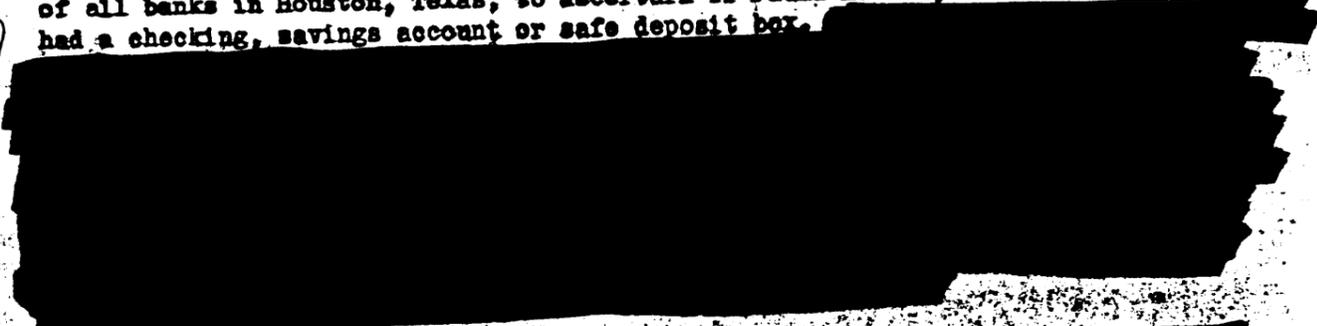
Mr. Joe Passarelli, Proprietor of Buccaneer Garage, 2224 Avenue "Q", Galveston, Texas, was interviewed and stated he formerly resided in Beaumont, Texas, but does not recall anyone by the name of Paula Brannan. Photographs of Paula Harmon, nee Brannan, were exhibited to Mr. Passarelli, and he again stated he does not recall such a person.

Mr. Ollie Quinn was located and interviewed at the De Luxe Club, 421 21st Street, Galveston, Texas, which club he operates. He stated that he does not know such a person as Paula Brannan or Paula Harmon, and there is no one by that name living with him. Photographs of Paula Harmon, nee Brannan, were exhibited to Ollie Quinn, and he again stated he does not know any such person. He stated that about seven or eight years ago he kept company with a girl from Beaumont by the name of "Polly" but he does not know where she is now, and that City Detective Moore, Galveston Police Department, had made inquiry of him regarding the same matter several days ago.

Chief of Detectives Dave Henry, Galveston Police Department, was interviewed and stated that they received inquiry from Chief of Police Kennedy, Beaumont, regarding Paula Brannan, but they were unable to obtain any information concerning her or anyone or information of her present whereabouts.

Agent was informed by SAC Jones, San Antonio Office, by telephone on February 23, that Paula Harmon, nee Paula Brannan had a bank account in Houston, Texas, and to check local banks for information regarding same. Check was made of all banks in Houston, Texas, to ascertain if Paula Harmon, nee Paula Brannan, had a checking, savings account or safe deposit box.

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Mrs. Nora Mauher, 1717 Chenevert Street, Apartment #2, Houston, was again interviewed and stated that Paula Harmon, nee Paula Brannan, never resided at 2201 North Boulevard, Houston, in 1932 or 1933; that this address is that of Mrs. Larson, sister of Mrs. Mauher, and if Paula Brannan gave that address as her address it was unknown to Mrs. Larson, as Paula has never visited at any time at home of Mrs. Larson.

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After considerable checking of identification records of Houston Police Department with Special Agent E. H. Parker and Mr. Henry Keller, Superintendent Identification Bureau, Houston Police Department, there was found in records of this Police Department record of arrest of one "Polly Walker, nee Brannan" on 5-5-33, charge loitering, Houston Police Department #4038. From the description of "Polly Walker" and place of her nativity, it was believed that she was the same as Paula Harmon, nee Paula Brannan. Photograph of Polly Walker was exhibited to Mrs. Nora Mauher, sister-in-law of Paula Harmon, 1717 Chenevert Street, Apartment #2, Houston, who positively identified same as that of Paula Brannan. Photographs and copies of fingerprints of Polly Walker, Houston P.D. #4038, were obtained and forwarded to the San Antonio Office on February 27th for transmittal to the office of origin.

In checking records of the Identification Bureau, Houston Police Department, it was noted on record of Curtis Preston Harmon, Houston P/D/ #2648, that he was killed about 10-22-1931 at Meonminee, Wisconsin, in the Kraft State Bank Robbery of October 20, 1931; also this record states that Mrs. C. P. Harmon, Rock Island, Illinois, P. D. #1303, was arrested with C. P. Harmon, their #1305, James Ira Harmon, their #1306, and Leota Graham, their #1304, on charge of robbery of Underwood, Iowa, Postoffice; that they were returned to Council Bluff, Iowa, 2-26-26, and held for Federal Grand Jury, and the women released.

Mr. Henry Keller stated that according to notation he made on criminal records of C. P. Harmon, Houston P. D. #2648, Mrs. C. P. Harmon on 9-9-32 came to the Identification Bureau of the Houston Police Department to secure copy of the fingerprints of Curtis Preston "Charlie Harmon" for purpose of establishing the identification and death of her husband, C. P. Harmon, who was killed about 10-22-31, but his identity was not established; that her purpose in securing these fingerprints was to establish the death of her husband and to collect his War Risk Insurance, which he carried while he was in the United States Navy. Mr. Keller stated he did not take Mrs. Paula Harmon's fingerprints and does not have copy of same, but did make impression, at her request, of four of her fingerprints on a form she had for the purpose of establishing claim for her deceased husband's War Risk Insurance, which she evidently sent to the Government at Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Nora Mauher, upon being further interviewed, stated she was separated from her husband, Phillip Mauher, for a number of years, and that she communicated with him several times each month; that she is of the opinion that if he knew of the whereabouts of Paula he would certainly have informed her.

The above information was transmitted to the San Antonio Office by telephone for the purpose of requesting auxiliary offices to expediate leads and check information obtained.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

Dallas Office: At Beaumont, Texas - as per telephonic advice from San Antonio Office check records of telephone #6955 for any long distance calls during period the phone was held by Paula Harmon.

Oklahoma City Office: Data relative to Tourist Camp, Sand Springs road furnished for whatever use it may be in checking movements of persons mentioned in this or any other case.

San Antonio Office: Will prepare composite picture of all photos, the fingerprints, and signature of Paula Harmon, and furnish Washington, and each Bureau Office with copies.

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March 14, 1934

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

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, deceased  
Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases -  
Fugitive, I.O. #1201  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Page 4 of the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, dated at San Antonio, Texas, March 1, 1934, in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim, Kidnaping, wherein it is noted that one Theodore Riley stated upon being interviewed that Paula Harmon left Beaumont, Texas in April or May, 1933 for Chicago, Illinois, and that she later returned to Beaumont, Texas, and after a stay of a few days again departed for Chicago, Illinois; that shortly after the second departure from Beaumont, Texas, Paula Harmon called him by long distance telephone from Kansas City, Missouri, and later sent him \$40 by mail.

From present indications, it appears that Paula Harmon is now associating with members of the so-called Barker-Karpis Gang; that during June, 1933 she was residing with members of this gang at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, that a long distance call was traced from Kansas City, Missouri to the Hollyhocks Inn at St. Paul, Minnesota on the night before the massacre at Kansas City, and that possibly a member or members of the Barker-Karpis Gang made a hurried trip either by air or automobile to Kansas City, Missouri and participated in the massacre.

In order to establish the whereabouts of Paula Harmon, it is suggested that long distance telephone calls be checked for the purpose of locating the long distance call referred to above.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

cc San Antonio  
St. Paul

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- MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE R. G. HARVEY -

York, Pa., March 2, 1934.

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

Reference is made to letter from the St. Paul Office dated February 17, 1934, and letter from the New York Office, dated February 21, 1934.

The photostatic copy of the wall paper design, according to Victim Bremer's conception of the wall paper in the room of his confinement during his abduction, was on this date exhibited to J. Eisenhart, Works Manager, R. Euler, and William Burton, designer, of the United Wall Paper Co., Inc., Carlisle and Linden Avenues, York, Pa.

Mr. Burton finally recalled a pattern which he designed a few years ago for the Sears Roebuck and Company, Chicago, Illinois. This pattern is Sidewall Style #515 of the 1931 line of Sears Roebuck and Company. The only sample on hand was torn from 1931 catalogue of Sears, Roebuck and Company, and furnished to this agent. It is approximately 24 inches in length and 20 inches in width, although the bottom tree has been cut out, leaving a hole of two by five inches in the specimen.

With regard to the design, there are four trees to each complete design in a diamond effect and not on horizontal plane, as understood from the victim's conception. It may be stated that on the specimen obtained there are only three trees, counting the one which has been cut out for some purpose in the past by the wall paper company. There appears to be a cluster of flowers, seemingly attached to a small branch between each two trees, in accordance with the victim's conception. These flowers, which are also on the trees, are of different colors, including yellow, pinkish red, and blue, and are similar in shape and of three to five petal effect.

With regard to the fence it may be stated that there is a fence effect at the base of each tree; the fence at the upper left hand portion consisting of ten parts, including horizontal and vertical parts; the fence at the upper right hand portion consisting of nine parts, and the fence in the middle lower part consisting of eleven parts. As previously stated, the tree and fence at the top of the diamond design are not contained on the specimen.

In addition to the above, the background or foundation of the design appears to be similar to that shown in the photostat.

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None of the above mentioned officials of the United Wall Paper Company could recall any other patterns similar to the photostatic copy but stated that the original design as well as a complete specimen could be obtained from Mr. H. A. Hauptli, manager, Sears, Roebuck and Company, 1017 South Homan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. It was further learned that this design was especially drawn for Sears, Roebuck and Company and that company was the only one which manufactured or sold the same. It is believed that if this be so, and the particular pattern is identified by the victim, practically all of the sales can be traced. The particular pattern is stated to be of a cheap variety, possibly 5¢ to 9¢.

W. L. LISTERMAN,  
Special Agent.

735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

March 2, 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

Pursuant to information furnished by the St. Paul and New York Offices, a further interview was had by Special Agent J. F. Listerman with William Burton, one of the expert designers of the United Wall Paper Factories, Inc., York, Pa., who, after viewing the photographic copy of the design furnished, recalled that he designed a similar pattern for Sears Roebuck & Co., mail order house, Chicago, Ill., same being pattern 618 of the year 1931 line. According to Mr. Burton, this was the only year that this particular pattern was manufactured for Sears Roebuck & Co., and they are the only concern which sold this pattern. Mr. Burton advised that this pattern resembles almost identically the rough sketch drawing furnished by the St. Paul Office. The only sample in possession of the United Wall Paper Factories, Inc., at the present time, is 18" square. This sample was forwarded to the Philadelphia Office by Agent Listerman and is being transmitted to the St. Paul Office in order that it may be exhibited to the victim. In the event this paper is identified, the Chicago Office should be requested to make appropriate investigation.

It will be observed that the rough sketch prepared as a result of information furnished by the victim shows four sections of fence, there being eleven posts in the upper left corner. It will be observed that the attached design shows ten posts in the upper left corner. It will also be observed that the victim's design contains nine posts in the upper and lower right sides, and that the attached design contains nine posts in the upper right side. The attached design is quite identical, in that it shows the branch of a tree with a sort of flower effect. It will be noted that other flowers are scattered throughout the design, in conformity with victim's description. The flowers are orange, blue, and greenish in color.

Mr. Burton suggested that H. A. Hautli, manager, Sears Roebuck & Co., 1017 South Womon Avenue, Chicago, Ill., be interviewed. In view of the fact that

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Sears Roebuck & Co. keep invoices on sales, it was Mr. Burton's opinion that we might be able to locate records of the sale of this particular pattern. He informed that it is a cheap paper, costing between 8¢ and 9¢ a roll.

It is suggested that, in the event the attached design is identified by the victim, the St. Paul Office request the Chicago Office to conduct appropriate investigation.

Very truly yours

R. G. Harvey  
Special Agent in Charge

RGH:VTC

cc: Division  
New York  
Chicago  
Enclosure

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Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT		SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA		FILE NO. 7-82
REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 3/2/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/24-27/34	REPORT MADE BY E. R. MCINTIRE	
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; et al --- UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE - 0 KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS Investigation at Crystal Lake, Marengo and Cary, Illinois and Burlington, Wisconsin made in effort to locate the hideout in which Victim BREMER was held, unsuccessful.				
REFERENCE: Telegram from Saint Paul Office to Chicago Office, dated Febr. 22, 1934; letter from the Saint Paul Office to the Chicago Office, dated February 21, 1934.				
DETAILS: <u>At Chicago, Illinois</u> The following investigations were conducted by the Agents hereinafter mentioned, at Crystal Lake, Marengo and Cary, Illinois and at Burlington, Wisconsin, in keeping with the reference telegram and letter, in the hope of locating the point at which BREMER was held by his abductors. The results of the investigations are being set out in memorandum form for the purpose of conserving time and expediting the reporting of same:  The following investigation was conducted at Marengo, Illinois by Special Agent R. A. Knittle:				
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At Marengo, Illinois

On February 23, 1934, Agent proceeded to Marengo, Illinois, by Division car, and interviewed Father D. P. Drennan, Pastor of the Sacred Heart Church, 323 North Taylor Street, who had made a reply to the circular letter sent to the Catholic Churches by the Saint Paul Division Office in regard to the ringing of church bells.

Father Drennan advised that on each Saturday afternoon, at approximately 6:00 o'clock, a bell was rung by the Lutheran Church, which bell also rang each Sunday morning.

On Sunday mornings another bell, that of the Methodist Church, was also rung. In regard to a factory whistle, Father Drennan advised that there were none in Marengo, nor in the vicinity, which could be heard in that city. He also advised that a fire siren is blown each weekday evening at 6:00 o'clock, except Sunday, and that it did not sound at any other time. He advised that on Sunday, December 31, 1933, this siren was blown at about 5:00 or 6:00 A.M., when it sounded one long blast.

In regard to the sounds heard by Victim, indicating a highway, it is noted that U. S. Highway #20 passes through the heart of Marengo, and that the course of cars or trucks being driven thereon might be stopped by one traffic light situated on the intersection of the two main streets of Marengo.

In an interview with the Station Master of the Chicago, Northwestern Railway, the only railroad passage through Marengo, it was learned that the following trains pass through that town:

Passenger trains: West bound -- 11:28 A.M.  
East bound -- 5:40 P.M.

Freight trains: East bound -- 10:00 P.M.  
West bound -- 2:00 A.M.

Also a local freight: East bound 9:30 A.M.,  
West bound 2:00 P.M.

Note: This local freight runs in one direction one day and returns the next.

Postmaster Metcalfe was interviewed and substantiated the above details in regard to the ringing of bells, blowing of whistles and sirens, as related by Father Drennan."

At Crystal Lake, Illinois

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. C. Jamison, on February 27, 1934.

At 5:45 A.M., the undersigned arrived at Crystal Lake, Illinois. The business section of this town is about two miles from State Highway No. 14, which passes through its outskirts. The main line of the Northwestern Railway passes through the business section of the town. There are a number of side tracks paralleling the main track, but only a few empty freight cars were standing on the tracks.

Agent observed five churches in Crystal Lake, four of which are located close to the business section. The fifth is located adjacent to Route No. 14 on the outskirts of the town.

A check was made in all parts of the town for factory and business establishments, but the only ones observed were a rather large greenhouse, a quarry or gravel bed, a lumber and coal yard, and one or two other smaller establishments. None of these was sufficiently large to indicate that there would be any large degree of switching of freight cars and trains about on the railroad tracks.

A check was also made to determine whether or not there was a sufficiently large volume of truck traffic through the town or any steep grades or stop signs at main intersections, which would require the shifting of gears. There was found to be a large volume of traffic on Highway No. 14, but there were no stop signs or grades which would require the traffic to slow down or stop in the vicinity of the town. There was very little truck traffic through the town.

The only sounds observed by Agent were from a factory whistle which blew at 7:00 A.M. No siren was blown at this time or at any time from 5:45 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Discreet inquiry about the town did not produce any information which would show that a factory whistle and a siren sounded at approximately the same time or that any siren was blown in the town.

It was also observed that the locations of the churches were such that if church bells were heard at all, bells of at least four would also be heard.

Agent observed two engines coaling at a coal station located on the Northwestern main line, but there were no indications of any switching being done. The exhaust from the engines was barely

heard through the closed windows of the automobile at a distance of only four or five blocks from the railroad yards, and it does not seem possible that the noise could be heard at a distance of half a mile through closed windows.

It was the conclusion of this Agent, from the inspection of the town and the information obtained, that it did not answer the requirements as set forth in the letter from the Saint Paul Office, dated February 21, 1934."

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At Burlington, Wisconsin

The following investigation was conducted at Burlington, Wisconsin by Special Agent S. K. McKee on February 24, 25, 1934:

Observations were made by this Agent at Burlington, Wis., on February 24 and 25, 1934. On the first day, observations were made for factory whistles, church bells and sirens from 5:45 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. and on the following day from 5:45 A.M. until 11:30 A.M., and the following was noted:

February 24, 1934: 7:00 A.M., a flute-like whistle;  
12:00 Noon, a whistle;  
1:00 P.M., a whistle;  
6:00 P.M., church bells.

February 25, 1934: 8:40 A.M., church bells;  
10:00 A.M., church bells.

Burlington, Wisconsin is a town of some 4,100 population. It is served by four State highways; namely, Routes Nos. 120, 43, 83 and 56. It is also served by the Chicago, Milwaukee, Saint Paul and Pacific Railroad and the Soo Line Railroad. Located within a mile of the town are Browns Lake, Odens Lake and Echo Lake, all of which are in close proximity to both of the above named railroads and to Highway No. 120.

It was ascertained that there are three factories in this town which have whistles. The Burlington Mills, Inc., which is located within the town limits, has a whistle which blows from Monday to Friday, inclusive, at 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., the whistle not blowing at all on either Saturday or Sunday.

The factory of Nestles Milk Products, Inc., operates a whistle which blows at 7:00 A.M., 12:00 Noon, 1:00 P.M., and 5:00 P.M., from Monday to Friday, inclusive, and at 7:00 A.M., 12:00 Noon, and 1:00 P.M. on Saturdays. This whistle does not blow at all on Sunday.

The Burlington Brass Works also has a whistle. The whistle is located on the inside of the above plant and the writer was informed that same could not be heard for more than one city block from the factory premises.

There are located in Burlington, two churches which have bells; namely, Saint Mary's Catholic Church and Saint John's Lutheran Church.

Mr. H. A. Hathorn of the Burlington Fire Department was contacted and he stated that the Fire Department has a siren which is blown at 6:00 P.M. on all days of the week, except Saturday and Sunday. Aside from the above, it was stated that this siren is used for fire alarm purposes and in this connection it was learned that the same was blown at the following times on Sunday Mornings during the period the Victim premer was held:

- January 28; 10:00 A.M., in connection with the rural fire of Ben Seihoff and at 3:45 P.M., in connection with the rural fire of Earnest Wess.

The alarm sounded at these two fires was two blasts for each fire, which is the ordinary rural alarm.

- February 4: 8:55 A.M., in connection with the fire of William Kazmaier, Box No. 15.

At the time of this fire, a six blast alarm was sounded twice.

In addition to the Milwaukee and Soo Line Railroads, which pass through the town of Burlington; it was ascertained that the Milwaukee Electric Power Company has an Electric car which has Burlington, Wisconsin as one of its terminal points. This electric car, at the time of entering the car sheds in the town, makes a sharp screeching noise, which can be heard for at least a mile. Both of the railroads

passing through Burlington, operate numerous trains, both freight and passenger, throughout the twenty-four hours of the day. Agent observed that a shifting locomotive was in use on the Soo Line from early on the morning of February 24, until approximately 2:00 P.M., and it was noticed that the movements of this locomotive could be heard very distinctly for a distance of at least a half mile.

It will be noted from the above, that Burlington, Wis. has factory whistles blowing at 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M., and at 5:00 and 6:00 P.M., one of which also sounds at Noon and 1:00 P.M. Attention is invited, however, to the fact that the only siren located in this town does not sound at all in the morning, but only at 5:00 P.M.

It should also be stated that there are numerous points in the town of Burlington and on the outskirts where an automobile or truck would have to slow down or stop and that the changing of gears might be heard in this connection."

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. L. Madala:

At Cary, Illinois

"Investigation by this Agent was conducted at Cary, Ill. for the purpose of determining whether the sounds heard by Victim Bremer during the twenty-two days of his captivity, originated from this town; however, before reporting the outcome of the investigation at this point, it might be well to include certain information with regard to the location and vicinity of the town of Cary.

It will be noted Cary is situated on the Fox River, two miles northwest of Fox River Grove, Illinois, in which town Louis Cernocky owns and operates a roadhouse and dance hall. In this connection, it was established, during the investigation of the Kansas City Massacre, that "Big Louie", as Louis Cernocky is known by his friends, has been, for a long time, harboring and hiding out fugitives from justice, including such men as Verne Miller, Frank Nash, Three-fingered Jack White and Fur Semmons. It was also established that during the summer of 1932, "Doc" and Fred Barker, together with ALVIN KARPIS, the principal suspects in this case, were frequent visitors at Louie's place.

Cary is a town of about 750 population, located approximately forty miles northwest of Chicago on U. S. Highway No. 12 and

on the Chicago Northwestern Railroad. From an examination of a Wisconsin Road Map, it was noted that this town is approximately three hundred and fifty miles, or a good ten or eleven hours drive to Rochester, Minnesota, the town in which BREMER was released; also, Cary is about one hundred miles from Madison, Wisconsin. In this connection, reference is made to the report of Inspector W. A. Horst, dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, February 14, 1934, which reflects Victim's statement, in which statement the Victim advised that the kidnapers passed through a town having street cars, at a point about two hours drive before they reached the unknown hideout. Madison, Wisconsin, it was learned, has a street railway system. It is also interesting to note that Portage, Wisconsin, in which town two five gallon metal cans were found, which contained 'Doc' Barker's latent fingerprints, is on a direct route to Rochester, Minnesota from Cary, Illinois and is approximately half of the distance between the two cities. In view of the foregoing, and the further fact that Cary has a siren, an airport, railroads, highway and church bells, a thorough investigation was made at this point.

Agent arrived at Cary, Illinois at 5:45 A.M., February 24, 1934 and remained until 8:30 A.M., during which time no siren or factory whistles were heard. In this connection, Agent interviewed Mr. Edward A. Meyers, a personal friend of the writer, and a man who can be trusted. Mr. Meyers, incidentally, is a trustee of the town as well as Cashier of the First State Bank of Cary. He advised that Cary possesses a siren, which is located on the top of the Village Hall and that this siren is blown every day with the exception of Sunday, at 12:00 Noon; that there are no factories in Cary and consequently, no whistles are blown at any time during the day. He further stated there are three churches in the town; namely, the Catholic, German Lutheran and Evangelical Churches, and that each has an early service on Sunday mornings; that although he has never paid any particular attention to the time of the ringing of the bells of these churches, he is almost positive that one or two bells ring every Sunday morning between 6:00 and 7:00 A.M.; that to his recollection, he cannot say he ever heard any bells ringing on Saturday afternoon between the hours of 4:00 and 6:00 P.M.; that the only church that would be apt to have a service on Saturday afternoon, would be the Catholic Church and to his knowledge, this church does not have a bell.

With regard to airplanes flying over the town, Mr. Meyers advised there is an airport located about a half mile from Cary proper but that no planes have been landing or starting from this field since September of 1933; that he does not recall any planes flying over the

town, except the regular mail plane, which flies over the town every day at approximately 5:00 P.M. He could furnish no definite information with respect to seeing or hearing more airplanes on Sundays than any other day of the week.

From Agent's personal knowledge, it was remembered that during the summer of 1933, a licensed pilot, whose name is unknown to Agent, took up passengers every Sunday afternoon on short rides. It appeared to Agent that this plane took off and landed in a field just beyond Cary. Relative to this matter, Agent learned from Mr. Meyers, that the landing place was at the aforementioned airport. Agent also learned from Mr. Meyers, that the pilot referred to above, is now living in Cary, Illinois, where he owns and operates an electrical store; that this pilot's name is Ronald Stewart.

Mr. Stewart was located at his store operated under the trade name "The Suburban Electrical Company", and he advised that he is a licensed pilot and that he owns his own plane; that he did considerable commercial flying during the summer of 1933 and it is true he took up passengers in his plane every Sunday afternoon for a nominal fee. He advised, however, that he made his last flight on September 24, 1933. He further stated that the airport in Cary, Illinois is owned by John Hertz, former President of the Yellow Cab Company, and that he (Stewart), is manager thereof; that to his recollection, there are no pilots in the vicinity of Cary, who take up passengers at any time during the winter season. He also stated that the only planes which fly over the town are the regular mail planes, which make their appearance daily at about 5:00 P.M.

With respect to Sunday flying, Stewart advised he can recall of only one Sunday when he heard more than one plane in the air; that this was on January 27, 1934, when the National Ski Meet was held in Cary on this date. He stated then there were four or five planes made their appearance in Cary and flew over the town part of the time during the progress of the meet. However, all of these planes departed from Cary immediately after the activities of the day were finished.

Mr. Stewart stated there are two or three commercial pilots in Waukegan and Elgin, Illinois, and that they occasionally fly over Cary. He could give no definite information with respect to the days trips were made by these pilots.

From Agent's personal observation, and bearing in mind that Victim Bremer claimed he often heard the changing of gears on

cars and trucks, indicating they were stopping or slowing down, it was noted there are no stop signs or breaks in the road, which might necessitate the stopping or slowing down of cars passing through the town. The main highway running through Cary, is free from all obstructions and anyone can easily drive through the town without stopping; however, the streets intersecting the main highway all bear "Slow-Danger" signs. It was observed that many cars come to a complete stop before turning on to the highway or crossing it.

With respect to the shifting of locomotives, which Victim Bremer claims he heard, it was noted there is a switch yard in the town proper, which is used in the morning for the purpose of making up trains before their usual run to Chicago. There are seven suburban trains leaving Cary every morning, except Sunday, and it was noted that three of these trains start their run at Cary. There are also many trains going through the town during the day and in the evening between the hours of 5:00 and 7:00 P.M. there are more trains than during the balance of the day.

From Cary, Illinois, Agent proceeded to Fox River Grove, Illinois, and there interviewed Mr. John Budda, Postmaster, who is a personal friend of this Agent. He advised that Fox River Grove has a siren, which is located on top of the fire house and this siren is sounded every Saturday at 12:00 Noon; also, of course, in the event of fire. He could not recall whether it was ever blown on Sunday within the past two months. He advised there are no churches in Fox River Grove, the nearest one being in Cary, Illinois, and it is practically impossible to hear the church bells from Cary unless there is a strong wind blowing from the direction of Cary.

With respect to factory whistles, Mr. Budda advised there are no factories in the town or its close vicinity and consequently no whistles can be heard there. The nearest factory is located at Barrington, Illinois, six miles from Fox River Grove, which factory blows a whistle every morning, with the exception of Sunday, at 7:00 A.M.; however, because of the distance between the two towns, this whistle is only faintly heard. He also advised there is no shifting of locomotives in the town and that all trains passing through Fox River Grove are mostly through trains and very few stop to take on or discharge passengers. It was noted, from personal observation, there are no stop signs or breaks in the road at Fox River Grove, which would necessitate the stopping or slowing down of automobiles while passing through the town; consequently, there is little shifting of cars or trucks.

During the conversation with Mr. Budda, he advised that sometime ago, but within the past two months, three tough-looking boys, though well dressed, endeavored to rent a cottage on the Algonquin Road, at a point approximately a half mile from Fox River Grove. He stated this cottage is owned by Mr. Joe Ladvosky, who also owns and rents other cottages. Mr. Budda advised, as he remembers the incident, Ladvosky did not like the looks of these individuals and as a consequence, set the rent so high that the boys did not care to pay it. Mr. Ladvosky could not be located for interview, as he was in Chicago on that date, but in this connection, Agent interviewed Mr. Matt Weber, who is employed by Mr. Ladvosky as a handyman. Mr. Weber stated that about three weeks ago, three boys appeared at Mr. Ladvosky's home and advised that Mr. LeGrosse, a real estate dealer in the town of Fox River Grove, had referred them to him and that they were desirous of renting a cottage for a period of about three or four weeks. Mr. Weber advised he showed the three boys a cottage and he feels he would know the boys if he were to see them again. He stated all three appeared to be young looking, two of them about nineteen years of age and the other about twenty-five. Mr. Weber stated the oldest boy, who did most of the talking, advised him his friend, pointing to one of the other boys, had just gotten over a severe illness and that this boy's father wanted him to get into the country and rest up for a short time; that he and the other boy were very good friends of the "sick" boy and they were planning to live with him for company.

Mr. Weber further advised their story sounded "fishy" to him and this, coupled with the fact their actions appeared suspicious, he was not in favor of renting the cottage to them. He stated he talked the situation over with Ladvosky, the owner, and Mr. Ladvosky suggested that he quote them a rental of \$25.00 per month, hoping thereby to discourage them. Mr. Weber stated that the boys refused to pay this high rent and departed without any further comment.

Agent exhibited to Mr. Weber, the photographs of FRED AND 'DOC' BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, VOLNEY DAVIS, and HARRY CAMPBELL, and after carefully examining same, Mr. Weber partially identified the photographs of HARRY CAMPBELL and FRED BARKER as being likenesses of two of the men who had appeared at Mr. Ladvosky's home for the purpose of renting a cottage. Mr. Weber advised that the cottage these boys desired to rent was unfurnished and he could not understand why three young boys, as he referred to them, would want to rent an unfurnished cottage for such a short period of time. He stated these boys were total strangers to him and were driving a large sedan. He could furnish no information with regard to the make of this car, or the numbers of the license plates thereon.

Mr. LeGrosse was interviewed at his office in Fox River Grove, Illinois, and he advised as he is the only real estate dealer in the town, he is very often called upon by persons making inquiries concerning the renting of cottages in the vicinity of the town. Mr. LeGrosse advised that about three or four weeks ago, three young-looking fellows came to his office and inquired as to whether they could rent a cottage for about three or four weeks; that these boys informed him one of their number had just recovered from a serious illness and it would be necessary for him to spend a few weeks resting in the country.

Mr. LeGrosse stated he followed the usual procedure and referred the boys to Mr. Joe Ladvosky and after directing the boys to Mr. Ladvosky's place, he paid no more attention to them.

Agent questioned Mr. LeGrosse very closely with respect to the exact date these men appeared at his office and he advised that although he has no record of the date, he is almost positive it was not more than one month ago. The photographs of the suspects in this case were exhibited to Mr. LeGrosse and after carefully examining the same, he stated in his opinion none of the men, who inquired about renting a cottage, resembled any of the photographs in question. He advised the men that appeared at his office were much younger and did not answer the descriptions of the suspects. He could furnish nothing definite with regard to the residence of these men and stated they were total strangers to him.

From Fox River Grove, Illinois, Agent proceeded to Algonquin, Illinois, which is about four miles West of Cary. At this place, an interview was had with Mr. Frank Dvorak, the Postmaster, who is also a personal friend of this Agent's. Mr. Dvorak advised that Algonquin has a siren and same is blown only at Noon on Saturdays, for the purpose of testing it out and, of course, is also blown in case of fire. Mr. Dvorak could not recall of the siren being blown on any Sunday during the past two months. With regard to factory whistles, Mr. Dvorak stated there is located in Algonquin, the American Iron Works Company, which has a whistle that is blown every morning, with the exception of Sunday, at 6:00 A.M., then again at 7:30 A.M., 12:00 Noon and 4:30 P.M. He further stated that the whistle sounds almost like a siren and in fact when heard at a distance, it is difficult to differentiate between the two sounds.

Mr. Dvorak advised there are three churches in Algonquin, all having bells, but the bells usually ring immediately before a service and he advised he is positive they ring on Sunday Mornings some time between 6:00 and 7:00 A.M. He could not account, however, for

any bells ringing on Saturday afternoon, stating that to his knowledge there is no occasion which would warrant the ringing of such bells at that time. His wife, who is a regular attendant at church, stated that she is positive there are no bells that ring on Saturday afternoons.

With regard to the shifting of locomotives, Mr. Dvorak stated there are only two trains which pass through Algonquin daily; however, he stated oftentimes freight trains run along the side and make up at the American Iron Works Company, for the purpose of loading and unloading manufactured iron products. Mr. Dvorak advised there is considerable shifting of locomotives in Cary and that this shifting may be heard in Algonquin only on a quiet day, or when the wind is blowing in the direction from that town. He could furnish no information relative to airplanes flying over the town, advising that he has never paid any particular attention to them.

Mr. Dvorak advised that the only plane he saw or heard within the past two months, is the regular mail plane flying over Algonquin daily at 5:00 P.M.

From Agent's personal observation, there is only one stop sign at Algonquin, placed at the intersection of Routes Nos. 22 and 63. There is considerable traffic through the town over these two highways and it was noticed that all automobiles usually come to a complete stop before crossing the intersection, which necessitates the shifting of gears.

Similar investigations, as outlined in the reference letter, were conducted at Barrington, Palatine, Arlington Heights, and Des Plaines, Illinois, but nothing was discovered which would link these towns as possible hideouts. All of these towns have sirens, but they are never blown at 6:00 A.M., except in case of fire.

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It is to be noted that the sounds heard from the various towns mentioned above in this report, are somewhat similar to those heard by Mr. Bremer, but it is also to be observed that in these towns several bells and whistles may be heard, which were not mentioned by Mr. Bremer.

This information is being set out in detail, in order that Mr. Bremer may again be questioned, it being the belief of this office that Mr. Bremer may be confused as to the number of bells, sirens or whistles, which he heard at various times during his confinement.

At Chicago, Illinois

Telegram from Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated February 26, 1934, at Saint Paul, Minnesota, was received regarding a possible hideout at Melrose Park, Brookfield and Morton Grove, Illinois. It is to be noted that investigation has gone forward at Melrose Park and Brookfield, Illinois, and the results of this investigation will be reported in the immediate future. Investigation will go forward at Morton Grove, Illinois, and also at Riverside, Illinois, the latter point being mentioned in a telephonic conversation between Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis and Inspector Rorer at Saint Paul, on March 1, 1934.

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**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

1216 Smith Young Tower,  
San Antonio, Texas,  
March 1, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:-

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This office has obtained at Houston and Galveston, Texas, several photographs of Paula Harmon alias Polly Walker, and other aliases heretofore mentioned in reports in this case, and has prepared in this office a composite photograph of all of these pictures, together with her fingerprints and signature.

In view of the fact that an intensive effort is being made to locate this woman copies of this composite photograph are being mailed to all Division offices, and I am attaching hereto three copies of this photograph for the Division's records.

Very truly yours,

*Gus T. Jones*  
Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc-All Division Offices

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Taken before auto accident in  
Jan 1945 when nose broken in  
accident. Houston, Tex.

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NAME POLLY WALKER  
ALIAS TCG BRANNAN

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Paula Harmon*

*Miss Paula Harmon*

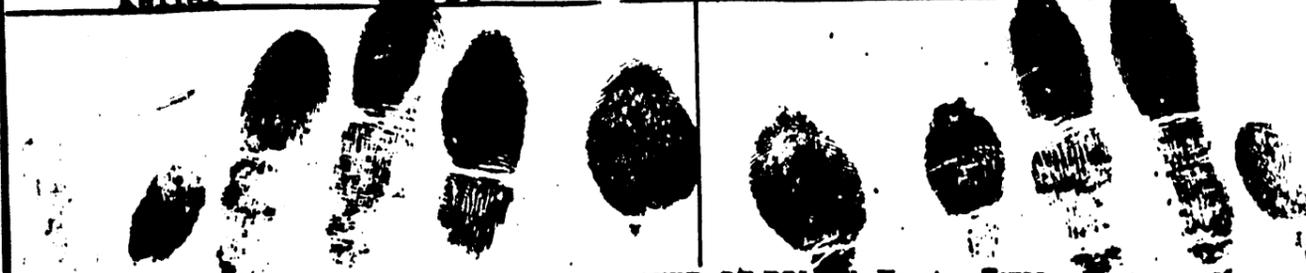
*Miss Paula Harmon*

Hair Md.Lt.Ch. Eyes Ch.Gr. Height 5-0 1/2 Weight Age 20-24  
I. Cut cic upper arm ant.

Arr. 4-1-34, Spradley, Loitering, Case dismissed 3-14-34.  
M.O. Picked up at Milby Hotel, Night time, with # 039 (Rally  
Connors)

PAULA HARMON alias  
Polly Walker nee Brannan.  
Age: 30 (1934)  
Ht: 5' 3" (1924)  
Wt: 99# (1924)  
Hair: Md.Lt. Ch. (1924)  
Eyes: Ch.Gr.  
Scars: I.Cut cic upper arm ant.  
Sc. base of nose & cheek bone  
dislocated. Jan 1932. (May  
have been corrected by plastic  
surgery)  
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# 380

Laboratory Report

February 27, 1934.

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

Specimens: 1 envelope and enclosures addressed to Mr. J. J. Woolverton,  
South Bend, Ind., and dated 2-1-32.  
1 envelope addressed to Mr. Howard A. Woolverton, South Bend,  
Ind., dated 2-4-32, with enclosures.  
Original list of serial numbers of bills paid in the Woolverton  
case.

Examination requested by: Chicago Office.

Date received: February 15, 1934.

Examination requested: Handwriting and typewriting.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A.Appel.

February 15. These original extortion letters in the Woolverton Case have  
been compared with other cases. The letter "Give your nephew \$8000.00"  
measures 9.9 by 7.97 inches. This paper has a linen finish and the water-  
mark "HYTONE" which is probably that of the Western Tablet and Stationery Co.,  
St. Joseph, Missouri. The envelope measures 9.48 by 4.11 inches and there is  
no water-mark.

The envelope postmarked February 4, 1932, measures 9.52 by 4.13  
inches. The handwriting on this envelope is identical with that used in  
addressing other envelopes in this case. There are no water-marks in this  
envelope or in the insert envelope, the latter of which measures 9.49 by 3.47  
inches. The letter in this envelope beginning "Dear Sir" is written on four  
sheets, all torn to the present size, undoubtedly for the purpose of folding  
them in the insert envelope. They measure 8.36 by 7.65 inches and there is no  
water-mark.

A comparison of the pencil handprinting in the Woolverton Case  
was made with that in the case of Edsel Ford, Victim. There are a great many  
similarities. The printing in each is very smooth and nearly perfect for the  
style used. If specimens of suspects may be obtained it may be possible to  
identify them with either or both of these extortion cases. However, while it

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*Handwritten notes and signatures on the stamp, including "C.A. Appel" and "3/7/34".*

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is felt that they were probably both written by the same person, it is not believed that a positive conclusion to that effect may be made.

The handwriting on the envelopes in the Woolverton Case is very similar to the handwriting on the anonymous letter forwarded to Factor, which was previously compared with an anonymous letter sent from Minneapolis to Judge Vaught at Oklahoma City during the trial of the Kellys in the Urschel case. It was concluded at that time that these two letters were written by the same person. The address on the Woolverton letters is limited and a positive conclusion is believed impossible without additional specimens. Of course, these can only be obtained when a suspect is secured.

Photostatic copies of these letters are being attached to copies of this report.

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.

- 6 - Director (Copies for Factor, Kelly, and Ford files). also Woolverton file.
- 2 - Agent Conroy.
- 1 - Chicago.
- 2 - St. Paul. (*Agent Roman*)
- 4 - Laboratory (Copies for Factor, Kelly, and Ford files). also Woolverton file.

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Federal Judge Edgar S. Vaught

Oklahoma City,  
Oklahoma.

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Dear Judge -

If you got any regards for your self or your family you better go easy and not convict them Minneapolis boys that handled that money from Mose Barnett and Bates. We will take good care of you and your family if them boys dont get free. And we are going to take good care of Sheehey Wolke for the squawking he done, dont worry about that he is going to git the 1 way ride pretty soon so he will never blab again any more.

Your turn is next if you dont turn them boys loose we will turn on the heat for you and your hell damn family and we dont mean maybe. If you dont want a machine gun pitcher tattoo on your hide just remember our warning and let them boys loose in a hurry becaus we aint going to wait long to do our stuff judge.

Senyer the Minneapolis police chief can tell you them boys is all right and just gamblers and bootleggers that is good friends of his and wouldnt mess up in any kidnaper job while they is good easy money around here without going out of town and taking chances on the big house.

Now remember we mean killing if you dont leave them go becaus enough of us is out to raise plenty hell if you dont.

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Factor Case

The house you identified in  
Blenheim was not occupied since  
the night of June 30 -

Tom Doherty was in hospital having a  
operation on night you were kidnaped  
his brother Roger Sharkey and  
Mepalden was with him for  
protection from enemies - the hospital  
has all records of that -

it was Humphries car the  
Lusenberg that snatched you -  
it was that bunch with the Kellys  
- mubler - Bailey - bunch - and  
you know it - looks like the  
government is threatening you with  
extradition to England - everyone now  
can see how the government is  
trying to frame some one -  
Go to England and blow out your  
brains - or you will sit in a  
dungeon

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

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.

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CC Chicago  
Agent Scorer

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 398

Laboratory Report

February 28, 1934.

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

Specimens: 1 coffee can in which was sent a note from the  
kidnapers.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Division Office.

Date received: February 19, 1934.

Examination requested: Fingerprint and General Laboratory.

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

There are no features about this Hills Brothers coffee can which  
will lead to any identification, in so far as a laboratory examination is  
concerned. Local inquiry among retailers might develop information of  
value.

A report on the latent prints developed on this can has been  
previously submitted.

The original can and cover is being returned to St. Paul under  
registered cover.

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- 2 - Laboratory.

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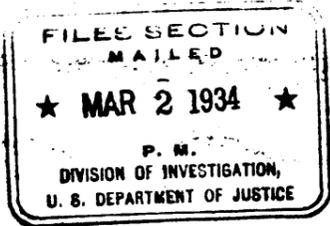
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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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 19, 1934.



Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

Enclosure: #691231

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 28, 1934.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
Kidnaping. St. Paul file 7-30

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto are two sets of palm prints of REUBEN  
GROSSMAN and FRANK GROSSMAN. These two men are the persons who  
found and handled the five gallon gasoline cans found near Portage,  
Wisconsin. Investigation disclosed that they are the only two who  
handled these cans without the use of gloves. Special Agent H. H.  
Reinecke, who obtained these prints stated that it was not possible  
to obtain better ones because of the fact that the hands were coarse,  
dried and wrinkled.

Very truly yours,

*W.A. Rorer*  
W.A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.



March 2, 1934.

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

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases;  
et al ; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Reference is made to the letter of Special Agent J. L. Flood dated at Omaha, Nebraska, on March 1, 1934, directed to this office, by which he forwarded the fingerprints of Leota Graham, Mrs. C. P. Harmon, Charles P. Harmon and James Ira Harmon. The above mentioned prints are being forwarded herewith to the Division with the request that a wanted notice be placed in the files with regard to Mrs. C. P. Harmon, who is also known as Paula Harmon. It is observed that she is wanted for questioning in this case, in view of the fact that it is felt that she is a close associate of Karpis and the Barker brothers.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-St. Paul

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205A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
February 28, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Answering your communication of February 24th, 1934, I wish to make known that National and State banks located in the Salt Lake City Division office territory, number 261. However, it is felt that approximately 270 circulars should be sent this office, in the future, for circularization.

I also wish to make known that this office has three packages of Division lists of numbers of the ransom money paid in the case of Alvin Karpis with aliases et al., Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping, which were received over and above the supply necessary to circularize the National and State banks, and law-enforcement officials. Please advise this office if these lists should be returned to the Division, retained at this office, or destroyed.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 766,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

Your attention is invited to Division letter dated February 20, 1934, transmitting copies of an anonymous letter dated February 13, 1934, at Gentry, Arkansas, in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - Edward G. Bremer, Victim - Kidnaping.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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cc-W.A. Rorer

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Mr. W. B. Carroll,  
Lieutenant in Charge,  
Bureau of Criminal Identification,  
Great Falls, Montana.

Dear Mr. Carroll:-

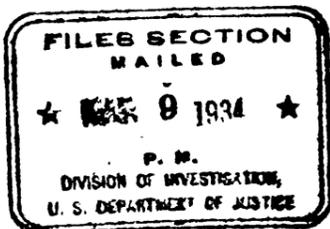
In response to your communication dated March 1, 1934, requesting a copy of the list of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnapping cases I wish to advise you that I am pleased to comply with your request and am today directing Mr. D. H. Dickason who is the Special Agent in Charge of the Butte, Montana office of this Division to furnish you the list.

Thanking you for your attention and cooperation in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.

cc: Butte.



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W. B. CARROLL, E. M.  
LIEUTENANT IN CHARGE  
CO-OPERATING WITH  
THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF  
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
JOHN LESLIE  
MIKE HOLLAND  
F. J. WHEIR

GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

March 1, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Will you please have forwarded to me a copy  
of your "LIST OF BANK NOTES PAID AS RANSOM IN KIDNAPING CASES"  
dated February 8, 1934, and oblige

Very sincerely yours,

*W. B. Carroll*  
W. B. Carroll,  
Lieut. in Charge.

*One 3-9-34  
copy & letter to  
Supt. (g) WBC*

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Special Agent in Charge,  
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Post Office Box 1583,  
Butte, Montana.

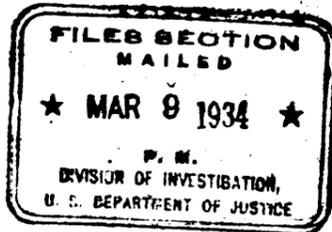
Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter  
addressed by me to Mr. W. B. Carroll of the Bureau  
of Criminal Identification at Great Falls, Montana.

It is desired that you forward to Mr.  
Carroll a copy of the list of bank notes used as ransom  
in kidnapping cases. You should add Mr. Carroll's  
name to your mailing list for circulars of this nature  
unless, of course, this has already been done.

Very truly yours,

Director.



**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

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

**March 3, 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 the attempt to identify the latent prints secured by the Scientific Laboratory, it is respectfully suggested that the fingerprints of G. D. Harris, Des Moines, Iowa, Police Department No. 9024; John Gordon, St. Paul, Minnesota, Police Department No. 20805; Nina Snyder, Des Moines, Iowa, Police Department No. 9020; and John Waters alias "Go About" Riley, Des Moines, Iowa, Police Department No. 2820, be placed in the single fingerprint file for comparison purposes.

Very truly yours,



**W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.**

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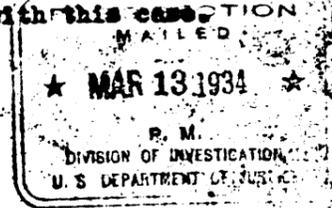
Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 3, 1934, in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim - KIDNAPING.

It has not been possible to identify a fingerprint record of John Gordon, St. Paul, Minnesota Police Department #20805 in the files of the Identification Unit. In connection with the record of Nina Snyder, Des Moines, Iowa, Police Department #9020, there is transmitted herewith the criminal record of one Nina Snyder, our #18232, who may possibly be identical with the suspect whom you name.

It is desired you furnish additional information concerning John Gordon, and if available, a copy of his fingerprints, together with advice as to whether the Nina Snyder described is the suspect in this case. Fingerprints of the other individuals mentioned in your letter have been entered in the single fingerprint file and have been compared with the latent prints developed in connection with this case.



Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #698503.

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*H.A. RORER.*  
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N. S. GANDY, PRESIDENT

**SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA**

March 1, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 8 giving a long list of numbers of currency paid in kidnapping cases. We will, of course, cooperate with you in any way possible.

I trust you will permit a suggestion in regard to this matter. It would seem to me that a payment of large sums to kidnapers acts as a direct premium on kidnapping and induces the commission of many such crimes. It would be much better to prohibit under severe penalty payment, or any offer to pay any sum whatever to kidnapers. When such a law was adopted and became known, I believe it would stop most crimes of this sort. We cannot expect the victims of the kidnapping to initiate this law at the time when they are laboring under stress, but we believe that they would, for the most part, live up to such a law. Even should it seem harsh in some cases, certainly the individual cases should give way to the public good. Experience in such cases as the Los Angeles Hickman case, the Lindberg case, and the recent San Jose case would indicate that a payment of a ransom is really no protection to the life of the victim.

I am suggesting that your department initiate such a law, or recommend the same to the President and legislative department of the government.

Very truly yours,

*N. S. Gandy*

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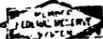
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Mr. H. S. Gandy, President,  
The American National Bank,  
Broadway and Third,  
Santa Monica, California.

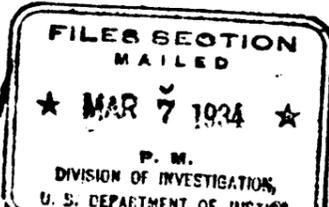
Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for your letter of March 1, 1934, acknowledging receipt of a list of numbers of the currency paid in kidnaping cases and expressing your willingness to cooperate with this Division in connection therewith.

With regard to your suggestion that the payment of large sums of money to kidnapers acts as a direct premium on kidnaping and induces the commission of many such crimes, and recommending that the payment of such ransom be made an offense, kindly be advised that I am referring your letter to Mr. William Stanley, the Assistant to the Attorney General, who is in charge of proposed legislation.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.



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

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter from Mr. H. S. Gandy, President of the American National Bank, Broadway and Third, Santa Monica, California, dated March 1, 1934, acknowledging the receipt of a list of numbers of the currency paid in kidnaping cases and recommending that the payment of ransom money be made an offense.

I have advised Mr. Gandy that this recommendation has been referred to you for appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. 691327.



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

March 2, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 1574,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

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

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It seems important to supply you with a description of the automobile which, it is believed, was used in transporting the Victim to Rochester, Minnesota, on the evening of February 7, 1934, where he was released following the payment of the ransom the night before and to supply the offices listed below with copies hereof for their information.

Investigation at a filling station at Stockton, Minnesota, thirty-eight miles east of Rochester, Minnesota, disclosed that about 7:00 P.M., February 7, 1934, a car drove into this filling station and was filled with fifteen gallons of gasoline and three quarts of oil and several guns were noted by the attendant on the floor of the back seat of this car and also numerous shot-gun, or rifle, shells. This car came to this station from the west, made a "U" turn into the station and, after being serviced, again proceeded west, from the direction in which it originally came and which is in the direction of Rochester, Minnesota.

The Victim's statement shows that, about one hour prior to his being left at Rochester, Minnesota, he was taken from the car by two of the kidnapers while the third one left, presumably, for gasoline and returned shortly thereafter and picked up the Victim and the other two men. From the Victim's description of this place and all of the circumstances which surround it, it appears that the car which was serviced at this filling station at Stockton, Minnesota, was actually the kidnapers' car and the one used in transporting the Victim to Rochester, Minnesota, on the night of his release.

It appears that this car was a 1935 Model Buick four-door sedan, of a dark color, probably either black or very dark blue. It is believed to be about the largest Buick made of the 1935 model, which would make it either a four-door sedan, model 33-97, or a four-door, seven passenger sedan, model 33-90. It is also possible that this car might have been a four-door sedan, model 33-97. The only difference between the 90 series and the 97 series is the difference of eight inches in the wheel base, the motor being of the same size, namely, eight cylinder and the body, with the exception of the length, being identical. This car, at the time it was serviced, as above described, is believed to have 1935 Wisconsin license plates with six digits in the number, the first three of which are believed to have been "347", although this is not definite. This car is also believed to have had an electric hot water heater as the attendant thought he could hear a buzzing which might have been the motor in such a heater. It is not known whether the car had wire or steel wheels, or whether the spare wheel was in the rear, or in fender wells on the side of the car.

In view of this almost positive identification of the car used the night of the release of the Victim being a large four-door Buick sedan, dark in color, this should be kept in mind in any investigation wherein it might be pertinent with a view of locating the subjects.

The matter of this automobile and its appearance at Stockton, Minnesota, will be more fully covered in a report in the near future and your office supplied with copies thereof.

Very truly yours,

W.A. ROBER, INSPECTOR.

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CC Chicago  
CC Kansas City  
CC St. Louis  
CC Salt Lake City

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February 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

With reference to the handling of the Bremer case at St. Paul, it might be well to send out a letter to all Agents in Charge, instructing them to direct the mail pertaining to this matter to the St. Paul Office, attention of Inspector Rorer, who is to be in charge of the investigation. The Agents in Charge shall likewise be informed that should they receive any telegram signed by Mr. Rorer or any telephone call from him, they should promptly comply with his request, as he is to be in exclusive charge of this investigation.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Dear Sir:-

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated February 28, 1934, in which you advise of the action taken by you in connection with the circular issued by the Division of Investigation listing bank notes paid as ransom in kidnapping cases.

Allow me to thank you for your efforts in this matter and I fully appreciate your attention and cooperation.

Should you need additional copies of this circular I shall be pleased to have you contact Mr. F. X. Fay who is the Special Agent in Charge of the New York office of this Division located at 370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403, New York, New York.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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

Dear Sir:-

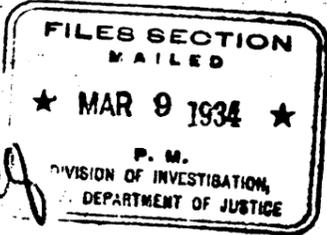
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herewith a copy of a letter received from [redacted]

[redacted] and a copy of my reply thereto.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #362549.



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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
February 28, 1934

DB:CG

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

Dear Sir:

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

On February 27th, Mr. S. C. Depenbrink, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, Oklahoma City, working on "hot" oil matters having to do with income tax law, was in this office and stated that during the course of his investigations, he has had to contact many informants, a large number of whom are racketeers and gangsters, and that during January 1934, at the Mincks Hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma, he interviewed one of these informants, whose name he would not furnish, and that this individual told him that there is one "big shot" mixed up in the "hot" oil deals in Oklahoma who is from St. Paul, Minnesota; is well acquainted there, and a big politician; that this man from St. Paul had a room in the Biltmore Hotel at Oklahoma City during January, and that the informant was present in this room when the man from St. Paul received a long distance telephone call from some individual in St. Paul, requesting said party to permit a draft upon his account for \$50,000 for a part of the ransom money in the Bremer kidnap case, and that this man from St. Paul told the individual talking that it would be perfectly all right for them to draw upon him for \$50,000.

It appeared to Mr. Depenbrink, from his conversation with his informant, that they were experiencing some difficulty in St. Paul in raising the \$200,000 ransom money.

Mr. Depenbrink informed me that he queried his informant to some extent and learned that this man's name from St. Paul is Thompson, first name unknown, but that he is well known there. Mr. Depenbrink stated that it is the theory of his informant that this man Thompson from St. Paul may be in on the kidnaping, and that he permitted his account to be drawn

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upon for the sum of \$50,000, and that he would share the rest of the ransom money. According to Mr. Deppenbrink, the man who delivered the ransom money, Magee of St. Paul, knows Thompson well, and will be in position to furnish information concerning him if he will.

Deppenbrink told me that he did not feel disposed at this time to disclose the name of his informant as to do so, he believes would seriously interfere with the case upon which he is working, as it is of some magnitude, and involving approximately thirty million barrels of "hot" oil.

He informed me that his informant is of the opinion that Thompson has now left Oklahoma City and possibly is in some sanatorium in Hot Springs, Arkansas, the name of which he does not know.

I am not conducting further investigation in this particular at this time, but am furnishing you the data given me by Mr. Deppenbrink for such use as you wish to make of it, and should you desire further inquiries in connection therewith, please advise.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division ✓

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 815,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of February 20, 1934, concerning the progress made in the examination of latent fingerprints in connection with the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping. In addition to the identifications noted in that letter, latent prints have been eliminated from consideration as follows:

On the letter beginning "My Dear Lil: As my old standby", five latent prints have been found to be those of the victim.

On the letter beginning "My Dear Father Deere: I am calling on you", six latent prints have been found to be those of the victim.

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On the letter beginning "My Dear Father: I've been the newspaper", five latent prints have been found to be those of the victim.

On the black leather handbag submitted for examination there have been developed three fragmentary latent prints on the fittings. These have been compared for elimination purposes with the fingerprints of Special Agent in Charge Hammi and Special Agent Notesteen with negative results. Further comparisons will be conducted with the fingerprints of suspects. None of the latent prints could be classified for search through the single fingerprint file.

On the coffee can delivered to the Millers four fragmentary latent prints were developed, none of which could be classified. These fragments have been compared with the fingerprints of John Miller and Mrs. John Miller. Further comparisons with the fingerprints of suspects will be made.

On the envelope flap bearing the notation "Wickersham 2-6400(?)", seven fragmentary latent prints were developed, none of which have been identified.

On the membership card in the St. Paul Chapter of the American Institute of Banking in the name of E. G. Bremer, one fragmentary latent print was developed which has not been identified.

On complimentary season ticket #44 to Twin City Classic Bowling League, three latent prints were developed, two of which were found to be those of the victim.

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W. A. Rorer

The fingerprints of Mrs. Florence Humphrey have been compared with the fragmentary latent prints previously developed on one of the signal lights but with negative results.

No fingerprints could be developed on the goggles submitted by your office. Since the identification of one latent fingerprint on one of the gasoline cans with the fingerprints of Arthur Barker, as previously reported, the comparison of latent prints found in connection with the case with suspects has been confined to a list of associates of the Karpis gang as variously reported by field offices and after a perusal of the Division files. Examinations consisting of the comparison of fingerprints of other possible suspects not associated with this gang and who were named previously will not be conducted until the comparisons of the latent prints with the below named associates of the Karpis gang have been completed. The list of reported associates is given below and your office should carefully examine this list with a view to supplementing the same where desirable:

Van Vleck Albrubt  
Arthur Barker, our file 289428.

Fred Barker  
Edward Bentz, our file 15279.  
Theodore Bentz, our file 510598.  
Harry Campbell, our file 419856.  
Clarence Colton, our file 130956.  
Volney Davis, our file 400441.  
James M. Hayes, our file 164126.  
Alvin Karpis, our file 199217.  
John H. Luger, our file 515201.  
Alvis Payton, our file 676983.  
Bernard Phillips, our file 328905.  
John Roland, our file 515120.  
Harry A. Sawyer, #29022 USP, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Samuel Schragar, our file 182772.  
Sam Terrin, our file 196876.  
William Weaver, our file 17920.  
Polly Walker, our file 105860.  
W. C. Wiesiman, our file 88986.  
Edward Wilhite, our file 75884.  
J. L. Wolf, our file 203836.  
Glen Roy Wright, our file 79217.  
John P. Ferrick, our file 535809.

Roland Williams, our file 90693.  
Don Young, our file 407760.  
Leon Glickman, #27307 USP, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Jack Ora Kilburn, our file 226726.  
Joe Ann Scott, our file 387096.  
Earl Whinnery, #1083 PD, Tulsa, Okla.  
L. B. Webb, #7378 PD, Tulsa, Okla.  
Terry Whinnery, our file 483582.  
Jewell Johnson, #5942 PD, Tulsa, Okla.  
Harley Bratton, our file 524620.  
Dorothy E. Karpis, our file 626351.  
Guy Thompson, our file 557020.  
B. Louis Wright, our file 515909.  
George Campbell, our file 56878.  
Charles H. Johnson, our file 62682.  
Earl Wilson, our file 545339.  
Billie Fitch, our file 114729.  
Tom Carroll, our file 485775.  
T. J. Marvin, our file 62324.  
George F. Turner, our file 551952.  
Murray Humphreys, our file 705593.  
Leo Jones, #5535 SP, Sioux Falls, S. D.  
Gail Stucker, our file 245194.  
Floyd Strain, our file 245194.

Mr. W. A. Rorer

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X James Lawson, our file 83804.  
Clyde Nimerick, our file 77961.  
Ernestine Aiken, our file 892786.

X Charles Adams, our file 186726.  
William Conway, our file 87717.

For your confidential information the fingerprints of all persons submitted by your office for elimination purposes in connection with this case have been searched through the main fingerprint files of the Division but no criminal records have been disclosed.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

March 2, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
C. B. Winstead of your office dated 2-27-34 in which on  
page 3 it is noted that Paula Hermon may have attempted to  
telephone Stonewall J. Smith at Houston, Texas, and that said  
Mr. Smith operates the Federal Metal Company.

There is attached hereto a copy of the report of  
Special Agent O. G. Hall dated 7-27-33 at St. Paul, Minnesota,  
in the case entitled Vernon S. Miller, with aliases, et al,  
Obstruction of Justice, St. Paul file 62-688. In this report  
you will note that investigation regarding 204 Vernon Avenue  
developed that a party named J. Stanley Smith had rented  
these premises and had, according to Tom Newman, a criminal  
lawyer in St. Paul, endeavored to engage his services to  
collect a promissory note. The report reflects that Tom  
Newman had no desire whatever to supply this Division with  
any information regarding the occupants of 204 Vernon Avenue.  
It has been established, however, that the two Barker boys,  
Karpis, and possibly Paula Hermon did reside at that address  
in St. Paul.

Mr. Newman, the attorney above mentioned, was inter-  
viewed recently and he stated that J. Stanley Smith had  
represented that he was connected with the Consolidated  
Metal Company. Because of the similarity of names and the  
alleged occupation, it is requested that your office conduct  
a thorough investigation regarding Stonewall J. Smith as it is  
possible that he might be one of the persons who resided at  
204 Vernon Avenue during the period immediately preceding the  
abduction of William Hamm, Jr.

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Very truly yours,  
W. A. ROBER, Inspector.

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
February 28th, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARRIS with aliases et al.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING - S.L. File 7-27.

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Dear Sir:

Your letter of February 23rd, 1934, having to do with  
Abe Ginsburg, was received here on February 26th, and was given  
my immediate attention.

At Denver, Colorado, Agent Val C. Zimmerman of the Bureau of  
Identification of the Denver, Colorado, Police Department, on March 4 A.M.  
after a check of the records of that unit, it was stated that the  
name of Abe Ginsburg was not of record, and no photograph of him  
was available.

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Through Ray Humphreys, Investigator for the State District  
Attorney's office for the County of Denver, Denver, Colorado, it  
was learned that Mr. Humphreys, while seeking to locate a man named  
Emerson, arrested Abe Ginsburg at Denver, Colorado, on January 21st,  
1933, while he was getting his automobile serviced at a filling  
station at 19th and Arapahoe Streets. Ginsburg was at that time  
driving a 1932 Buick two door sedan, which carried Wisconsin license  
plates, number not known. Ginsburg was at that time accompanied  
by a woman, name and description not of record, whom he stated was  
his secretary. Mr. Humphreys informed Agent Zimmer that he  
checked Ginsburg very thoroughly, and determined that Ginsburg was  
not the man that he was looking for, and released Ginsburg,  
instructing him that he should leave Denver. Ginsburg furnished  
his address as 3440 Dupont South, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Ginsburg  
was not photographed or fingerprinted, and Mr. Humphreys has no  
criminal record covering Ginsburg. It was Mr. Humphreys' opinion  
that Ginsburg was "hot" at the time he was in Denver, although  
nothing could be developed against him.

*Walter Rorer*  
3-12-34  
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Upon reviewing Mr. Humphreys' file, Agent Zimmer noted a letter from the County Attorney of New Ulm, Minnesota, dated October 23, 1935, but the contents of the letter appear not of value, but it is probable that further information may be secured through the County Attorney of New Ulm.

The attached photograph of Abe Ginsburg, apparently taken by the "Minneapolis Journal Photo", was borrowed from Mr. Humphreys, and is being attached hereto for your uses. When it has served its purpose, it should be returned to me for transmission to Mr. Humphreys.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division.

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March 12, 1934

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL,  
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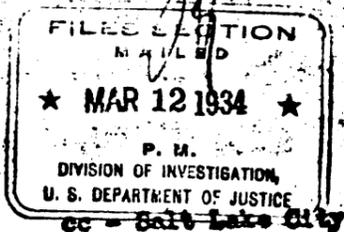
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the Salt Lake City Office dated February 28, 1934, addressed to you, inclosing a photograph obtained from Mr. Ray Humphreys, Investigator for the State District Attorney's Office for the County of Denver, Denver, Colorado, which photograph was of Abe Ginsburg, taken by the "Minneapolis Journal Photo" and apparently the Abe Ginsburg in whom the Division is presently interested.

It is suggested that this photograph be forwarded to the Division as of possible assistance in locating a criminal record in the files of the Identification Unit on Ginsburg.

Very truly yours,

Director.



1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

March 5, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Is re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases;  
et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

I am enclosing herewith an office memorandum which I prepared on matter submitted to me by Captain Gilbert, Chief Investigator for the States Attorney's office, Chicago, Illinois, with regard to Tom Flannigan, which matter I discussed with you a few days ago.

You are advised that prompt attention will be given the information contained in this memorandum. A copy of this memorandum is also being forwarded to the Division.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Chicago, Illinois,  
March 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO SPECIAL AGENTS K.R. McINTIRE AND JAY G. NEWMAN

Captain Gilbert, Chief Investigator of the State's Attorney's office, called this office yesterday and stated that one Matthew Flannigan, who is now employed in the County Clerk's office at Crego, in Wakonda, Illinois, which is just north of Libertyville, Illinois, is a brother of one Tom Flannigan, who has been living with one Fred G. Kellner, at 6644 Ogallala Avenue, telephone number Newcastle 6204, Chicago. He states that Flannigan is also known to Vincent Connors, of 521 Ida Street, Des Plaines, also residing at 678 Lee Street, Des Plaines. Connors, it will be recalled, was arrested at St. Paul during the Hays trial. Tom Flannigan runs the R. K. O. Radio Laboratory at 6300 Northwest Highway, Newcastle 4040, which is owned by a man named Lens, of the Racing Forum. Tom is quite a big fellow and has another brother by the name of William C. Flannigan, at 8106 North Keating Avenue, Miles Center, telephone number Delaware 3372. Tom Flannigan is said to be in New York with two other fellows, endeavoring to leave the country. He also mentioned the following names:

Volney Davis, McAlester, Okla., #12808.  
Arthur Barker, alias Doc Barker, McAlester, Oklahoma,  
Police Dept. #11906.  
Fred Barker, Kansas City, P.D. #9836  
Alvin Karpis, Kansas City, P.D. #1539  
Tommy Carroll, St. Paul P.D. #23978

He states that this mob contacts with Tom Flannigan and that they also used to connect with Kelly and Bates.

Captain Gilbert called Lieutenant Ed Kelly of his office while he was here, who stated that William C. Flannigan, the brother of Tom, would give a description of Tom if he were called by anyone stating that he is Captain Gilbert's Secretary, or some other person from Captain Gilbert's office.

I have discussed this matter with Inspector Rorer in St. Paul by telephone and he states that he knows of no one by this name who has been suspected in the Bremer case. However, it is desired that you discuss this with me, in order that description of Tom Flannigan might be obtained and also that appropriate action might be taken.

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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420 Federal Building  
Dallas, Texas.

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cc  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
Edward G. Bremer (Victim)  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Referring to Agent Dunn's report, dated at Dallas,  
Texas, 2-28-34.

Detective Ed Weatherford advised he had again con-  
tacted his informant at Ft. Worth, Texas, who reported Fred  
Barker has a close personal friend named "Burrhead/Katy", a  
race horse bookmaker with George Harford, both at Tulsa, Okla.;  
that when Fred Barker needs any money "Burrhead" supplies him  
with necessary funds. This informant believes "Burrhead" to be  
in communication with Fred Barker and knows his hangouts.

Informant also advised Weatherford that while Charlie  
Harmon and George Kelley were in Leavenworth Penitentiary, Paula  
Harmon visited her husband and was accompanied by Kathryn Kelley,  
whom she introduced to Kelley, later marrying him upon his re-  
lease.

The informant also stated that City Detective George  
Stewart of Tulsa, Oklahoma, knows Fred Barker and is very  
antagonistic to Barker and can be depended upon to assist. He  
says that Detective Stewart has been in trouble over whiskey but  
in the case of Barker will assist.

Very truly yours,

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F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent

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

March 3, 1934

THT:PB  
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Mr. S. A. Rorer,  
Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 516,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of March 1st, in the matter of  
ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, ET AL, EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim,  
Kidnaping - Extortion, your file No. 7-30.

Attached hereto you will find a photograph of DAVE BERMAN alias  
CHARLES TORDON alias JOSEPH MISCHLER alias DAVE, THE JEW, New York City  
P.D. No. B-68109, together with his criminal record as contained in the  
file of the New York City Police Department.

Detective John Cordes of the Main Office Detail was the one who  
arrested Berman on May 5, 1927. Cordes advised that this was a kidnaping  
case and that Berman, together with one Joseph Marcus, kidnaped Abe Sherlin  
and James Taylor, at that time two prominent New York City bootleggers,  
who later went to Chicago and are now reported to be in California.  
They had these two kidnaped from April 28 to May 5, 1927, and demanded  
\$270,000.00 ransom. At the time of the arrest, Marcus was shot to death  
and Berman's left eye was knocked out. There was found in the pocket of  
Marcus a check for \$30,000.00. Cordes said that he knows nothing concern-  
ing the \$11,000.00 still unrecovered.

With reference to page 3 of my letter of March 1st, wherein is  
mentioned the fact that the mail clerk at Sing Sing Prison has been  
maintaining a watch on the mail of Berman, this is to inform that this  
office has learned the mail clerk has been maintaining such a watch  
not due to any tip or inside information, but due solely to the fact that  
he realized Berman was from St. Paul and decided to watch his mail as the  
same might disclose some information concerning the kidnaping.

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F. L. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge.
one [Signature]

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

March 5, 1934

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RAA:SLH

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

Dear Sir:

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

With reference to your telegram of February 26, 1934, and your letter of confirmation of the same date, in which you advise that you believe it advisable to cover the Carnera-Loughran fight at Miami, Florida, with a view of locating suspects in this case, immediately upon receipt of this telegraphic request from you I conferred with the Division, due to the fact that Agents were not available to make the desired investigation. In the meantime, I forwarded letters of a confidential nature to all banks in the greater Miami area, including Coral Gables, Miami Beach, Palm Beach, and West Palm Beach, requesting them to advise the Jacksonville office immediately, by telegram or telephone, in the event any currency in a considerable amount in the denominations listed in this case should be received. Up to this date I have received no information concerning this matter.

This is also to advise that this fight, because of weather conditions, could not be held at Miami the night of February 28th. It was staged the night of March 1st. I am told by persons well informed that the attendance was very small and the betting was practically nil. No large bets were exchanged and very little interest manifested by fight enthusiasts in Miami.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in charge

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

March 3, 1934.

Mr. O. C. Mowry,  
Kirkwood Hotel,  
Des Moines, Iowa,

Dear Sir;

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

Reference is made to your letter dated March 1, 1934, in the above entitled case, which letter transmitted to the St. Paul Division office fingerprints of Dan Niemeyer, H. F. Spoo, H. Raines, and William Niemeyer, with the request that it be ascertained at the St. Paul Police Department whether or not these individuals have criminal records and are wanted at the present time. Please be advised that the St. Paul Police Department has no criminal record on Dan Niemeyer, H. F. Spoo, and H. Raines.

The fingerprint impressions of the above mentioned individuals, which were forwarded with the letter of reference, are being returned herewith.

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Cc Kansas City

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

March 8, 1934.

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

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al;  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telegram from this office to you, dated March 1, 1934, in which you were requested to supply certain information regarding the ownership, address of owner, and description of automobile bearing Nebraska 1934 license, motor vehicle, number 14-770, and your reply thereto under date of March 2, 1934, advising that such number has not been issued this year.

You are advised that a 1933 model, black, four-door, Chevrolet Sedan, equipped with side mounts, was observed at the corner of Cleveland and Marshall Avenues, in St. Paul on March 1, 1934. There is no doubt but that the automobile bore Nebraska 1934 motor vehicle license number 14-770. Inasmuch as this address is obscure insofar as tourists are concerned and for the further reason that it has just been discovered that the Barker brothers and Alvin Karpis resided at the above mentioned corner for a month or two last year, and the gang with whom they associated owned numerous Chevrolet automobiles, and that it is believed that some of the members of the mob have a connection at this location, it is very much desired that the owner of the automobile in question be established, and that the motor and serial number of the automobile be secured.

Undoubtedly the before mentioned license has been issued, but not completely recorded at this time. I should therefore like to ask that this matter be taken up again in the near future with the proper authorities.

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Very truly yours,

W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR

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801 Title Guaranty Building  
St. Louis, Missouri  
March 2, 1934

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

Dear Sir:      Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases.  
                  ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases.  
                  UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
                  Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
                  Kidnaping.

Reference is made to the letter of the St. Paul Office addressed to the New York City Office under date of February 23, 1934, with reference to the canvassing of dealers in out of town newspapers in the various districts.

Supplementing the report of Special Agent H. G. Maynor, St. Louis, Missouri, dated February 26, 1934, covering the canvass of said dealers in this district, this is to advise that inquiry of the National System at 204 North 3rd Street, St. Louis, Missouri, disclosed that this concern, or system, receives approximately ten copies of the Minneapolis Journal, Sunday edition, and five copies of the daily edition, which are not distributed to the public in any way, and are used only for the purpose of clipping the advertising appearing therein and distributed to their advertising customers.

The remaining leads in this district will be covered as expeditiously as possible.

Very truly yours,

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cc. Division.

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 Bankers Bldg.  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 8, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:-

This will inform you that on even date, this office secured information from the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, that Mrs. Emily Newbold, 2840 North Francisco Street, Chicago, Illinois, the sister of ALVIN KARPIS, made a long distance telephone call on January 18, 1934, from Chicago telephone number Belmont 7899, to Sapulpa, Oklahoma, said message being directed to Dorothy Slayman, care of Mrs. Ralph Piper, 1418 South Main Street, telephone number 1043-M, on which call the charge was \$3.25.

Your letter dated February 28, 1934, to the Saint Paul Office, copy of which was furnished this office, disclosed that in the fall of 1933, Dorothy Slayman is alleged to have been living in the 900 block on Buena Terrace, Chicago, Ill.

In view of the fact that recent disclosures indicate Dorothy Slayman, the alleged wife of Alvin Karpis, is presently living in Sapulpa, it is desired that the proper investigation be conducted at that point by your office.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC:DIVISION,  
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P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

March 1, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Confirming the conversation of Special Agent E.H. Notestein,  
this morning, with you, please be advised that it is desired that a  
check be made of the town of Riverside, as the possible place where  
Victim may have been held captive.

Information has been received from two sources that the  
various sounds heard by Victim BREMER, during the time that he had been  
held prisoner in the hideout, exist in the town of Riverside, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.  
FEBRUARY 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box No. 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases  
ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of February 23, 1934, relative the  
above entitled matter, you will find enclosed herewith eight photographs  
of Maurice Weiner, with aliases, together with three photostatic copies  
of Weiner's fingerprint card, all of which were secured from the United  
States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

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In accordance with instructions contained in your letter, communica-  
tion is being forwarded to the Division requesting that fingerprints of this  
individual, together with those appearing in the title of this case, be  
placed in the single fingerprint file for comparison purposes.

Very truly yours,

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

March 1, 1934.



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

Dear Sir:

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

Enclosed herewith you will find photograph of four tin cans, which are being considered in connection with the above styled case. We are desirous of determining the name and address of the concern which manufactures the type of can shown at the right of the photograph. As you will note, the three cans on the right are identical in pattern. The can on the extreme left has been identified as product of the American Can Company. These cans are described as five gallon square type tin cans with 1-3/4" screw cap and wire handle. Several companies, which are reported to manufacture square type cans, are listed below.

Please contact the concerns, which may be located in your district, with a view of determining whether they manufacture this identical can. If the company listed does not produce the identical can, make inquiry of them as to who may possibly produce this can and make every effort otherwise to identify the maker of this product.

The Chicago Division Office is further requested to call at the main office of the Continental Can Company for suggestions as to names of can manufacturers other than those enumerated herein.

It is desired that the following concerns be contacted:

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Channel Can Company, Chicago, Illinois;  
Continental Can Company, Chicago, Illinois;  
Independent Can Company, 2655 West Van Buren, Chicago, Ill.;  
St. Louis Can Company, St. Louis, Missouri;  
Stueber and Kuck, Peoria, Illinois;  
Conneant Can Company, Conneant, Ohio.

If identity of the cans in question is established, a list of all concerns, or persons, to whom sales were made, giving addresses for the past two years, should be secured. This list should include sales in the states, as follows:

Minnesota  
North Dakota  
South Dakota  
Iowa  
Illinois  
Indiana  
Wisconsin.

Kindly give this matter your immediate attention and advise me promptly of results obtained. The photograph forwarded herewith should be returned to the St. Paul Division Office.

Very truly yours,

W.A. BUSH, INSPECTOR.

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CC St. Louis (Enc. 2)  
CC Detroit (Enc. 2)

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

March 5, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

There is enclosed a Filmolens identical with the type used  
by the kidnapers in the instant case.

It is requested that this lens be exhibited to all employees  
of the Western Auto Supply Company store in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and  
that photographs of Karpis, the Barkers brothers, Volney Davis, and  
Harry Campbell be shown to these employees and an effort made to ascer-  
tain whether or not quantities of these lens, size 3-3/8 inch, either  
in six, nine, or twelve units, were purchased by any of the above named  
suspects subsequent to January 27, 1934, and prior to February 5, 1934.

In the event that none of the employees in the Western Auto  
Supply Company store have any recollection concerning sales of the  
Filmolens in excess of one to a person, it is suggested that arrange-  
ments be made through the manager of the store to have the sales slips  
forwarded from the auditor's office in Kansas City to the Western Auto  
Supply Company branch at Milwaukee. These slips should be checked to  
positively determine whether or not sales in quantity have been made.

The enclosed lens should be returned to the St. Paul Division  
office upon completion of this investigation.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER

Inspector

W. A. RORER  
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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;  
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82.

Information secured from the Illinois Bell Telephone Company disclosed that Mrs. Margaret Lee, 6144 North Washatenev Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on February 17, 1934, telephoned a telegraphic message, which was directed to an unknown party in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The message was signed "Marge" and the charges thereon were \$1.21.

It is observed that Mrs. Margaret Lee, is the wife of Lee Philips, now incarcerated in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, Lee Philips being a brother of Bernard Philips.

It is believed advisable that the records of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies in Hot Springs, Arkansas be examined for a telegram received on February 17, 1934, signed by "Marge" and on which were \$1.21. Undoubtedly, information of various sources.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 215,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

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

Referring to my letter of February 26, 1934 in the above captioned case, I am transmitting herewith six photographs of Glen Roy Wright. These photographs I am inclosing herewith are the same as those hitherto forwarded, but appear a bit more distinct.

The Chicago office is being furnished two of these photographs and the Kansas City office two.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Incl's.  
cc- Chicago (Incl.)  
Kansas City (Incl.)  
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March 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 514,  
Birmingham, Ala.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM  
KIDNAPING. Chicago File 7-22

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Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to the underwear purchased for the Victim by his abductors. It is observed this underwear was manufactured by the Appalachian Woolen Mills, at Knoxville, Tennessee, exclusively for Carson-Firie-Scott, of Chicago, Illinois. It is further observed that the underwear in question bore the numbers "28-44-70", indicating "28" was the factory operator number; "44" was the size and that "70" was the length of the garment to the crotch.

Recent investigation by this office at Waukesha, Wisconsin discloses that about one month ago, an unknown individual purchased two suits of this underwear, marked "LIFE SIZE - UNDERWEAR - SATISFIES", from Friedman Brothers, 522 West Main Street, Waukesha, Wisconsin. Investigation at that point also discloses that the unknown individual appeared at the store at approximately 4:00 or 4:50 P.M. and requested two suits of underwear, size 44. At this time, the clerk in the store, Miss Bahr, showed him underwear having short sleeves, whereupon the prospective purchaser became somewhat excited and declared he wanted long sleeved underwear. At this point, Mr. Sam Friedman, the owner of the store, interposed and consummated the sale of two suits of underwear, believed to be identical with the suit purchased by the abductors for the Victim in this case. The underwear purchased by this unknown individual at Waukesha, Wisconsin was size 44. It is to be noted that Sam Friedman no longer has any long sleeved underwear of the type purchased from Carson-Firie-Scott, in his possession and has only short sleeved underwear of this type at the present time. It is also observed that the short sleeved underwear bears only eight pearl buttons, while the underwear purchased for the Victim has nine buttons in front.

Mr. Friedman was unable to advise whether the suit which he sold to this individual bore eight or nine buttons. Friedman informed that the underwear he sold to this person was purchased from Carson-Firie-Scott, Chicago,

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this unknown person, A.M.  
in 1932, but he is  
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not certain whether the suits carried eight or nine pearl buttons in front.

Efforts have been made by the Chicago Office, through Mr. Burkland of Carson-Pirie-Scott's Wholesale House, Chicago, Illinois to ascertain whether the suits of underwear shipped to Sam Friedman at Waukesha, Wisconsin in September of 1932, under invoice No. 7682, had eight or nine buttons, but without success. Mr. Burkland advised that inquiries should be made of the manufacturer at Knoxville, Tennessee, to determine specifically whether the long sleeved underwear, bearing the marking "28-44-70", which would indicate size 44 underwear, manufactured and sent to Carson-Pirie & Scott in 1932, carried eight or nine pearl buttons in front. It is important to determine whether the underwear in question, manufactured for Carson-Pirie-Scott, during 1932, bore nine pearl buttons in front, since it is observed the underwear purchased for the Victim had nine pearl buttons in front.

Mr. Burkland stated that it was his belief that sizes smaller than 44 are manufactured with eight buttons, but that from size 44 on up, nine or more buttons are used in front.

The importance of this inquiry is borne out by the fact that the unknown individual, who purchased the underwear at Waukesha, Wisconsin from Sam Friedman, was in very much of a hurry, was irritable when shown underwear with short sleeves, very definitely asked for underwear size 44, did not ask the price, purchased two suits and handed Mr. Friedman a Five Dollar Bill, paid little regard to the amount of change which he had received.

For the information of the Saint Paul Office, the unknown individual referred to in this letter is described as follows:- Age, 30-35; height, 5 feet 5 to 7 inches; 155 to 170 pounds; build, short and stocky; dark hair; wore dark blue overcoat and light grey felt hat; was described as being well dressed; had the appearance of an American, was not Jewish and did not appear to be a foreigner; did not have a mustache, no scars or peculiarities noticeable.

For the further information of the Saint Paul Office, it is observed that all the pictures of the suspects in this case, together with photographs of numerous other individuals who might possibly fit the description of this unknown party, were displayed to Miss Bahr and to Mr. Sam Friedman at Waukesha, Wisconsin, but they failed to recognize any of the pictures as being a likeness of the purchaser of the underwear in question.

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It is respectfully requested that the investigation indicated at Knoxville, Tennessee, be expedited.

Very truly yours,

KRM:TMH  
CC:DIVISION  
St. Paul  
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M. E. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

O. Box 815,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 1, 1934.

87059

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-83.

Dear Sir:

In connection with captioned case it has become very desirable to locate one C. W. Davis, who is believed to be a member of the gang associated with Karpis and the Barkers, and whose correct identity is not known. Referring to my letter to the Director of recent date, a copy of which was furnished your office, you will note that the Barkers lived at 2062 Marshall Avenue. Ed Wickham, the janitor at that address, furnished the following license numbers which he had noted on automobiles at that address:

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Through the Minnesota Motor Vehicle License Bureau it has been determined definitely that the Minnesota license was issued to Charles Fisher, 689 St. Peter Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, for a 1933 Chevrolet Coach. Fisher was recently apprehended at San Antonio, Texas, and was subsequently sentenced in Federal Court at Mankato, Minnesota, to serve three terms of five years each in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, on charges of Post Office burglary. These sentences were to run concurrently. He was also sentenced to serve two three-year terms on a similar charge, which sentences were to also run concurrently, but consecutively with first sentence.

C. W. Davis bought at least two Chevrolet Sedans from the Midway Chevrolet Company of St. Paul, which was the place, incidentally, where Fisher bought his automobile. Arthur R. Barker, alias Doc Barker, has been partially identified by one Herbert L. Wilds, a questionable garage owner of St. Paul, as the person who had been in his garage with a 1933 model Chevrolet Sedan, which car was possibly purchased under the name of C. W. Davis from the Midway Chevrolet Company, same being one of the Chevrolets referred to as having been purchased by Davis. The C. W. Davis above referred to may be either Volney Davis or Doc Barker. C. W. Davis has been described as being about thirty-five years of age, about five feet

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Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
March 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Division of Investigation,  
P. O. Box 415,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

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

While in Wichita, Kansas, Special Agent R. C. Sura was advised by  
Captain O. E. Lyle of the Detective Department of the Police there  
that one [redacted] had in-

formation that one Harry Miller, alias Harry Lester, alias Lester,  
alias Murphy, U. S. Penitentiary #29 955, Leavenworth, Kansas, a  
professional kidnaper, was believed to be presently in the vicinity  
of St. Paul, Minnesota, and might possibly have some connection with  
the instant case.

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[redacted] stated that he did not have any definite  
information that Miller was involved in the instant case, but he  
thought he was a logical suspect. Miller is described as being  
41 years of age; 5 ft. 8 1/2 in.; weight 162 pounds; hair bald - grey;  
build medium; complexion medium; race white; F. P. C. 14 17 21 21  
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Captain Lyle advised that Miller was released from the U. S. Peni-  
tentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, on December 22, 1930, to Harry J.  
Brahl, Secretary of Masterson and Company, 5 1/2 1934, Pittsburg, Mo. while

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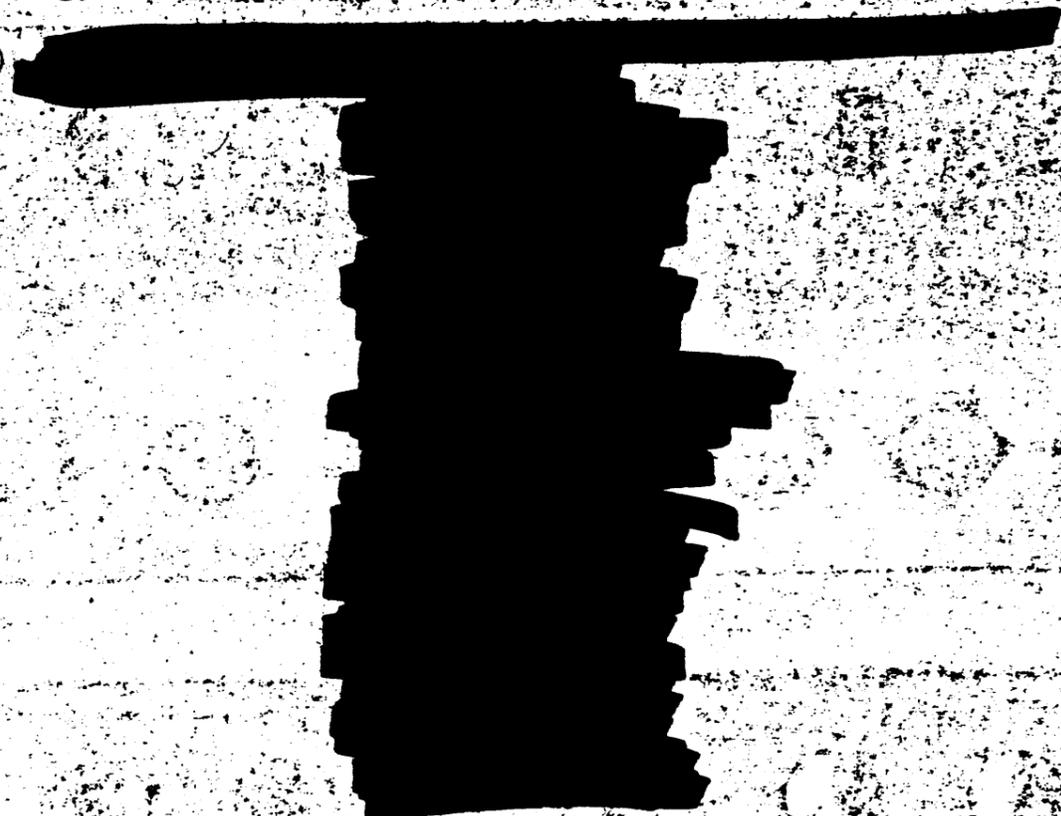
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From a letter in Captain Lyle's file, it appears that the St. Paul, Minnesota, Police Department's file number on Miller is 5051, it not being known whether St. Paul Police Department has a photograph of Miller. At this time, I am communicating with the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, in order to obtain a photograph of Miller and immediately upon its receipt, the same will be transmitted to you.

Captain Lyle also added that Clyde Nimerick, Denver, Colorado, PD #9248, who, with Ray Majors, was responsible for the kidnaping of F. C. Hwey, Assistant Cashier of the Southwest National Bank, Wichita, Kansas, might be a logical suspect. Majors is now serving a life sentence at Lansing, Kansas. The instant case file reflects that the St. Paul office already has a photograph of Clyde Nimerick.

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The above information is being submitted for any value it may be  
in the instant case.

Very truly yours,

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

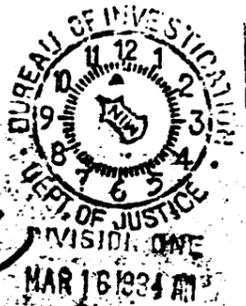
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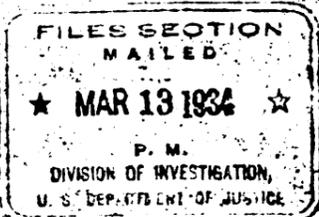
Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
 Division of Investigation,  
 U. S. Department of Justice,  
 Post Office Box 515,  
 St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Kansas City office, dated March 5, 1934, addressed to you, in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL, GEORGE EDWARD BREMER - VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

The files of the Identification Unit of the Division contain a record of Harry Miller, Leavenworth #29955; however, the St. Paul Police Department have his arrest as Harry Moore, #17685, in that City in October, 1921, charged with Investigation. No record of this individual under St. Paul #5051 appears in the record.

There are transmitted herewith, two copies of the photograph of Miller. The fingerprints of both Miller and Clyde Wimerick are being entered in the single fingerprint file and will be compared with latent prints in connection with this case.



Very truly yours,

Director.

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Laboratory Report

February 27, 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.

With further reference to laboratory report dated February 21, 1934, no appreciable differences have been detected in various gasolenes dyed red such as have been collected in Washington. It, therefore, is improbable that any further information can be obtained from the samples of red gasoline submitted for examination. The light colored gasoline appears the same as Texaco regular. There is no way of determining definitely that it is this particular brand as most companies make up their gasolenes to specification and for the most part the differences between different brands are approximately the same as the normal variations of an individual brand. It is thought no further information can be obtained on these specimens.

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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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# 595

Laboratory Report  
February 24, 1934.

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

Number: 7-576

Specimens: . 2 metal signs "Shell"

Examination requested by: St. Paul Division Office

Date received: February 16, 1934

Examination requested: Fingerprint and General Laboratory

Result of examination:

Examination by: E. P. Coffey

Two metal signs reading "Shell", reported to have been used as door shields on an automobile in connection with the kidnaping, were examined. Photographs of these have been recorded for record purposes and copies furnished the St. Paul Office.

These signs are made of heavy copper and have every appearance of being the work of a professional sign painter, and in the absence of any indication to the contrary, it is believed they were legitimately made, in the first instance, for some branch of the Shell Company. Due to the fact, Shell Officials in St. Paul have disclaimed knowledge of this type of sign, the original signs have been forwarded to the Chicago Office to be exhibited to Shell Officials in their district with a view to determining their origin.

Should this line of investigation fail to produce results, it is suggested the signs be returned to the laboratory and consideration will be given to having a further study made by a metallurgist.

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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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Laboratory Report

February 26, 1934.

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

Specimens: 1 black leather handbag.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: February 21, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: E.P.Coffey.

The leather bag submitted by the St. Paul Office and reported to have been left in the bus station in connection with the delivery of a contact message has been examined and is found to be a cheap handbag apparently new, the material of which it is made being stamped "Genuine Cowhide", the fittings and stitching being particularly indicative of its cheap quality. It is black and has an imitation buff colored lining. It is of the travelling handbag type and is fitted within with a compartment on one side, the top of which clips to the side and there are two pockets stitched in the lining on the opposite side. The name of the manufacturer was not noted on the article but there appears stamped on the bottom the trade slogan "Warranted Genuine Cowhide" as well as symbols and numbers arranged one above the other as follows:

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This data should serve to assist materially in locating the retailer of this bag once the manufacturer has been found.

A number of photographic views have been made of the bag and the Washington Field Office is being requested to ascertain the names of likely manufacturers of the article and set forth leads for the tracing of the same to the ultimate retailer.

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Two latent prints were developed on the fittings on the handbag. These were quite fragmentary and will be of value only for direct comparison.

with the fingerprints of any suspects or persons known to have handled the handbag. A further report on the examination of these latent prints will be submitted. .

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

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

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD G. BREMER -  
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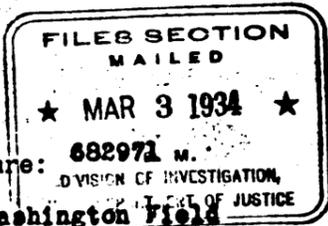
Dear Sir:

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 21, 1934.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

Director.



*J.P.G.*

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Minneapolis, Minn.

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Feb. 18 - 1934

Mr. Homer S. Cummings,  
Attorney General  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

You probably know these things. The Bremer family was caught in a machine made by their own hand.

They have been all powerful, financially and politically, for fifteen years that I know of. Not only in Ramsey County (St. Paul) but throughout the entire state, they watched this election and that one.

After all, good government means some one played good politics but questionable politicians make bad government.

About twelve years ago, Mr. Floyd B. Olson was elected County attorney in Hennepin County (Minneapolis). A very shrewd young man. He flirted with the possibility of bigger things; But not with out the encouragement of his Ramsey county friends. In eight years time he had made many friends and many alliances; but not a one could compare to the Bremer friendship.

In 1930, Mr. Adolph and Otto Bremer made Mr. Floyd B. Olson, the only Farmer-labor governor in the U.S. And now "Floyd" has passed them by. He has climbed the political ladder and is still going strong. He is Minnesota's "Kingfish" - a political four-flusher and a demagogue.

He knows the tricks to ensnare the votes of the masses and also the tricks to ensnare the support of crooked politicians and business men. Many have questioned the Governor's integrity and his trust from a monetary point of view, but I will cast that aside and say his ambition is for power, a desire to lead the parade and a readiness and a willingness to go to any end to thrust himself into prominence.

This, sir, is to my way of thinking the number one reason why Minnesota has been both a winter and summer resort for mobs gunmen stock salemen and what have you. The Bremer-Olson machine ain't what she use to be but she's still in good working order. Look up one Mr. Walter McGee, Bremer's boy "Friday" Look up "Stillwater" (Minn penitentiary) releases and pardons

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Yours very sincerely,

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(Signed) Joseph M. Mulheran	
1619 Glenwood Ave.	
Minneapolis, Minn.	
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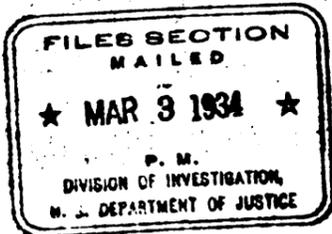
Mr. Joseph M. Mulheran,  
1619 Glenwood Avenue,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Kindly be advised that your letter of February 18, 1934, addressed to the Attorney General, concerning the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer has been referred to Mr. W. A. Rorer, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Post Office Box 515, St. Paul, Minnesota, for appropriate attention. Any information you are able to give him concerning this case will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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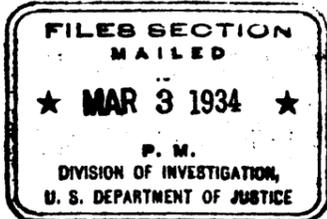
Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

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

There are inclosed herewith copies of a letter  
dated February 18, 1934, addressed to the Attorney General,  
from Mr. Joseph M. Malheran, 1619 Glenwood Avenue,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota, for appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,



Director.

Incl. #682391

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Laboratory Report

February 26, 1934.

Case: Alvin Karpis with aliases, Arthur Barker with Number: 7-576  
aliases, Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer,  
Victim; Kidnaping.

Specimens: 1 black woolen cap (size 6 7/8)

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: February 24, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Laboratory.

Result of examination:

Examination by: E.P. Coffey.

The cap which was submitted is of a type probably used in the north-west section, having a long vizor and an edge folded up so designed to be wrapped around the head and ears if desired. The cap is made of cotton wool and has a distinctive lining inside consisting of a red, white, and gray fabric design. The outside is of dark navy blue and the cord holding the flaps together in front is of black. The size is 6 7/8 and the cap appears to be new. It has the union label of the Cloth Hat Caps Millinery Workers and bears the letter "G" and the stamped serial number 9466411. It should be of considerable assistance in locating the place where it was sold.

The Washington Field Office is being requested to conduct appropriate investigation with a view to ascertaining the location of the headquarters of this union for the purpose of tracing the manufacturer and ultimate retailer.

Two hairs which are probably human were found clinging to the lining of the hat and in several places in the lining and on the outside of the back were small flakes of cellophane which might indicate that the article was originally sold wrapped in a cellophane display covering.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
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RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases,  
Unknown Subjects - EDWARD G.  
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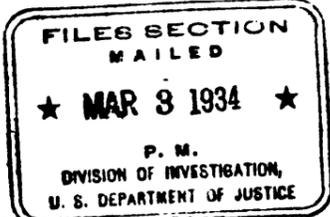
Dear Sir:

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 24, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.



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Miss Flora G. Orr, Washington representative of the St. Paul News, telephoned to inquire with reference to the Bremer case. I told her that of course we could give no information.

Miss Orr called my attention to the Congressional Record for February 27th, in which the allegation is made by Congressman Francis H. Shoemaker of Minnesota that two Department of Justice Agents - Mel Harney and Clark Carhart - are holding their jobs through influence of Pierce Butler and other political influence. Miss Orr was under the impression that these men were employed by this Division, although she stated she thought Harney had at one time been connected with the Prohibition Unit. I informed Miss Orr that they are not in my employ and suggested that she call Mr. Hurley.

Very truly yours,

~~W. J. Harney~~

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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG**

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

February 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-20.

Concerning the socks purchased for victim in the above  
entitled matter and with particular reference to reports of Special  
Agent Charles Jenkin, Chicago, dated 2-21-34 and Special Agent W. E.  
Jamison, Chicago, 2-24-34, and letter to the Director from the  
Chicago office dated 2-17-34, it is desired that the list of stores  
purchasing the Cluett-Peabody shirt and the underwear be presented in  
the report of Special Agent Jamison and in the Chicago letter be  
checked at the Chicago Mail Order Company, Chicago, and the Gem  
Hosiery Company of Milwaukee in an effort to determine from the  
records of the above two concerns, which establishments named in the  
Chicago letter to the Director and the report of Special Agent Jamison  
also sell the socks in question.

It is realized that such investigation will entail considerable  
detail work but it is considered highly important to this case and  
should be completed at the earliest possible moment to make available  
a list of dealers handling the socks and shirt, the socks and underwear,  
or the socks, shirt, and underwear.

The above request is in supplement to my letter of February  
26, 1934, relative to the same matter.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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Suite 1  
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Kansas City, Missouri  
March 5, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Kindly refer to Chicago letter to the Division dated February 17, 1934, wherein are listed dealers in garments in various field office districts of the type believed to have been furnished Victim Bremer by the kidnapers at the time of his release.

In view of the information in the first paragraph of Page 15 of that letter, no canvass has been made to date of the dealers located in this district, such canvass awaiting instructions from your office or from the Division; however, to be clear whether such a canvass nevertheless be desired, I am writing at this time for your advice relative thereto.

Very truly yours,

W. O. SPEAR, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite 1 -  
Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
March 3, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL  
GEORGE EDWARD BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Please refer to your telegram to this office dated February 27, 1934, requesting that photographs and fingerprints of Paula Harmon, alias Mrs. C. P. Harmon, Leta Graham, Charles Harmon and Jim Harmon be obtained from Council Bluffs, Iowa, and furnished your office.

Pursuant to my instructions, the requested information was sent direct to you by Special Agent J. L. Flood, resident Agent at Omaha, Nebraska, under date of March 1, 1934.

For the information of the Division and the St. Paul office, I am attaching copies of this letter for those offices, (i. e., copy of Agent Flood's letter, mentioned above), hereto.

Photostatic copies of the photographs and fingerprints mentioned in Agent Flood's letter have been retained at this office. It is suggested that your office furnish the Division and the St. Paul office with copies of the photographs and fingerprints referred to.

Immediately upon receipt of any further information relative to the location of Miss Leta Graham, you will be advised.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Ill.

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

Dear Sir:

Acting Agent in Charge, H. C. Spear, Kansas City, Mo.,  
Division office, telephonically advised me last night, to secure  
photographs and copies of fingerprints of the following individuals  
at the office of the Sheriff, Council Bluffs, Iowa:

- Mrs. C. P. Harmon, S.O. #1803, Council Bluffs, Iowa.
- Loeta Graham, S. O. #1804                   do                   do
- Charles P. Harmon, S.O. #1905,           do                   do
- James Ira Harmon, S.O. #1806,           do                   do

In accordance with the instructions of Mr. Spear, I am  
mailing you, photographs and fingerprints of the above named individuals.  
The subjects were arrested at Rock Island, Illinois on 2-25-1934, and brought  
to Council Bluffs, to answer a charge of robbing a Postoffice at  
Underwood, Iowa. Mrs. Harmon and Miss Graham were not prosecuted.  
Mr. W. H. Bridges, Special Agent, Railway Express Company, Omaha, Nebr.,  
who participated in the capture of the above individuals, advised me that  
F. A. Burke, Special Agent in Charge, Railway Express Company, St. Paul,  
Minnesota, has the Express Company file in this case. However, Mr. Bridges  
recalled that when Loeta Graham was released from custody, her mother,  
who resides at Ralston, Nebraska, took Miss Graham back to that town.  
Mr. Bridges advised that Miss Graham was once employed as a barber in  
the Loyal Hotel Barber Shop, and will possibly be following up this kind  
of employment. Investigation is now being conducted to locate Miss  
Graham, and you will be advised of the results thereof.

Very truly yours,  
J.L. Flood,  
Special Agent.

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Suite 1 -  
Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Mo.  
March 5, 1934.

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

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Dear Sir:

RE:

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al  
EDWIN GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

There are being transmitted herewith copies of a letter received by this office from Sheriff A. W. Webb of Bridgeport, Nebraska. Altho there is nothing to definitely indicate that the facts set out therein may be of value to you in the instant investigation, the same is submitted for any help it may be.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF  
SHERIFF OF MOBILE COUNTY, NEBRASKA  
BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA

February 12th, 1934

Agent in Charge,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

Since the Bremer kidnaping case, I have had a hunch which probably is of no value and on the other hand it might be alright. At least I believe the Department should have the information.

Winfred N. Moore and his brother, Henry Moore, have been for the past five or six years, bootleggers and moonshiners in my county. They have not been small timers in the game but have done a big business for this kind of country. I have caught Winfred Moore several times and between his losses of liquor and alcohol and his fines and attorneys' fees, he has nearly gone broke. I never have had Henry Moore but he has one liquor conviction in Grand Island, I believe. Their operations have been all over western Nebraska and part of South Dakota.

On the 6th of December, 1933, Winfred Moore was picked up in Minneapolis for investigation. It is stated that he had over \$1500 in cash and a gun on him. I do not know what else the Police had on him nor if he was immediately released. But the fact that he was in Minneapolis shortly before the Bremer kidnaping, together with the fact that he and his brother know the South Dakota and western Nebraska county so well, makes me wonder if he might have had something to do with it.

Both of these men are smart enough to be in on a deal of this kind if they were connected up with others.

Whether this information is of any value to you or not, I do not know. But I thought there was a possibility of this fitting in with something else, and if so, would be worth investigation.

Assuring the Department of my co-operation at any time, I am,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) A. M. WEBB - Sheriff

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Suite 1 -  
Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
March 8, 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;  
George Edward Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping.

Please refer to letter from the Detroit office to this office under date of February 19, 1934, transmitting the original letter received by the Detroit Police Department from W. C. Choplin, 3119 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, dated February 16, 1934.

Please be advised that Special Agent C. F. Hurley of this office interviewed Mr. Choplin, who is employed as a mail-carrier at the Post Office located at 3119 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri; Mr. Choplin's present residence being at Lexington Road and Dickinson, Independence, Missouri.

Mr. Choplin advised that during the time Victim Bremer was missing, Choplin became suspicious of a party residing at 801 East Armour Blvd., Kansas City, Mo., which address is that of a hotel, the individual's name being Lewis Green. During the time in question, Green received registered mail almost daily from San Francisco, New York, Chicago and Sioux City, Iowa; however, after Victim Bremer was released at Rochester, Minnesota, the registered mail for Green from the above mentioned points ceased.

Green also mailed out several packages during that time and the packages contained some clothes lining; all of Green's packages were addressed rather peculiarly, that is, Green heavily certain letters of the address and would letters with dots and lines. Mr. Choplin thought that possibly the above peculiar writing was some sort of a code.

Green is described as being about 45 years of age; 5 feet, 11 inches tall, about 160 pounds in weight, raw-boned and has dark freckles. His wife, Louise, lives with him at the above mentioned address.

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On one occasion, Green got out of a Chevrolet Coupe bearing Illinois license plates.

Mr. Choplin became suspicious of the above individual, but there appears to be no definite information to indicate that Green was concerned in the instant case and hence, further inquiries are not being made by this office, unless on specific request from the office of origin in this case.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SP. AR, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite 1 -  
Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
March 5, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Kindly refer to your telegram to this office under date of February 26, 1934, requesting that it be ascertained whether Ford Roadster, Motor No. A 514 721 had been registered this year in the State of Iowa under the name of Edward B. Bell, or any other name.

This will confirm telegraphic reply directed to you by Special Agent Dewey from Des Moines to the effect that no record was found of the registration of the above described car at the State Automobile Department, Des Moines, Iowa.

Agent Dewey advises me that in his wire to you, he requested that you check back the above motor number, which contains only six figures, indicating that the car was either a 1927 or 1928 model Ford Roadster.

The 1934 Registration Records have not all been brought up to date yet, but it is believed that the same will be brought up to date within two weeks. Accordingly, Agent Dewey placed stop notice in the files there, in order that he would be immediately notified should the above described motor number appear. You are advised that no alphabetical index is kept in the State of Iowa of registrants of automobiles according to the owner's name.

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Agent Dewey advised me that as a possible source of information, he also checked the records of the State Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, but was unable to find any information relative to Edward B. Helle.

Very truly yours,

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

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

March 3, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

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

In reply to your letter of February 29, 1934, the man referred to in your letter, from the description and his connection in St. Paul, is evidently Frank Thompson, who has been prominently connected in St. Paul and was in Oklahoma City at approximately the time referred to in your letter. Please make investigation at once at the Baltimore Hotel at Oklahoma City and get a complete list of all telephone calls received and sent out from his room during his stay at Oklahoma City.

Please explain more fully the sentence in your letter of February 28th which reads, "Mr. Debenbrink stated that it is the theory of his informant that this man Thompson from St. Paul may be in on the kidnaping, and that he permitted his account to be drawn upon for the sum of \$50,000, and that he would share the rest of the ransom money." It is true that Frank Thompson and Walter Magee are friends; however, they are not known to be very intimate; and the statement in your letter which refers to Thompson as permitting his account to be drawn upon and then sharing in part of the ransom is not exactly clear. Please furnish this office with the above requested information immediately.

Very truly yours,

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

Dear Sir:

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

Kindly refer to telegram from Special Agent in Charge Hanni, of St. Paul, to this office under date of February 27, 1934, requesting that the handwriting, other than that of signatures, of James Lawson, Kansas State Penitentiary #3908, Alvin Karpis, Kansas State Penitentiary #1539, and Fred Barker, Kansas State Penitentiary #9836, be obtained and furnished to the Division.

You are respectfully advised that efforts at the State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, and previous efforts at the State Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, have reflected that there are no handwriting specimens on file at those institutions of Karpis and Barker other than their signatures. The Division is advised that efforts have also been made at the State Parole Attorney's Office, Topeka, Kansas, in an endeavor to obtain specimens of the handwriting of Karpis and Barker, but likewise no specimens were found there.

[redacted] an informant in behalf of this office in an endeavor to locate Alvin Karpis, [redacted]

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[redacted] but likewise has been unable to find any. Further efforts will be made by this office in an endeavor to obtain specimens of the above named individuals' handwritings through contact with the various county offices from which counties these individuals were sentenced to penal institutions.

There is transmitted herewith a three page specimen of the handwriting of James Lawson above named.

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Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Lawson Kausal  
Feb 27, 1934

My name is Jim Lawson and this is a specimen of my handwriting which I am furnishing at the request of a special agent of the Division of Investigation United States Dept. of Justice.

I was born a few miles from the town of Exeter Missouri, "County of Berry;" My father's name was Neal Lawson. My mother's name was Ella Erwin Lawson. My father died in 1907 or 1908 and my mother remarried to L. A. McArthur. They both now live at rural route #2, Box 21, Chico, California.

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I am thirty-two years of age, have been married once to Mildred Hall, but am now divorced, I think. We have no children. My wife's father lives in Nevada, Missouri.

I have been requested to write the names of the months of the year, and they are as follows:—

January

July

February

August

March

September

April

October

May

November

June

December

The capital letters of the alphabet are as follows:—  
A B C D E F G H I  
J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W  
X Y Z. a b c d e f g h i j k l  
m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

The small letters of the alphabet are as follows:— a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z. a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z.

I attended high school for the better part of two years. I spent part of this time in the Sepulpa High School and part in the Kiefer High School.

The months of the year are as follows:—

January

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March

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July

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October

November

December

signed:

Jim L. L. 15

P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
March 2, 1934

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

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Dear Sir: Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al.  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
Kidnaping. b7A

On February 25, 1934, Special Agent in Charge Blake of  
the Dallas office called me by long distance telephone and stated  
that Agent Dowd at Pampa, Texas had learned

[REDACTED] that  
according to an interview with the Gibson woman, under pretext, she  
told Agent Dowd that Harry Campbell is supposed to be in and out of  
Tulsa. Mr. Blake stated that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] tentatively identified the photograph  
of Harry Campbell as the person [REDACTED] but that  
little credence is put in this.

Agent Hollis at Tulsa conducted investigation in this  
matter and learned that Mrs. J. T. Keister is the wife of one J. T.  
Keister, who at one time was more or less well connected in the oil  
business, but such is not the case of late; that Keister, or Kiester,  
and his wife are now living in an apartment house in Tulsa, the address  
of which Agent Hollis will furnish me, but that they no longer have  
offices in the Tulsa Trust Building. b7C

Agent Hollis was able to learn [REDACTED]  
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Reference is made to a letter from the San Antonio office to this office, dated February 27, 1934, in this case relating to Johan Armour of Miami, Oklahoma. Information from other sources has reached this office to the effect that this woman is an alleged sweetheart or girl friend of Fred Barker, and efforts have been made, and are now being made, to determine her whereabouts. Her mother, a Mrs. Aiken, is allegedly residing in Commerce, Oklahoma.

The Mrs. Chastain of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, the mother of Bob Chastain, an alleged inmate of the McAlester Penitentiary, will be discreetly investigated, as well as the tourist camp supposed to be on the Sand Springs Road near the Arkansas River Bridge, operated by one "Goggle Eye", will also be given appropriate attention. These matters are mentioned in the letter from San Antonio.

A report of Agent F. S. Dana of Dallas, February 28, 1934, in this case sets forth that Ed Weatherford, Detective of the Fort Worth Police Department, obtained information from one of his informants relative to a hideout between Nowata, Oklahoma and Coffeyville, Kansas, and which is known to Henry Lowery, Sheriff of Nowata, and that this hideout is alleged to be operated by an ex-chaplain of the Army. Sheriff Lowery is well known to Agent Hollis and has always cooperated with this Division. Agent Hollis has recently contacted him in respect to this case and I have again instructed him to get in touch with Sheriff Lowery in respect to this matter. Agent Hollis has informed me that Sheriff Lowery would be interested in apprehending the Barkers, or any member of this gang, and that in his conversations and contacts with Lowery, he has never mentioned this hideout. Developments with respect thereto will be promptly forwarded.

On the evening of March 1st, Agent Hollis, stationed at Tulsa, informed me that Malissa Bevan of Tulsa, previously mentioned in correspondence from this office, has informed him that Harry Campbell has a girl friend, whose first name is Winona and whose last name she does not know, and that this girl formerly was around Tulsa and that Campbell was exceedingly fond of her. Malissa Bevan does not know the present whereabouts of Winona. Agent Hollis also informed me that Earl Gardner, Detective of the Tulsa Police Department, informed him that Harry Campbell had a girl friend known as Winona Burdette and that some two or three, or more months ago he picked up Winona in Tulsa; that Winona's brother, Art Burdette, told Gardner that if he would not photograph and fingerprint Winona, he would do something for him sometime; that is, that he would put the "finger" on Harry Campbell. Gardner said that Art Burdette plays in what is known as the Oklahoma Cowboys' Band, now

supposed to be playing at Fort Huron, Michigan, and that this band usually plays at second-rate theatres and has only short engagements; that Winona Burdette is not in Tulsa at this time; that she and Art are exceedingly fond of each other and it is thought she might be with him.

Gardner described Winona as: 5' 4"; Weight, 120-125; Dark Brown Hair, wears it in a long bob; Medium Light Complexion; very good looking.

Gardner did not state whether he thought it would be advisable to approach Art Burdette, but that he is of the opinion that possibly Winona is with Art and that Campbell may contact her, or she may be hearing from him. This information was furnished Mr. Larson of the Detroit office by telephone on the night of March 1st.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brentley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Dallas  
San Antonio  
Detroit  
Division ✓

Des Moines, Ia.  
March 4, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
et al. Edward G. Bremer,  
Victim, Kidnapping.  
St. Paul File #7-50  
Kansas City File #7-57

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your letter of February 28, 1934 captioned as above and requesting investigation at the Western Auto Supply Co., at Des Moines, Ia. in effort to ascertain if several film lenses had been purchased at this store by any one person.

Agent L. D. Nichols of the Kansas City Office previously made this investigation, but was unable to ascertain that any of these lenses in quantities of two, three, or more had been sold to any one person, however, to make sure that this lead had been fully covered, I interviewed the Assistant Manager J. Price and he advised me that all the sales tickets are forwarded to Kansas City every fifteen days, and that from his previous questioning of all the employees he had been unable to ascertain that several of these lenses had been sold to any one person. With the aid of Mr. Price, I called every one of the salesman to his office and there questioned them individually and showed them the pictures of Karpis, Barker, et al. but none of the salesman could identify any of these men. One salesman, Lawrence McKinney, advises that some time ago something about these film lenses came up, but he is unable to recall now just what it was. It was Mr. Price's recollection that some man came in and wanted one or more of these lenses in a smaller size, and he showed to him how they could be cut down to any size desired. Mr. Price was unable to recall just how many lenses this party took, what his description was, or just when this transaction took place. I think both Mr. Price and Mr. McKinney are honest and square in their statements that they do not recall the full transaction, they have a very busy store here. I am having the Kansas City Office see Mr. W. E. Burghy, General Salesmanager, 2107 Grand Ave., Kansas City, Mo. to check the sales slips of the Des Moines store to find out if any number of these film lenses were sold, the date, and by whom.

I am returning herewith the film lenses that was enclosed in your letter.

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O. C. Dewey,  
Special Agent.

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801 Title Guaranty Building,  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
February 28, 1934.

Mr. W. L. Noah,  
Inspector in Charge,  
Post Office Department,  
Federal Building,  
St. Louis, Missouri,

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of  
February 26, 1934 with which you enclosed a  
number of circulars concerning Thomas Carroll.

I desire to thank you for your kind  
cooperation in securing these circulars for  
the use of this Division.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Alt called from Tampa (5:00 P. M.). He asked whether a copy of the report in the LaRue case, which report contains information relative to the alleged leak in the St. Paul office, should be sent to the St. Paul office. He was instructed to send the report to Mr. Borer, at St. Paul, under confidential cover.

Mr. Alt stated that LaRue stated that he could advise where Gus held out in Chicago if we could get a map of the city of Chicago. He was instructed to wire Chicago and request that a copy of the map be sent him.

Mr. Alt stated that Agent Main would have to leave Tampa to conduct the investigations in Pensacola. He stated that Agent Kingman would remain at Jacksonville until the 27th, at which time he, Mr. Alt, would probably be through at Tampa.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 215,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward C. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, the laboratory has read the report of Special Agent J. R. Welles, dated at Chicago, Illinois, February 22, 1934. This report indicates that the Shell shields are counterfeit corroborating statements made by Shell employees at St. Paul.

If this is so it is the conclusion of the laboratory that the signs were prepared by persons with considerable experience as sign painters. In other words the counterfeiting was done by professionals. It is possible, therefore, that the kidnapers employed some sign painters to do the work or maintain a shop possibly for painting stolen automobiles or those used in crimes and the employees of this shop could have made the signs. These conclusions are based upon the fact that the lettering was done with a broad brush of the kind sign painters use. The strokes are those of the sign painter and the knowledge of paint displayed is professional. Of course, the metal backgrounds could have been easily cut from sheet metal. This type of metal is used by roofers, plumbers, and sheet metal workers.

Very truly yours,

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter to the Director, dated February 26, 1934, a copy of which was received here, in which a description is given of an individual who appears to have some connection with the delivery of one of the ransom notes in this case.

It occurs to me that the description given in many respects appears to be a description of Volney Davis, a photograph of whom is already in possession of the Division. Should any information be obtained to the effect that any other individual of whom we know here or may learn fits this description, and his photograph is available, the same will be procured and immediately transmitted to the Division.

With respect to the further efforts of this office to obtain specimens of handwriting other than signatures of Doc Barker, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell, please be advised that many efforts of this office to obtain such specimens have been unproductive of any results.

Very truly yours,

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Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent

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Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

*T.J.*  
*4000*  
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February 27, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith two letters  
addressed to Adolph Bremer and to the Jacob Schmidt Brewing  
Company, both written at Winnipeg, Canada. There is also  
enclosed

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This matter was handled  
on request of this office prior to  
the arrival of Mr. Rorer.

Very truly yours,

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

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

February 20, 1934.

HHC:DSS

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

*Jan*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Alt called from Tampa (2:50 P. M.) He advised that they had secured a detailed statement from LaRue regarding the Woolverton kidnaping from the beginning to the end but that he would not sign the statement; that he positively will not sign anything; that he will plead guilty to any of the charges but will not sign any statements.

Mr. Alt stated that Agent Anderson advised that while talking to LaRue, LaRue asked him whether any of the information furnished by him would be sent to the St. Paul office, stating that if it were it would be too bad for him; that just as soon as information reaches our St. Paul office it is but a short time until it goes out to Jack Pfifer and Tom Banks and that by this leak these men are always one jump ahead of anything that goes on in St. Paul. Mr. Alt was instructed to question LaRue further in this connection.

LaRue stated that he is almost positive that Gus Stone is the man we should be looking for in the Kansas City massacre case; that he was the trigger man and used the machine gun; that further there is a man now serving a life sentence in Canyon City, Colorado, who is acquainted with Gus, by the name of "Red" and that he would not be hard to locate. He further advised that it was believed that Jud was the individual who "bumped off" Gus Winkler.

Mr. Alt was asked if LaRue had been questioned about Barker and Karpis. He stated that LaRue advised that he does not know them and he cannot identify their photographs. LaRue advised that George Kelly was the only one in with him on the Woolverton case. Mr. Alt was asked if LaRue gave the actual part he played in the Lincoln bank case. He stated that he had; that he had admitted it freely. Mr. Alt stated that he believed LaRue would prove to be a valuable contact later.

Mr. Alt asked if, after completing his work there, Agent Anderson could come to Washington to discuss various angles of this case, the Bremer case and the Kansas City massacre case, which had come up. He was told to have Agent Andersen put all of his information in writing and forward it to the Division.

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I asked Mr. Alt about his statement to Mr. Cowley last night about releasing one Agent assigned there. He said it looked last night like this could be done, but that they had received a lead last night that required running out in St. Petersburg; that they had been advised about some man going to a hotel there in January making inquiry about LaRue's wife's sister and that this would have to be followed. I asked how many Agents he has there now and he stated that he had seven. He will send Agents Scott and Austin back to Birmingham tonight. He was instructed to get all of the Agents from Birmingham back just as soon as possible.

Mr. Alt inquired as to whether I knew where LaRue would be moved. I told him that this depended upon the decision of the Department, which would be made after the reports had been received from him; that when the reports were received they would be submitted to the Department for a decision as to the charge on which he would be prosecuted. Mr. Alt is to have a stenographer from the Jacksonville office report to him tomorrow morning to take the reports and he was instructed to send them to Washington just as promptly as possible.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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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:

The Special Agents engaged in questioning Edward Doll alias Eddie LaBue, now in custody at Tampa, Florida, have informed the Division that LaBue had indicated that if any of the information furnished by him should reach the St. Paul Office of the Division it would seem to be known to Jack Pfeifer and Tom Banks in St. Paul, as there was a leak in the St. Paul Office of this Division.

Under ordinary circumstances I would not attribute any particular importance to the statement of this confessed criminal, but I desire to invite your attention to the fact that similar information has been received from George Barnes, alias "Machine Gun Kelly", and on another occasion from Kathryn Kelly, and such information has likewise been received by a Special Agent of the Division in Little Rock, Arkansas, and in one other section of the Oklahoma City Office territory.

Since the information came from five different sources independently, it was felt that some action should be taken, and I am taking this occasion to call this matter to your personal and confidential attention so that you may be on the alert to notice anything which would indicate a basis for the allegations.

I shall be glad to have you communicate immediately with me if there has occurred anything to cause you to feel that such a basis might exist or in the event any additional circumstances should appear to attach any significance to these allegations.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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BREKID BUICK AUTOMOBILE MENTIONED WINSTEADS REPORT WRECKED BEFORE  
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*Paula Harmon*

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
Tampa, Florida

MR. Nathan	.....
MR. Tolson	.....
MR. Clegg	.....
MR. Cowley	.....
MR. Egan	.....
MR. Quinn	.....
MR. Lester	.....
MR. Locke	.....
MR. Rorer	.....

February 22, 1934

RAA:HAM.

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Director  
Division of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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CLUGG H.C. Tolson  
MAR 9 1934

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MAR 9 - 1934

Dear Sir:

During the morning of February 20, 1934, Edward Doll, Identification Order 1214, in custody here, sent word that he wanted to see Special Agent H. E. Andersen immediately. Andersen called at the County Jail where Doll informed him that there was a leak in the Saint Paul Division Office. He requested that information he had previously furnished Agents at Tampa be withheld from the Saint Paul Office, stating that if said office obtained it it would soon be in the hands of Saint Paul gangdom; that in some manner he did not know Jack Pfeiffer and Tom Banks, gangsters known to the Division, Admiral Hotel, Minneapolis, are able to secure information from the Saint Paul Office regarding all investigations in that office, and for these reasons he stated he was reluctant to impart information to Agents for if Saint Paul gangdom learned that he was talking it would mean his life, inside or out.

On February twenty-second, Doll advised Agent Andersen after studying over the contacts with Pfeiffer and Banks he remembered that they secured their information regarding the Saint Paul Office files from one Summer, formerly employed either by the Pinkerton or the Burns Detective Agencies in Saint Paul. Doll did not know from whom Summer obtained his information.

He also informed that at the time the Division was looking for Keating and Holden a telephone call went out from the Twin Cities to them at Kansas City telling them they had better stay off golf courses as the Government had them spotted. Keating

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Letter Rorer  
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HHC - want this to be gone into thoroughly.  
2/24/34 J. E. H.

Rorer  
2-27-34  
HHC

To: The Director

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and Holden ignored the warning and simply changed apartments and golf courses. He stated this information is straight. He was emphatic in his statement that he knew what he was talking about and said it is the truth without a doubt.

Agent Andersen stated that while in Oklahoma City last September, both Kelley and Bates informed him that there was a leak in the Saint Paul Office; that Chief of Detectives Herbert Dutch Akers, Hot Springs, Arkansas, within recent months has also remarked to him there was a leak of information somewhere in the Division, but that he did not profess to know where it was. Because of the reputation of Akers, no credence was placed in his statement at that time. While in Oklahoma City, Agent Andersen called the statements of Bates and Kelley to the attention of Mr. Harold Nathan.

I am passing this on to you for what it might be worth. As soon as this was brought to my attention, I gave it to Mr. Clegg by long distance telephone.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the Division's request that you observe closely any indication that there is a leak in the St. Paul office of this Division, there is inclosed herewith, as an aid to you in handling this matter, a copy of a communication which the Division has received from Special Agent in Charge Alt, at Tampa, Florida, dated February 22, 1934.

It is desired that this matter be gone into thoroughly by you during your stay at St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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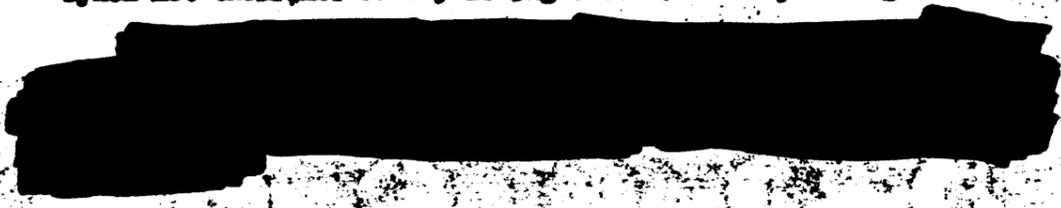
Des Moines, Ia.  
February 23, 1934.

Mr. Werner Hanni,  
Division of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
203 Federal Building,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re Unknown subjects  
Edward G. Bremer - victim  
Kidnaping - K.C. 27-57

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith further transcript of conversation heard over the telephones being covered in this city. You will note where I have marked with red pencil the first mention of the Bremer case; however, this appears only to be the fact that Mr. Lynch met the Bremer family at Ingewood several years ago.



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Very truly yours

CC-Kansas City

cc Division

O. C. Dewey  
Special Agent.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
MARCH 3, 1934.



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

Dear Sir:

IN RE: ALVIN KARPIS, WITH ALIASES, ET AL  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Kindly refer to letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, to this office, under date of February 25, 1934, wherein he instructed that the Division should be requested to place the fingerprints of any associates or members of the Karpis-Barker gang known to this office in the single fingerprint file for comparison with unidentified latent fingerprints obtained in the instant case.

The Division's attention is respectfully invited to Kansas City Letter dated February 17, 1934, to the Division, in the case of "VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER", wherein are listed eighteen individuals, some of whom, of course, are suspects in the instant kidnaping case. As the Kansas City Office at that time furnished photographs of all these individuals to the Division it is suggested that any names, the fingerprints of which have not previously been placed in the single fingerprint file, should be so placed at the present time for comparison with unidentified latent fingerprints in the Bremer case.

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Very truly yours

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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BREKID CAP REFERRED TO REPORT OF HIRSH FEBRUARY TWENTY SEVENTH MANUFACTURED  
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 New York City.

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 WARREN BOULEVARD CHICAGO KNOWN AS WELDERS GOGGLES TO BE WORN OVER GLASSES  
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 GEAR AND GOGGLES BEING FORWARDED YOU TODAY

cc-Division ✓

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
1900 Bankers Building,

CHARGE,

Chicago, Illinois, March 2, 1934

8:00 P.M.

D. BRANTLEY,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

REKID RE MY TELEGRAM TO YOU REGARDING TELEPHONE CALL TO DOROTHY BLAYMON  
TOWN IS SAPULPA NOT TULSA

PUEVIS

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DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
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AGENT H. E. ANDERSON LEFT TAMPA ONE OCLOCK TODAY ENROUTE  
WASHINGTON PURSUANT DIVISION INSTRUCTIONS STOP TO TWELVE  
FOURTEEN WITH COMPANY FOUR MEN DEPARTED TAMPA ONE OCLOCK TODAY  
WILL ARRIVE SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS ELEVEN THIRTY AM MARCH FIFTH  
DIVISION AND SAINTLOUIS ADVISED BY AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY  
FORWARDED YESTERDAY

*Edward R. Bremer  
Edward G. Bremer*

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

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March 5, 1934.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

In a sealed envelope attached hereto there are being forwarded for a general laboratory examination the following original papers:

Letter on letterhead of James M. Power Democratic Club, Inc., signed Jim Jack Perrin.

Envelope of James M. Power Democratic Club, Inc., addressed to Louise Marolda, Yukon, Fla.

The letter and envelope have been handled by numerous persons in the James M. Power Democratic Club, Inc., and at the office of James M. Power, as well as by Special Agent George J. Starr, of this office. The notation written in ink on the envelope has no bearing on the matter under investigation, having been made inadvertently at the office of Mr. Power.

It is suggested that the handwriting of the enclosed communication be compared with the handwriting of the original communication signed James M. Powers, which was forwarded to the Division for general laboratory examination with a letter from this office dated February 9, 1934.

A copy of this letter together with a photostatic copy of the enclosed communication are being forwarded to the St. Paul office for the information of that office.

Very truly yours,

*D. X. Day*

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Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: Unknown Subjects  
Edward G. Bremer- Victim  
7-576-1029

Number:

Specimens: 1 letter on letterhead of James M. Power Democratic Club,  
signed Jim Jack Perrin.  
Envelope of James M. Power Democratic Club, Inc., addressed  
to Louise Marolda, Yukon, Fla.

Examination requested by: New York Division Office

Date received: March 9, 1934

Examination requested: Handwriting

Result of examination:

*M. J.*

Examination by:

*3/9 There are differences which seem  
to indicate Jim Jack Perrin did not  
write letter to Bremer signed Power  
If possible get more specimens  
in ink.*

From ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN

To

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

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MEMORANDUM

- The Attorney General
- The Solicitor General
- Assistant to Attorney General Stanley
- Assistant Attorney General Wideman
- Assistant Attorney General Stephens
- Assistant Attorney General Sweeney
- Assistant Solicitor General MacLean
- Mr. Stewart
- Director, Division of Investigation
- Mr. Bates, Director, Bureau of Prisons
- Division of Accounts
- Chief Clerk
- Appointment Clerk
- Division of Supplies
- Mail and Files
- Mr. Finch, Pardon Attorney
- Mr. Parrish
- Mr. Key
- Mr. Ridgely
- Mr. Wisson
- Mr. Fisher
- Mr. Ramsey
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- Mr. Morrison
- Mr. Kiefer
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THE KILLDEER HERALD  
Official Paper of Dunn County  
I.L. Doherty, Owner  
KILLDEER, NORTH DAKOTA

COPY

Commercial Stationers  
Commercial Printing  
U. S. Commissioner  
School Supplies  
Office Supplies

Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Regarding the Hamm and Bremner kidnaping cases, there is talk that both of them belonged to an alcohol ring and that through some unsatisfactory settlement just after prohibition came in the gangsters promised to "get them" and that the money which they received was some that the said gangsters felt they had coming from Hamm and Bremner all the time.

In other words it was merely a reprisal by gangs to which the two victims belonged and with whom they failed to make satisfactory adjustment when prohibition made liquor legitimate.

This seems to be a general impression throughout Minnesota and this state and just as a matter of curiosity I was wondering what there was to it.

No one seems to have any proof of any kind and it seems merely a general suspicion being voiced.

On account of these suspicions there is  
that the kidnapers will ever be caught.

Yours truly,

/s/ I. L. DOHERTY

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March 2, 1934

Mr. I. L. Doherty,  
The Killdeer Herald,  
Killdeer, North Dakota.

MAR 8 1934

Dear Sir:

Kindly be advised that your letter of February 19,  
1934, concerning the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr. and  
Edward G. Bremer has been referred to Mr. W. A. Rorer, Division  
of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Post Office  
Box 515, St. Paul, Minnesota, who is in charge of the investiga-  
tion of the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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March 2, 1934

MAR 8 1934

Mr. E. A. Bremer,  
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 - Kidnaping of Edward R. Bremer.

There are inclosed herewith copies of a letter  
dated February 19, 1934, from Mr. I. L. Doherty of Killdeer,  
North Dakota. Kindly give same appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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1931 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,  
El Paso, Texas,  
February 23, 1934.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases;  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS -  
EDW. G. BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping. El Paso #7-6.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter to the New York office dated February 23, 1934 requesting investigation at various places as to purchasers of Minneapolis and St. Paul newspapers, it was noted that the only alleged dealer in the territory covered by the El Paso office for any of the above papers was one Milton Wright, Roswell, N.M., alleged to handle the St. Paul Daily News.

I had Mr. Wright confidentially contacted by the sheriff at Roswell who writes me that he has interviewed Mr. Wright who states he is a personal subscriber to the Minneapolis Daily News and that he has not sold any of these papers nor had an inquiry concerning same.

Personal investigation of the principal news dealers at El Paso, Texas, and Albuquerque, New Mexico, the two principal cities in this territory, reveals that no papers from the two cities are handled, there apparently being no demand for same.

Very truly yours,

E. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

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

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Dear Sir:

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Kindly refer to my report in the above captioned case under even date, wherein it will be noted in memorandum of Special Agent Trainor quoted in that report particularly in the first paragraph of page seven, that one [redacted] was arrested by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department on the morning of February 22, 1934.

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It will be noted that [redacted]

[redacted] (being desired in connection with the case captioned VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL, CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER. More recently, of course, Karpis' location has been sought in connection with the above captioned kidnaping case. Although it did not appear appropriate to go into the details of this arrest in an investigative report, I thought it advisable to furnish you with the facts relative to [redacted] arrest by the local Police here.

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While [redacted] was in Kansas City, Missouri [redacted]

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[redacted]

Immediately after his release, [redacted] advised that he had been in a small barber shop in the north end of Kansas City, Missouri, which is that section inhabited by the Italian element, and about 8:30 AM, February 22, 1934, while in such barber shop, a Police Detective, whose name is unknown [redacted] came into the shop and talked at some length with the barber. According to [redacted] the Detective then turned toward him and said "stand up", which [redacted] did. The Detective then said "pull your coat back", which request [redacted] likewise complied with. [redacted] then was asked by the Detective "where in Hell do you live", and [redacted] replied that he was living at a local hotel. To the Detective's inquiry "what are you doing in town", [redacted] said "not much of anything, just hanging around". According to [redacted] the Detective then told him "I want you. Come on down to the station", and [redacted] was taken by this Detective to the Kansas City, Missouri Police Headquarters.

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Upon arrival at headquarters, [redacted] was taken before Chief of Police Coffey, and Coffey instructed [redacted] "sit down here, close to me, I might want to hit you". [redacted] complied and was asked personal questions about his purpose in Kansas City; however, according to [redacted] he evaded replying to these questions, whereupon he was searched, and his billfold was found bearing his true name [redacted] had given the alias [redacted] when arrested.

[redacted]

[redacted] states that Chief of Police Coffey asked him "what do you know about these men" [redacted] contends that he endeavored to evade answering this question, but advised Chief Coffey that he could call the two men [redacted] Chief of Police Coffey then said "lock him up", which was done.

In a short time [redacted] advises, an officer came and took him from the cell and again brought him before Chief Coffey, at which time [redacted] alleges the Chief said to him in a friendly manner "listen son, we are going to turn you loose now. What have you been doing in Kansas City, and what do you know about [redacted] is of the opinion that the Chief also asked him what he, [redacted] To this query [redacted] asked Chief Coffey "have you called them". Upon being answered in the negative [redacted]

Kansas City, Mo.

At about 10:00 AM Special Agent Trainor received a [redacted] at which time the party calling advised [redacted] "do you know about [redacted] state that he was Chief of Police Coffey, that he had [redacted] in custody and [redacted] when Agent Trainor asked Chief Coffey upon what charge [redacted] as being held, Coffey replied that as yet he had not placed any charge against him, but was endeavoring to check upon his identity. Agent Trainor then informed Chief Coffey that he did know [redacted] and sometime ago [redacted] had been helpful to him, but that presently [redacted] was not doing anything for Agent Trainor, and hence this office had no interest in any charge which Chief of Police Coffey might presently have against [redacted]

Of course, the above story as related by [redacted] relative to his arrest cannot be corroborated, and hence it is not known whether all of the statements alleged [redacted] to have been made by Chief of Police Coffey are accurate. I might state, however, that [redacted] seems to believe [redacted] is entirely reliable, and believes that [redacted] is making every effort to obtain information [redacted]

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Alvin Karpis, which latter individual is, of course, being sought by Sheriff Rogers in connection with the assault on February 16, 1934 of the Main Teller of the First National Bank at Topeka, in what is believed to have been a plan to rob that bank, which was never carried through.

Please be assured that this office is vigorously pursuing any likely information obtained [redacted] relative to the whereabouts of Karpis or his associates, the Barker Brothers.

Very truly yours,



M. C. SPEAR  
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Room 1405  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.



EX:ME  
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March 6, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 615,  
St. Paul, Minn.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
(Edward G. Bremer - Victim)  
Kidnaping - Extortion

Dear Sir:-

Mr. A. W. Burr, Special Agent in Charge, United States State Department, New York City, telephonically communicated with this office this morning on another matter. At this time he related that, in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, it might be well to look into the activities of FRANK SOMERS, a former Chief of Police of St. Paul and also a former United States Secret Service agent.

Mr. Burr stated that his suspicions were directed in that direction for the reason that shortly after the Lincoln Bank robbery, a lawyer from St. Paul advised Mr. Burr that SOMERS had told him (the lawyer) that for \$75,000.00, he, SOMERS, would return the stolen bonds.

Mr. Burr stated that he originally came from St. Paul and is well acquainted with a number of people living in that city.

He stated that a few days ago a friend of his, and a very respectable citizen of St. Paul, visited him at New York. This man's name is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] related that the citizens of St. Paul were not taking very seriously the kidnaping of young Bremer, as they believed that it was possibly an inside job. [REDACTED] related to him that young Bremer was president of a bank which catered to the racketeers in St. Paul.

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and that on one occasion a representative of a Chicago mob went to St. Paul for the purpose of converting \$200,000.00 in paper into cash. The paper was not definitely identified by Mr. Burr, but [redacted] went on to relate to Mr. Burr that Bremer thought this was a good opportunity for him to make some money, and therefore charged \$5 for converting the paper into cash. When the representative of the Chicago mob returned to Chicago, they immediately accused him of having held out this \$10,000.00, and he returned to St. Paul for the purpose of abducting young Bremer and giving him a beating, or possibly killing him. In other words, it was not the original intention to hold Bremer for ransom.

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I asked Mr. Burr if there would be any objection to having one of our Agents interview [redacted] and obtain from him detailed information concerning this incident. Mr. Burr hesitated somewhat, and finally decided that it would be perfectly agreeable to do so if it were done discreetly, and that his (Burr's) name might also be mentioned at that time.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

Room 418

From: UNIT #1

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- Mr. Tolson
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

February 12, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

There is some indication that the KARPIS and BARKER gang may have been the perpetrators of this crime. For that reason, it is desired that the Division secure from its files and furnish this office enlarged photographs of the following:

*Wire sent St Paul 2-13-34*  
*OSR*  
WILLIAM WEAVER, St. Paul, Minnesota, #23452;  
CLARENCE COLTON, St. Paul, Minnesota, #23451;  
JACK ORA KILBURN, Kansas City, Missouri, #17-115 (arrest);  
COWBOY JAMES HAYES, #16312, Kansas City, Missouri.

It is respectfully requested that the above be forwarded to this office air mail.

Very truly yours,

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WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Dear Sir:

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

In response to your letter dated February 12, 1934, there are transmitted, herewith, two copies each of photographs of William Weaver, #23452, Saint Paul, Minnesota and Cowboy James Hayes #16312, Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri. From the information furnished by you it has not been possible to identify Clarence Tolton, #23451, Saint Paul, Minnesota and Jack Ora Kilbrun, #\_\_\_\_\_, Kansas City, Missouri.

The Division wired for additional descriptive data relative to these individuals but has not received a reply up to this time. Immediately upon receipt of this information, you will be furnished with photographs of these individuals in the event same are available in the files of the Identification Unit.

Very truly yours,

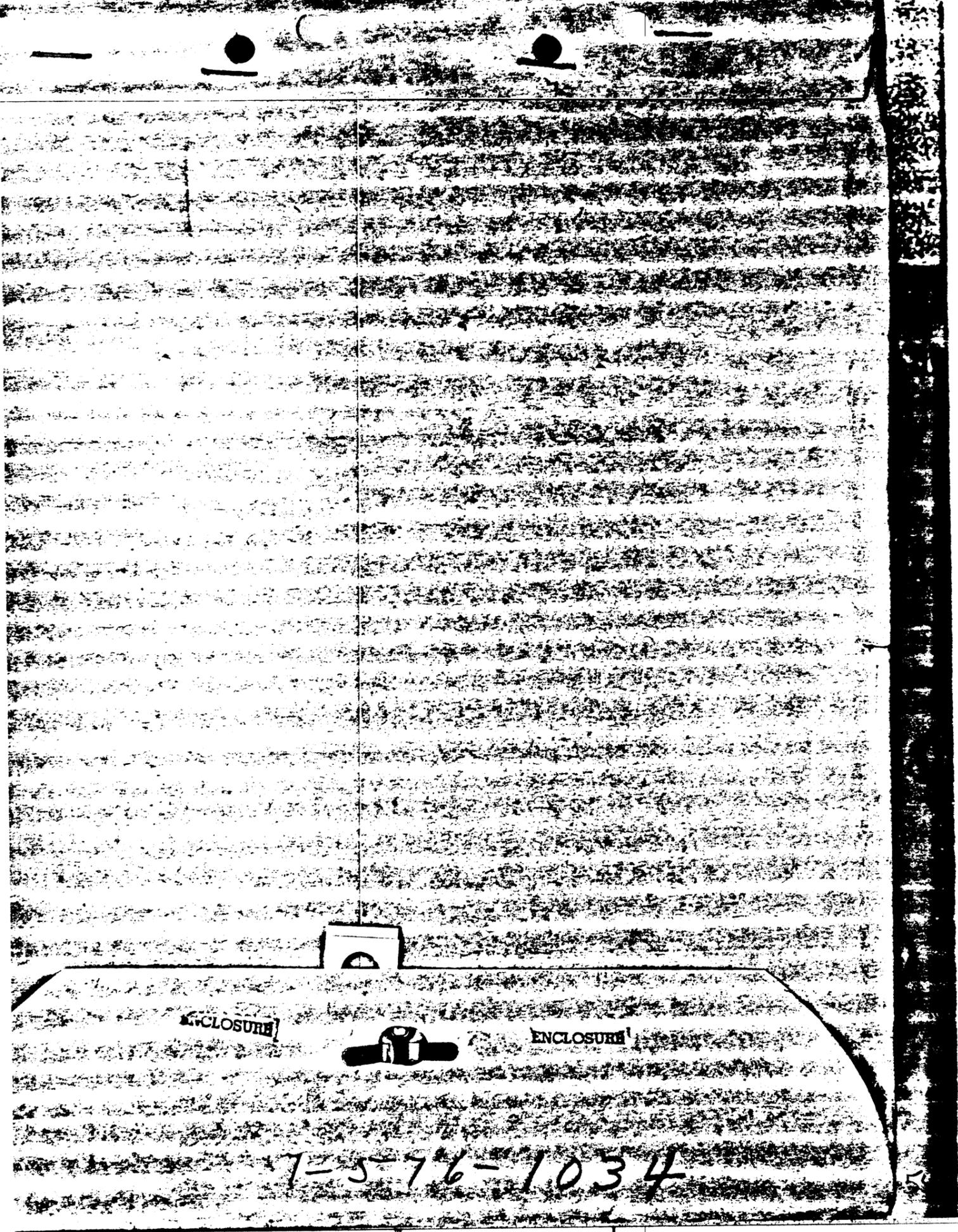
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EDWARD DOLL WA NEVTA ARRAIGNED FEDERAL COURT TODAY ENTERED  
PLEA GUILTY SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS ON FIRST COUNT AND FIVE  
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U. S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

March 3, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

The following is a list of persons and their police numbers which was submitted by the St. Paul Police with a view to having them checked against the latent prints in captioned case:

<u>Name</u>	<u>St. Paul Police Number</u>
Morris L. Weiss	23733
Harold F. Schultz	23918
James McDermott	23919
Edward Carlson	23924
James G. Marsh	23930
Franklin Gustafson	23943
Charles Wilson	23968
William Henry Welton	23975
Thomas Charles Walters	23973
William H. Reilly	23976
Frank Bennett	23978
Thomas Carroll	23979
Loonie L. Milan	23980
William Hart	23981
Albert DuVol	23982
Charles Silcott	23983
John B. Clarke	23987
George W. Balderston	24018
Richard Pyles	24033
John Mature	24034
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William Leonard	24115
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<u>Name</u>	<u>St. Paul Police Number</u>
Joseph M. Byrnes	24145
Fred Jordan	24158
James Wilson	24155
Arnold Godbey	24161
Howard Clark	24163
Carl Huseby	24245
Ben Hurvitz	24310
Walter Wilder	24346
John Slone	24403
Rudy Schultz	24404
Earl Jordan	24405
Lewis Wilson	24414
William Niemeyer	24436
Charles Wood	24449
Arthur L. Pederson	24460
Archie Bell	24466
Louis Meyers	24467
Jack Dahlien	24468
Joe Vallee	24469
George Overton	24470
Peter Merchlewitz	24471
Harlan Nyswander	24472
Romey Shasky	24473
Anton Davis	24474
John H. Anderson	24475
Otto Nyswander	24476
William Jones	23003
Walter Earl	23016
Joe Sarico	23043
Donald J. Thompson	23437
Elwood H. Brauer	24463
Alvin J. Lindgren	24464
Huxley F. Ames - Minneapolis	22550
Jack Gordon - Philadelphia	180746
Harry Jaffa - Minneapolis	19016
Sam Jaffa - Minneapolis	19677
William Jaffa - Minneapolis	16545
Lewis Baker (Kings Co. - Seattle)	L-4126
Olger Brosvik - Minn. State Pen.	9050
Eugene Cohler - McNeil Is. Wash.	#
Russell Gibson - Okla. Co. Jail, Okla. C.	5596
Manny Kauffman - Chicago	99204

<u>Name</u>	<u>St. Paul Police Number</u>
William Lefkoe - Philadelphia	120747
Jack Levy - Philadelphia	120748
Lewis Postare - Sioux City, Ia.	3479
Harry Rosen - Philadelphia	85824
Paul Ross - Chicago	3924
John B. Wilson - Minneapolis	23011
John Crawford - Chicago	4675
James C. Dunning - Kansas City, Mo.	15752.

The following listed persons have been suggested by the Minneapolis Police Department:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Minneapolis Police Number</u>
Lloyd Smout	22215
Ray Miller	Former inmate of State Pen., Lansing, Kansas.
Age: 22	
Ht.: 6'	
Wt.: 145 lbs.	
Bill Scott	Former inmate of State Pen., McAlistar, Okla..

I should like to suggest that the prints of RAY TERRELL, formerly an inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, and ELMER INMAN, formerly an inmate of the Kansas State Penitentiary, be checked with the latent prints, if it is found that either are out of prison at present. I am not aware of the prison number of either of these men.

Very truly yours,

  
W.A. ROHRER, INSPECTOR.

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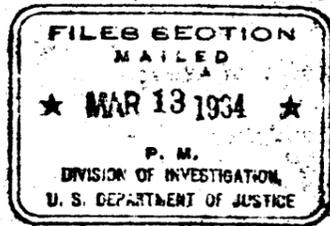
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Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 8, 1934, in connection with the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al., EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM - Kidnaping. Approximately eighty names submitted by the St. Paul, Minnesota Police Department, are listed in this letter with the request their fingerprints be compared with the latent prints developed in connection with this case. This comparison is now being made in the Division and you will be subsequently advised of the result.

It is desired you advise the Division which of those individuals, if any, that in your opinion, warrant entry of their fingerprints in the single fingerprint file of kidnapers, extortionists, and outstanding gangsters, which is maintained in the Division.



Very truly yours,

Director.

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Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases etal  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

With further reference to my recent communication pertaining to an anonymous communication received by the Editor of the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph with reference to the above entitled case, I am transmitting herewith copies of an additional communication received by that newspaper. It will be noted that this communication contains no information concerning the identity of its writer except the signature, "66-66-76."

In the absence of instructions to the contrary, no further inquiries will be undertaken in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Inspector W. A. Rorer - 2  
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E. A. TAMM,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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N.S.E.W. Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1934.

THE PITTSBURGH SUN-TELEGRAPH  
MANAGING EDITOR:

Dear Sir:

A week or so ago I wrote to your newspaper revealing the fact that of four men involved in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, that but two of them were alive today. I also mentioned that I did not want the police to enter this affair, but I have changed my mind to that affect since because I know that it is with reluctance that your newspaper is withholding from the public these interesting and positive revelations. I have come to the conclusion that it is practically out of the question to keep the police out of this affair and I hereby want you to know that I am not afraid of the police because I feel that I am perfectly safe in my present surroundings. I want you to bear in mind, however, that I have nothing to fear, because I feel that my willingness to pay back Mr. Bremer, or rather, I should say, reveal the place and spot where \$120,000 has been hidden by my late bosses, should be sufficient reason for the police to keep my name free from being a voluntary accomplice in this inhuman monstrosity.

Although it has generally been said that six or seven men were implicated in this case, I want to assure the country at large that there were only four involved.

As I stated in my first communication to your newspaper, the fourth man is entirely unknown to me, a fact which I will substantiate in subsequent communications to you. In other words, three men were involved directly, one indirectly.

I was one of the three, but later on I shall convey to you exactly how I was forced into this affair.

I will also give complete details concerning the death struggles of my late "superintendents" and how both their bodies had catapulted into a steep ravine in the mountains of northern Pennsylvania.

I feel quite certain that each man had shot the other, and whatever chance they had for their lives was lost completely when they both toppled over this unfootable incline.

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And that is why I say that there are but two men living connected in the Bremer kidnaping case.

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On my first day in Pittsburgh I went to a newsboy and asked him which is the best paper in Pittsburgh. He said that the Sun-Telegraph was. and that is why I am making my contacts through your paper.

If there are any questions you'd like me to answer, you may do so when you publish this.

Yours truly

"66-56-76"

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

San Antonio, Texas.  
March 5, 1934.

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

Edward Doll, W.A.  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is had to report of Agent R.L. Shivers, Jacksonville office for February 25, 1934.

It is noted in this report that Doll admits registering at different hotels under the name of L.E. Lang. While I do not have all of the reports made in the Urschel kidnaping case I do recall that several telegrams were obtained at Paradise, Texas that had been received and sent by George and Kathryn Kelly using the name of Shannon and several of these messages were to and from L.E. Lang in Chicago and other points. I recall particularly one telegram from Lang in Chicago shortly before the Urschel kidnaping that indicated a meeting was being arranged between Kelly and Lang. We were never able to identify Lang or establish his connection in the Urschel case.

It is to be recalled that there were several persons guarding the pay off in Kansas City at the time Kirkpatrick delivered the ransom money.

It is noted in the statement of Doll that he mentions an alias of "Potatoes" as used by Homer Wilson. I recall that Charles Urschel stated that during the time he was held at the Shannon ranch either Kelly or Bates referred to some person as "Potatoes" and the reference indicated that the person referred to was in the immediate vicinity.

I do not have here a copy of the statement of Urschel but am sure that reference is contained in his statement.

I would suggest that the Urschel file be reviewed and the above mentioned items checked for possible future interviews with Doll.

Reference is had to my letter of February 17, 1934 advising that George Kelly and George Bates had been identified as being two of four men who robbed the San Marcos, Texas bank on May 22, 1934. It was thought that possibly Ed Benz was implicated in this robbery and it is now possible that Doll also implicated in this robbery and I would suggest that in any future interviews with him he be questioned regarding this robbery.

Yours very truly

Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 2, 1934.

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

Re: Unknown subjects  
Edward George Bremer (Victim)  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

I have read with considerable interest the report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers dated Jacksonville, Florida, February 23, 1934, in the case entitled "Edward Doll, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act," in which there is reflected the admissions of Doll to Special Agent H. E. Anderson of numerous bank robberies throughout the country in which he was associated with George Kelley, Albert Bates and Edward Bentz. This information bears out the information contained in my letter to the Division dated February 13, 1934, in connection with the Edward George Bremer kidnaping case, which was based upon information furnished by the Division that Doll was a suspect in the Bremer case and it was my belief that if Doll was a suspect, Edward Bentz would no doubt be implicated with him.

While there is no definite information available to this office indicating that Edward Bentz is implicated in the Bremer kidnaping, the data furnished by Doll implicating Bentz in the various bank robberies, leads me to suggest that the Division should take steps to cause an exhaustive search to be made for Edward Bentz for the reason that he is wanted in numerous places on bank robbery crimes, and for the reason that it is my firm belief that while Edward Bentz is at liberty he should be considered as a possible suspect in any kidnaping case. The Division has considerable information relative to Edward Bentz, and as stated in my letter of February 13 to the Division noted above, the Chicago office is in possession of a great amount of data relative to Bentz's connections in that vicinity, particularly pertaining to Bentz's wife and her relatives.

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I do not know whether the Division would desire to issue an Identification Order for Edward Bentz in the absence of any specific information that he is wanted for a Federal offense, but if such action is not taken, it is my suggestion that the field be generally instructed to institute a search for this man, for if located, and it is found he is not wanted for a Federal offense there would be no difficulty in turning him over to state authorities in various parts of the country for prosecution. My principal reason for making this suggestion is, as stated above, that I firmly believe that Edward Bentz will sooner or later become implicated in a kidnaping case, if he has not already been implicated in the several kidnapings that have taken place and have not been completely solved.

Very truly yours,

  
C. C. Spears  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc St. Paul  
St. Louis

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March 15, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 909,  
Portland, Oregon.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
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Edward G. Bremer - Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

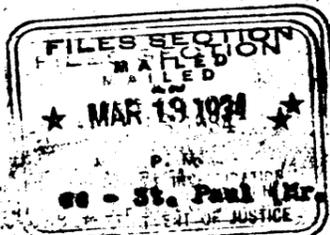
Dear Sir:

In response to your letter dated March 8, 1934 where-  
in you suggest that the Division should take steps to cause an  
exhaustive search to be made for Edward Beatz, who is wanted in  
numerous places on bank robbery charges and further that it is  
your belief that this individual, while at liberty, should be  
considered as a possible suspect in any kidnaping case, the Di-  
vision concurs in your belief. Therefore, you are instructed  
to prepare a report dealing exclusively with this individual  
and his known associates and distribute a copy of this report  
to each field office of the Division for its information.

The Division does not deem it advisable, at this  
time, to issue an Identification Order on Edward Beatz but  
in the event this individual becomes a subject of this or any  
other kidnaping case reference can then be made to the report  
to be submitted by your office.

Very truly yours,

Director.



*[Handwritten signature]*

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March 1, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

On February 22, 1934, Mr. Clegg of the Division telephoned Acting Special Agent in Charge Schenken and requested that a Special Agent proceed to the Laboratory for the purpose of obtaining photographs of the tin cans which had been received in the Bremer case and if necessary, in accordance with Mr. Coffey's belief, one of the tin cans should be obtained in order that investigation might be immediately initiated with reference to the identity of the manufacturer of the cans.

Later in the evening, after dark in fact, Mr. Coffey telephoned Mr. Clegg at the Division and advised that a Special Agent had not shown up. Several hours had elapsed in the meantime and it is not believed that there was any opportunity for a misunderstanding of the instructions issued by the Division. It is understood that it was not until Monday morning, February 26, 1934, in fact, that the tin cans were obtained for the purpose of carrying them to Baltimore to make a check. The investigation obviously should have been concluded before that time and the Division desires to be immediately informed as to why this response to Division instructions was not carried out immediately upon receipt thereof.

Mr. Edwards has telephoned the Division recently that a previous request had been made of the Washington Field Office to send a Special Agent to the Laboratory to obtain a cap found in the Bremer case in order that an investigation might be made to determine the identity of the manufacturer of this cap. Mr. Edwards at the time stated that a Special Agent had not called at his office for the purpose of obtaining this cap. I desire an immediate explanation for the delay in this matter also. Obviously the importance of the Bremer kidnaping case is of such a character that it should be given preferred attention at all times and I further desire to emphasize the absolute necessity of a more prompt compliance with the instructions issued by the Division.

Very truly yours,

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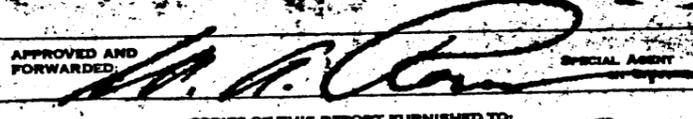
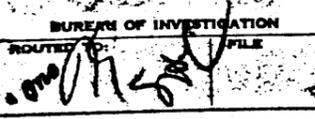
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota,**

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Paul, Minn.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3-5-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/27 to 3/1/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>G. G. Hall</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p><b>DAN MARTIN, Pine Island, Minnesota, investigation develops, probably did not see FRED BARKER as he previously claimed. Written matter found in victim's billfold when observed by Scientific Laboratory are telephone numbers in New York. GORDON, of detective agency in Minneapolis, believes ALVIN KARPIS and FRED BARKER were participants in robbery of Cloud County Bank at Concordia, Kansas. GORDON and probably FRANK SOMMERS, ex-Chief of Police, St. Paul, were instrumental in securing the return of stolen securities. Investigation being conducted to locate the sellers of the various articles furnished to victim and used by kidnapers in this case.</b></p>			
REFERENCE: <p><b>Report of Special Agent G. G. Hall dated 3-1-34 at St. Paul, Minnesota.</b></p>			
DETAILS: <p><b>At St. Paul, Minnesota.</b></p> <p>The following information was secured by the several agents assigned especially to this investigation:</p> <p>Special Agent W. G. Ryan conducted investigation at Howard Lake, Minnesota, and ascertained that the O. P. Funglaus Company, dealers in Clouett Peabody &amp; Company shirts had not sold such a shirt as is involved in this case.</p>			
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during the period in question. This store does not handle the other garments given to the victim by the kidnapers. Other investigation indicated that Howard Lake, Minnesota, could not, from the victim's description, be the place in which he was held.

At Lake Sylvia, Annandale, Minnesota, Special Agent W. C. Ryan made an investigation concerning information contained in memorandum submitted by Special Agent R. L. Walls on February 14, 1934, which was to the effect that a couple residing at the above mentioned lake might be the persons at 628 Grand Avenue in St. Paul, the persons at the latter address having disappeared on the date of MR. BREMER'S kidnaping. Investigation developed that the couple attracting the attention at Lake Sylvia were not the MR. and MRS. BERGSTROM, who had resided at 628 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, but were a DORIS ROACH, a musician, and one MANION, who is a poet. Special Agent Ryan conducted other investigation, displaying photographs of the persons suspected in this case, and determined that none had seen these persons at Annandale, Minnesota, and that from the victim's description, Annandale could not be the place in which MR. BREMER was held.

In the reference report, mention is made of one DAN MARTIN, proprietor of the White Eagle Service Station, Pine Island, Minnesota, who on being interviewed thought that the photograph of FRED BARKER resembled the man at his filling station on the night of MR. BREMER'S release. Special Agent N. E. Marshal conducted the following additional investigation which seems to eliminate the possibility that FRED BARKER was seen by MR. MARTIN at the latter's filling station at Pine Island on the night indicated:

St. Paul, Minnesota.  
March 2, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER

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

With reference to memorandum by Special Agent D. G. Hall dated St. Paul, February 27, 1934.

At Pine Island, Minnesota, DAN MARTIN, proprietor of the White Eagle Service Station, was further interviewed by this agent on February 28, 1934; regarding four men in a Ford Coach who had driven into his filling station on the night of EDWARD G. BREMER'S release.

Photographs of FRED BARKER, ARTHUR BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, VOLNEY DAVIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, CHARLEY (CURLY) GLOUSE, TOMMIE CARROLL, EDDIE BENTZ, and THEODORE BENTZ and others were exhibited to MR. MARTIN in an effort to establish the identity of the four men in the Ford Coach, without success. MR. MARTIN stated that the only one of the four men whom he got a good look at was the driver and that he could identify and would know the driver of the car if he ever saw him again; but stated that he would not be able to recognize the other three occupants of the car and could not identify them if he saw them again. MR. MARTIN stated that the driver of the car appeared to be about 45 years of age and dissipated looking, and that outside of this he could give no further description as he did not see him out of the car. MARTIN further stated that the photograph of FRED BARKER was the only one that faintly resembled the driver of the car and that the facial makeup was the same but would not make a positive statement that the photograph of FRED BARKER was a photograph of the driver of the car, would only state that it was only photo which looked at all like the driver.

With reference to above mentioned memorandum of Special Agent Hall, it will be noted that MARTIN further stated that a DR. DIETZ of Pine Island had seen a car flashing its lights on the highway between Rochester and Pine Island on the night BREMER was released.

DR. DIETZ was interviewed by this agent and he stated that on Wednesday night, February 7, 1934, the night EDWARD G. BREMER was released, he and two friends were driving from Pine Island to Rochester, Minnesota, to bowl and that about four miles out of Rochester a large car which was parked alongside the road flashed its lights several times as they approached it. DR. DIETZ stated that he could not see any people around the car or in the car and that they did not stop but proceeded on to Rochester. DR. DIETZ stated that this car was a very large car, either a LaSalle or Cadillac or a large car of that type. DR. DIETZ fixes the time and date of this occurrence by stating that he always goes to Rochester to bowl every Wednesday

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night and always leaves Pine Island about the same time at night and that the next morning after this trip he read in the paper of EDWARD G. BREMER'S release. DR. DIETZ stated that the other men who were with him were WILBUR IWEN and JOHN BLONKENHOEN of Pine Island.

JOHN BLONKENHOEN, at B & K General Merchandise Store, Pine Island, stated that he was with DR. DIETZ on the night in question and that he is positive it was on the night of BREMER'S release because they always go to Rochester every Wednesday night to bowl and that the next morning he read of BREMER'S release. MR. BLONKENHOEN stated that on the night in question, they left Pine Island about 8:30 p.m. or a quarter of seven and that about four or five miles out of Rochester they passed a large car facing north parked off the pavement, and that he saw only one person near the car and that this party looked to him like he was dressed in a chauffeur's uniform and was standing by the side of the car. MR. BLONKENHOEN stated that the car was a large, new, shiny looking car and could have been a LaSalle or Cadillac or Lincoln. MR. BLONKENHOEN, however, stated he was positive that this car did not flash its lights as they approached or passed it and that there were no other cars parked along the road and that he saw nothing suspicious about this car.

MR. WILBUR IWEN was out of town and agent was unable to interview him.

MISS IDA MINNY, who MR. MARTIN stated was on a bus about the time that BREMER was released, had told him of seeing lights flashing.

J. D. SCHLENTER, proprietor of the Pine Island Hotel, stated that IDA MINNY left about three weeks ago without checking out and he has not heard of her since. MR. SCHLENTER stated that IDA MINNY was [redacted] and had not been for several years. Agent was therefore unable to interview IDA MINNY.

With reference to the license number which MARTIN stated was on the Ford Coach which came into his filling station on the night in question, Minnesota 1933 license No. B 222405. It was ascertained that the above license was issued to MR. DOMINICK SPAGLIANO, 908 Adams Street, Eveleth, Minnesota, for a Hudson Sedan, motor number 234765.

An appropriate lead is to be set out for Eveleth to check the above license plates and for inquiry as to whether or not they were stolen at that place as they were issued for a Hudson Sedan and the car on which these plates were seen by MARTIN at Pine Island was a Ford Coach.

Respectfully submitted,

NEM:HVS 3 -Div., 9 - St. Paul

N. E. MARSHALL, Special Agent.

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Regarding the billfold of MR. BREMER in which the following words were written, "Wickersham 2-5900 extension 1348" and also the words, "Hamm (or Hamm) 2-77-88", Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry conducted the following investigation and his memorandum relative thereto follows:

St. Paul, Minnesota.  
March 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. ROHRER:

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

BREMER was interviewed relative to the Scientific Laboratory report coming from Washington showing that there was found in his bill folder the words, "Wickersham 2-5900 extension 1348" and also the words, "Hanni (or Hamm) 2-77-88". MR. BREMER said that he remembers the notations very distinctly and that they were telephone numbers given him by MR. WARREN GODFREY in New York. Relative to the last number, which the Scientific Laboratory stated might be a safe combination, MR. BREMER stated that he was positive the word was neither "Hanni" nor "Hamm" but that it was some name given him by GODFREY and the 2-77-88 was a telephone number and that he put the hyphens in and that they had no value.

Very truly yours,

S. L. FORTENBERRY,  
Special Agent.

SLF:HVS  
3 - Division  
9 - St. Paul

MR. H. H. CLEGG of the Division advised this office by telephone that the Philadelphia office had located what they believed to be a sample of the wall paper which was in the victim's room at the hideout. He stated that the paper is believed to be pattern No. 515, which is a 1931 line of paper, manufactured by the United Wall Paper Company, York, Pennsylvania, and is made exclusively for the Sear Roebuck & Company. It is a cheap paper, selling for from 5¢ to 9¢. MR. CLEGG further stated that Sears Roebuck & Company are believed to keep sales invoices of all sales and could possibly identify the sale of this paper. Investigation relative to the above was immediately commenced and a report will be submitted.

Inspector CHARLES J. TIERNY of the St. Paul Police Department submitted a photograph of a girl about nine years of age and a copy of a police report which indicated that this photograph had been found at the apartment occupied by MR. and MRS. BERGSTROM at 628 Grand Avenue, St. Paul. Special Agents J. E. Brennan and R. C. Coulter interviewed the janitor at that address and he stated that the photograph was of a little MEEHAN girl who had resided with her sister in another apartment for about three months prior to the date it was rented to EDWARD BERGSTROM and wife. Evidently, the photograph has no connection whatever with this case.

Special Agent B. L. Nicholson submitted the following memorandum which is self-explanatory:

St. Paul, Minnesota,  
March 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER:

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran dated at Kansas City, Missouri, January 22, 1934, in the VERNON C. MILLER, et al, file, being serial number 383 of the St. Paul Division office file in this case. In this report it is set out that on July 26, 1932, the Cloud County Bank at Concordia, Kansas, was robbed and that ALVIN KARPIS and FRED BARKER had been identified as participants in this robbery by MISS IDA COOK, an employee of the bank. It is also set out in the report of Agent Suran that bonds valued at approximately \$240,000 were returned to the bank for the sum of \$15,000 and that negotiations for the return of these bonds had been made by MR. W. S. GORDON, a representative of the Burns Detective Agency at Minneapolis.

Agent interviewed MR. W. S. GORDON, who is in charge of the Minneapolis branch of the Burns Detective Agency with offices at 450 McKnight Building, Minneapolis. He advised that on July 26, 1932, the Cloud County Bank at Concordia, Kansas, was robbed by unknown individuals; that shortly thereafter, he established contact at Minneapolis, Minnesota, with a confidential informant and began negotiations for the return of the bonds, valued at approximately \$240,000, for the sum of \$15,000. He further stated that between September 1, 1932, and September 25, 1932, all of these bonds were returned to him, part being returned at the Ryan Hotel in St. Paul and part at the Nicollet Hotel in Minneapolis.

GORDON further advised that in his own mind, he is convinced that ALVIN KARPIS and FRED BARKER participated in this bank robbery although he has never been able to have them identified as participants; that during the negotiations for the return of the bonds, he had photographs of these individuals forwarded to the Cloud County Bank at Concordia, Kansas, but no identification of KARPIS and BARKER as being participants in the robbery was made.

MR. GORDON further advised that his confidential informant was not one of the thieves but in his opinion is removed four or possibly five people from the actual thieves and holders of the bonds; and that in his opinion, it would be impossible to trace these negotiations back in order to definitely know the direct contact in the Twin Cities of the holders of the bonds. It was agent's intention to make an effort in tracing these negotiations back. However, MR. GORDON stated that his confidential informant was in no way

a criminal but did at times associate with gamblers; and that the disclosure of his name to this agent would serve no purpose to him and he would lose thereby a valuable confidential informant. For this reason, MR. GORDON refused to furnish the name of his confidential informant, as result of which the contacts in the negotiations for the return of the bonds could not be traced.

MR. GORDON further stated that he is unaware of any of the contacts beyond his confidential informant and has no knowledge relative to the location of the bonds at the time the negotiations were under way. MR. GORDON was asked whether or not negotiations were not made by him in the vicinity or at White Bear Lake, Minnesota. He advised that as far as he knows, White Bear Lake at no time figured in the negotiation, and as far as his knowledge goes, all negotiations were made in the Twin Cities.

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. NICHOLSON,  
Special Agent.

DEN:HVS  
3 - Division  
10 - St. Paul (1-St. Paul file 62-888)

ADDENDUM:

The chances are that MR. GORDON'S informant and contact is FRANK SOMMERS, ex-Chief of Police of St. Paul, who, according to rumors I have heard for the past year and a half, is a middle man in this type of transactions. Of course, I can not prove this and I do not believe that there is much use in asking MR. GORDON point blank.

O. G. HALL,  
Special Agent.

In connection with the attempt of this office to keep in touch with the renting of all safety deposit boxes at banks, the following memorandum is submitted:

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
March 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. BOKER:

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

There has been received at the St. Paul Division office a communication from [redacted] advising that safety deposit boxes have been rented to the following individuals:

- [redacted] box rented December 29, 1933.
- [redacted] rented January 1, 1934.
- [redacted] rented February 5, 1934.
- [redacted] box rented February 7, 1934.

The letter from [redacted] advises that none of these individuals incited any suspicion at the time the boxes were rented. A search of the Minneapolis City Directory indicates that [redacted] is listed as [redacted] is a school teacher; and that [redacted] residing at [redacted] her husband being a brick layer. [redacted] her husband, [redacted] is listed as residing at [redacted] being manager of the [redacted] is not listed in the [redacted] apparently being from [redacted] Minneapolis City Directory.

At the office of the [redacted] agent contacted [redacted] no advised that [redacted] is thought to be a salesman, although his firm connection is not known. The photographs of all the suspects in this case were exhibited to him and he failed to identify any of them as being [redacted].

Since the other individuals are listed in the Minneapolis City Directory and apparently have resided there for some time, it is felt that they have no connection with this case.

Respectfully submitted,  
D. L. NICHOLSON,  
Special Agent.

DLN:HVS

From ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN

To OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

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Mr. E. mer S. Cummings,  
Att.Gen.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed you will find a letter I have written and intended to send to Mr. Bremer, kidnaped banker of St. Paul, Minn. I did not send it because I did not have his street address and was afraid some other by the name of Bremer might get hold of it so instead I wrote to him and told him I had information that might lead to a clue of his kidnapers but as yet I have not heard from him. He may not have rec'd my letter, so I am sending it to you and you will know what to do with it. I am satisfied it is important and I hope it will lead to a cleaning up of St. Paul.

Sincerely yours,

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Tonahank, Wis.  
Feb. 12th 1934

Mr. Edward G. Bremer  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sirs

This is written with a view of helping to a clue to your kidnapers.

I have two nephews serving a sentence in the South Dakota states prison for bank robbing.

I did not know they were outlaws. One of them visited me every year or so. He told me he was a salesman. One day we talked of the gangsters and he told me the head of the gangsters in St. Paul was the then mayor of St. Paul. This was three years ago. He said the mayor sent his men out to rob banks, kidnap, etc. and told them to do their work and get back to St. Paul and they would have protection. He said the mayor was a man no one would suspect as he was a member of a church and high in lodges and all organizations.

In a short time after that my nephews were caught after robbing a bank in South Dakota. There were four in the car and had the loot with them. I saw an account of it ~~xxxx~~ all in my daily paper. They will have two years in June, 1934.

Please withhold my name from the papers.

Sincerely yours,

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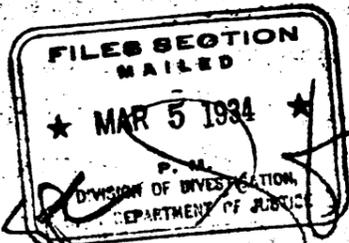
Dear Madam:

Kindly be advised that your letter of February 22, 1934 and the enclosure, a letter dated February 12, 1934, addressed to Mr. Edward G. Bremer, have been referred to Mr. W. A. Rorer, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Post Office Box 515, Saint Paul, Minnesota, who is in charge of the investigation of the case involving the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.





# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

FILE NO. 9-82

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 3/5/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/1/34	REPORT MADE BY K. R. MCINTIRE
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Vale Frost located at New Viceroy Hotel, 4758 North Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, Illinois on March 1, 1934, associating with Merle Kinney, thought to be FRED BARKER. Frost and Kinney questioned, but no information secured of any value. Kinney not identical with Fred Barker.

**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, February 27, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

At Chicago, Illinois

The reference letter discloses that when Vale Frost left the Berkshire Hotel at Kansas City, Missouri, February 17, 1934, he gave his forwarding address as "The New Vickery Hotel, Chicago, Illinois." There is no New Vickery Hotel in Chicago, but the hotel which he apparently had reference to is the New Viceroy Hotel, located at 4758 North Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Investigation at the New Viceroy Hotel was conducted by Special Agent T. E. Billings, who ascertained that Vale Frost registered at that hotel for the first time on January 8, 1934, and that he checked out of said hotel on January 22, 1934. The hotel further records a registration for Frost on February 17, 1934.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. H. Quinn</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1046	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 7 - 1934
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It was further ascertained that P. W. Medley registered at the New Viceroy Hotel with Frost on February 17, 1934, but he was requested to leave the hotel on February 22, 1934, due to drunkenness.

Agent Billings displayed the photographs of Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Fred Barker, Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis to Mr. Ozier, the manager of the New Viceroy Hotel, who identified the photograph of FRED BARKER as being identical with one Merle Kinney, who associated with Vale Frost frequently at the hotel. The photograph of Fred Barker was then exhibited to Mrs. Ozier, not in the presence of her husband, and she also identified the said photograph as being identical with Merle Kinney, an associate of Frost. Information to this effect was immediately communicated to Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, whereupon Mr. Purvis, with Agents K. R. McIntire, W. A. Smith, Jay C. Newman, W. C. Baum and Charles Jenkins, proceeded to the hotel in question. Arrangements were also made for the presence of Special Agents M. B. Rhodes and J. J. Waters.

At the proper time, Vale Frost and Merle Kinney were temporarily detained and brought to the Chicago Division Office for questioning. It was ascertained prior to this time, however, that neither Frost, Medley nor Kinney had any associates fitting the description of any of the other suspects mentioned in this case.

It became apparent immediately that Merle Kinney was not identical with FRED BARKER. For further assurance, however, the fingerprints of Kinney were taken, after he had declared a willingness to have them taken, and they were compared with the prints of FRED BARKER on file at this office. They were found in no way to be identical. The prints taken of Kinney are being retained in the file of this case at the Chicago Division Office.

Vale Frost was interviewed by Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis at the Chicago Division Office. Frost stated that his home is located in Lime Springs, Iowa and that he purchased a home there sometime ago, which is considered a very nice home, but he stated it is not yet paid for and he borrowed on his bonds to make the down payment. He advised he has been away from Lime Springs, Iowa for considerable periods of time on several occasions, but this was necessitated by virtue of his type of employment. He advised some few years ago he was located in Atlanta, Georgia, where he was in charge of an office, under the name of the Seth Selders, Inc. The offices of this company are now located at 155 East Superior Street, Chicago, Illinois. It was understood he was employed with this company for about

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five years. His most recent employment, which began two years ago, is with the Sterling Materials Company, located at 230 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois. He informed that on January 1, 1934, he was called into Chicago to meet one of the executives of this company. He stated that prior to that time, he had been to Kenosha, Racine and Milwaukee, Wisconsin and to Grand Rapids, Michigan, on business.

The letter of reference indicates that Frost, when registering at the Berkshire Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, gave as his last address, 230 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. It is noted that this is the location of the Sterling Materials Company, with which he is now associated.

In view of the information contained in the memorandum of Special Agent O. G. Hall, of Saint Paul, for Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated February 22, 1934, to the effect that Mr. and Mrs. Frost were in Rochester, Minnesota on Monday, February 5, 1934, Frost was questioned as to his whereabouts during the past several weeks. He stated he has been in Chicago, located at the New Viceroy Hotel, since February 17, 1934, at which time he registered at the hotel. He declared that the week prior to February 17, he spent in Kansas City, Missouri at the Berkshire Hotel, which would carry him back to February 10th. He declared that during the week prior to February 10th, he was at his home in Lime Springs, Iowa. Without suggestion on the part of Special Agent in Charge Purvis, Frost informed he made a short trip to Minneapolis during that week and also motored, via personal automobile, with his wife, to Rochester, Minnesota, where he met Medley at the railroad station at 8:40 A.M., Monday, February 5, 1934. In this connection, Frost informed he remained at Rochester, not more than twenty minutes and went from there to Minneapolis, Minnesota on business, but returned that same day to Lime Springs, Iowa.

It became apparent, during the course of the interview that Frost had no connection with the instant kidnaping and for this reason, it was not deemed advisable to question him intimately along such lines. He was not questioned with regard to the telegrams which were sent from the Berkshire Hotel on February 15, 1934, nor was he questioned with regard to Mr. P. W. Medley. He voluntarily advised that Medley is a friend of several years standing and is employed as a salesman. He further stated he knows of no trouble in which Medley has been involved. It was understood, from questioning Frost, that Medley had, on February 5, 1934, arrived in Rochester by train from points in the far western part of the United States, though he was not questioned specifically on this matter.

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Merle Vincent Kinney was interviewed at the Chicago Division Office by Special Agent Jay C. Newman. Kinney informed he is now associated with the National Bond and Investment Company, #160 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number State 3801, with which company he has been associated since July of 1933. He advised he solicits business and makes calls on automobile dealers. He was born in Elkton, South Dakota, August 31, 1905 and is described as follows: Age, 28 years; height, 5 feet 8 inches; weight, 150 pounds; build, medium; hair, medium brown; eyes, blue; teeth, poor and irregular. Kinney was married in Chicago on May 28, 1930 to Maudie Cecelia Kilroy, whose father is Michael Kilroy, 2331 Berwyn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Kinney's father is John Kinney and his mother's name is Elizabeth Kinney, both located at Toronto, South Dakota, where they have lived since 1932. They formerly lived at Elkton, South Dakota. Kinney attended Saint Mary's High School at Elkton, South Dakota for two years and came to Chicago in 1928, at which time he was associated with the Kari-Keen Manufacturing Company of Sioux City, Iowa. He stated he was with that concern at Sioux City for two years prior to coming to Chicago. He stated he was then associated with The Tripp Manufacturing Company, 555 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois, from 1931 to July 1, 1933. He informed he first met Vale Frost in Chicago, Illinois in 1930, at which time Frost was Vice President of the Tripp Manufacturing Company. He informed further that Frost got him a position with this concern.

Kinney stated he knows Frost's home is in Lime Springs, Iowa and that Frost is married, but has no children; that Frost's wife is now visiting with her sister in Kansas City, Missouri. He further stated that of his own knowledge, he knows Frost's father is a retired mail carrier living in Lime Springs, Iowa. It is understood that Kinney is now living at 8156 North Tallman Ave., Chicago, Ill.

At the New Viceroy Hotel, it was ascertained that Medley is now living at 201 East Delaware Street, Chicago, Illinois. It was not deemed advisable to make further inquiries of Medley, since it was believed that information concerning this case should not be disclosed. It was felt further that neither Frost, Medley, nor Kinney was associated in any way with the instant kidnaping. For the information of the file, however, it is stated that the following local telephone calls were made by P. W. Medley from the New Viceroy Hotel during his stay there:-

February 16: Sunnyside 8120,  
 Delaware 1523  
 Buckingham 1360  
 February 19: Briargate 4516  
 Diversy 6800  
 February 20: State 6561  
 Harrison 2722  
 Superior 1033  
 February 21: Sunnyside 2100  
 February 22: Superior 1480,  
 0853  
 Spaulding 8016  
 Lakeview 2666  
 Superior 1055.

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The following long distance telephone calls were placed by Medley from the New Viceroy Hotel:

February 20: To Omaha, Nebraska,  
 Walnut 1101, at 11:18 P.M.  
 February 21: To Milwaukee, Wisconsin,  
 West 6292.

The records of the New Viceroy Hotel further disclose the following telephone calls were made by Vale Frost:

January 3: Graceland 9522  
 4: Ardmore 3518; Sunnyside 5495;  
 Long Beach 2100.  
 5: Calumet 4235; Graceland 9522;  
 Delaware 0912.  
 6: Dorchester 3989; Graceland 9522  
 Long Beach 2100  
 8: Long Beach 2100.  
 9: Superior 9212; State 3801;  
 Palisade 9854; Buckingham 4866;  
 Hollycourt 0911.  
 10: Hollycourt 2385; Superior 0855  
 11: Hollycourt 2385  
 12: Hollycourt 2385; Buckingham 1360  
 13: Diversy 6610  
 14: Hollycourt 2385; Longbeach 4900;  
 Longbeach 2100; Sunnyside 7061;  
 Palisade 9854.

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January 17: Longbeach 2100; Sunnyside 7061  
 18: Sunnyside 7061; Longbeach 2100;  
 Rogers Park 5183.  
 19: Superior 9212; Buckingham 4822.  
 20: Longbeach 3127  
 21: Longbeach 6810.

February 2: Superior 5511; Harrison 3800;  
 Longbeach 3050.  
 19: Randolph 5280; Seeley 7490;  
 Calumet 7460.  
 20: State 9570  
 21: Longbeach 6810  
 22: Edgewater 3603  
 23: Lakeview 7010; Lakeview 5026;  
 Edgewater 3603; Longbeach 8900;  
 Dorchester 9603.  
 24: Calumet 4300; Bittersweet 9822;  
 Lakeview 7010; Ardmore 4106;  
 Rogers Park 9462.  
 25: Ardmore 4106; Edgewater 3603  
 26: Longbeach 8155  
 28: Sunnyside 7061; Lawndale 4515;  
 Lakeview 7010; State 3801.

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It is to be noted that Frost is the owner of two automobiles, identical with those mentioned in the memorandum of Special Agent Hall to Inspector Rorer, dated February 22, 1934. The Plymouth car was in the possession of Frost at the time of the interview. He informed that the Cadillac was in the possession of Mrs. Frost at Kansas City, Missouri where she was attempting to dispose of it.

It was not deemed advisable to question Frost with regard to Mrs. H. Medley, presumed to be located at 741 North 26th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

PENDING,



MAR 8 1934 AM  
St. Paul, Minnesota,  
March 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO INSPECTOR ROBER:

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

As per your request, reference is had to Director's letter addressed to you under date of February 28, 1934, concerning certain information which received publicity, among them being the wall paper, serial numbers on the bank notes, and with reference to an unidentified man and woman who fled from an apartment in St. Paul, all I can say with reference to these matters is the fact that I am positive that none of this information was obtained from any employee in the St. Paul Division Office and I, personally, have never made any statement about this case to any representative of any newspaper, or anyone else, outside of the Division.

It is my belief that the information regarding the wall paper was obtained in an interview by the press with the Victim in the case; that the bank notes serials, undoubtedly, was assumed by the press to be a fact, having been a practice well known to the public and the press in previous kidnaping cases. As to the parties leaving the apartment, I know that this information did not come from this office. However, it is possible that, after the police and agents from this office had made inquiry at the apartment house and nearby premises someone may have made a remark relative thereto and the paper heard about it.

With reference to Director's letter of February 27, 1934, as to the racketeer business in the Commercial State Bank, I have no information to this effect other than hearsay. I heard it said that BREMER was an unwilling witness against GLECKMAN, but the United States Attorney for this district has no information relative thereto for the reason that MR. MORRISON, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, who handled the case has all records and data relative to that case. I recall that, at one time, Mr. Nathan and myself interviewed ADOLPH BREMER, father of the Victim, and mention was made, in effect, that it was understood that EDWARD was about to be a Government witness in the GLECKMAN trial, to which MR. BREMER replied that EDWARD had fixed that up with the Government and it was not necessary for him to appear.

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I did not look into the allegations of numerous racketeers doing business at the Commercial Bank for the reason that it was not advisable to make any inquiry at the bank as long as the Victim had not been returned and, a few days thereafter, I was no longer to work on this case.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

WH:TC  
CC Division



1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

March 8, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephone conversation with you yesterday, there is quoted below a telegram received which was sent from Cedar Falls, Iowa, and which was received by me yesterday afternoon. It is quoted herewith:

"HAVE INFORMATION NOT GETTING THROUGH PROPER CHANNEL  
FAST ENOUGH CONNECTS DAVENPORT

MRS VICTOR ALLEN 223 WESTERN AVE. WATERLOO  
IOWA."

It is understood that you will have a special agent interview this woman at Waterloo, Iowa, which is the address given in her telegram. As I stated to you over the telephone, I recently made an investigation at Davenport, Iowa, in connection with the attempted kidnaping of Mr. E. P. Adler, a publisher of that city. An attempt was made to kidnap him in the Morrison Hotel in Chicago.

I rather assume that the information which this woman has pertains to the Bremer case. However, in the event it pertains to the attempted kidnaping of Mr. Adler, it is requested that you inform me.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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February 27, 1934.

*grr*

Mr. E. G. Harvey,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Harvey:

Reference is made to the request made of your office by the St. Paul office for certain information concerning the purchasing of St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers in your territory.

I desire to be informed immediately as to the identity of the employee of this Division who signed the telegram or letter making this request of you and I further desire to be informed as to the length of any delay involved in answering your inquiry of the St. Paul office for information as to the distribution of St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers in your territory.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

HN:DSS

March 1, 1934.

MR. NATHAN	_____
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MR. CLEGG	_____
MR. COWLEY	_____
MR. EDWARDS	_____
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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DIRECTOR

*Memorandum Nathan*  
*3-5-34*  
*Dept*

I spoke to Mr. Clegg about the attached letter dated February 28, to Mr. Rorer, and he suggested the writing of a memorandum to you relative thereto.

I am fully cognizant of the lead sent out by the St. Paul office in connection with the Bremer kidnaping referred to in the attached communication. As a matter of fact, this was done at my instance. About a week or ten days before leaving St. Paul (I left on the night of February 26) I told Mr. Hanni to send telegrams to all field offices of the Division requesting that a check be made on all available news stands and places selling Twin Cities newspapers in their jurisdictions and that collateral offices be instructed to particularly bear in mind the identities of the Barker-Karpis gang. The purpose of this is manifest. All persons having a previous residence in certain cities and more particularly those who had committed crimes therein, are more or less interested in newspaper headlines in those cities. The kidnapers of Bremer would be particularly interested in the latest news flashes from the Twin Cities because of the fact that information developed there might seriously affect their future actions. These telegrams were sent out. I recall that a day or so thereafter Mr. Hanni told me that Mr. Harvey at Philadelphia had wired specifying an unusually large number of news stands in his district. It seems to me there were several thousand. He requested or suggested that lists of subscribers be secured from the Twin Cities newspaper offices. I told Mr. Hanni this would be entirely undesirable and that in view of the ardent desire of the Twin Cities newspapers for information they would or might infer the nature of this inquiry and blast it into the headlines; that not only no purpose would be served thereby but the value of this investigative step would be lost in all other parts of the country. As I recall it, I expressed some irritation at this evidence on the part of the Philadelphia office of a tendency not entirely uncommon in some sections of the country to exercise extremely punctilious detailed accuracy and thoroughness at the expense of individual initiative and imagination. As a matter of fact, I think I told Hanni that if Philadelphia could not function without our going to the newspaper offices in the Twin Cities, Philadelphia could be dropped from the list of those from whom information was expected. I really think I expressed myself stronger than that. I do not recall what further action was taken on the Philadelphia end of it. It may easily be that Mr. Hanni inferred that he need not communicate with Philadelphia further.

*Ed. ...*

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*DWS*

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Probably he should have advised Mr. Harvey to discontinue his worry along these lines. Incidentally I doubt very much whether the number of news stands in Mr. Harvey's jurisdiction were as many as he indicated. I rather think that he confused news stands with subscribers. As a matter of fact, other offices of the country were able to grasp the situation and function in a constructive manner. Before I left St. Paul a number of reports had been received from Chicago indicating circumstances in which possible identifications were made of the Barker-Karpis gang and another report, I think, was received from Kansas City indicating the suspicious character of an individual buying a Minneapolis paper registering at the Pickwick Hotel.

Very truly yours,



H. Nathan.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 28, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

The Division has been informed by several of its offices concerning the request made by the St. Paul Office or by the special detail assigned to investigate the Bremer case as to the sale of newspapers from Minneapolis and St. Paul in the territories covered by these offices.

The Division desires to be informed as to the reason for these leads, the extent and scope which it was requested that the leads be followed out and the identity of the employee making the request that such leads be followed.

It has also been understood that requests were made in turn of the St. Paul office or the Bremer case detail for information relative to the distribution of these papers, and these inquiries were either unanswered or there was a delay in answering them. Of course, the full purpose of these inquiries is not known to the Division and neither is it known whether it is advisable for you to make inquiries in St. Paul and Minneapolis relative to the distribution of the papers in question.

However, the Division desires to be informed thoroughly and in detail concerning the leads in question as well as the names of the offices to which such leads were forwarded.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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*Will you advise Director  
as per his memo?*

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In regard to your memorandum of March 1, 1934, concerning the request which was sent out by the St. Paul Office for all field offices of the Division to make a check on available news stands and places selling twin city newspapers in their jurisdiction, I am in full accord with the suggestion that such a plan was a desirable one as it might be productive of results in identifying some of the suspects in the Bremer case. The mistake which I think was made, however, was in being more specific in the telegram and stating exactly what purposes were desired to be served. Obviously, it would be impracticable and almost useless to try to check all of the news stands in Philadelphia which might sell Minneapolis papers. However, it is assumed that there are a number of stands in Philadelphia similar to those in New York and other large cities which handle out-of-town newspapers almost exclusively, and that it is the practice and custom of persons to visit these stands and buy such papers. Philadelphia could very readily have checked upon such stands. I have endeavored time and again to emphasize the fact that instructions issued to our field offices should be in very clear, simple, and detailed form because we have learned from experience that some, not all, have difficulty in grasping the meaning of the instructions which are issued from time to time. In this instance I feel that was the difficulty with our Philadelphia Office. I have no doubt but that Mr. Harvey would have been more than desirous of meeting the situation if he had really understood what was desired.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

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P. O. Box 813,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 6, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Please refer to the report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers dated February 24, 1934, in the above entitled case. It is requested that immediate investigation be conducted at the State Prison at Joliet, Illinois, for the purpose of obtaining photographs of the man described by Eddie Doll as White Anderson. When photographs are obtained, they should be forwarded immediately to the Jacksonville office for identification by Doll.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

SAR:HVS  
Cc Division  
Cc Jacksonville

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

March 5, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

With reference to your letter dated March 3rd  
in connection with the registration of Ford Roadster, motor  
No. A-514721, this is to advise you that this car has now  
been traced and you may now disregard the matter.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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

March 5, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

The sample of wall paper submitted by the Philadelphia Division Office, by letter dated March 2, 1934, has been exhibited to Victim EDWARD GEORGE BREMER by Special Agent S.I. Fortenberry and Mr. Bremer has identified this sample positively as being identical with the paper which was on the wall of his bedroom at the hideout.

Please refer to the Philadelphia letter, a copy of which was furnished your office, and which indicates that this paper is described as pattern #515 of the year 1931, which paper was made exclusively for the Sears Roebuck Company. On the back of this sample are identification marks, as follows:

"Side wall 515 - Border 5515 - Ceiling 515".

In accordance with my telephonic request to you on the 5th instant, please conduct immediate and exhaustive investigation at Sears Roebuck Company.

Very truly yours,

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W.A. FORER, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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P. O. Box 615,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 5, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

I am in receipt of a letter from E. E. Ahlander,  
United States Deputy Game Warden, Antioch, Illinois, dated  
March 2, 1934, in which it is indicated that the sounds heard  
by Bremer during the time that he was held captive may be  
heard in Antioch, Illinois. It is requested that you cause  
appropriate investigation to be conducted in the vicinity of  
Antioch, Illinois, for the purpose of determining whether the  
hideout may be located in Antioch.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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

March 5, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant requesting advice as to whether or not a canvass should be undertaken at this time of stores in the Kansas City district handling clothing similar to that furnished the victim in this case. I am awaiting advice which should be available within the next few days as to the places where the socks may have been sold and in view of the absence of this data at the present time, it is not requested that a canvass of the places now available be undertaken as it may develop that the socks were sold in several of the same towns where the other clothing is sold.

You will be further advised regarding this in the near future.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROBER,  
Inspector.

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

March 5, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -  
Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-80.

Communications from your office on this matter concerning dealers who handle clothing similar to that given to Bremer to wear indicates that underwear of this kind was sold by Friedman Brothers and that similar shirts were sold by J. Laing & Sons, both at Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Your letter of the third instant reflects the results of an investigation at Friedman Brothers' store which appears very pertinent to this case. It is now requested that similar investigation regarding the shirt be conducted at the store of J. Laing & Sons and further that this matter be given very early attention.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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

March 3, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Please refer to the report of Special Agent J. J. Meehan  
dated 2-20-34 at Chicago.

It is believed that further and more exhaustive investigation  
should be immediately conducted at Rockford for the purpose of locating  
and thoroughly interrogating Rose Bianchi.

It is further requested that the outgoing telephone calls  
from the Lafayette Hotel from January 17th to February 7, 1934, be  
checked. It is believed advisable to interview the prostitutes who are  
reported to be residing with Mrs. Rose Bianchi at 1535 Kishwaukee Street,  
Rockford.

Thorough investigation should also be conducted at Rockford,  
Illinois, with a view to ascertaining whether the five-gallon gasoline  
cans involved in this case could have been obtained there.

In view of the fact that the socks which were purchased for  
Victim Bremer were manufactured at Rockford, Illinois, investigation  
should be conducted to determine whether any retailers in Rockford,  
Illinois, sell this sock; and thorough investigation should be made at  
any store which sells them. It is possible that the Rockford mill sells  
these socks directly to the retailers in Rockford.

Please give very thorough attention to Rockford, Illinois,  
from all angles of this case, and to the territory immediately adjacent  
to Rockford.

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Very truly yours,

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St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 7, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

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

MR. H. H. GLEGG of the Division telephoned that the Philadelphia office had located what they believed to be a sample of the wall paper which was in victim's room at the hideout. He stated that the paper is believed to be pattern No. 515, which is a 1931 line of paper, manufactured by the United Wall Paper Company, York, Pennsylvania, and it is made exclusively for Sears Roebuck & Company. It is a cheap paper selling for from 5¢ to 8¢.

MR. GLEGG advised that Sears Roebuck & Company are believed to keep sales invoices of all sales and could possibly identify the sale of this paper.

It is suggested that immediate investigation be made of Sears Roebuck & Company in the Twin Cities with a view to locating samples or identifying this particular pattern from the catalogue. If this can not be done, the Chicago office should be immediately telephoned for the matter to be checked there.

W. A. BORER,  
Inspector.

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MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. L. BAKER:



St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 22, 1934

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

Reference is made to report of Special Agent W. P. Trainer dated  
KRMAR 0812 2420-34 in which report it was stated that the BARKER brothers  
and/or BERNARD PHILLIPS and ALVIN KARPIS had a sand colored 12-cylinder  
Ambara Sedan, 1932 model, motor No. 324, Missouri license tags 1932 No.  
588014 and that this car was registered in the name of ARTHUR F. HUNTER,  
and that the above mentioned parties fled to Minnesota in this car in 1932  
after arrest of KEATING and HOLDEN in Kansas City on 7-7-32.

In an effort to trace this car, a thorough check was made at  
the Minnesota Auto License Bureau, St. Paul, Minnesota. It was ascertained  
that this car was not registered in Minnesota in 1932 or 1933 and has not  
been registered in Minnesota for 1934. Neither was a visitor's permit  
applied for in Minnesota in 1932 or 1933 for the above car.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. MARSHALL,  
Special Agent.

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

March 5, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
612 U. S. Court House B. P. O. Bldg.,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to report of Special Agent E. L. Shivers dated February 24, 1934, wherein Edward Doll refers to a meeting during the latter part of the summer of 1933 at Gary, Indiana, at which time there were present Edward Doll, Whitie Anderson, Ed Bantz, and the brother of Jack Pfeiffer (this very probably is Leroy Pfeiffer, dentist of St. Paul).

It is requested that this matter be gone into further with Doll with a view to ascertaining any further information and particularly determining whether the location of a hideout was discussed. Any information which may be obtained from him indicating the place where the victims of the proposed kidnapings on the part of Bantz and Pfeiffer were to be hidden should be immediately furnished this office.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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

March 5, 1934.



Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1100 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

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

In confirmation of our telephone conversation of the 5th instant, it is requested that discreet efforts be made to obtain photographs of Louis Cernocky alias "Big Louie" referred to on page 6 of the report of Special Agent E. R. McIntire dated 3-2-34 at Chicago. This office has information that immediately prior to the kidnaping of Bremer, a suspicious person known as "Big Louie", together with a young, slender, nervous man, occupied an apartment in St. Paul and disappeared on the night following the kidnaping.

It is desired that photographs of Cernocky be obtained in order to determine, if possible, whether he is the "Big Louie" above referred to.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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**Bureau of Investigation**

311 Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

March 5, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Division's letter dated March 1, 1934, requesting an explanation for the delay in the assignment of an Agent to secure articles from the Division's Criminological Laboratory with a view to determining where they were manufactured.

Promptly upon the receipt of telephonic instructions from Mr. Clegg on the afternoon of February 22, 1934, Special Agent C. G. Schenken endeavored to contact one of the Agents assigned to this office with a view to carrying out Mr. Clegg's instructions. All of the Agents attached to this office were away from the office conducting active investigations in connection with a kidnaping case at Stafford, Va., and eight applicants for the position of Inspector with the Alcoholic Beverage Unit. Inasmuch as February 22 was a holiday in most Government departments, the writer communicated by telephone with the Bureau of Standards and ascertained that there was no one at the Bureau of Standards on that day who would be in a position to assist in the identification of the tin cans in question. In view of this situation, it was necessary to postpone the efforts to identify these tin cans until the following day. During the afternoon and early evening of February 22 this office was in telephonic communication with Mr. Coffey on another matter on several occasions, and at no time did Mr. Coffey inquire concerning when an Agent would arrive at his office to carry out the desired investigation.

*Edwards & Coffey*  
*1 copy*

On Friday morning, February 23, Special Agent B. M. Hirsh was sent to see Mr. Coffey at the Criminological Laboratory, at which time Mr. Coffey furnished Agent Hirsh with photographs of the tin cans in question, together with a pillow, for purposes of

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identification of manufacturer. At that time, Mr. Coffey informed Mr. Hirsh that he would have other articles later on to be identified by manufacturer.

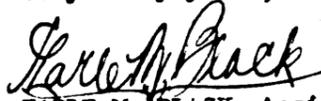
On Saturday morning, February 24, Special Agent R. P. Burruss was informed at the Bureau of Standards that it would be impossible to identify the manufacturer of the tin cans in question. It was suggested that there were three manufacturers of tin cans at Baltimore, Md., who might be able to identify the cans in question, if shown the cans themselves rather than photographs of the cans. On Saturday afternoon Agent Levin communicated this information to Assistant Director J. J. Edwards with a request that the tin cans be loaned to Agent Levin for use in further investigation at Baltimore. Mr. Edwards informed Agent Levin that the tin cans and other articles would not be available for investigative use until Monday morning, February 26.

On the morning of February 26, Special Agent B. M. Hirsh was assigned to pick up two of the tin cans in question and proceed to Baltimore for the purpose of identifying the manufacturer of these cans. At the same time, Special Agent Levin was instructed to secure the other articles in the possession of the Criminological Laboratory for investigation at Washington, D. C. These articles which were loaned to Agent Levin were returned by him to Mr. Edwards on Monday afternoon, at which time he made a verbal report of the developments resulting from his investigation. With reference to the cap mentioned in the Division's letter, Special Agent Levin has advised that he was told by Mr. Coffey not to take the cap with him on his investigation, but merely to determine the headquarters of a Union whose label appeared in the cap. Agent Hirsh returned from Baltimore late Monday evening, and on Tuesday morning he returned the tin cans to the Criminological Laboratory, where he made a verbal report of his findings.

Later on Tuesday, February 27, Agents Hirsh and Levin dictated a joint report, setting forth their findings. This report

was typed on the same date, and copies were forwarded to the Division early on the morning of February 28, 1934.

Very truly yours,



EARLE M. BLACK, Assistant  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

February 28, 1934.

MR. Nathan	.....
MR. Tolson	.....
MR. Clegg	.....
MR. Cowley	.....
MR. Egan	.....
MR. Quinn	.....
MR. Lester	.....
MR. Locke	.....
MR. Rorer	.....

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

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Dear Sir:

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

[REDACTED] confidentially advised an agent of this office that about a week ago, Detective William J. Meehan had received a letter from H. B. Barr, Deputy Constable, Fort Worth, Texas, in which Barr stated that a member of a gang had been arrested there after he had stuck up a drug store and that it became his duty to guard this man while he was in the hospital being treated for wounds received at the time of his arrest. While he did not mention this man's name, he stated this man told him all about his Twin Cities connections; that he had lived in the Twin Cities and that "Doc" Barker, Karpis, and other members of the gang had an apartment at Marshall and Cleveland Avenues in St. Paul.

He stated that the gang consisted of Ray Miller, aged 22 years, 6 feet tall, 145 pounds, who has served time in the Lansing, Kansas, State Penitentiary; Jess Doyle, #11261 Oklahoma State Penitentiary, who had served time in the Lansing, Kansas, State Penitentiary; Bill Scott, who has served time in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester. He stated these men had a number of chauffeur's caps and that Doyle was one of the men who wore the chauffeur's caps. He also made reference to the fact that they had associated with Verne Sankey. This information, of course, is incorrect inasmuch as Sankey's whereabouts have been established.

He further advised that all these men contacted Jack Glynn, a former Chief of Police at Leavenworth, Kansas, who has connections with a business man by the name of Graham who is a friend of the Governor of Kansas and they are not afraid of ever having to return to the Kansas State Penitentiary.

Special Agents O. G. Hall and R. C. Coulter interviewed Ed Wiechman, janitor of the Clemer Apartments at 2026 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul, who advised that he had had some hoodlums residing at that place in the past. The hoodlums were Karpis, Harry Campbell, and [REDACTED]

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Volney Davis, among others, were exhibited to him and he immediately recognized the photographs of the Barker brothers and Karpis as men who had occupied apartment No. 37 during the early part of 1933 for a period of approximately two months. He stated that he particularly remembered the little fellow, referring to Fred Barker, and that he and "Doc" Barker posed as brothers and that an old woman, known as Mother Kate, posed as their mother. He stated that they used only the name of Gordon and that he did not know which one was supposed to be Gordon; that these men undoubtedly came to his apartment house on the recommendation of one Jack Pfeiffer, who had formerly lived there; that they were well known to L. M. Pfeiffer, who is a dentist and has an office on the second floor of the building across the street from the apartment house. He stated that L. M. Pfeiffer was residing in the Cleomar Apartments at the time Karpis and the Barkers resided there.

He advised that he had seen them in possession of a large Auburn Sedan bearing Kansas State motor vehicle license for the year 1933 No. 88X307; and a new appearing Chevrolet Sedan bearing Minnesota motor vehicle license for the year 1933 No. B14431.

He stated that during September, 1933, L. M. Pfeiffer wrecked his car and was in the hospital for a considerable period of time; and after he became able to come to his office, Karpis drove him up there a number of times in a dark Buick Coupe, the license number of which he was never able to get.

He stated that these men would go away from their apartment for as long as two weeks at a time and on one of these occasions, he searched their apartment and found four or five chauffeur's caps, together with other clothing they had left.

He further advised that from time to time, these men are contacting L. M. Pfeiffer at the above place and just before Christmas of 1933 he saw "Doc" Barker sitting in a Ford Coupe at the corner of Cleveland and Marshall Avenues in front of L. M. Pfeiffer's office.

With further reference to the exact dates the Barkers and Karpis occupied the apartment at that address, Mr. Wiechman stated he had no record. However, he recalled it was prior to the robbery of the bank in Minneapolis where the officers were shot. This was approximately March, 1933. He stated that the day after the robbery, L. M. Pfeiffer saw one of the Barkers in the hall and asked him (Wiechman) what he thought of Barker, and Wiechman replied that he did not look good to him; and that night all of them disappeared and have not since resided in his building.

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Mr. Wiechman further advised that shortly before they left that address, they were in possession of three new Chevrolet Sedans, the license number of which he may have secured but which he does not now possess.

Copies of this letter are being furnished to the Dallas Division office in order that Deputy Constable Barr may be contacted for more complete information as it is definitely known that the information he furnished in his letter is authentic. Under no circumstances should it be indicated to him that the source of the Division's information came from the Twin Cities.

Very truly yours,

  
W.A. RORER, Inspector.

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Des Moines, Ia.  
February 25, 1934.

Mr. E. C. Spear,  
Division of Investigation,  
Suite 1, Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Re. Unknown Subjects  
Edward G. Bremer - victim  
Kidnapping. K.C. 27-57

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I secured from the Des Moines Police Department profile and front view picture of John Waters, alias Co-about-Riley #2820. Also included is full length picture of Riley and a profile and front view picture of Nina Snyder, girl friend of Co-about-Riley.

One each of the above pictures are being forwarded to the Chicago, St. Paul and Kansas City Offices tonight in order that they may have them the first thing in the morning and make as many copies as desired. While you gave the Sheriff's office number of the picture you wanted, I presumed you wanted the best pictures, therefore I secured the Police pictures which are far superior.

John Waters is described as age 42, born January 8, 1892, height 5'11", weight 207, hair dark, turning grey, eyes grey, right index finger broken and finger stiff at middle joint. Waters was born and raised in Des Moines, Ia. The pictures enclosed were taken in December 1931.

Nina Snyder is described as being now age 27, height 5'6 1/2", weight 136 lbs, hair dark, eyes brown. Her correct name is said to be Shockley and she comes from Ames, Ia.

Very truly yours,

O. C. Dewey  
Special Agent.

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March 5, 1934.

Mr. L. D. Waller, Manager,  
L. C. Smith & Corona Typewriters, Inc.,  
1018 15th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

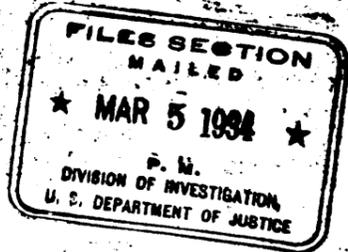
Dear Sir:

This will confirm the return by special messenger of  
the Corona typewriter, three keyboard, #JX652304, the property  
of your company.

Permit me to again express my appreciation of the  
excellent cooperation furnished by your office in loaning this  
machine.

Very truly yours,

Director.



Division of Investigation  
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Suite 1 -  
Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
March 3, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 115,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to my letter dated February 22, 1934, advising that Special Agent Lish Whitson of this office had been in your territory at Anamosa, Iowa, on February 20, 1934, with the Sheriff from Davenport, Iowa, relative to a lead in the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

As a matter of record to your office, you are advised that Agent Whitson submitted the following memorandum to me:

Agent ascertained from Post Office at Maquoketa, Iowa, that town siren blows noons only on week days, no factory or other whistles. Postmaster at Anamosa, Iowa, stated that town siren blows noons, no factory whistles. He said in regard to Monticello, Iowa, that they have a siren and a feather-duster factory, which used to have a whistle, but is of the opinion that that whistle is not used now.

Postmistress at Cyering, Iowa, stated that the town siren blew 7:00 a.m., noon and 6:00 p.m., no other whistles. Postmaster at Oxford Junction, Iowa, stated that the siren blows 7:00 a.m., noon and 6:00 p.m. - occasionally blows by mistake on Sundays - no other whistles. Postmaster at Lost Nation, Iowa, stated siren blows 7:00 p.m., noon and 6:00 p.m. - blows short blasts on Sundays for fires - has special code for giving location of fires.

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three churches there, all ring bells for services - no other whistles of any description.

Very truly yours,

K. S. SPENCER, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge,

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CHARGE

CHICAGO ILLINOIS MARCH 4 1934

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
CINCINNATI OHIO

BREKID SECURE IMMEDIATELY FROM CLEM SMITH STATE FIRE MARSHALL  
INDIANAPOLIS A LIST OF TOWNS IN INDIANA IN WHICH FIRES OCCURRED  
BETWEEN JANUARY FIFTEENTH AND FEBRUARY TENTH LAST PARTICULAR  
ATTENTION TO JANUARY THIRTYEIGHT ADVISE STPAUL AND CHICAGO

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U.S. Division of Investigation  
1900 Bankers Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

Charge 10:00 A.M.

March 5, 1934

Mr. D.M.Ladd  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
801 Title Guaranty Building  
St. Louis, Missouri

BREKID SECURE IMMEDIATELY FROM STATE FIRE MARSHAL, SPRINGFIELD  
ILLINOIS LIST OF TOWNS IN ILLINOIS IN WHICH FIRES OCCURRED  
BETWEEN JANUARY FIFTEENTH AND FEBRUARY TENTH LAST PARTICULAR  
ATTENTION TO JANUARY TWENTY EIGHTH ADVISE SAINT PAUL AND  
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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

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

# WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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

K.C.No. 3-2-34

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 WERNER HANNI  
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 3, 1934.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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



Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-92.

Your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent  
E. L. Shivers, Jacksonville, dated February 23, 1934, and particular  
reference is made to pages 23, 24 and 25 thereof, wherein EDDIE FOLEY  
declares that Gus Stone is the "trigger man" in the Kansas City  
Massacre.

*N* Particular attention is also directed to the fact that  
Gus Stone is also well acquainted with one "Red", who is unquestion-  
ably "Red" Price, now incarcerated in the Colorado State Penitentiary  
at Canon City, Colorado. Attention is further directed to the fact  
that "Red" became ill in Chicago, about a year ago last Spring, and  
was confined in a hospital and that Gus and his wife used to visit  
"Red" while he was in the hospital.

Attention is now directed to the physical description of  
Gus Stone, contained on page 25 of the aforementioned report; also,  
to the report of Special Agent Val C. Zimmer, Salt Lake City, dated  
February 21, 1934, which discloses an interview with "Red" Price,  
set forth on pages 5 and 6 thereof. Price mentions an individual  
known as Gus Stevens, whom he says may be located through Frank Hays  
of the Hays Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. It is to be noted that Eddie  
Foley also suggested that Gus Stone could be located through this  
hotel.

Price in his interview indicated he was confined in a  
hospital in Chicago, Illinois and that during that time, he was  
visited by Gus Stevens and his wife, known as his wife, Chicago 234 A.M.

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Particular reference should be had to the personal description of Gus Stevens, which compares favorably with the personal description of Gus Stone, furnished by Eddie Foley, at Tampa, Florida.

It is believed, through the information contained in the above mentioned reports, that Gus Stevens and Gus Stone are identical.

Investigation conducted by the Dallas Office disclosed that there was found among the personal effects of Paula Harmon, who is known to be an associate of KARPIS and the BARKERS, a photograph of an unknown woman, which photograph is in the possession of this office at the present time. Investigation conducted by the Chicago Office has disclosed that a woman by the name of Stone is living at 511 Cornelia Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe, of this office, who had the picture of the unknown woman in his possession when making an investigation, positively identified it as a likeness of Mrs. Stone, living at the Cornelia Avenue address. This photograph, therefore, is being forwarded herewith to the Salt Lake City Office, with the request that it be immediately exhibited to "Red" Price, at Canon City, Colorado, and he should be asked if he can identify this photograph as a likeness of "Ginger" Stevens, or "Ginger" Stone. Price has referred to the wife of Gus Stevens as "Ginger". Price should further be questioned as to the criminal record of Gus Stevens, or for any other source through which a photograph of Stevens may be secured.

The JACKSONVILLE OFFICE will make similar inquiries of Eddie Foley, concerning Gus Stone.

The expeditious handling of the investigation set forth in this letter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC: DIVISION, St. Paul,  
Dallas, Jacksonville,  
Kansas City.  
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Addendum: It is requested that when the photograph of Mrs. Stone herewith enclosed has served its purpose, same be returned to the Chicago Office.

Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 8, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

It has become necessary to relieve Special Agent R. C. Coulter from assignment on the Bremer Kidnaping Case for approximately four days, in order that he may confer with the United States Attorney at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and do approximately two days investigative work in the vicinity of Kimball, South Dakota, in connection with the case entitled RED VERNIE SANKKY, with aliases (deceased); et al, CHARLES BOETTCHER, II, Victim; Kidnaping.

Agent Coulter has been assigned to this case and is familiar with the facts and the United States Attorney at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, specifically requested that he proceed to Sioux Falls, for the purpose of conferring with him in same.

It is expected that Agent Coulter will complete this assignment not later than March 10, 1934.

Very truly yours,

W.A. BOREN,  
Inspector.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER  
Victim, KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-20.

There are transmitted herewith copies of a letter  
from A. Brady, Mayor, Macomb, Illinois, under date of  
February 27, 1934, and copies of a circular letter bearing  
the signature of W. A. Rorer, Inspector, wherein there are  
described the various sounds heard by Edward G. Bremer at  
the time he was held captive.

It is desired that the St. Louis office cause  
appropriate investigation to be conducted in Macomb, Illinois,  
for the purpose of attempting to locate the hideout. It  
will be noted in the information provided in the letter  
received from A. Brady that the sounds which were heard by  
Bremer during the period of his captivity apparently can be  
heard in Macomb, Illinois.

Kindly give this matter prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

W. A. BORER,  
Inspector.

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*W. A. Rorer*

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CITY OF BUSHNELL

Bushnell, Illinois

Office of the Mayor

Special Agent,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 24th.

We have a fire siren which blows only when there is a fire.

In Macomb, Ill., 15 miles SW of Bushnell, there is almost such a whistle or siren that blows each morning at 7 o'clock; a good many freight and passenger trains pass through there, and there are also factory whistles blowing about same time as the whistle that sounds like a siren blows. The latter does not blow on Sundays, but the Macomb authorities could tell you whether it did blow on a certain Sunday. Macomb also has a landing field and a number of planes flying around there.

Yours truly,

A. BRADY,  
Mayor.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 24, 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.

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, zero planes.

In view of the fact that you are believed to have a stationary siren, it is respectfully requested that you advise, by return mail, in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, whether you believe such a place is in your locality.

It is requested that the contents of this letter be kept in strict confidence.

Your prompt reply and any assistance which you may render will be gratefully appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Rorer*  
W. A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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Suite 1 -  
Federal Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Mo.  
March 2, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Pursuant to telegraphic request of Inspector W. A. Rorer on  
March 1, 1934, and confirming my telegram of March 2nd, please  
be advised that:

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Very truly yours,

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

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
1900 Bankers Building,

CHARGE

Chicago, Illinois, March 2, 1934, 10:50 A.M.

D. BRANTLEY,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
224 FEDERAL BUILDING,  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA

ON JANUARY EIGHTEENTH LAST EMILY NEWBOLD SISTER OF KARPIS CALLED DOROTHY  
SLAYMAN WIFE OF KARPIS AT RESIDENCE OF MRS RALPH PIPER FOURTEEN THIRTEEN  
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420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

March 1, 1934.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
Edward G. Bremer (Victim)  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of February 23, 1934, addressed to the New York Division Office in connection with the above case wherein request is made to check certain news stands in Dallas and Ft. Worth, Texas with a view of determining whether the names of the individuals who purchased Minneapolis and St. Paul Newspapers could be ascertained.

You are advised that the J & M (not L & M) News and Cigar Store, located at 1611-A Elm Street, and the Central News Stand located at 103 South Akard Street, both of Dallas; also the Post Office News Stand located at 4 Jennings Street, Ft. Worth, Texas, were checked and it was learned that four Sunday Issues of the Minneapolis Journal are handled by said Dallas News Stands and one Sunday Issue of this paper is handled by the said Ft. Worth News Stand, which newspapers have been purchased irregularly by responsible citizens of Dallas for a period of more than a year. With regard to the Ft. Worth Subscriber, his order for the Minneapolis Journal was placed four months ago; however, his name was not secured at the time and he has not called for a paper for the past two months.

The photographs of the Karpis-Barker Gang were exhibited to the owners of the above news stands, none of whom were able to identify them as the individuals who have called for or purchased the above issues. Said parties are unknown to them.

For your information, a check was made of news stands in the principal cities of the Dallas District. However, none of the news stands so checked handled the Minneapolis or St. Paul Papers.

Very truly yours,

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Suite 1 -  
Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri  
March 5, 1934.

Mr. Charles E. Sandall,  
United States Attorney,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

RE: CHARLES EDWARD BREMER-VICTIM  
KIDNAPING CASE.

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 19, 1934, with which you enclosed a letter received by your office from Chester C. Clark of Wymore, Nebraska, containing information, which Clark thought might have a bearing on the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

I regret that through oversight your letter has not been acknowledged previously.

Very truly yours,

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

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March 6, 1934.

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 case entitled Unknown Subjects,  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, there are being transmitted  
under separate cover by registered mail the two remaining empty  
gasoline cans and the funnel which were submitted to the laboratory  
by your office. The other two cans were turned over to the Washington  
Field Office for investigation with a view to determining the manu-  
facturer and subsequently the distributors and retailers.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC - Washington Field.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Lieutenant Philip L. Hutson of the Detective Bureau of the Michigan State Police at East Lansing, Michigan, called me Saturday, March 3, advising that he had received information at South Bend, Indiana, which appeared to be important, in connection with the above entitled matter. I arranged to personally confer with him at East Lansing yesterday and he informed me that a man whose name he cannot divulge at this time and who has proved himself to be in the past a very reliable confidential informant, told him that one Maurice Brown, an ex-convict who served a sentence in the Michigan State Penitentiary at Jackson, Michigan, on a rape charge and whose home is located at Cassopolis, Michigan, recently accompanied by an individual whom he called Lee.

advised the Lieutenant that these two individuals were involved in the kidnaping of Bremer. Lieutenant Hutson attempted to closely question the informant regarding his reason for so thinking, and the informant stated that he could not furnish him any additional information at this time but that the Lieutenant could rest assured that these men were involved in the instant offense.

Lieutenant Hutson advised me that he has known the informant for nineteen years;

but that the information furnished in the past has been based on the friendly relationship existing between the Lieutenant and the informant. He further advised that he has always found the informant's information very

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Reliable. Hence the Lieutenant attaches much significance to the statement made by the informant regarding Brown being connected with this matter. b7d

It is the Lieutenant's thought that evidently Brown and his associate Leo displayed some of the ransom money [redacted] for that they did some talking in that place which was overheard by the informant.

Lieutenant Hutson who is a very efficient officer who has always cooperated very fully with this Division and who has always been found to be extremely dependable and reliable in every respect stated that he requested the informant [redacted] to make an attempt to secure some money, particularly five and ten dollar bills, from Brown and his companion [redacted] and then to immediately telephonically contact Lieutenant Hutson for the purpose of examining the money. [redacted]

Lieutenant Hutson further advised that the informant told him that these two men [redacted] a few days following the release of Bremer. The Lieutenant has had Brown under observation for a long time knowing that he has been involved with certain gangsters from Chicago. Hutson first came in contact with Brown while he, Brown, was serving the sentence in the Michigan State Penitentiary.

With respect to his companion Leo, Hutson recalled an individual, wanted in Detroit in connection with a murder, named Leo Cellura alias Black Leo, and secured a photograph of this individual which he forwarded [redacted] and same was readily identified as that of the individual [redacted] Cellura, Lieutenant Hutson informs me, is a dangerous individual, and was mentioned in connection with the Jerry Buckley murder at Detroit, and has a long criminal record.

At the time these two persons [redacted] they were driving a Ford V-8 coach, 1935 model, which car belongs to Brown. Brown, Hutson informs me, was definitely connected with E. J. Rossi alias Ronson, who was recently killed in Chicago, and who following his apprehension by Division Agents of the Chicago office was identified as being a participant in the bank robbery at Holland, Michigan, in 1932. Also, he is an alleged associate of Ted Kintus alias Kellogg, who was also recently killed in Chicago, and who was alleged to be involved in kidnappings in [redacted] 141

He stated that about two years ago Rossi under the name of Roason, Klutas as Kellogg, and Brown were questioned by the Sheriff at Cassopolis, Michigan, which is near the Indiana State line and not very far from South Bend, Indiana, when they were found loitering in a restaurant in that city on the day a robbery was perpetrated at the home of Mr. Ritter, an official of a bank at Cassopolis. These three individuals however did not take part in this particular robbery, but it was presumed that they were in Cassopolis for no good purpose. The reason for setting out this angle is to show the connection between Brown, Rossi and Klutas. At the time they were questioned at Cassopolis they were driving a sixteen-cylinder Cadillac which was alleged to be the property of Brown. Records indicate that Brown was released from the Michigan State Penitentiary December 1, 1930.

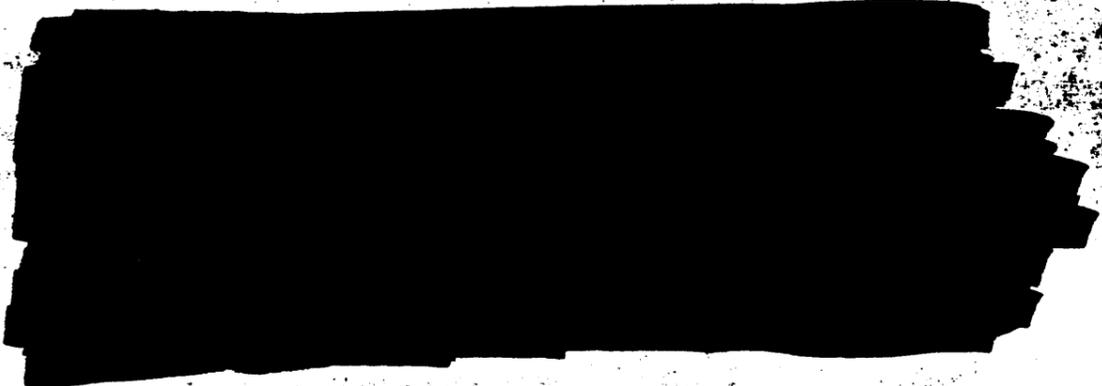
In connection with Cellura and Brown, Lieutenant Hutson called my attention to the fact that Ed Bents was also an inmate of the Michigan State Penitentiary while Brown was incarcerated therein, and it is very evident that Brown and Bents are closely associated.

Lieutenant Hutson also called my attention to one Herman Kierdorf alias Herman Richards who was arrested in June, 1932, on a charge of impersonating a Government officer, and was sentenced in October 1932 to serve eighteen months in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth. He stated that Kierdorf has the reputation of being an extortionist, and there is the possibility that Brown would also be connected with this individual.

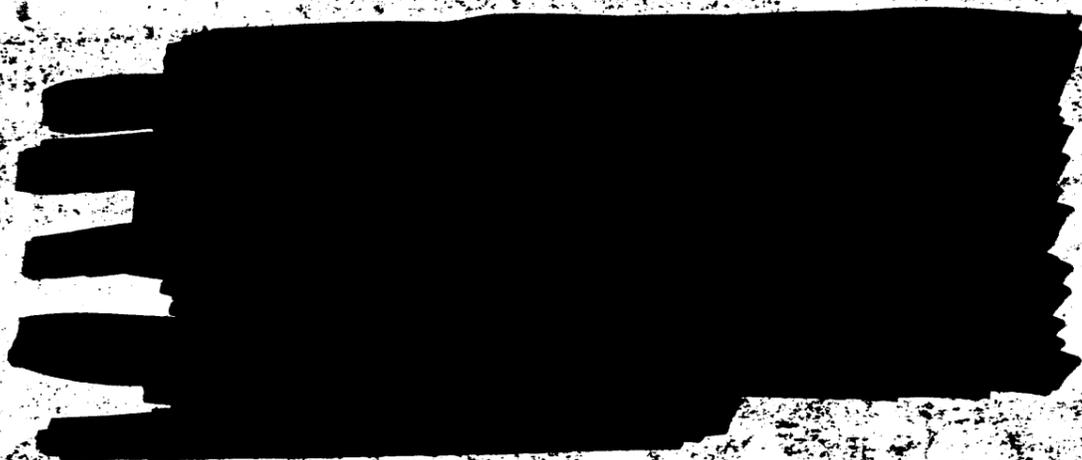
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Detroit Police Department circular number 3307 which was issued November 20, 1930, for Cellura, is being attached to copies of this letter. This circular includes the complete description of Cellura with photograph and fingerprints. He is badly wanted at the present time in Detroit. His previous criminal record is as follows:

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Cellura I am informed talks with quite a definite Italian accent.

Following is the description of Maurice Brown, Michigan State Identification Bureau number 20923:

Age 28  
Weight 126  
Height 5 feet 6 1/2 inches  
Slim build  
Dark brown hair  
Eyes hazel  
Complexion fair  
Peculiarity: talks very snappily and chops his words

A good photograph of Brown was furnished by Lieutenant Hutson which is being transmitted herewith to the St. Paul office to be displayed to Mr. Bremer. This photograph bears in addition to the Michigan State Identification number, Michigan State Penitentiary number 19979.

Kierdorf is described as follows:

Age 43  
Height 5 feet 7 inches  
Weight 171  
Build medium  
Hair dark brown, partially bald  
Eyes hazel  
Complexion dark  
Nationality American  
Detroit PD number 30643

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A copy of his photograph secured from the Detroit Police taken in 1929 is also being forwarded to the St. Paul office. His United States Penitentiary number is 42456. Klardorf I am informed was formerly employed by Cellura as bartender at Ecorse, Michigan.

With regard to the Holland Bank robbery Lieutenant Hutson informed me that he conducted quite an extensive investigation of this matter but nothing definite developed. He states that it is his opinion that this robbery was perpetrated by Ed Dents, Rossi alias Houson mentioned in this communication, with perhaps three or four other unknown individuals. Rossi it will be noted in this communication was a close friend of Brown. However Lieutenant Hutson does not believe that Brown took part in the Holland Bank robbery.

Lieutenant Hutson was unable to furnish any further information than that already obtained with regard to the Holland crime except that he is of the impression that a hat and possibly a coat were found following the robbery which had evidently been dropped by one of the gang; that these two items should be in the possession of the Chief of Police at Holland. He stated that at one time he, Lieutenant Hutson, was arranging to take the hat to Chicago and exhibit it to Mr. Janis, a member of the Chicago Secret Six, for the purpose of attempting to identify same, but the Chief of Police, instead of turning same over to the lieutenant, took steps to himself make the identification, which Lieutenant Hutson believes was unsuccessful.

Lieutenant Hutson has no idea who prepared the get-away chart which was found following the Holland robbery and has never either directly or indirectly learned where same was prepared. The Lieutenant suggested that while investigation is being conducted in an attempt to ascertain the identity of the typewriter on which the chart was prepared that it might be well to examine the typewriters in possession of Joe Bergl who is closely associated with a great many Chicago gangsters and who operates a large garage at Cicero, Illinois. In this respect it will be noted in my previous communications that Cathryn Kelly also mentioned the name of Joe Bergl as being an associate of Bates, Bailey and others.

Lieutenant Hutson advised me that within the next few days he will arrange to make another trip [redacted] and suggested that I accompany him and he will introduce me to the confidential informant as a member of the Michigan State Police and arrange for me to be present when he, the Lieutenant, further discusses this matter with the informant. The Lieutenant suggested

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that we wait a few days before proceeding [redacted] as he feels that the informant might be more inclined to talk about the matter if he is not pushed too much.

I will keep in close touch with this situation and any further developments will be immediately reported. It is requested that the St. Paul office advise at the earliest possible moment if the photographs and descriptions of the persons listed herein in any sense compare with such information as is available concerning the abductors.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Division  
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Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
803 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter addressed to you from the Detroit office, dated March 5, 1934, making reference to three suspects in the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM - Kidnaping. The fingerprints of Maurice Brown, State Penitentiary, Jackson, Michigan #19979; Leo Callura, alias Black Leo, wanted by the Detroit Police Department, and Herman Kierdorf, Detroit Police Department #35643, are being compared with the latent fingerprints in connection with your case and their fingerprints will be entered in the single fingerprint file maintained in the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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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,  
Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
ARTHUR BANNER with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file 7-30

Dear Sir:

In connection with efforts being made by this office to locate the typewriter used in preparing the ransom notes, the Detroit office interviewed KATHERINE KELLEY, wife of George Kelley, convicted kidnaper, and learned from her that two years ago at the Admiral Hotel, in Minneapolis, she wrote a letter to her mother on a portable Corona typewriter. Information received from other sources indicates that this machine at the present time has not been located, and may be the machine which we are now seeking. It is therefore desired that the files of your office be examined very carefully for a typewritten letter from Katherine Kelley to her mother, dated about two years ago, at Minneapolis, Minnesota. If you should find such a letter, or any other letters which in your opinion might be of interest in this search, please forward same directly to the Scientific Laboratory of the Division, with the statement that a comparison is desired with the ransom letters written in this case, the Hamm kidnaping case, and the Holland, Michigan bank robbery.

Copies of this communication are being directed to the Dallas and San Antonio offices, with the request that they make a similar search for the same purpose.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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From: UNIT #1 Room 418

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Edwards
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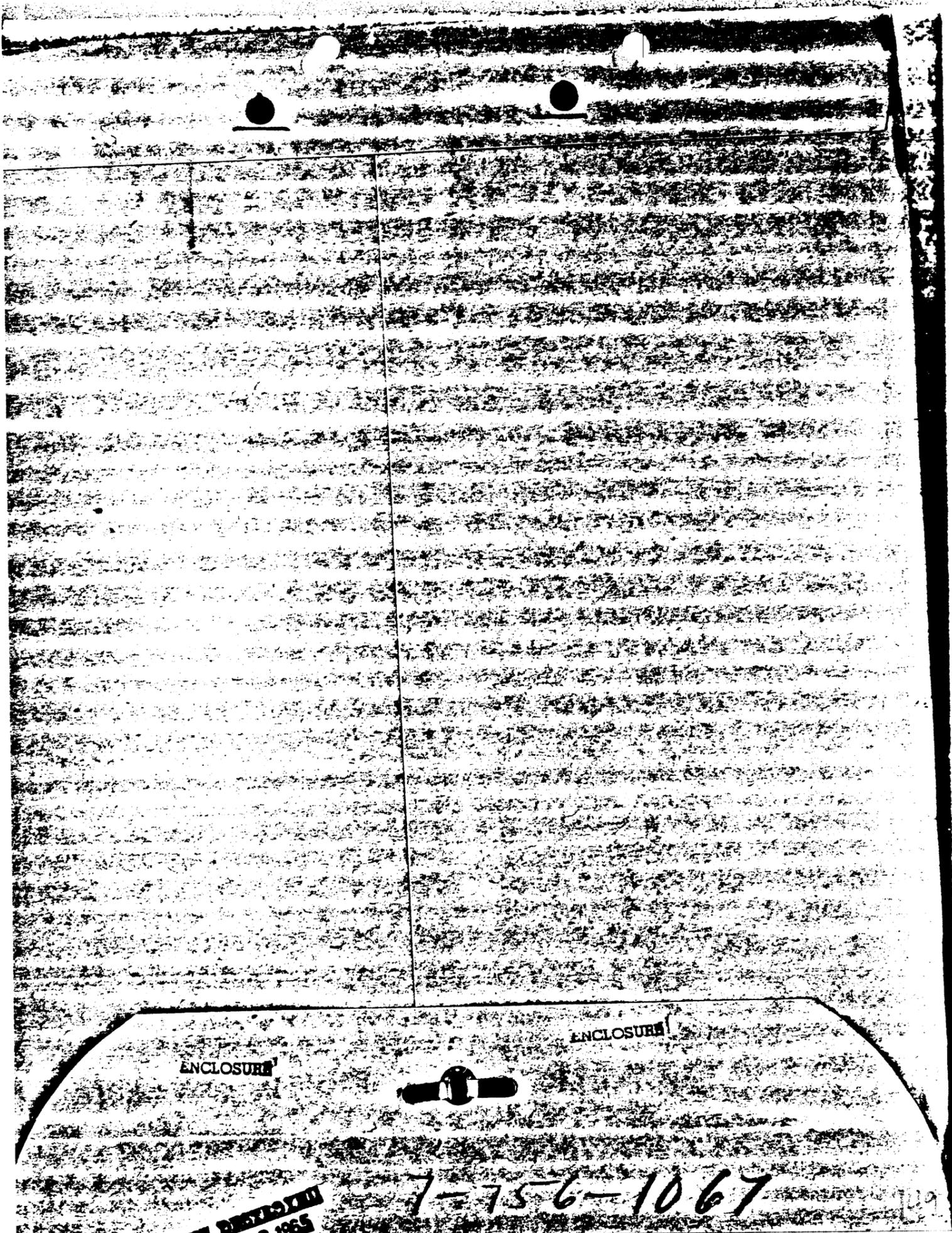
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- Washington Field Office
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*H. CLEGG*

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with heavy cord.

We demand \$200,000.  
Payment must be made in  
no consecutive numbers-

Place the money in two  
the full amount and tie

no contact will be made 7-576  
to pay as we direct.

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of the figure "7" instead of the small letter  
"e".*

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

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

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to the letter from the St. Paul Office, dated February 23, 1934, addressed to your office, wherein you were requested to make every effort to locate a letter alleged to have been written by Katherine Kelly, wife of George Kelly, to her mother, on a portable Corona typewriter, about two years ago, which typewriter she alleges was located in the Admiral Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Division considers this request extremely important, and in addition thereto you are requested to locate correspondence which may have been received by relatives and associates of the so-called Barker-Karpis gang.

As of possible assistance, there is enclosed with each copy of this letter, a photographic copy of a portion of one of the ransom notes prepared on the portable typewriter which the Division is interested.

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In addition to preparing the ransom notes in this case, this typewriter was used in also preparing the ransom notes in the Hamm Kidnaping case, as well as the "get-away" chart used in the Holland, Michigan bank robbery case.

The State Penitentiaries at McAlester, Oklahoma and Lansing, Kansas, as well as the United States Penitentiary, at Leavenworth, Kansas, should be considered as valuable sources of evidence along this line in the event correspondence with inmates of those institutions is preserved. Known associates of this gang have been and are now serving sentences in these institutions.

*Handwritten notes and signatures:*  
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T.H.C.  
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The purpose of this particular line of inquiry is to trace to the source from which this correspondence has emanated. It is apparent that this typewriter has been used considerably during the time elapsing between the three crimes above referred to.

In line with the above inquiry, the Kansas City Office should give particular attention to the correspondence file of Lloyd Barker, alias Hoyd Anderson, #17243, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. Lloyd Barker is to be released from that institution on parole July 16, 1934. There is transmitted herewith to the Kansas City and St. Paul Offices, a set of photostats taken from letters appearing in the file of Lloyd Barker, at the Parole Board, Washington, D. C.

The correspondence files of Francis L. Keating and Thomas Holden, also serving sentences at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, should be thoroughly examined. These two individuals were very closely associated with members of the Barker-Karpis gang and have no doubt been in communication with members of this gang since their return to the institution, July, 1932.

The above investigation should be given immediate attention in your district and the Kansas City Office district.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 685086

cc-Kansas City  
Dallas  
San Antonio  
Chicago  
W. A. Rorer

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P. O. Box # 987,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box # 908,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Immediately after receiving your telegram of this date,  
requesting that you be furnished with a recent photograph of  
Bobbie Moore obtainable at the Federal Industrial Institution  
for women at Alderson, West Virginia, telephonic communication  
was had with Miss Helen Hironimus, Assistant Superintendent of  
said Institution, who was requested to forward said photograph  
to you directly by Air Mail, Special Delivery.

Miss Hironimus informed that she would mail the said  
photograph to you today.

Very truly yours,

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Chicago, Illinois  
March 8, 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 George Bremer, Victim.  
Kidnaping - Chicago File 7-82

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your telegram of February 27, 1934 in which you state that PAULA HARMON is alleged to have been arrested by the Rock Island, Police Department at Rock Island, Ill., on February 26, 1926, together with Leota Graham and Charles and Jim Harmon. Your telegram requested that the fingerprints and photograph of Paula Harmon be secured and that the identity of Leota Graham be established.

You are advised that through telephonic inquiry of the Rock Island Police Department, it was ascertained that the above mentioned parties were arrested at Rock Island, Illinois on Feb., 25, 1926, but that they were held as fugitives for the Council Bluffs, Iowa, Police Department and were returned to that point.

This office immediately communicated with the Kansas City Office, in consequence of which, the fingerprints of the above named parties, together with their photographs, were secured. The fingerprints have been forwarded to the Division with the request that a Wanted Notice be placed in the files concerning Paula Harmon. It is believed advisable, however, that the fingerprints of Paula Harmon and the other above mentioned parties be placed on file in various field offices and the Division is accordingly being requested to furnish the Dallas, San Antonio, Saint Louis, Saint Paul and Chicago Division Offices with photostatic copies of the fingerprints of the above noted parties, with the exception of Charles Harmon, who is now deceased.

Very truly yours,

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CC:Division, Dallas,  
St. Paul.  
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M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Chicago, Illinois  
March 6, 1934

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING. Chicago file 7-82

Reference is had to your letter dated March 5,  
1934, directed to the Saint Paul Office, copy of which was  
furnished this office.

It is respectfully requested you immediately  
secure and forward to this office, six copies of the photo-  
graph of Maurice Brown, Michigan State Penitentiary number  
19979.

Very truly yours,

KHE:DMH  
CC:Division ✓  
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M. E. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box #788,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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March 8, 1934.

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

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases;  
Arthur Barker, with aliases;  
Unknown Subjects;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

With reference to telegram from the Chicago Office, dated March 4, 1934, requesting that a list of towns in Indiana in which fires occurred between January 15th and February 10th, 1934, be secured, there is attached hereto a list of the reports of fires as filed away by the State Fire Marshal's Office at Indianapolis, Ind.

These records are first filed by counties and the counties are then divided into cities, towns and townships.

The Fire Marshal's Office, however, made it plain that all reports have not been received covering the period in question, stating that some of the officials whose duty it is to make reports on fires are dilatory about reporting.

Very truly yours,

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

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Inspector W.A. Rorer, St. Paul Office

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W.A. Rorer  
C.D. Rorer*

Fires which have been reported to the office of  
The State Fire Marshal, at Indianapolis, Indiana,  
as having occurred between Jan. 15th and  
February 10, 1954.

Date of Fire	Place of Fire County	City or Township	Type of Bldg.	Owner or Agent
Jan. 15	Adams	Decatur	Garage	Sheriff's garage
26	Allen	Fort Wayne	Wood bin	Ralph F. Dunn
29	"	"	Dwelling	Mrs. M. Lahmeyer
28	"	"	"	Sam Simmons
15	"	"	"	Citizens Trust Co.
19	"	"	"	O. Harris
27	"	"	"	Claude Beresot
29	"	"	"	W. H. Logan
28	"	"	"	W. Rhinshart
20	"	"	"	Mrs. C. Strausser
29	"	"	"	1st. Nat'l Bank
51	"	"	Hotel	Geo. Donaro
30	"	"	Barn	J. A. Brateman
21	"	"	"	J. C. Seculoss
22	"	"	Store	Old 1st Nat. Bank
21	"	"	Drugstore	Aug. Reidmiller
50	"	"	Candy store	Lennart & Ortlieb
17	"	"	Plumbing	J. Thompsonson
17	"	"	Dwelling	Mrs. R. Brough
18	"	"	"	Fred Blythe
19	"	"	"	L. Lancaster
19	"	"	"	E. Buchan
25	"	"	"	Bert Lee
51	"	"	"	H. Kreinbrink
21	"	"	"	Citizens Trust Bank
21	"	"	"	E. Herman
16	"	"	"	The A.M.E. Parsonage
17	"	"	"	J. Cramer
Feb. 8	"	New Haven	"	Mrs. Pauline Rich
Jan. 31	"	Cedar Creek Twp.	"	Arthur Dawson
Feb. 8	"	Jackson Twp.	"	(?) Anspach
Jan. 29	Bartholomew	Columbus	"	Helen E. Cosand
29	"	"	Barn	Enery Vengange
30	"	Union Twp.	Dwelling	Bert Parker
30	Benton	Fowler Twp.	"	Chas. Stewart
15	Blackford	Licking Twp.	Factory	Johnson Glass Co.
Feb. 4	"	"	Dwelling	Mrs. C. M. Harvey
8	"	Hartford City	"	Mrs. Jack Bresnahan
14	Boone	Lebanon	Business	Maude Witt
9	"	"	Dwelling	Arbuckle heirs
9	"	"	"	Ed Emsnert
Jan. 30	Brown	Van Buren Twp.	"	James Swain
Feb. 9	"	"	"	Samuel Agnes
8	Carroll	Washington Twp.	"	Chas. Crockett
Jan. 27	"	Transport	"	Anton Orman

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Date	County	City or Twp.	Bldg.	Owner or agent.
Jan. 31	Cass	Legansport	Dwelling	Florian Kelley
Feb. 5	"	"	"	A. B. McIlwain
9	"	"	"	Lyman Smith
9	"	"	"	J. E. Wickarsham
10	"	"	"	Ernest Shanks
Jan. 29	Clark	Jeffersonville	Factory	W. H. Jones
28	"	"	Dwelling	Geo. Pfan Sons Oil Co
30	"	"	"	Clyde Brooks
16	"	"	"	Anna Wright
18	"	"	"	Anna McMahon
Feb. 10	"	"	"	Wm. Beldon
9	"	"	"	Fred D. Scott
9	"	"	"	John Roe
Jan. 26	"	Charlestown	"	John Schmatter
21	"	Carr Township	"	Joseph W. Marron
Feb. 1	Clay	Clay Township	"	Jack Money
Jan. 29	Clinton	Forest Twp.	"	Geo. O. Sailer
29	"	"	"	Geo. Sondler
27	"	"	"	Max. P. Sellers
Feb. 1	Crawford	Madison Twp.	"	Chas. W. Bancs
2	"	English Twp.	"	E. F. Walker
9	"	Boone Twp.	"	Oliver Danbs
Jan. 28	Daviess	Washington	"	Jasper Mathers
30	"	"	"	C. M. Fullenwider
29	"	"	"	L. O. Purcell
28	"	"	"	Mrs. Zona Wonder
27	"	"	"	Frank Utterbach
17	"	"	"	C. B. Goodwin
Feb. 8	"	Veale Township	Dwelling	Stanley Boyd
9	"	Lawrenceburg	Garage	Boy Hopewell
Jan. 18	Dearborn	Greendale	School	John L. Hayes
28	"	Lawrenceburg	Houseboat	Veale Twp.
21	"	Greensburg	Dwelling	Louis Howard
30	Decatur	"	"	Geo. Barnsbach
29	"	"	"	W. I. Burkan
20	"	"	"	Rengenty Styers
Feb. 8	DeKalb	Newville Township	Barn	J. Carl Mitchell
9	"	Grant Twp.	Dwelling	Vernon McGee
9	"	Albany	"	Ira Short
Jan. 25	Delaware	Elkhart	"	1st Joint Trust, Ft
15	"	"	"	John Dunn
26	"	"	"	D. O. Engle
25	"	"	"	A. E. Hinder
25	"	"	"	Chas. Thornton
19	"	"	"	H. E. Barnhart
24	"	"	"	Sam Weimer
Feb. 8	"	Goshen	Apartment	C. O. Manning
"	"	"	Dwelling	Jas. Jordan
"	"	"	"	August W.
"	"	"	"	Mrs. H. J.
"	"	"	"	Mrs. Lo
"	"	"	"	John

Date	County	City or Township	Bldg	Owner or agent
Jan. 21	Fayette	Connersville	Dwelling	Ben Cole
30	"	"	"	Chas. Gordon
Feb. 8	"	"	"	Mrs. Chas. Webster
Jan. 30	Floyd	New Albany	Dwelling-groce.	Bert Richard
17	"	"	Dwell-Dr. Office	Dr. Anna McKamy
19	"	"	Dwelling	Edward Potts
28	"	"	"	Dapauw Memorial Church
20	"	"	Business	Bert Richard
17	"	Franklin Township	Dwelling	Earl Blust
17	"	Greenville Township	Store	Herbert Ellenbrand
Feb. 9	"	Franklin Township	Dwelling	D. W. Dougherty
10	"	New Albany	"	Mrs. Clara Denny
10	"	"	"	J. Kauff
9	"	"	"	J. W. Daniel
9	"	"	"	W. H. Monahan
6	"	"	"	Joe Palk
Jan. 20	Fountain	Attica	"	Geo. Johnson
19	"	"	"	Geo. Firastin
30	"	Dovingtop	Auto truck	John Patterson
22	"	"	Dwelling	Wallace Phillips
28	"	"	"	Mrs. Emma Bright
18	"	Hillsboro	"	L. L. Wood
Feb. 9	"	Newtown	"	Lura D. Randolph
8	"	Veedersburg	"	J. R. Corey
1	"	Kingman	"	Ben Stearns
Jan. 30	"	Mill Creek Twp.	"	John Jackmire estate
29	Franklin	Brookville	"	Carl Becker
31	"	Blooming Grove	"	Peoples Trust Co.
20	"	Brookville Twp.	"	Alvin Kunkle
Feb. 8	"	Fairfield Twp.	Haystack	Elmer Templeton
8	"	Fairfield Twp.	Building	do.
1	"	Laurel Twp.	Dwelling	Thos. Brumbach
Jan. 30	Fulton	Newcastle	"	Prud. Life Ins. Co.
18	"	Henry Twp.	"	Wilbur Landes
29	Gibson	Princeton	"	Gibson County B.&L.Co.
30	"	"	"	Mrs. Thos. Howard
Feb. 4	"	"	Business	French Dye Cleaning
4	"	"	Dwelling	Nannie Dickson
4	"	"	"	Church of God
4	"	"	"	Mrs. E. Benham
4	"	"	"	Mary Saks
4	"	"	"	John Orth
4	"	"	"	Mrs. Mary Brunner
15	"	"	"	Ellis Helsey
4	"	"	"	Mrs. Sarah McCulfab
4	"	"	Church	Church of God
5	"	"	Dwelling	Rolla Grech
2	"	"	"	Mrs. Hornsby
Jan. 16	"	Owensville	"	Samuel A. Parker
Feb. 10	"	"	Garage	David P. Burd
10	"	"	"	Roy Dodd
10	"	"	Tools	Q. Wilson
10	"	"	Storage room	Arthur Emerson

Date	County	City or Township	Bldg.	Owner or agent.
Feb. 4	Gibson	Owensville	Dwelling	Mrs. Gladys Summers
Jan. 30	"	Washington Twp.	Dwelling	Jessie Flynn
29	"	Patoka Twp.	"	Martin Davis
Feb. 2	"	"	"	Arthur McCarthy
4	"	Washington Twp.	"	Bertha Hale
Jan. 30	Grant	Fairmount	"	Methodist Church
21	Greene	Jasonville	School	Jasonville City
29	"	Bloomfield	Dwelling	Mrs. Carrie Bowden
22	"	Linton	Car	Guy Patterson
26	"	"	Mill	Indiana Farm Bureau
28	"	Midland	Dwelling	G. L. Drake
28	"	Jasonville	"	L. H. Scholl
19	"	"	Dwelling & Store	Alvie Mayfield
28	"	"	Barber shop	First Nat. Bank
18	"	"	Garage	Mrs. W. G. Crow
Feb. 2	"	Bloomfield	Household goods	Edward H. Stein
7	"	Jasonville	Dwelling	Boy Stalcup
9	"	Worthington	"	Allen Newsom
7	"	"	Garage	B. & L. Assn. of Bloomfield
9	"	"	Shed	Elmer Dyer
Jan. 18	"	Wright Township	Dwelling	John Grupe
28	"	"	"	A. L. Drake
20	"	Beechcreek Twp.	Barn	Roy Beck
Feb. 4	"	"	Dwelling	Levi Smith
9	"	Richland Twp.	"	Harry R. Eddington
Jan. 30	Hamilton	Noblesville	"	Elvin Pritchard
24	"	"	"	Frank O'Neal
16	"	"	"	Walter Cloud
Feb. 9	"	"	"	Geo. Lehr
6	"	"	"	F. L. Klots
10	"	"	School	Noblesville City
Jan. 17	Hancock	New Palestine	Barber shop	Sam Stevens, Indianapolis
18	"	"	Dwelling	do.
28	Harrison	Taylor Twp.	"	John A. Colvin
22	"	Webster Twp.	Barn	Luther Thrackett
15	"	Scott Twp.	School	Scott Twp.
30	Hendricks	Coatesville	Garage	Cora Applegate
Feb. 10	"	Danville	Dwelling	Mrs. Julius Vogel
Jan. 25	"	Middle Twp.	"	Wm. L. Hancock
30	Henry	Newcastle	"	Harry Bolser
20	"	"	"	Gay Cannon
25	"	"	"	A. Kimbrough
26	"	"	"	Ed Dolan
18	"	"	"	Leroy Mahoney
30	"	"	"	John Wilt
29	"	Middletown	"	Wayman C. Riley
Feb. 9	"	"	"	Jos. P. Prigg
2	"	"	"	Jos. Weightman
Jan. 29	Howard	Kokomo	"	Henry Ellis
30	"	"	"	D. B. Shelchmeyer
30	"	"	"	D. R. Shildmeyer
29	"	"	"	Mary Ellis

Date	County	City or Township	Bldg	Owner or agent
Jan. 30	Howard	Kokomo	Dwelling	Anna Cottingham
30	"	"	"	John Rush
26	"	"	Store	John Pyanowski
20	"	"	Dwelling	M. M. Peel
Feb. 8	"	"	"	(??) Mason
2	"	"	"	Rebecca Pummer
Jan. 21	"	Greentown	"	Mary McCann
Feb. 8	"	Clay Twp.	"	John M. Shelly
Jan. 15	Huntington	Andrews	"	R. E. McCrum
Feb. 9	"	Dallas Twp.	"	Mrs. Sarah Stallings
9	"	Clearcreek Twp.	"	Harry Roth
9	Jackson	Seymour	"	Frank Meyer
10	"	"	"	Carlo Switzer
10	"	"	"	Howard R. Noe.
Jan. 30	"	Jackson Twp.	"	Wm. Kruge
Feb. 10	"	Redding Twp.	"	Henry Sullon
Jan. 31	Jasper	Rensselaer	"	Mrs. W. R. Brown
28	"	"	"	Presbyterian Church
Feb. 6	"	"	"	Ivan Carson
6	"	"	"	R. L. Bundy
Jan. 28	"	Hanging Grove Twp.	"	Robert Cook
Feb. 6	Jefferson	Madison	"	Florence Bacon
Jan. 27	Johnson	Franklin	"	Mrs. S. Ritchey
23	Knox	Bicknell	Ice Plant	Jas. Atkinson
18	"	Vincennes	Dwelling	Lara Stone
30	"	"	Dental Office	Allen Smith
24	"	"	Dwelling	Floyd Beverly
15	"	"	"	Mrs. W. W. Cassell
Feb. 8	"	"	"	Chas. Durham
10	"	"	"	Robert Lind
9	"	"	"	Louis Schmidt
9	"	Washington Twp.	"	Mrs. Everett Holmes
Jan. 16	Kosciusko	Warsaw	"	Mrs. Edith Lynch
Feb. 8	"	"	Factory	Gatke-Brake Lining Co.
Jan. 17	"	Tippecanoe Twp.	Dwelling	Dr. Thomas
16	"	Plain Twp.	"	Mrs. Geo. M. McCarter
Feb. 10	"	(Not stated)	"	Dwelli Harry Carter
Jan. 30	Lake	Gary	Drugstore	F. Stawicki
30	"	"	Church	Louis Stendlin
30	"	"	Dwelling	Mrs. Vernarge
24	"	"	"	Sam Forbes
24	"	"	"	Andrew Jackson
28	"	East Chicago	Auto	R. B. Rumsey
27	"	"	"	T. Fancito
28	"	"	Tank	Ass'd Box Corp.
30	"	Whiting	Dwelling	Phil Krael
18	"	"	Office	Davis Berry estate
26	"	Hammond	Dwelling	Paul Palko
26	"	"	"	Dan Brown
17	"	"	"	Calumet National Co.
27	"	"	"	Pressley Gourley
19	"	"	"	Oak Hill Cemetery Assn.

Date	County	City or Township	Bldg.	Owner or agent.
Jan. 20	Lake	Hammond	Dwelling	Morbeck & Fox
17	"	"	"	Blackmun Realty Co.
31	"	"	Office	C.I. & L.R.R.
Feb. 10	"	Hobart	Dwelling	Nick Ehrhardt
4	"	Gary	"	Ken Munair
8	"	Hammond	"	Fred Neubauer
5	"	Gary	"	Mrs. Krupka
2	"	"	"	Elizabeth Gray
3	"	Hammond	"	Peter Van Wiliken
9	"	Gary	"	Mid City Realty Co.
9	"	"	"	Chas. Cunningham
9	"	Hammond	"	Blackmun Realty Co.
9	"	"	Garage	W. Pierce
Jan. 29	"	Lowell	Dwelling	Wm. M. Sheets
20	LaPorte	Michigan City	"	Adolph Kulda
30	"	"	"	Lillian Pelzer
17	"	Noble Township	Barn	Henry Graw
18	"	Coolspring Twp.	Dwelling	Matilda Frederick
Feb. 8	"	"	"	Norwin H. Franks
Jan. 29	Lawrence	Bulford	"	Mrs. A. Foutty
29	"	"	"	Chas. Sands
Feb. 4	"	"	Garage	Dr. A. Kimball
Jan. 19	"	Mitchell	Dwelling	Geo. Brown
Feb. 10	"	"	"	Henry Scheibe
9	"	"	"	Vernon Arnold
5	"	Shawswick Twp.	Store	Pasquale Magnus
Jan. 20	Madison Co.	Elwood	Dwelling	Marie Downham
30	"	"	"	Paul St. Clair
22	"	"	Store	Albershardt Bldg.
Feb. 10	"	"	??	O. B. Frazier
8	"	"	Dwelling	Earl Mills
10	"	"	"	Wm. Reveal
Jan. 20	"	Alexandria	"	Henry Lisby
18	"	"	"	John Davis
20	"	"	"	Joe Zietter
30	"	Fall Creek Twp.	Restaurant	Mr. Million
Feb. 19	"	Stoney Creek Twp.	Dwelling	Emma Coy
7	"	Fall Creek Twp.	"	David G. Barrett
8	"	Stoney Creek Twp.	Garage	Noah Huhtzinger
9	"	Alexandria	Dwelling	Mrs. David Reese
Jan. 29	"	"	"	Milford Craig
Feb. 8	Marion	Perry Township	"	Henry Eden
9	"	"	Truck	Henry Schnellburg
Jan. 16	"	Indianapolis, 201 N. West St.	Factory	Gentry Metal Co.
25	"	"	Dwelling	O. Withers
21	"	" 2012 N. Tacoma	"	Nellie Kinnett
25	"	" 757 N. Denny	"	Schmidt & Schmitt
25	"	" 191 N. N.J. St.	Hotel	Paritan Hotel
23	"	" 6165 N. Delaware	Dwelling	J. H. Miles
29	"	" 5407 E. 10th	"	Stella Longest
30	"	" 1470 N. Penna.	"	F. B. Johnson
29	"	" 514 W. Vermont	"	L. E. Perkins

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Date	County	City or Township	Bldg.	Owner or agent.
Jan. 23	Marion	Indianapolis, 833 California	Dwelling	Walter Price
15	"	" 1453 W. Ohio	"	Harry Shearn
25	"	" 610 Bright	"	John D. Brosnan
31	"	" 1220 N. Ills.	Apartment	Dr. Taylor
31	"	" 2802 E. Washington	Drug	Catherine Pfau
26	"	" 823 Prospect	Dwelling	Lilly Crowley
31	"	" 1506 Prospect	Garage	Fletcher Ave. B. & L.
26	"	" ??	Dwelling	Tom McGrath
24	"	" 711 Boach St.	"	H. Reading
21	"	" 62 Cayen St.	"	Ray O'Neal
Feb 5	"	" 534 Minerva	"	Sam Parks
Jan. 28	"	" 723 Hadley	"	Mrs. Oswald
Feb. 10	"	" 756 Indiana	"	C. M. Hawkins
10	"	" 334 Indiana	Restaurant	Feiber Realty Co.
10	"	" 916 W. 11th	Dwelling	Lama McOughty
Jan. 29	"	" 2201 N. New Jersey	"	M. Martin
26	"	" 916 Fairfield	"	Nellie McMahan
30	"	" 501 N. Arlington	Club	Pleasant Run Club
30	"	" 2915 Ruckle	Dwelling	C. K. Cook
Feb. 8	"	" 2116 Brookside	"	J. P. Burchand
Jan. 30	"	" 1128 Carrollton	"	Railroad B. & L. Assn
27	"	" 633 E. 10th	Apartment	J. B. Hugler
16	"	" 2022 Movey	Dwelling	M. H. Kemper
20	"	" 1310 Ewing	"	C. R. Elrod
24	"	" 1011 Windsor	"	Mr. West
30	"	" 2205 N. Alabama	"	Max Pollak
29	"	" 2024 N. Delaware	"	Z. M. Downs
29	"	" 2253 Hillside	Factory	Farris Pump Mfg. Co.
29	"	" 2410 N. Alabama	Dwelling	Mary Krafft
28	"	" 2031 Yandes	"	Bertha Brown
17	"	" 3965 Guilford	"	Chas. Sampson
16	"	" 1347 N. Layman	"	W. B. Grimes
20	"	" 618 N. New Jersey	"	Groves Real Est. Co.
20	"	" 2142 Eastern	"	R. R. B. & L. Assn
31	"	" 1628 N. Arsenal	"	Alice Shea
Feb. 5	"	" 2122 Park	"	A. L. Hendricks
9	"	" 112 N. DeQuincy	"	J. L. VanZandt
Jan. 30	"	" 309 E. 10th St.	"	Glen B. Ralston
Feb. 8	"	" 87 N. Irvington	"	J. E. Rosenberg
Jan. 31	"	" 1638 N. Arsenal	"	E. B. Hemstead
Feb. 5	"	" 1655 Martindale	"	J. S. Kruse & Co.
Jan. 19	"	" 1523 Broadway	"	J. C. Ebert
Feb. 9	"	" 650 N. Beville	"	S. S. LaMar
9	"	" 2028 Broadway	"	E. H. Jettering
9	"	" 4717 Hookwood	"	C. E. Hinsley
8	"	" 1709 N. Ills.	"	Lola Cohen
8	"	" 2126 S. New Jersey	"	Mutual Fire Ins. Co.
4	"	" 1721 S. East	"	Frank Davis
8	"	" 52 N. Tacoma	"	Wm. G. Burns
Jan. 11	"	" 6290 College	"	Dr. L. W. Kirkley
25	"	" 610 Spring St.	"	Anna L. Meyers
28	"	" 2212 Sheldon	"	Anna Watkins
Feb. 5	"	" 1319 Cornell	"	W. E. Jones

Date	County	City or Township	Bldg.	Owner
Feb. 2	Marion	Indianapolis, 4601 College	Drugstore	Smith Realty Co.
4	"	"	1600 E. 21st St. Foundry	Amer. Lead Co.
5	"	"	?? Factory	L. W. Ott
Jan. 30	"	"	??	Colonial Furn. Co.
Feb. 6	"	"	?? Dwelling	M. Noye
Jan. 27	"	"	??	Mrs. Sagalowsky
21	"	"	??	C. Ridd
29	"	"	??	E. D. Dudan
Feb. 3	"	"	??	Geo. Haney
9	"	"	??	Underwood
5	"	"	??	Mrs. Campbell
8	"	"	??	Frank Bajer
Jan. 26	Marshall	Brämen	"	C. N. Heister
18	"	Bourson	Barber shop	Henry Brinkley
29	Martin	Loogootee	Dwelling	Leonidas H. Thomas
Feb. 9	Miami	Peru	"	Hostettler estate
8	"	"	"	L. E. Ager
10	"	"	"	Alvin Baba
9	"	Peru Twp.	"	Chester Sansaman
Jan. 30	Monroe	Bloomington	"	Harvey Brown
29	"	"	"	Elmer Livingstone
29	"	"	"	Tom Lampler
30	"	"	"	Anna Demaree
29	"	"	"	C. A. Barnhall
Feb. 10	"	"	"	Walter Rogers
4	"	"	"	Celia Kahn
8	"	"	"	John Bales
5	"	"	"	Elza Baker
2	"	"	"	Joseph Hensley
2	"	"	"	Mrs. C. C. Spencer
7	"	"	"	Hughes Lumber Co.
6	"	"	"	E. D. Connell
2	"	"	"	Mrs. Emma Hainey
Jan. 19	"	Polk Twp.	"	Jake Houshous
26	"	Richland Twp.	Barn	Clarence Crandall
25	"	Polk Twp.	Dwelling	John West
25	Montgomery	Crawfordsville	Dwelling & Theatre	Vanderschmidt & Co
30	"	"	Dwelling	F. H. Clements
Feb. 9	"	"	"	Mrs. Beth N. Booe
9	"	"	"	John Porter
5	"	"	"	Mrs. Agnes Cook
Jan. 28	"	Ladoga	"	Floyd Mangus
29	"	"	"	Amanda Hostetter
29	Morgan	Mooreville	"	Rosa Jackson
29	"	"	"	Chas. Bryant
29	"	"	"	Dean Templeton
30	Newton	Jackson Twp.	"	Edson Curtis
Feb. 4	"	Washington Twp.	"	Otto Hearth
8	Noble	Pendleville- Kendallville	"	Edward Amos
10	"	Kendallville	"	Mike Schuman
7	"	"	"	Albert Fox
Jan. 24	"	Albion	"	Ehas. Scott
Feb. 9	Orange	French Lick	"	John C. Robbins heirs

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Jan. 31	Orange	French Lick Twp.	School	Township
19	Owen	Spencer	Dwelling	Geo. Kirschner
Feb. 5	"	"	"	Cecil M. Brown
5	"	"	Barn	Owen County
Jan. 21	Payke	Howard Township	Dwelling	Otto L. Reddick
Feb. 5	"	Raccoon Twp.	"	Mrs. Ben Sellers
9	"	Liberty Twp.	"	Geo. Bradahan
Jan. 29	Perry	Tell City	Undertaking Est.	Albert Ziegelgruber
29	"	Oil Township	Dwelling	Jesse Sturgson
21	Pike	Patoka Twp.	"	Ed Wells
16	Porter	Washington Twp.	Barn-shed	P. H. Kipp
31	Posey	Mt. Vernon	Dwelling	L. M. Strock
31	"	"	"	Dave Aldrich
21	"	"	"	T. B. Brown
Feb. 6	"	"	"	Mrs. Chas. Milton
Jan. 20	"	Block Twp.	"	John Durrell
Feb. 8	Pulaski	Van Buren Twp.	"	Barnest E. Compton
Jan. 29	Putnam	Greencastle	"	J. Pensend
29	"	"	"	J. F. Land
Feb. 2	"	"	"	Chas. Sellers
Jan. 29	"	Clinton Twp.	"	Mrs. Nellie P. Bicknell
Feb. 7	Randolph	Union City	Dental Office	Dr. Fred Beaty
Jan. 31	"	Ward Twp.	Dwelling	W. A. Witmore
31	"	"	"	James P. Alexander
31	"	"	"	Dr. Chas. E. Spittler
Feb. 9	"	"	"	Evangeline Baughan
9	Rush County	Rush-C Union Twp.	"	Robert Miller
Jan. 29	Shelby	Shelbyville	"	Mary Comey
17	"	"	"	Lucin Arbuckle
Feb. 3	"	"	Auto	Chas. Stewart
2	"	"	Dwelling	Mrs. Anna Curry
8	"	"	"	Fred Deitzer
8	"	"	"	Royal Flanning
5	"	Morristown	"	Mutual Loan Co.
2	"	"	Armory	Indiana Natl Land Co
1	"	Van Buren Twp.	Barn	Margaret Smith
3	"	Sugar Creek Twp.	Dwelling	Dr. O. H. McDonald
Jan. 29	Spencer	Rockport	"	Ida Lacey
Feb. 7	"	"	"	Wm. Partridge
6	"	"	"	Henry Hoch
3	"	"	"	Edward Bresler
Jan. 29	"	Hammond Twp.	"	Felix Arnold
25	"	Luce Twp.	"	James O. Patty
Feb. 1	Steuben	Angola	"	E. D. Renery
3	"	"	"	Clyde Leinniger
9	"	Clear Lake Twp.	"	Walter M. Smith
Jan. 29	Sullivan	Sullivan	"	Central B. & L.
29	"	"	"	Dr. Paul Higbee
27	"	Shelbourne	Storage	Elza Woods
17	"	Farmersburg	Dwelling	Chas. H. Smith
16	"	Haddon Twp.	"	Emma Bailey
Feb. 6	"	Jefferson Twp.	"	Pliz. Hutcheson
9	Switzerland	Patriot	"	Chas. B. Gullion

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Jan. 29	Switzerland	York Twp.	Dwelling	Geo. Scott
21	"	Posey Twp.	Barn	J. B. Orr
Feb. 9	"	York Twp.	Dwelling	Elijah Brindley
9	"	Pleasant Twp.	"	Pauline Archer
Jan. 29	Tippecanoe	Sheffield Twp.	Garage	M. J. Carpenter
Feb. 7	"	Wabash Twp.	Dwelling	Grant Dyer
Jan. 30	Tipton	Sharpville	"	Hellie Scudder
30	"	Tipton	Ice Cream Factory	J. D. Addelman
30	"	"	Dwelling	Chas. Johannes
21	"	"	"	J. F. Beryfs.
26	"	"	"	Geo. Shertto
27	"	Sharpville	"	J. E. Hawkins
28	"	"	"	Ira Vandeventer
30	"	Tipton	"	Wm. Speckbaugh
19	"	"	"	Chas. Knee
20	"	"	"	O. f. Sharp
Feb. 9	"	"	"	Charity Katon
9	"	"	"	Pearl Byroads
5	"	"	"	Mitchell Kelley
8	"	"	"	Rafe Werner
2	"	"	"	C. H. McCarter
1	Union County	Union Township	"	Mrs. Robert Brickett
9	Vanderburgh	Center Twp.	"	City of Evansville
Jan. 31	Vigo	Terre Haute	"	Joseph Nasser
31	"	"	"	Phoenix B. & L.
30	"	"	"	L. M. Mcougall
30	"	"	"	F. J. Ward
28	"	"	"	John Boyd
29	"	"	"	Oscar Young
29	"	"	"	Ella M. Carter
31	"	"	"	Joseph M. Nasser
25	"	"	Elec. Supply Bldg.	Frank Conrath
29	"	Sugar Creek Twp.	Dwelling	S. C. Miller
29	"	"	"	Harry Fisher
29	"	"	"	Ben Wickhorst
29	"	"	"	Wm. E. May
29	"	"	"	Henry Giles estate
Feb. 9	"	Terre Haute	"	Emma T. Ott
7	"	"	"	J. E. Patton
5	"	"	"	Timothy Welch
10	"	"	"	Mose Dicks
Jan. 31	Wabash	Liberty Twp.	Barn	Mrs. Wm. Howard
20	Warwick	Campbell Twp.	Dwelling	John Bramer
19	"	"	"	Dennis Bros.
30	Wayne	Richmond	"	Isaac Lanning
30	"	"	"	Alice White
26	"	"	"	Chas. Wise
Feb. 10	"	"	"	Valentine Bankowsky
9	"	"	"	Herman Pilgrim
9	"	"	"	Wm. Badler
10	Wells	Bluffton	"	Alice Summers
10	"	"	"	Soencer McCarthy

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<u>Date</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>City or Township</u>	<u>Bldg.</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Feb. 6	Wells	Bluffton	Restaurant	Ed. Walmer
Jan. 31	White	Monticello	Dwelling	Levi Reems
Feb. 8	"	Brookston	"	Laura Matheny
9	"	"	"	J. D. Maxwell
10	"	Wolcott	Hdw. store	E. J. Sibell
10	"	"	Stock room	Mrs. Maudie Holdridge
5	"	Monon	Dwelling	Lafayette Brokerage Co.
9	"	"	"	W. L. Henry
Jan. 27	Whitley	Jefferson Twp.	Garage	Dewey Mosher
Feb. 1	"	Columbia City	Dwelling	Wm. Gregg
Jan. 29	"	"	Office	County Bldg.

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625 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan  
March 6, 1934

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telephonic request of the first instant to locate one Arthur Burdette, brother of Winona Burdette, who is alleged to be a close friend of Harry Campbell who is being sought in connection with the above entitled matter. In this connection reference is also made to your letter dated March 2, 1934, directed to the St. Paul Office.

Please be advised that immediate inquiries were made at Port Huron, Michigan, and it was ascertained that the organization known as the "Oklahoma Cowboys' Band" was not playing in that city. Upon making inquiries at Radio Station WJZ, Detroit, it was determined that the Oklahoma Cowboys' Band consisting of six members had played over the above station about four weeks ago. It was also ascertained that while engaged there they were residing at the Clifford Hotel. Inquiry at the Clifford Hotel developed that this band is barnstorming in northern Michigan and that they were scheduled to play in the Washington Theatre, Bay City, Michigan, Sunday and Monday, March 4 and 5. Special Agent Murphy of this office made the necessary investigation at Bay City and it was learned that Burdette is not a member of the above named organization, nor do any of the members know Burdette. They claimed that there are three or four other bands who have assumed similar titles and that perhaps Burdette is a member of one of these organizations. They were unable to state however where they are located and had no further information except that perhaps Radio Station CMLW, Windsor, Ontario, might know the whereabouts of one of these bands.

The above station was contacted and it was learned that a band known as the Bronco Busters had at one time played over that station, but they knew no one by the name of Burdette. It is suggested that further inquiries be made of the informants in Oklahoma for the purpose of securing more definite information regarding Art Burdette and the band with which he is alleged to be associated.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

cc Division  
St Paul  
Dallas  
San Antonio

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 8, 1934



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

Dear Sir:-

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

Reference is made to my telephonic conversation with you on March 4, 1934, during which you requested this office to ascertain whether the States of Indiana and Illinois have a law compelling the towns, cities, villages and municipalities in said states to report the occurrence of fires during the course of a month.

It has been ascertained that each of the said states do have such a law. In view of the fact this office does not have jurisdiction over Springfield, Illinois or Indianapolis, Indiana, the Saint Louis and Cincinnati Division Offices were requested by telegram to conduct the necessary investigation and to furnish such information to you and to this office.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 8, 1934.

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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: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING. Chicago, No. 7-82.

It is respectfully requested that you immediately  
secure from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth  
Kansas, six of the best available photographs of HERMAN  
KIERDOFF, alias Herman Richards, whose Leavenworth Number  
is 42456.

It is understood he was sentenced to serve eighteen  
months in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth,  
Kansas in October, 1932, on a charge of impersonating a  
Government Officer.

Very truly yours,

W. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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

March 8, 1934.



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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to a memorandum by Special Agent  
O. G. Hall dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, February 19, 1934, a  
copy of which is hereto attached.

Mr. Goff, County Attorney, Minneapolis, Minnesota,  
stated during an interview with Agent Hall that he had informa-  
tion in his files to the effect that the Karpis-Barker gang  
and also the De Vals, particularly Clarence DeVal alias Colton,  
were well known to Sheriff Winslow, Kirksville, Missouri, and  
also to W. W. Mathin, Railroad Detective, Moberly, Missouri.

The Kansas City Division office is requested to con-  
tact the above named men for any information they may have  
regarding the Karpis-Barker gang and the DeVal gang.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROGER,  
Inspector.

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.C. WERNER HANDEL

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

Regarding the KARPIS-BARKER gang and the DE VALS, particularly CLARENCE DE VAL alias COLTON, the files of Mr. Goff, County Attorney, Minneapolis, Minnesota, show that W. W. MATHIN, Railroad Detective at Moberly, Missouri, knows this gang and can give information concerning them.

Sheriff WINSLOW, Kirksville, Missouri, knows this gang, also.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,  
Special Agent.

OGH:RWM  
3 Division  
9 St. Paul

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

March 5, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 9-30.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
E. L. Shivers dated February 24, 1934, wherein Edward Doll refers  
to a meeting during the latter part of the summer of 1933 at  
Gary, Indiana, at which meeting were present Edward Doll, Whitie  
Anderson, Ed Bantz, and the brother of Jack Pfeiffer.

Today I requested the Jacksonville office by letter  
to thoroughly interrogate Doll with a view of ascertaining any  
further information and particularly whether the location of the  
hideout was discussed. Any information which may be obtained  
from him indicating the place where the victims of the proposed  
kidnapings were to be held should be immediately furnished this  
office.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROBER,  
Inspector.

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

March 8, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-20.

In confirmation of the telephonic request from this office, it is desired that you immediately determine whether records of all fires in the State of Illinois are reported to the State Fire Marshal.

In case these fires are reported, it is desired that you ascertain the cities in which fires were reported for January 28, 1934. You may limit this investigation to the northern half of the State of Illinois.

Please telephonically advise the St. Paul office of the names of the cities north of Peoria in which fires were reported for the 28th ultimo.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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Cc Division  
Cc Chicago

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



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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-36.

In confirmation of my telegram of this date, this is to advise you that Police Inspector Charles Tierney, St. Paul Police Department, advised me that he has received information that five suspicious men were recently seen at Glencoe, Minnesota, at which time they were driving a dark blue Buick Sedan; and when they obtained gasoline at a service station, they apparently tried to hide their faces. He stated that the license number on this Buick was Kansas, 1934 No. 14-788.

Please trace this license and furnish this office with any possible information.

Very truly yours,

W. A. BOKER,  
Inspector.

WAR:HVS  
Cc Division

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



March 6, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 1876,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to your letter of February 28, 1934,  
particularly page 3 of which relates to three unknown men in a  
large car, bearing Michigan State license.

For the information of your office, please be advised  
that it has been definitely determined that one of the cars used  
by the kidnapers was a 1933 Buick Sedan.

Very truly yours,

W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



Form No. 1

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

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/5/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/5/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>T. E. BILLINGS, GNE</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>MAR 8 1934 KIDNAPING</b>	
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> 2408 South Crawford Avenue, Chicago, the address given by E. V. Davis when registering a Chevrolet Sedan in Illinois in 1933, is a storage garage; Davis stored car at this garage for about one week in early part of 1933, during which time he secured 1933 license plates and had registration certificate mailed to this garage. Other mail received since that time, most of which was advertising which has been destroyed or returned to sender. Residence address of Davis unknown. Manager of garage could not identify pictures of suspects Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker and Harry Campbell as being Davis. Description of Davis set out. Inquiry at public places in neighborhood failed to disclose information as to Davis.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Superficially conducted investigation</i></p>			
<p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 2/24/34.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b> Agent called at the Hawthorn Post Office Branch, 3648 South Ogden Avenue, and ascertained that James Fialla, carrier covering 2408 South Crawford Avenue had left for the day and that there was no forwarding address on the books for E. V. Davis from 2408 South Crawford Avenue.</p> <p>Agent called at the above address and ascertained that it was a storage garage and a sign appearing on the front designated it as "Thomas Garage".</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. A. Quinn</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <b>7-576-1081</b>	
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Agent called at a service station adjoining this garage and was informed by the manager that the garage was operated by a Mr. Walter Thomas; that he had been located there for a good many years; that he was reliable in every respect and that he believed that Mr. Thomas could be relied upon to give accurate information.

Mr. Walter Thomas advised Agent that early in 1933 E. V. Davis had stored his 1933 Chevrolet Sedan at his garage for about one week; that during that time Davis had secured 1933 license plates for this car and that a few days later his registration certificate was mailed to the garage. He stated that he had no records which would show the address of Davis, inasmuch as it was not his practice to secure the residence address of patrons when cars were stored for only a short period of time; that since that time numerous articles of mail had come to the garage addressed to Davis, most of which had been advertising and that it either had been destroyed or returned to the sender. Mr. Thomas stated further that no individuals had come to the garage with Davis and upon presenting pictures of the suspects Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker and Harry Campbell, to him, he stated that none of them were a likeness of E. V. Davis, but that the picture of Arthur R. Barker resembled him in some respects.

Mr. Thomas described E. V. Davis as follows:

Age: 35 to 40 years  
Height: 5 feet 6 or 7 inches  
Weight: 160 pounds  
Build: Stocky

Mr. Thomas stated that he had not seen Davis since the time he stored his car at his, Thomas's, garage, but that if he did see him in the future or if any mail came for him, that he would immediately telephone the Chicago Division Office, the telephone number and the number of this case being furnished to him.

Mr. Thomas stated further that Davis appeared to be of English descent and he doubted that he would have resided in the neighborhood of his garage, inasmuch as this was a Bohemian neighborhood.

James Fialla, 1431 Seventeenth Street, Postal carrier, covering 2408 Crawford Avenue, stated that he had never seen E. V. Davis but recalled delivering mail for him at "Thomas Garage" most of which had been returned to the sender; that, as he recalled, this mail had all

been advertising matter from automobile sales concerns, whose names he could not remember; and that there were no hotels, apartment houses or rooming houses in the neighborhood at which Davis might have lived. He gave Agent the names of managers of various public places in the vicinity, such as, saloons, service stations, stores, barber shops and dry cleaners, but discreet inquiry at all of these places failed to disclose any information as to where Davis might have lived. It will be noted that all persons contacted stated the territory was strictly Bohemian and that there were no American or Italian families residing in the neighborhood.

One of the saloons called at by Agent was formerly a "speak easy" which had operated for several years prior to "repeal". The manager stated that he recalled nearly everyone that had called at his place but he could recall no one by the name of Davis nor could he recognize any of the pictures of suspects, mentioned above, as being those of individuals calling at his place.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

MR. Nathan	.....
MR. Tolson	.....
MR. Clegg	.....
MR. Glavin	.....
MR. Ladd	.....
MR. Nichols	.....
MR. Rosen	.....
MR. Tracy	.....
MR. Egan	.....
MR. Quinn	.....
MR. Lester	.....
MR. Locke	.....
MR. Rorer	.....
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Personal and  
Confidential.

February 26, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 23, 1934, and to my telephonic conversations of recent date, concerning one ~~James Smith~~, alias ~~James Smith~~, who indicated to me that he would be willing to associate with Frisco Dutch in St. Paul, for the purpose of obtaining information as to the Bremer Kidnaping.

For your information, as I informed you over the telephone, I had never seen this individual previous to his call at my office during the first part of last week. He stated that he had been a pickpocket and a thief for many years, and that he was now fifty years old. He stated that a few nights previous to his call here, some friends of his, who had been associated with him previously, had robbed him of quite a sum of money and that he had walked Wilson Avenue of Chicago for two hours with a shotgun, for the purpose of killing them. However, being unable to find them, he stated that he retired and before going to sleep decided that he had been in the racket too long and that he was going to reform entirely and would, under no circumstances, go back to stealing and pickpocketing. He stated that he wanted some kind of a job, did not ask for much money but merely asked for an opportunity to show whether he could produce anything of value to this Division. I then asked him what kind of information he had and he stated that he might be able to secure some from Frisco Dutch at St. Paul, Minnesota, inasmuch as he and Frisco Dutch used to hustle together, and he felt sure that if he went to St. Paul he could find out a great deal of information desired by this Division. I questioned him considerably on several occasions and determined, according to his statements, that he is known by Commissioner Allman, of the Chicago Police Department, and Officer Mike Grady.

I have not deemed it advisable to make any inquiry of any police in Chicago concerning the identity of this individual. He stated that he knew that the address of Frisco Dutch in St. Paul was 311 Hennepin Avenue, or Street. He states that he knows a man by the name of "Jew Moe". He states that he has received information that Dave Courtney, alias Creeley, who was recently sentenced to serve a term in a California prison, escaped and is now in St. Paul and he can locate him there. I informed him that he should inform Mr. Rorer if he were successful in locating Dave Courtney, in order that the California authorities might again receive custody of him.

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Edward J. Bremer

This individual could furnish no information which was subject to a check without disclosing the fact that he might inform this office of valuable information. I do believe, however, from the nature of his conversation, that he might be able to produce valuable results. His statements to me indicate that he has quite a knowledge of underworld characters and I am certainly of the opinion that the small amount of money involved is entirely justified and that he can be given amounts of money by Mr. Rorer in St. Paul, if the latter believes advisable. Prior to his departure from Chicago I obtained his ticket and his Pullman reservation. This involved \$14.39. I also gave him \$10.00 in cash and I was informed that he took the train on which his reservation was made on Saturday night, February the 24th.

I have informed Mr. Rorer by telephone of these facts and have suggested to him that he act with this informer as appears to him to be advisable after he arrives in St. Paul.

The real name of this informant is Nelson G. Breed and his Folsom, California, Penitentiary Number is 14164. For the benefit of Inspector Rorer, I am attaching to the St. Paul Office copy of this letter a copy of his fingerprint record, as was received from the Division.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC St. Paul (Enc.)

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

March 5, 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 letter of February 27, 1934, relative to the above entitled matter, transmitting Minnesota 1933 motor vehicle license plate No. B 327634. In connection therewith I am enclosing the fingerprints of Edward Pellan alias Edward B. Bell, the owner of 1929 Ford Roadster, motor No. A 514,721, the car for which the license plate in question was issued. The fingerprints are forwarded for elimination purposes in connection with the laboratory examination of the license plate.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Rorer*  
W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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March 15, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
903 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

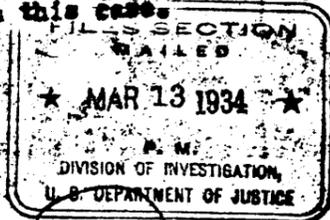
Reference is made to your letter of March 5, 1934, in connection with the case ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM - Kidnaping. The Minnesota 1933 motor vehicle license plate No. B 227654 submitted by you, has been examined at the Division for fingerprints, with negative results.

For assistance in connection with this investigation, five photographs of the license plate are being transmitted under separate cover, together with the original license plate, by registered mail. Laboratory report on the examination of this plate also is being forwarded under separate cover.

Search of the files of the Identification Unit of the fingerprints of Edward Pallen, disclosed the following criminal record:

Subject as Edwin Pallen, #25536, arrested P. D., Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 2, 1933, charge Petty Larceny - Shoplifting; 75-15 Work House, October 7, 1933.

In view of the fact that Pallen has a criminal record, his fingerprints will be compared with all the existing latent fingerprints in this case.



Very truly yours,

Director.

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

March 5, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir: RECEIVED

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 9-30.

With reference to the above entitled case, recent information secured by this office is to the effect that there might be an attempt to dispose of the ransom money through the race track and gambling joints at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

It is requested that another contact be made with the banks and others furnished with the list of the money in this case with the request that they redouble their vigilance.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROHR,  
Inspector.

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

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Mr. EGAN	_____
Mr. QUINN	_____
Mr. LESTER	_____
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Mr. RORER	_____

March 6, 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.

No agent has been regularly assigned to remain with  
Victim BREMER since February 28, 1934. It is not believed  
advisable to assign an agent to him. However, Special Agent  
S. L. Fortenberry, at the request of Bremer, is sleeping at  
Bremer's home each night, but reports for duty each day at  
the office.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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

March 6, 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.

Within the next ten days, I expect to release the  
Chevrolet coupe which was used by Walter Magee to transport  
the ransom money and which car at that time was equipped with  
Shell oil signs.

The owner and the insurance company are anxious  
to obtain this car and its evidential possibilities have  
apparently been exhausted. This car is now stored in a private  
garage at Victim Bremer's home, where it is locked in the  
garage.

Very truly yours,



W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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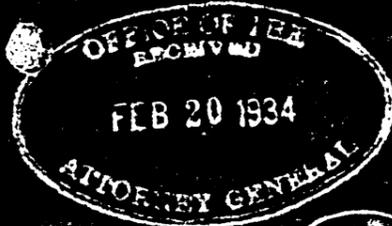
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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CONFIDENTIAL

February 20, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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

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

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

On the night the ransom money was paid by Mr. Walter Magee, in accordance with the plans outlined by the kidnapers Mr. Magee was to drive along a certain highway until he saw four red lights, after which he was to turn off this highway at the next road which turned to the left. A subsequent investigation by Special Agents of this Division resulted in the location of the four signal lights. They were transmitted to the Division and were carefully studied and as a result of subsequent investigation and marks of identification the identity of the manufacturer of these lights was established. Likewise, information was obtained as to the distribution of these flash lights and information was received this morning that these lights were sold at an F & W Store in St. Paul, Minnesota, on February 3, 1934 by a young lady clerk. She was shown the photographs

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

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

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

Respectfully,

J. Edgar 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:

There are transmitted herewith two copies each of five photographic views of the rap which was submitted to the laboratory in connection with the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

The original cap has been turned over to the Washington Field office for investigation with a view to locating the manufacturer.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC - Washington Field Office.

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P. O. Box #766,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.



March 6, 1934

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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.

Dear Sir:

In reference to Division letter dated March 2nd, 1934, in the instant case, please be advised that copy of the anonymous letter dated February 15, 1934, which was mailed at Gentry, Arkansas, in this case, and which was furnished the Cincinnati Office under date of February 20, 1934, has been transmitted to the Oklahoma City Office for attention at Gentry, Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

N. B. Klein,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

CC\*Oklahoma City Office  
Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul Office

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DIRECTOR

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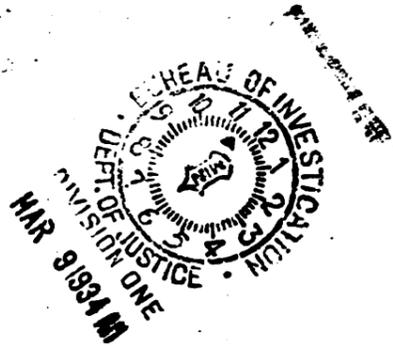
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

There is attached hereto an outlined tracing of a map showing the main highway between St. Paul and Chicago, with appropriate notations thereon, indicating where the four 5-gallon cans were located at Portage, where Bremer was released on February 7, 1934, and where the Buick car has been identified by a gas station attendant at the time the car was refueled.

It is interesting to note that Bremer in his statement has indicated that Portage, where the gas cans were recovered, is approximately one-half the distance between his hide-out and the point where he was released.

Respectfully,

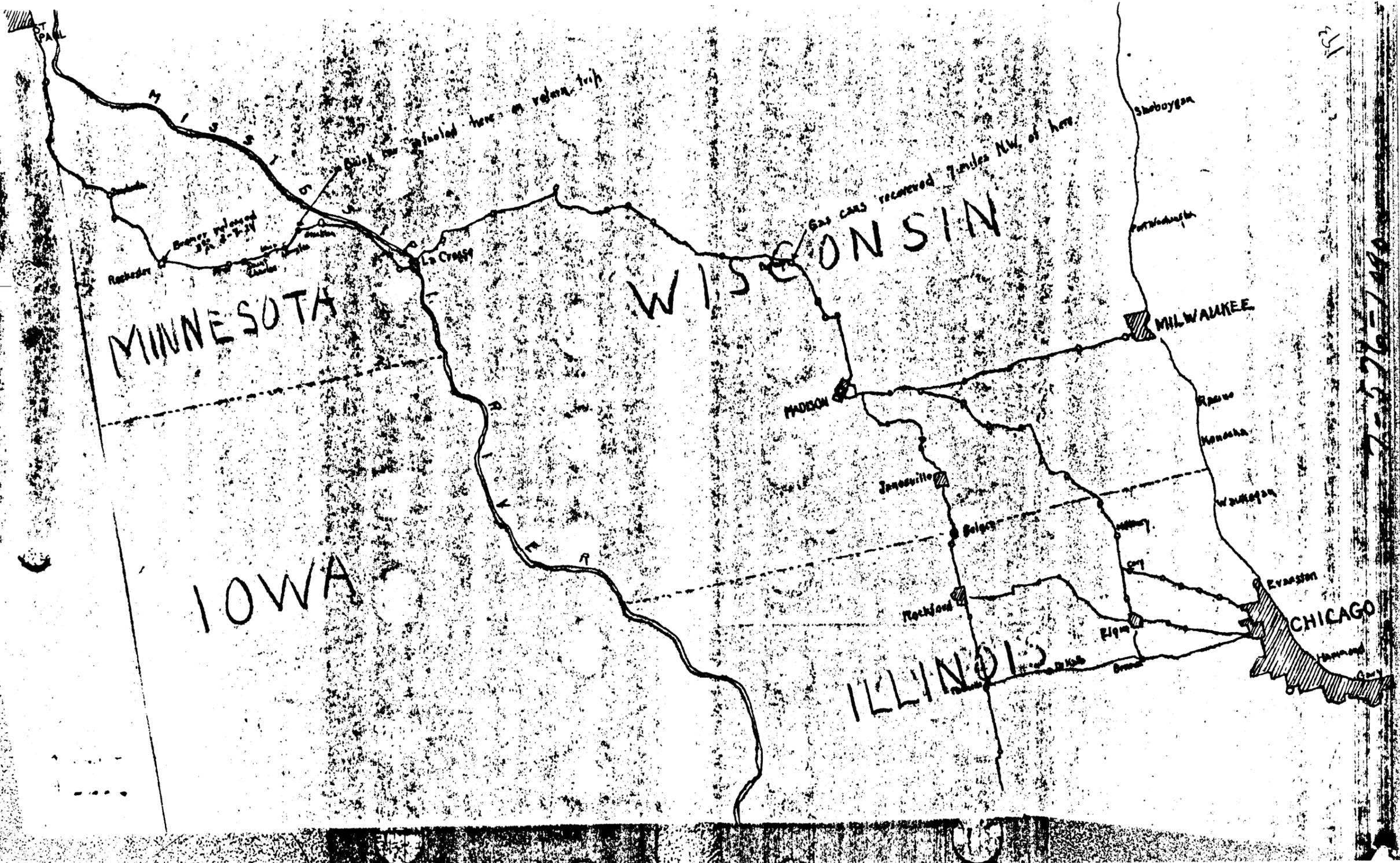
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*J. C. W.*

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Duck was released here on return trip

Gas cars recovered 7 miles NW of here

Duck released 3 p.m. 8-7-34

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Room 1408  
 370 Lexington Avenue  
 New York, N. Y.

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March 7, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
 Division of Investigation,  
 U. S. Department of Justice,  
 P. O. Box No. 518,  
 St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 23rd, in the matter of Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, in which you set forth the names of newspaper distributors in this district receiving copies of St. Paul and Minneapolis papers.

O'Mara & Grimes, 280 Madison Avenue, Manhattan, are not distributors. They are advertising agents for a number of newspapers, including St. Paul and Minneapolis papers. They receive no copies for distribution.

Hotelings News Agency is located in the Times Building, Manhattan. It does not have any Grand Central or 308 West 40th Street Branch. All St. Paul and Minneapolis papers coming into New York City for resale are handled by this agency. Mr. Hoteling and his manager, Mr. Nerge, were interviewed. It was learned that they receive for resale the following number of copies of the named newspapers:

Number of Papers Received	Name of Paper
4	Minneapolis Journal
2	Minneapolis Tribune
2	Minneapolis Star
2	St. Paul Daily News
2	St. Paul Pioneer Press
2	St. Paul Dispatch

All of the above papers are sold at the out-of-town news stand in front of the Times Building, Times Square. Out of the four copies of the Minneapolis Journal, one is sent to Libby's News Stand, in front of the Grand Central Station.

Libby's News Stand informed that they receive no St. Paul and Minneapolis papers except one copy of the Minneapolis Journal; that inasmuch as there was no sale for this paper they discontinued receiving

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the same a few days ago. They said that they call a copy once every four or five days, and inasmuch as they cannot be returned they decided to discontinue carrying the paper. They said that no one individual had bought this paper, and they have no recollection as to the identity of the persons who have been purchasing this paper on the average of one every four or five days.

Hotelling's News Stand, outside the Times Building, where papers from all over the United States are sold, is operated by one Fowler. He informed that he calls a few St. Paul and Minneapolis papers daily, but as far as he recollects no one person has been buying these papers except a Jewish man, over 6 feet in height, who, about a month ago started to buy a St. Paul paper daily. This continued for about two weeks and suddenly he discontinued buying the St. Paul paper and purchased a St. Louis and Chicago paper. He said that this man used to come to the stand daily but discontinued coming about a week ago, and that the last day he came was a Sunday, at which time he noticed for the first time that he drove off in a Chevrolet car with New York plates; that he tried to secure the license number of the car but was unsuccessful in doing so. He could not describe this man other than advising that he was Jewish, of stocky build, and a little over 6 feet in height. He could not identify any of the photographs of the defendants in this case. He said he has no way of telling who the persons were who had been buying St. Paul and Minneapolis papers during the past month. However, he does specifically state that there have been few repeats. Arrangements were made with him whereby if any bell boy comes to the stand for a St. Paul and Minneapolis paper he will determine from which hotel he came and will notify Hotelling.

Should any hotel or news stand in New York City desire a St. Paul or Minneapolis paper, the same would have to be secured through Hotelling.

In going over the matter with Nerge, he said that he keeps no daily record as to the distribution of out-of-town papers to hotels, but does recall that in the past few months the Plymouth and President Hotels ordered and received two or three copies of either paper. These two hotels are typical Broadway hotels. He also said that around February 28th the Essex House ordered a St. Paul or Minneapolis paper, and that this order was in effect for quite a few days. Arrangements were made with Nerge whereby he will immediately notify this office in the event that any hotel or news stand puts in a call for a St. Paul or Minneapolis paper.

W. A. Rorer, Inspector

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At the Essex House, it was learned that Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Waltz, 1942 So. Irving Street, Minneapolis, checked in on February 18th; checked out on February 19th; in on February 19th; and out on February 21st. They received a Minneapolis paper each morning during their stay, as a matter of courtesy on the part of the hotel.

At the Essex House, it was learned that on February 26th, Jerome B. Goldberg and Ralph O. Aal, of 2835 Altrich Avenue, South, Minneapolis, and 572 Lincoln Avenue, St. Paul, respective addresses, checked in. Aal checked out on March 1st and Goldberg checked out on March 3rd at 5:06 P.M. While they were at the hotel they occupied Room 1609. A check of the telephone calls made by these individuals disclosed that during their stay they called the following:

Hotel Wyndham, 42 West 55th Street.  
Mrs. Edith Rogers, 401 East 55th Street.  
Angfa Amos Corp., 345 West 55th Street.  
Robert Pearl Friend, 11 West 69th Street.  
Edward W. Browning, 1860 Broadway, City.  
Polly Cohen, 85 Central Park West.  
Athletic Pharmacy, 88th St. & Seventh Ave.  
Far Mart of America, 363 Seventh Ave.

Consideration of the above names leads to the belief that neither Goldberg nor Aal has any connections with New York City racketeers.

Miller Ross of Bridgeport, Connecticut is being contacted to determine what distribution he has of the St. Paul Pioneer Press and St. Paul Dispatch.

At Wilton, Connecticut, whereat Mrs. J. Wertz, mother of Winnie Williams, resides, inquiry is being made for the purpose of learning the whereabouts of Winnie Williams.

On March 5, 1934 a conference was had at the office of Captain McDermott. The following detectives from the below-named precincts, the same detectives who were employed in the Kansas City Massacre case, were furnished with photographs of the five suspects in this case:

14th Precinct - Sheehan and Clancy.  
15th - Winberry and Meahan.

W. A. Rorer, Inspector

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Both Precinct - Dwyer and Clark.  
24th - Harris.

These detectives will make suitable inquiry of their informants and in the event any information is secured tending to show the location of any of the suspects this office will be immediately notified.

Again, this office has to advise that the confidential informant, mentioned in the Division letter of February 15th, has not as yet called at this office.

Referring to letter from this office, dated March 1st, it is suggested that this office be advised as soon as possible of the status of the mail fraud case pending against Dave Bertram in the Western District of Wisconsin.

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of March 6th with respect to Dave Bertram. You will note that the matter referred to was covered in my letter of March 3rd. However, it is suggested that you specifically advise whether you are desirous of having Bertram openly interviewed.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAX,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division (2)  
Chicago  
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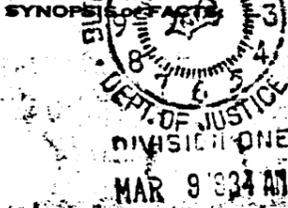
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT: DALLAS, TEXAS.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-8-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-3-34	REPORT MADE BY: F. S. DUNE
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; et al, Edward George Bremer (Victim).			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.



Harry Hall, ex-convict, former member of Barker Gang, now serving 15 years in Texas State Penitentiary, supplied information of gang's activities to H.B. Barr, Deputy Constable, Ft. Worth, Texas.

**REFERENCE:**

Letter from St. Paul Division Office, dated February 28, 1934, addressed to the Director.

**DETAILS:**

In conducting this investigation at Ft. Worth, Texas, the writer first learned the name of the prisoner referred to by H.B. Barr, Deputy Constable, from Mr. Barney Finn, Superintendent of the Identification Bureau, Ft. Worth Police Department. This prisoner's name is Harry Hall. The following criminal record appears in the files of the Ft. Worth Police Department:

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With this information the writer contacted H. B. Barr at the Constable's Office in Ft. Worth, Texas, exhibited Hull's criminal record, and Mr. Hull immediately related the facts under which he secured certain information from Hull and produced copies of letters he had written to William J. Meehan of the Minneapolis Police Department, together with a letter received by him from Supt. Meehan, dated March 23, 1933. Mr. Barr stated he had been anxiously waiting for a Government Official to visit him and offered every assistance that would aid the Government in apprehending the individuals responsible for the bank robberies and kidnapings which had occurred. He volunteered the delivery of the above correspondence to the writer, which he stated contained all the facts in detail secured from Hull.

The letter from Supt. Meehan, dated March 23, 1933, is in answer to a general inquiry made by Mr. Barr to determine whether Hull had given him authentic information. Supt. Meehan's letter states as follows:

"Referring to your letter of March 20th, regarding robbery of a bank, will state that on December 16, 1932 at about 2:45 P.M., the Third Northwestern Bank of this city was held up, and there were supposed to have been seven men in this robbery.

"While this was in progress two of our Police Officers responded to the call and both were shot and killed by these bandits. On December 18, 1932, Lawrence DeVol alias Leonard Barton #23802, was arrested for this robbery and plead guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment and is now in the State Penitentiary at Stillwater, Minnesota and the same date Lewis Owen, alias L. Hankins #25012 was also arrested and was tried and sentenced to life imprisonment and is now in the State Penitentiary at Stillwater, Minnesota. The same date, Clarence DeVol

alias James Colton, #23801, was also arrested and is now in our County Jail waiting trial.

"I am sending you the picture of Edgar Medford our #24713. Will state for your information that #23801, #23801 and 24713 are three brothers. Their correct name is supposed to be Stone. All four of these men are from Kentucky and Missouri. Hankins broke jail in Paducah, Ky. last September while under Sentence of ten years in the State Penitentiary.

"Any information which you can give will be greatly appreciated and will state that there is a reward for the arrest and conviction of the seven men who participated in this robbery."

Mr. Barr stated upon receipt of the above letter he then questioned Hull in detail and under date of April 3, 1933, wrote the following letter to Superintendent Meehan:

"Yours of the 23/33 Received, and will say, the information that I have coincides with you except Clarence DeVol and Lewis Owens alies L. Hankins, the information I have is Lawrence DeVol caught 2 days after the crime in st Paul at 928 Grand st is Guilty and the Other Six are.

"Fred Barker, Leader of the Gang, did time at Granite Oklahoma and Lansing Kans. get Photo Doc Barker, Bro. Did time at McAlester Okla am sending you his Photo. he used the Machine Gun.  
Jess Doyle did time at McAlester Okla & Lansing Kans. sending you his Photo  
Bill Scott Did time at Lansing Kans out on parole  
Verne Sankey Did time at Lansing Big scar on face, wanted in Denver Colo for kidnaping  
Ray \_\_\_\_\_ the party forgot his name did time at Lansing and associated with Fred Barker you can get his full name and Photo from Lansing Pen, and I am sure the people at your bank will identify those 7 as the ones that Robbed them. This party says he knows them all and they went to the apartment they had rented at the cor. of Cleveland and Marshall St. in St. Paul, and divided the money, each getting \$3200 each. he was there at the time, and he says the People thought they were using automatics But they had machine Guns. I

have this party arrested for highjacking and we shot him he is to be tried here the 12 of April. So, he gave me this information for they told him he knew to much and they were going to put him on the spot and Lawrence DeVol gave him \$75.00 to leave there and he came down here and got in trouble. he has been in the Pen with them all and intended to all go to Canada but stopped in Minneapolis and pulled that deal, I will send details as He told me. Ans By return mail if you have anything for me to ask him before we send him to the Pen heres

"Will send each separate just as he wrote it."

That subsequent to writing the above letter there occurred so many bank robberies and kidnapings in the Twin Cities, Chicago, etc., that he again wrote to Supt. Meehan under date of January 23, 1934, as follows:

"I am writing you in regard to the kidnaping and other crimes in your city. Since last Dec. will say, I have information about the robbery of the Bank, The Third Northwestern Bank, on December 16th PM, when two police officers were killed, and the kidnaping of Boettcher Denver and Some one at St. Paul, prior to the bank robbery, and this party told me in March last that this gang, had been in the Pen together at different times, and they were given out of State Parole - and they ganged together with the intention of going to Canada as rum runners, but stopped in St. Paul and rented an apartment on the cor. of Cleveland and Marshall St., on the 10th of Dec. 32. and robbed the Bank on the 16th Dec. in Minneapolis, went back across the river into St. Paul to the apartment and divided the money about \$3200.00 each. this party says there were seven in the gang, and he stayed at the apartment while the Robbery took place, and they came back and counted the money and left him out, they told this party to get out of the room and they then decided to put him on the spot, for he knew to much, and Lawrence DeVol caught two days after the crime gave him \$75.00 and a suit of clothes and told him to beat it, and he came to Ft. Worth and hijacked a drug store and was shot and while I had him under guard at the hospital, he told me all the circumstances and the kidnapings that were to take place in the future, and it has so happened I notice from the papers, and I am confident if you can round them up you will have the ones that have caused all the trouble.

Here are the names and part of the photos. He said Lawrence DeVol was caught 2 days after crime at 925 Grand Ave. Have Photo. Bill Scott did time at McAlester. Okla was out on parole was in St Paul 3 weeks after crime. Verne Sankey wanted for Denver Kidnaping and St. Paul is about 40 yrs old light hair 5' 11". Very neatly dressed. hangs out at Central Hotel, Kansas City Mo. associates with Carl Pearce, Arthur Youngberg and others. Ray Miller about 22 yrs old 6' 145# did time in Lansing Kans and associated with Fred Barker while in the Pen and outside. Doc Barker did time McAlester out on out of State parole (have Photo). Fred Barker he and Doc are Bro's. Fred did time at Granite Okla and Lansing Kans. Jess Doyle did time at McAlester and Lansing Kans. He wore the chauffers Cap. I have the photos of Fred Barker. he is the Leader of the Gang. Doc Barker, Bros of Fred - he used the Machine Gun. Jess Doyle wore the chauffers cap at the Northwestern Bank. Verne Sankey - No Photo 40 yrs old light hair 5' 11" 165#

Ray Miller - No Photo - 22 years old light hair 6' - 145#  
Bill Scott - no Photo - did time at McAlester was in St. Paul.  
Lawrence DeVol - captured. This party said Lewis Owens alias L. Hankin and Clarence DeVol alias James Cotton, were in Lansing Kansas at the time of the hold up and are not guilty. I will give you details as he told me, All but DeVol who was captured and Verne Sankey were in Reno, Nevada in Jan. they go to Leavenworth Kans often their Headquarters. Jack Glynn once Chief of Police of Leavenworth, Kansas, knows plenty if he would talk. Fred Barker goes to see him every 2 or 3 weeks and probably some of the others, Watch Glynn's place. Also old man Barker's Place in Neosho Mo. They will finally meet there. the 3 men caught with DeVol are not guilty. That gang stayed at apartment, corner of Cleveland and Marshall in St. Paul suite #37 or 39. - After every crime they go to see Glynn at Leavenworth and he keeps them posted and they go then to Reno Nevada. Their reason for going to Reno was a big business man by the name of Graham is in with the Governor, etc., and it was their understanding that if caught while there the Governor would not let them go back. Graham will be easy found and if you can make them talk Glynn and Graham you can learn plenty, the Gang will see them every few days and from what all he has told me the most of the crimes up there in the last year can be put on them. Hoping this information will be of some benefit."

Mr. Barr stated further during the time Hull was in the City-County Hospital in Ft. Worth, Texas, he was kind to him and supplied his every want; that it was while Hull believed he was going to die that he told him there was certain information he wanted to give and Hull eventually gave him the details set out in the above letters; that some of the details he secured after Hull was on the road to recovery; that Hull delivered him some written notes containing certain information concerning these individuals, which original notes Mr. Barr delivered to the writer together with Hull's photograph, and are with the files in the Dallas Office.

The information contained in the above handwritten notes, are set out herein as follows:

"Fred Barker him and Doc are brothers Fred did time at Granite Okla and Lansing Kansas."

"Doc Barker, did time at McAlester, he is out on out of State Parole now."

"Jess Doyle did time at McAlester and Lansing Kansas, he wore shoffer's cap in holdup."

"Ray is all I know young about 6 feet tall weight 145 pounds about 22 years old did time in Lansing Kans and associated with Fred Barker while in penitentiary and outside."

"Bill Scott did time at McAlester is out on parole now. Went back to st Paul 3 weeks after crime."

"Verne, is all I know May be Verne Sankey wanted for Denver Kidnaping and st paul kidnaping is about 40 years old has light hair about 5 feet 11 inches weight 165 Very neatly well dressed last time I saw him was in Central Hotel Kansas City Mo. He was with Carl Pearce and Arthur Youngberg - in the kidnaping."

Mr. Barr stated he could not recall the names of any of the victims mentioned by Hull who were subjects of the gang's kidnaping plans but that he believes "Hamm" was mentioned by him, but that Hull can no doubt remember the names of the victims discussed by the gang who had plans laid out for bank robberies and kidnapings for the following twelve months; that Hull stated the gang had three machine guns at the time of the robbery of the Northwestern Bank, but only one was used and was in the hands of Fred Barker, who killed two police officers, Hull stating he learned this fact from the gang upon their return to the apartment; that he also learned from Hull, the gang has a lawyer (name unknown) located in St. Paul, who keeps them posted on the activities of the authorities; that they use a code in writing to this lawyer. Mr. Barr stated he does not know whether Hull knows the name of this

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lawyer, but possibly might be able to assist in locating him; that Hull stated this gang always dressed well and lived at the best apartment houses.

Mr. Barr expressed the belief Hull would no doubt assist the Federal Authorities if approached for the reason they have sworn they would kill him; that in the event Hull refuses to talk, he is satisfied he can secure any information he may know and Mr. Barr is willing to proceed to the Texas State Penitentiary should his services be required.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

SAN ANTONIO OFFICE - to interview Harry Hull, now in the Texas State Penitentiary, whose original hand written notes are being enclosed herewith, to be returned when they have served their purpose.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation while Agent resided under pretext at rooming house, 745 South State Street, Chicago, operated by Frank Hayes, determined presence of clerk named Johnny Miller, who somewhat resembles picture of Fred Barker, but is not believed to be identical. Telegram received February 22, 1934 by Frank Hayes from Eddie LaRue requesting \$1000.00 to be sent him by telegraph. License plates of cars parked in rear of Hayes rooming house being checked, but information thus far does not disclose anything of apparent value in this investigation. Hayes extremely reticent, and claims very poor circumstances. Hays rooming house occupied by about ten men, mostly working men, aged retired men and drunks. Frank Hayes spends days at rooming house, but goes home at night; resides at 2000 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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**DETAILS:**

In accordance with the instructions of Special Agent in Charge, M.H. Purvis, the reporting Agent took up residence at the rooming house operated by Frank Hayes, 745 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois on the night of February 20, 1934. It is noted that this establishment is a dirty and dilapidated rooming house located just

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outside of Chicago's loop district and in the heart of what is generally known as one of Chicago's "bum" sections. The character of the neighborhood may also be seen in the fact that a number of burlesque shows are situated along South State Street between the 600 and 900 blocks, and the persons who generally may be seen on this street are drunks, bums and poor working men.

The door leading to the rooming house at 745 South State Street states "Rooms by the Week". This appears in large white porcelain letters, and the number 745 appears on the transom of the door. It is a three story structure, the first or ground floor of which is occupied entirely by stores, there being a lunch room which is north of the entrance, and next to the lunch room is a beer tavern. The entrance referred to is the only front entrance by which the rooming house may be entered, and this is located at the southwest corner of the building. There is another door at the northwest corner, but this is not used, and is kept locked. At the rear of the building there are also two entrances, only one of which is used. These entrances are located at the extreme northeast and southeast corner of this building, and the southeast entrance is the one where the door is allowed to remain open during the day. This building does not stand separately, but is one of a row of buildings, which stand against each other without any spaces intervening. In the rear of the building is a parking lot over which hangs a small sign that says "Parking from 7 A.M. to 6 P.M." No price for parking is noted on this sign, and there is no reference as to the management of the parking lot. Very few automobiles may be seen in this parking lot at any time of the day, and usually there is no car there at night after about 9 P.M. At the end of this parking lot is the alley which runs between State Street and Wabash Avenue. Over this alley is standing the Elevated train structure. On entering the rooming house by the front entrance, there is a long stairway of about 20 steps, divided in the middle by another door. Both this middle door and the front door are opened by being pulled out. At the head of the stairs, slightly to the left is a small room containing a half dozen chairs, a table and a stove. This room is in the nature of a lobby, and is used by the occupants of the building for the purpose of spending their spare time. There is a corridor running from the head of the stairs directly east to the end of the building, at which point there is another long stairway leading to the southeast rear entrance. There is a corridor in the front of the building from the head of the stairs to the north end of the building, which runs into another corridor extending east to the northeast corner of the building. This north corridor has a stairway at the west and east sides, similar to the south corridor. The head of the stairs referred to, as also the lobby room, are on the second floor of the building. This second floor as also the third floor, has a number of individual rooms for occupancy by roomers, there being 32 rooms in all, according to Frank Hayes, who also said at the time Agent began his residence there, there were 21 vacant rooms.

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One other point of importance is the room which is situated at the front of the building, opposite the room in the extreme south-west corner on the second floor. This room is the room occupied by a young man, who gave his name to Agent as Johnny Miller, and who is the clerk for the premises, his duties being to take care of the building, collect the rents and keep the records. This room contains the register and other books pertaining to the management of the premises. It may be further noted that this room is always kept locked in the absence of both Frank Hayes and Johnny Miller, as also that this room is frequently occupied by Frank Hayes during the day when he goes into the room and usually stands there looking out of the front windows.

Frank Hayes spends his days at this rooming house, arriving early in the morning about 7 or 8 o'clock and remaining there throughout the day until anywhere from 3 to 5 P.M., when he leaves and does not return until the following morning. It is supposed that he goes to his home at night, which is located at 2000 Indiana Avenue, as reflected by the Chicago file in the case of Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (deceased) et al, Obstruction of Justice; Chicago file No. 62-1649, which contains a number of reports prepared by Special Agent W. Carter Baum regarding investigation conducted at the residence of Frank Hayes.

On the night of February 20, 1934 at about 11 P.M. Agent obtained a room at the Hayes rooming house, at which time Frank Hayes was not present. Agent was assigned to a room by the clerk, who on the following day gave his name as Johnny Miller. Agent was not requested, nor was it necessary, to sign a register of any kind. Agent informed Johnny Miller that he was awaiting the arrival of a friend in a few days. On the following morning Agent met Frank Hayes and engaged in conversation with him, at which time Hayes was given to understand that Agent had just arrived in Chicago from New York City, and Agent introduced himself under the name of James Montgomery. It was indicated to Hayes that Agent was engaged in criminal activities, and that Agent was very familiar with the fact that lawyers, who protected criminals demanded very large fees. Hayes remarked that he thought possibly Agent was waiting for somebody else to appear at the rooming house, which Agent told him was correct, whereupon Hayes remarked that two or three days previous, a man had been at the hotel looking for someone else, Hayes remarking "I just thought I'd let you know". Agent thanked him for this information, thereby indicating that the party who had called probably was Agent's friend, and nothing further was said at that time. Other conversations were had with Hayes at various times, and on various days, and Hayes came to understand that Agent did not care to engage in conversation with him unless Hayes and he were alone together.

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Hayes was also told that Agent's friend had all of Agent's money, and consequently Agent was very anxious for his friend to make his appearance. This led to the discussion of finances, and Hayes made a long speech about how poor he was, how bad business had been in recent months, and how many bills he had to pay. He showed Agent a telephone bill of \$18.71, as a result of which the telephone service had been disconnected, light and gas bills that were unpaid, and Hayes also told Agent that the agent for the premises had called twice that month for his rent, without receiving it. On numerous other occasions Hayes remarked about the poor financial circumstances in which he was. Subsequently one morning Agent advised Hayes that he had been able to communicate with his friend, and that his friend was expected in a very few days, and accordingly Hayes desired to know if he could negotiate a loan from Agent in order to obtain coal for the rooming house, as the place was very cold, and he had been unable to obtain any fuel for lack of funds. Agent advanced a loan to Hayes, and on the same day Hayes purchased coal for the rooming house.

Agent inquired of Hayes where Hayes could be reached, other than at the rooming house in the event it was desired to communicate with him at another place, but Hayes replied that he could see no reason why such communication would be necessary, whereupon Agent reminded Hayes that his telephone had been disconnected, but Hayes advised that it was only temporary and that as soon as the first of the month came around, and he could collect some rent, he would have his telephone connected again.

On another occasion in an effort to obtain from Hayes the names of some people, or an address which might be investigated for further information and possible criminal connections, Agent asked Hayes if he knew of anybody who would be willing to support a fictitious alibi in the event of Agent being apprehended for some crime at some place other than Chicago, so that Agent would desire to claim that he was in Chicago at the time the crime was committed. This was discussed at some length, and Agent indicated that some \$2000.00 would be paid to the parties who would be willing to cooperate in this respect, and that Hayes himself would be taken care of for his trouble. Hayes appeared somewhat interested and said he would see Agent later and discuss it further. On the following day this conversation was renewed, at which time Hayes indicated that the proposition was too risky for him, and that he would not want to be involved in anything of that nature; that also he did not know of any persons who would be willing to support a fictitious alibi. He

suggested that contact be had with a man named Frank, who lived in the rooming house, Hayes stating that Frank had some friends out on the west side of Chicago, who were not in very good circumstances and might be interested in such a proposition. However, Agent advised Hayes that it was necessary to engage the services of somebody who could be entirely relied upon, and for that reason no one but Hayes would be satisfactory. Hayes wanted to know if Agent had accidentally come to his rooming house or had been directed there, to which Agent replied he had been directed to the rooming house by a friend of his, and when Hayes wanted to know if he knew this friend, Agent informed him that he did not know this friend, but that the friend knew someone who did know Hayes. Hayes wanted to know who the friend was, and Agent informed him that it was someone he had not seen for a long time, and when he asked his name, Agent said his name was George, at which point the conversation ended abruptly when other persons entered the room. Agent also informed Hayes that he understands from his friend that Hayes was well acquainted with a number of "big shots", which Hayes did not specifically deny, but remarked: "How should I know any big shots; they are all in jail, you read about them being picked up every day or so".

From the conversations had with Hayes, it appeared that while there is little question about his criminal connections, he is very reticent and unwilling to disclose any information, and that although it is believed he did not surmise the identity of Agent, he was being extremely cautious and unwilling to take any chance. It is doubtful if Hayes would be communicative with anyone other than some well known hoodlum or gangster whom he knew personally, and whose associations and connections he also knew.

It may also be noted that after the first night at this rooming house, Agent requested a different room, and on being assigned to a room in the rear of the place, Agent told Hayes that he did not want to be placed in a part of the building where he would be all alone, but that he wanted to be in a place where other persons were occupying adjoining rooms, Agent indicating that he enjoyed company now and then.

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On Thursday evening February 23, 1934 at about 6 P.M. in the absence of Frank Hayes, a telegram addressed to him was brought to the rooming house by a Western Union messenger. As soon as the messenger put in his appearance Johnny Miller left the room and talked to the messenger in confidence, whereupon the messenger left, and it was noted that Johnny returned to the lobby room without having the telegram with him. This information was communicated to the Chicago office, and investigation at Western Union disclosed that the message was a telegram from Eddie LaRue (signed Eddie Foley) at Tampa, Florida addressed to Frank Hayes, which read as follows:

"Need \$1000. right away send it by wire to my  
care Joseph P. Leib Attorney Tampa Theatre  
Building Tampa Florida"

This information was communicated by telegraph on February 25, 1934 to the Jacksonville office for appropriate investigation, and it has since been learned from the Jacksonville office that the money requested by Eddie LaRue was not sent to him by Frank Hayes.

Agent likewise engaged in conversations with the clerk, Johnny Miller, and it was learned from him that he has been in various parts of the country at different times, principally in Denver, Colorado, St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota and in New York City. It is not believed that Miller is the correct name of this clerk, because on one occasion Agent referred to him by his full name when speaking to Hayes, and Hayes did not know of whom Agent was speaking until Agent told him that he meant Johnny the clerk. It was noted that Johnny, both in general description and also in features resembled the description and photograph of Fred Barker, one of the suspects in this case.

On the last day that Agent stayed at the Hayes rooming house, an effort was made to obtain a fingerprint of Johnny Miller, by the use of an ash tray which was handed to him for inspection, but this proved unsuccessful owing to the fact that the rooming house on that morning was extremely cold, and consequently Johnny's hands were probably too cold to have sufficient moisture on his fingers to leave a good print on the article.

On the night of February 26, 1934, Special Agent W.A. Smith called on the reporting Agent at the rooming house, and was introduced to Johnny Miller for the purpose of observing him. Agent Smith also thought that Johnny Miller slightly resembled the picture of Fred Barker, but there is still considerable doubt on this point in the minds of both Agent Smith and the reporting Agent. One reason is that Agent learned from one of the aged residents of the rooming house, a man named William A. Coleman, that Johnny has been clerk at this rooming house every day since January 5, 1934. The scars and marks that are supposed to appear on the face of Fred Barker do not appear on the face of Johnny Miller when his face is observed in full light, but when his face is slightly shaded, there is the appearance of scars under his eyes. This may be a natural effect of light on his features, and again it may be that he had slight scars which have since disappeared. It was not possible to inspect the wrist of Johnny Miller for gun shot wounds, that are supposed to appear on the wrist of Fred Barker, for the reason that Johnny always wears either a black sweater or a blue shirt with the sleeves pulled down over his wrists. At no time are his wrists available for observation, as in all his daily activities whether taking care of the premises or playing cards, he always has his wrists covered.

Further investigation will be conducted at a later date to determine definitely whether or not Johnny Miller is identical with Fred Barker.

During the period that Agent resided at this rooming house a few automobiles were noted in the parking lot in the rear of the premises, and the license numbers and makes of cars were noted down and submitted to the Chicago office for investigation. Some of these have been checked and others are still in the process of being checked. These cars are as follows:

A Chrysler sedan bearing 1933 Illinois license plates 640930, which were issued to Sam Pidro, 7842 Dobson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, bearing motor No. 308275, serial ZW-554E.

A Ford V-8 coach, bearing 1933 Illinois license plates 904439, which were issued to Dr. Frank Kidwell, 7147 South Jeffery Avenue for a Ford bearing motor No. A-3375149.

A Hupmobile sedan bearing 1933 Illinois license plates 703455 issued to William Travis, 757 South State Street, for a Hupmobile bearing motor No. 310787.

A Dodge sedan bearing 1934 Illinois license plates 337541 issued to Oscar Travis, 6409 Newgard Avenue, Chicago for a Dodge.

A Ford sedan, model A, bearing Illinois license plates (1934) No. 547597.

A Chevrolet sedan of maroon color bearing 1934 Illinois license plates 596899.

A 1934 Illinois license 923467, the make of car not being noted.

The last three mentioned license plates are still being checked.

It was further noted that the occupants of the rooming house operated by Hayes, are mostly old men, one or two working men and a couple of young men. Several of the occupants indulge heavily in intoxicants, and are drunk most of the time. All of the occupants are believed to be in poor circumstances. William A. Coleman previously mentioned in this report is a man about 80 years old, who appears to be a respectable citizen who has been forced to live in meagre circumstances through financial reverses.

One of the occupants of the above rooming house is a fat Jewish man by the name of Louis, who is a veteran of the Spanish American war, and who lives on his pension from the Government. There is a middle aged man named Charley, who works at the railroads at the Dearborn Street Station handling mail. There is also a very old man, probably 90 years old, with a long white beard, whose occupation and source of livelihood is unknown.

Agent spent most of his time during the day sitting in the lobby room where the other occupants of the rooming house, either sat around or read newspapers, or played cards. This same procedure took place at night until about midnight, when the lobby room was locked up for the night so that all occupants had to retire.

From the lobby room, it was possible to observe anyone who entered or left the premises, and while Agent observed all persons who came and went, none was noticed who resembled the suspects in this case other than Johnny Miller as mentioned above.

Agent left the premises in response to a telegram sent by the Chicago office by Special Agent K.R. McIntire, which was addressed to James Montgomery and signed "Mac", and stated - "Come and see me". Upon receipt of this wire, Agent informed Hayes of his intended departure, and Hayes expressed regret at losing his roomer, and asked him to keep in touch with him in order that he might return the loan that was made to him. Agent told him not to worry about it, and Hayes remarked "Oh, I want to pay it back. I am on the square and I always return favors". Agent indicated that he did not expect to return there for a considerable period of time.

The Chicago office is presently checking the records of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company in an effort to ascertain what long distance calls have been made from the rooming house of Frank Hayes, and this information will be reported when obtained.

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Chicago Office at CHICAGO, ILLINOIS will report the information obtained with reference to the 1934 Illinois license plates that are still being checked, and the result of investigation at the Telephone Company regarding long distance calls made from the rooming house of Frank Hayes.

This office will also take such further action as may be deemed advisable with reference to keeping Frank Hayes and his rooming house under surveillance, and determining whether Johnny Miller is identical with Fred Barker.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box No. 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to telegraphic request of Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated March 6, 1934, it was ascertained through the office of the State Motor Vehicular Commissioner, Topeka, Kansas, that 1934 Kansas License plates 16-786 were issued to Roff Stone, Vinland, Kansas, on a 1930 Tudor Ford Sedan bearing motor number 3485167.

I called Mr. Hagerman, Postmaster, at Vinland, Kansas, and after he advised me that Roff Stone was known to him and was of good reputation, Mr. Hagerman had Roff Stone call me back. Mr. Stone advised that the above described license plates were presently on his car; further stating that neither the license plates nor the car had been out of Douglas County Kansas during this year, Vinland being located in Douglas County.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR  
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Chicago, Illinois.

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Mr. W. MAR 8 1934  
Inspector,  
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.

Special Agent R. D. Brown today made a thorough and detailed inquiry at the Northwest Airways in Chicago and ascertained that the afternoon plane from Chicago over this line to Rochester, Minnesota, leaves regularly at 4:30 p.m. which would have it arrive at Madison, Wisconsin, an hour and fifteen minutes later. However, on Saturday, January 27, 1934, which is the day preceding the Sunday upon which the Victim heard the few short blasts on the siren, this plane was delayed in leaving Chicago and did not leave until 4:45 p.m. The pilot travelled off his course considerably due to a strong northwest wind and flew to the vicinity of Rockford before turning north into Madison, Wisconsin, and arrived at Madison at six p.m. The pilot who made this particular trip advised that the ceiling was but one thousand feet and he was forced to fly considerably lower than this at times; that due to the strong, northwest wind he was sometimes as much as twenty miles off his course, which is a very unusual occurrence. He recalled that the following day this same wind was so strong that the 4:30 plane out of Chicago was unable to leave. It is possible that it was on this trip that the plane flew close to the hideout house. All of the pilots interviewed with reference to this advised that there is practically no flying other than by commercial air lines at this season of the year and it was highly improbable that any ship was in the air at approximately six p.m. on January 27 other than a regular air line plane. Pilots of the other air lines concurred in this belief.

In view of this it would seem logical to make a check of all towns on railroads, at least along the regular Northwest Air Line between Chicago and Madison, as well as along the route taken by this afternoon

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plane on Saturday, January 27, 1934, and subsequently to cover the other northwest airway lines which come into Chicago by way of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In view of this Agents Brown and Reinecke are going to cover these routes and there are enclosed herewith the three lists of towns to be covered along the three routes. Agent Brown will cover the list headed "Northwest to Madison" and Agent Reinecke the list headed "West to Rockford" and "North to Beloit and Madison". From Madison these agents will divide the work on the line to Chicago by way of Milwaukee. These agents will advise you of their movements in order that you may reach them at certain given points.

Any other leads along this route now in the Chicago Office are being given to these agents to cover simultaneously with their air line investigation.

It appears that the cover of the air lines, as contemplated, will take approximately one week.

It is noted that one or two of the towns on the enclosed list have previously been checked with reference to finding the hideout and of course it will be omitted at this time.

Very truly yours,

E. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota,** **St. Paul** FILE NO. **7-50**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Paul, Minn.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3-7-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/21 to 28/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. C. Coulter</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  Photographs exhibited to witnesses of kidnaping but same not identified. However, two still claim they believe they will be able to identify the subjects when they see them. Various photographs exhibited in vicinity of 828 Grand Avenue. However, none were identified by the woman who resided there under the name of BERGSTROM.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent O. G. Hell, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated March 4, 1934.			
DETAILS:  At St. Paul, Minnesota.  Photographs of VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases; FRED BARKER, with aliases; ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases; and HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases; as well as numerous other photographs were exhibited to MRS. FLORENCE MATHEIS, 1097 Goodrich Avenue; CHARLES ARTHUR BRUNS, 985 Summit Avenue; MISS LILLIAN L. DICKMAN, c/o Commercial State Bank; and to MARTIN THORNDEN, 1019 Edgcombe Road; and to MRS. I. C. BELANGER, 123 South Lexington Avenue.  All of these persons, after viewing these pictures, stated that they absolutely could not identify any of them as the persons they had seen or who had contacted them.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  [Signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 9 - 1934 MAR 9 1934 A M MAR 13 1934	
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MISS L. DEMMER, 115 South Lexington Avenue, on viewing the above mentioned photographs, stated that there was a slight resemblance between the persons she saw on the northwest corner on the morning of January 17, 1934, and the photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS. She stated that she could not be absolutely positive either way and, while there appeared to be a general similarity between DAVIS and the person she saw, the person, as she recalls, was heavier than DAVIS and she absolutely could not say one way or the other until she saw the person, at which time, she believed she would be able to identify him.

MR. JOHN T. GOONEY, 1665 Wellesley Street, or 514 Bremer Arcade, viewed photographs of the subjects in question and stated there appeared to be a slight similarity between the photographs of VOLNEY DAVIS and the person whom he saw standing at the side of the automobile on Edgescombe Road on the morning of January 17, 1934. He stated that he could not be positive and, while he hoped he would be in a position to identify the man should he see him again, he did not know that he could do that as it is brought home to him every day that he cannot remember faces. He stated that the reason he picked DAVIS' picture was that the chin appeared to be similar and that the man he saw appeared to be about 5'10"; weighed 150 pounds; was light complexioned; and had possibly blond hair. However, he had on a dark hat and a dark overcoat, as he recalled.

MRS. THOMAS B. CROSBY, 125 South Lexington Avenue, who has heretofore not been contacted, was located at her home during the afternoon of February 27, 1934, at which time she stated that she recalled leaving her apartment on the morning of January 17, 1934, at approximately 8:15 A.M., and while she saw a man standing on the northeast corner she could not further describe him than to say that he was a man and that she looked back at him inasmuch as he was standing there and no automobiles were approaching which would hinder him from crossing the street; that she further recalled, when she looked back, that she saw a man standing on the south side of Goodrich Avenue, towards the Lexington School. She stated that she had no idea what this man looked like, or the manner of his dress. She examined the photographs in question and advised that she did not recognize them as photographs of any persons she had seen around the corner of Lexington and Goodrich Avenues. MRS. CROSBY stated she would be glad to be of assistance in this case if it were possible, however, she possessed no information whatever.

MRS. CHARLOTTE GRANBERG, 1096 Goodrich Avenue, on interview, stated she slept late on the morning of January 17, 1934, and that she knew nothing of the kidnaping until approximately two days later when she read it in the paper. She looked at the photographs in question and stated that she could not identify them as those of persons seen in the vicinity.

The photographs of MRS. PAULA HARMON, DOROTHY SLAYMAN, and MYRTLE EATON, St. Paul Police #23402, were exhibited to the following persons, with a view to determining whether one of these women was the one who resided at 628 Grand Avenue, under the name of BERGSTROM:

JOHN HENRY WALTER, Apt. 108 - 636 Grand Avenue;  
MRS. J. OLSON, 628 Grand Avenue;  
J. F. LOGARD, and clerks, at LOGARD'S DRUG STORE,  
619 Grand Avenue;  
MISS L. HOPP, 617 Grand Avenue, manager of the  
National Tea Store;  
MRS. THOMAS McALPINE, Apt. 108 - 628 Grand Avenue.

After viewing these photographs, all the persons in question stated that none resembled the woman who resided at 628 Grand Avenue. MR. LOGARD and MISS HOPP, as well as MRS. OLSON, stated that they would be able to identify the woman should they see her again and that they believed they could identify her photograph if same were exhibited.

The foregoing photographs were exhibited to CHARLES J. SCOTT, c/o Scott Transfer Company, 119 West 6th Street, who stated that none of them was the photograph of the BERGSTROM woman he had observed at 628 Grand Avenue.

Further investigation is being conducted in this case.

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Mr. T. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with  
aliases, et al.  
George Bremer, victim  
Kidnapping. K.C. File #7-57

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith several reports which you  
forwarded to me some time ago for my perusal, and re-  
quested that I return same when I had read them.

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Very truly yours,

O. C. Dewey,  
Special Agent.

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Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.



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

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

Dear Sir:

In response to my circular letter under date of February 24, 1934, copies of which are attached hereto, I am in receipt of a letter dated March 6, 1934, from Clare M. Ely, postmaster, Mineral, Illinois, in which he advises that the sounds which Bremer heard during the time he was held captive can be heard in Mineral, Illinois.

A letter has also been received from Dora M. Tellkamp, Acting postmaster, in which information is provided reflecting that a possibility exists that the sounds described in my circular letter may be heard in LaMoille, Illinois.

It is desired that you cause appropriate investigations to be conducted in the vicinity of Mineral, Illinois and LaMoille, Illinois, for the purpose of determining whether the hideout may have been located in said localities.

Very truly yours,

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W.A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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

March 6, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Please trace ownership of 1933 Nevada license  
plates #1-253, observed on a Pontiac Sedan, and 1933 Nevada  
license plates #1-488, observed on a Buick Sedan. Obtain, if  
possible, description of owner and any other information per-  
taining to his occupation, associates, criminal record, if any,  
et cetera.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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

March 7, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Please trace ownership of 1933 California  
license plates #2-B-8661, observed on Graham-Paige Sedan. Ob-  
tain, if possible, description of owner and any other informa-  
tion pertaining to his occupation, associates, criminal record,  
if any, et cetera.

Very truly yours,

W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 7, 1934

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING. Chicago File 7-82

It is observed that the Chief of Police at Elizabeth, N.J., on October 24, 1930, issued a Wanted Circular on WILLIAM WEISMAN, alias BILL WEIS, who was indicted for the killing of John C. Finello, a United States Prohibition Agent, while conducting a brewery raid in Elizabeth, N.J., during September, 1930.

Inasmuch as WEISMAN has been mentioned as a suspect in the above case, it is respectfully requested that you secure twelve copies of the best available photograph of the said party, furnishing six to this office and six to the Saint Paul Office immediately.

Very truly yours,

M. E. FURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 7, 1934.



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

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM,  
KIDNAPING. Chicago File 7-82

You are advised that [redacted] called at this office on March 5, 1934, stating a woman by the name of "Helen", last name unknown, from whom he has obtained information in the past and who has, in the past, known a great many gangsters, returned from Saint Paul recently and said she had heard about [redacted] BILLY WEISMAN, alias BILLY WESTERMAN, in Saint Paul. She did not see that man, but [redacted] seemed to think WEISMAN might be in on the Bremer Kidnaping. Weisman is said also to have been a friend of Leo Turner, who is now serving a term in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas on a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charge.

[redacted] also stated that one Morris Roiser might have been the "finger man" in the Bremer Case and that Roiser is probably in with the Police in Saint Paul. [redacted] had no additional information but was instructed to endeavor to obtain any information possible and furnish it to me.

It is observed that the Saint Paul Office already has photographs of Morris Roiser. An examination of the files in this office discloses we have no available photograph of Weisman but a letter is being directed to the New York Office, with a request that they immediately secure several photographs of Weisman and forward them to you and also to this office.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. MURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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

March 8, 1934.

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

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Dear Sir:

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

Please trace ownership of 1933 Florida license plates #10-7880, observed on an Auburn Coupe, and #10-873 observed on a dark green four-passenger coupe, make unknown. Obtain, if possible, description of owner and any other information pertaining to his occupation, associates, criminal record, if any, or others.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER, INSPECTOR,

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U. S. Department of Justice

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



March 7, 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.

Please refer to the letter from the New York City office dated March 5, 1934, in the above entitled case, concerning information received from Mr. A. R. Burr, Special Agent in Charge, United States State Department, regarding Frank Sommer of St. Paul. Special Agent O. G. Hall, at my request, furnished the following information regarding Frank Sommer.

Frank W. Sommer is the operator of the National Police Detective Agency, 1026-E First National Bank Building, St. Paul. When John Glass was an agent here, he and Special Agent Hall working on the Keating-Holden case received information that Frank Sommer was very close to Leon Gleckman and had supplied him with body guards from his detective agency. In that connection, Keating and Holden, it was later learned, did act as Leon Gleckman's body guards but we never could connect their employment with Frank Sommer.

*Francis Keating  
Thomas Holden*

Frank Sommer was once Operative in Charge of the United States Secret Service in St. Paul. Later, he was Police Chief of St. Paul, Minnesota. Some time later, he was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury in St. Paul, indictment No. 2641, with

Daniel P. Hogan,  
Reuben D. Lilly,  
George E. Blaul,

on January 26, 1927, for conspiring to rob the mails at South St. Paul, the robbery occurring on April 17, 1924, at which time one Moran and others stole \$35,000.00. Moran entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced. Before the Grand Jury, he told how Danny Hogan and Sommer had talked the robbery over with him in Danny Hogan's "joint". Danny Hogan was for years "boss" of the underworld in the Northwest. He was later killed.

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Later, Moran repudiated his confession implicating Hogan and Sommer. Agent Hall thinks Moran is in the Leavenworth Penitentiary. For full details concerning this case, the Department has a letter dated May 4, 1927, signed by John S. Pratt, Special Assistant Attorney General. The case was continued from time to time and finally dismissed.

Agent Hall has heard that Frank Sommer is a very close friend of Tom Brown, ex-Chief of Police of St. Paul, who is known to the Division, and that for minor hoodlums, Frank Sommer is Tom Brown's "stool pigeon"; also, that Frank Sommer is a go-between for bank robbers and the Burns Agency on "kick backs" of stolen securities. As Agent Hall recalls, it was rumored that on a certain bank job in which the Karpis-Barker gang participated, Sommer acted as the go-between for the restoration of stolen registered bonds.

Sommer has a poor reputation in St. Paul. During the recent election for mayor, it was rumored that one of the candidates was going to name Sommer for Police Chief and responsible persons told Agent Hall confidentially that they were bitterly opposed to such an appointment and were exerting their influence to prevent Ingerson's nomination solely for that reason. Unsolicited, Agent Hall was informed of this by two highly respectable people in St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

  
W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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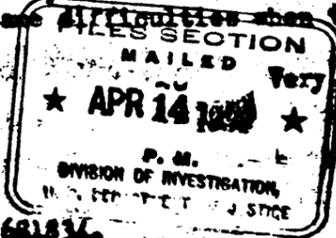
Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to your letter dated March 7, 1934, wherein you set forth information concerning Frank W. Sommer, operator of the National Police Detective Agency, 1026-E First National Bank Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, who, with others, was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury in St. Paul on January 26, 1927, charged with conspiracy to rob the United States mails at South St. Paul, Minnesota, on April 17, 1924.

Your letter made reference to a letter dated May 4, 1927, signed by John S. Pratt, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, wherein full details concerning this case are set forth, but your letter does not indicate that the letter of Mr. Pratt is available to the St. Paul Office. There appears in the file entitled Daniel F. Hogan, et al, Subornation of Perjury, Division file 62-14440, a photostatic copy of a memorandum for Assistant Attorney General Lohring, dated May 4, 1927, signed by John S. Pratt, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, setting forth in considerable detail the difficulties which confronted the prosecution of Hogan and others under the indictment above referred to. A photostatic copy of this memorandum is transmitted herewith, so that the information contained therein can be borne in mind during the investigation of the above entitled case, in order that this Division will not be confronted with the same difficulties when this case is brought to trial.

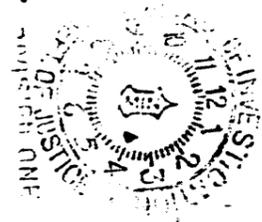


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Division of Investigation  
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P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

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February 8, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

In the above matter, there are being transmitted to the Division by parcel post, special delivery, three flash lights, and one light Master pocket lantern. In the same parcel there will be found a gray flannel shirt, a suit of underwear, and a pair of heavy stockings. These articles are transmitted for the purpose of determining whether or not any identification data, such as fingerprints, may be developed. These articles should be returned immediately to the St. Paul Office for the reason that they will be valuable in conducting investigations and making inquiry at various stores relative to the sale of these goods. The flashlights in particular are very important in that they are all equipped with filmolens, which is a red light, 3 inches in diameter. These lights were found at a place near where the pay-off was made and they constituted the signal for the pay-off man to take certain directions.

It is also requested, at this time, that the car seat which has previously been forwarded to the Division be returned to the St. Paul Office as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hann*

WERNER HANN  
Special Agent

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BUREAU OF STANDARDS

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
BUREAU OF STANDARDS

March 8, 1934

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

Subject: Typewriting.

Dear Sir:

This Bureau has made careful examination of the check  
submitted with your letter of March 4 and is of the opinion  
that it was written on an L. C. Smith typewriter carrying  
a special fligit for the letters "one".

The document will be delivered to your agent upon  
request.

Respectfully,

Lyman J. Briggs, Director

*Edward K. Bremer*

*W. J. ...*

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1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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March 7, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Chief Special Agent T. E. Pratt, of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, forwarded to this office a letter from Special Agent G. H. Hobbs, of this railroad company, located at Omaha, Nebraska, dated March 2, 1934. Copies of this letter are transmitted, herewith. It is noted that the information contained therein may have some bearing on the Bremer and Lindbergh Kidnaping Cases.

Unless the Division instructs otherwise, the Kansas City Office is requested to interview Special Agent G. H. Hobbs, of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, at Omaha, Nebraska, for such information as he may be able to give, and conduct such further investigation as seems appropriate.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*  
M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Omaha, Nebr., March 2, 1934.

Mr. T. E. Pratt.

Referring to your personal letter of February 27th which was addressed to Messrs. Palmer, Mowry and myself with reference to information to locating a point where sirens, church bells, locomotive and train may be heard.

I have given this matter considerable thought and have not been able to locate a single place in southwestern Iowa or Nebraska which would fit in.

While talking with Mr. Lammert at Council Bluffs this morning he told me of a couple of Italians at Glenwood who had come to Glenwood last spring or early summer under very peculiar circumstances and seemed to have plenty of money and nothing to do. I suggested going to Glenwood and we did so, arriving there we interviewed Deputy Sheriff Cooney who gave us the following information and which may be of great value.

Joe and Frank Bangarnio and two women presumed to be the wives came to Glenwood in May or June last year, they came to Glenwood with a note from someone in Council Bluffs and met Mr. Haney the Mayor, they stated that they wanted to buy a place as they were paying 14.00 a day in Council Bluffs, the mayor told them he could help them out, while talking Frank displayed a valuable watch which he stated had cost him \$1000.00 and that if the mayor found a place that suited them he would make him a present of the watch, they found a place and sure enough he gave the watch to the mayor, the mayor had it appraised and the jeweler stated that the watch had cost at least \$500.00 and the chain included. The place which they picked was bought, they paid down \$2000.00 and paid out \$1,800.00 for repairs and then came to Omaha and bought \$2,800.00 worth of furniture, making a total of \$6,600 which they paid in cash and they apparently had plenty of other money, when they arrived they had a Lincoln sedan and an Oldsmobile sedan, they sold the Lincoln and the brother Frank left with the Oldsmobile, the brother Joe that is now there has a 1931 Deluxe Buick, painted black. The women left last August and have not been back. These people had New Jersey numbers on their car and came from Englewood, New Jersey near where Lindberg lives.

We were also informed that Joe recently sold the place including the furniture as it stood in the house for \$5,500.00 and was just waiting for settlement before leaving. We were also informed that these men wore expensive clothing and that each of them had a special pocket in the front of the trousers for a gun or possibly dope.

Deputy Sheriff Cooney thinks they are gamblers or dope peddlers, he stated that they would go away and be gone several days then come back. I think this is worth investigation, there a gun or possibly to carry dope as that is

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what Mr. Cooney thought their business might be. He stated that they would be around town and then leave and be gone several days and then come back and always had plenty of money and were free spenders.

We did not talk to the Sheriff and did not tell Mr. Cooney why we were questioning him, he thinks it is just curiosity on our part and we let him think so. I do not understand why this situation has not been investigated.

(Signed) G. H. Hobbs

CC Mr. C. C. Palmer

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U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

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

With reference to Division letter dated February 27, 1934, addressed to me concerning the matter of Edward G. Bremer having previously been subpoenaed to testify before the Grand Jury proceedings against Leon Gleckman in connection with income tax inquiries, I am attaching hereto a memorandum submitted to me by Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Rorer*  
W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
March 3, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO INSPECTOR ROHRER:

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

*St. Paul, Minn.*

As per your request, reference is had to Director's letter addressed to you under date of February 28, 1934, concerning certain information which received publicity, among them being the wall paper, serial numbers on the bank notes, and with reference to an unidentified man and woman who fled from an apartment in St. Paul, all I can say with reference to these matters is the fact that I am positive that none of this information was obtained from any employees in the St. Paul Division Office and I, personally, have never made any statement about this case to any representative of any newspaper, or anyone else, outside of the Division.

*St. Paul, Minn.*

It is my belief that the reference to the wall paper was obtained in an interview by the press with the Victim in the case; that the bank notes serials, undoubtedly, was assumed by the press to be a fact, having been a practice well known to the public and the press in previous kidnaping cases. As to the parties leaving the apartment, I know that this information did not come from this office. However, it is possible that, after the police and agents from this office had made inquiry at the apartment house and nearby premises someone may have made a remark relative thereto and the paper heard about it.

With reference to Director's letter of February 27, 1934, as to the racketeer business in the Commercial State Bank, I have no information to this effect other than hearsay. I heard it said that BREMER was an unwilling witness against GLECKMAN, but the United States Attorney for this district has no information relative thereto for the reason that MR. MORRISON, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, who handled the case has all records and data relative to that case. I recall that, at one time, Mr. Nathan and myself interviewed ADOLPH BREMER, father of the Victim, and mention was made, in effect, that it was understood that EDWARD was about to be a Government witness in the GLECKMAN trial, to which MR. BREMER replied that EDWARD had fixed that up with the Government and it was not necessary for him to appear.

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I did not look into the allegations of numerous racketeers doing business at the Commercial Bank for the reason that it was not advisable to make any inquiry at the bank as long as the Victim had not been returned and, a few days thereafter, I was no longer to work on this case.

Very truly yours,



WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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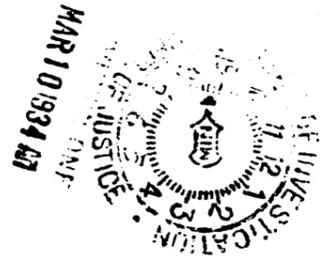
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Saint Louis, Missouri

March 7, 1934



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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. B. Rhodes, dated at Chicago, Illinois, March 2, 1934, in the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al, Edward G. Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping.

It will be noted from this report that inquiry is desired relative to the identity of "Big Homer." In this connection attention is directed to the report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 23, 1934, in the case entitled Edward Doll, with aliases, I. O. #1214, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. In this report Ed Doll advises that he was well acquainted with one Big Homer Wilson, and he furnishes the additional aliases for Big Homer Wilson as being Big Jim, Charlie Potatoes, Charlie Stone and Big Moose.

As a matter of interest in connection with the aliases of Charlie Potatoes, your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent R. E. Peterson, dated at Birmingham, Alabama, October 6, 1933, in the case entitled George Kelly Barnes, with aliases, et al, Charles F. Urschel, Victim, Kidnaping, and particularly to page eight of this report where there is set forth a telegram addressed to J. C. Tichener, signed Lons. It will be noted that this telegram, intended for George Kelly Barnes, having been sent to him by Langford Ramsey, starts with "Dear Cholly." When Langford Ramsey was questioned by Inspector Rorer and the writer at Memphis, Tennessee, he advised that he had often called Machine Gun Kelly "Charlie Potatoes," and for that reason had so addressed this telegram.

In view of the use of this unusual alias, it is suggested that possibly George Kelly Barnes may be acquainted with Big Homer Wilson, and may be in a position to furnish some information concerning his identity.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
E. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Washington, D. C.

March 8, 1934.

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MR. RORER.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Acting Special Agent in Charge Spear of the Kansas City office and requested that he have Agent Nichols report to Mr. Purvis in Chicago as soon as possible. Agent Spear stated Nichols was in Iowa at the present time but he could be released without difficulty of his present assignment and he would have him report to Mr. Purvis as soon as possible, advising both the Division and Mr. Purvis when that would be.

I advised Mr. Purvis of this fact, requesting that he keep the Division advised as to the developments on the telephone taps and also the information obtained from the informant.

Respectfully,

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

Watch this carefully.  
J. E. H.

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

March 8, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

On March 2, 1934, one Theodore Kidder of Minneapolis, Minnesota, was murdered by five men. The Sheriff's Office of Hennepin County, at Minneapolis, has asked the St. Paul Division office for its assistance in securing certain information with regard to the above murder, which might have some bearing on the instant case.

The car used by these five men who are alleged to have committed the murder bore California license number 6-H-475, and was issued to one James Rogers of 154 Eastwood Drive, San Francisco, California, for a 1934 Hudson sedan, motor number 300. The Sheriff's Office at Minneapolis has asked the Division's assistance in ascertaining the identity of James Rogers of the above given address, and in determining whether the above car was stolen in San Francisco or not.

The San Francisco Division office is requested to furnish the St. Paul Division office with above information.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROHR,  
Inspector.

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

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the investigation being conducted by your office in an attempt to identify the gasoline cans in the case entitled Alvin Karpis, et al, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, there are transmitted herewith both to your office and the Chicago office six copies of enlarged photographs showing the two different designs imprinted on the top of these cans.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram of February 21, 1934, concerning the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, KIDNAPING OF EDWARD G. BREMER. It is observed that upon receipt of information from the Division on February 11, 1933, one Special Agent was assigned to make investigations in Minneapolis and St. Paul stores in an effort to locate the place where the flashlights used in the Bremer kidnaping case were purchased. It appears that the investigation was successful in locating the saleslady who sold these flashlights and in obtaining valuable information from her, on February 20, 1934.

In view of the importance of this lead, as well as the size of the combined cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, it appears that certainly more than one Agent should have been detailed to make these inquiries. This would have resulted in obtaining the information at a much earlier date, and the Division desires that you obtain from the St. Paul Office information as to why this lead was not followed out more vigorously than the facts indicate.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minnesota

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-7-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2-20-26-34	REPORT MADE BY: H. E. Hollis
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

List of correspondents of Volney Davis, Arthur (Doc) Barker, and Harry Campbell secured from State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla. Investigation at Tulsa and Sapulpa, Okla. fails to locate any of correspondents. Malissa Bevan, Tulsa, is well acquainted with Harry Campbell, Glen Roy Wright, Fred Barker and Doc Barker. Mrs. Bevan signed bond of Campbell and Wright at Tulsa on burglary charge, 1932, and has been sued on bond. She advises will cooperate with Government. Dorothy Slaman, former wife of Alvin Karpis, reported residing Chicago, Illinois, 900 block Buena Terrace. Johan Armour, former sweetheart of Fred Barker, not now at Commerce, Oklahoma, and efforts being made to determine her location.

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, February 20, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

Following are the correspondents of Volney Davis, Arthur (Doc) Barker, and Harry Campbell during their confinement in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma:

Volney Davis:  
Jaquer P. Reese - friend, Sapulpa, Oklahoma;  
Mrs. Rodney E. Davis - mother, 1019 1/2 South Rockford St., Tulsa, Okla

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Hugh Bradley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1116 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION MAR 10 1934 A M DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	RECORDED AND INDEXED MAR 10 1934 CHECKED OFF: MAR 13 1934 JACKETED:
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Miss Mabel Van Nest - friend, Box 1858, Tulsa, Oklahoma;  
Mrs. Mabel Hunt - sister, Los Angeles, California;  
Mrs. Beulah Porter - sister, 1610 East 6th St., Tulsa, Okla.;  
Mrs. Bertha Williams - sister, 717 South Lanston St., Tulsa, Okla.;  
Lucille Kidd - friend, Tulsa, Oklahoma;  
Mrs. M. Gates, friend, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma;  
Miss Helen Davis - sister, Tulsa, Oklahoma;  
Blanche Crowell - friend, Sapulpa, Oklahoma;  
John Williams - friend, Tulsa, Oklahoma;  
Lula Johnson - friend, Leavenworth, Kansas;  
Charles Page - friend, Sand Springs, Oklahoma;  
Elmer Morrison - friend, Tulsa, Oklahoma;  
Birdie G. Williams, sister, Chickasha, Oklahoma;  
W. B. Williams - Judge, Riverside, California;  
Ruby Lamberson - sister, 12156 North Det., Tulsa, Okla.;  
Irene Davis - sister, 10 East 26th Street, and 3206 North  
Hudson, Tulsa and Oklahoma City, Okla., respectively;  
Henry C. Wood - friend, 1010 Lime Street, Sapulpa, Okla.;  
Matt Stanley - friend, Kansas City, Missouri;  
Blanche Platt - friend, Sapulpa, Oklahoma;  
Mrs. C. Moore - sister, Mart, Texas;  
Arthur Tucker - friend, Reichert, Oklahoma;  
Mr. E. C. Graham - friend, 14 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.;  
Manie Brockman - sister, Tulsa, Oklahoma;  
Rostia Baldwin - friend, Goldin, Oklahoma;  
J. E. Schofield - friend, Moberly, Missouri;  
Mrs. C. W. Rhodes - friend, Route #11, East 51st Street, Tulsa, Okla.;  
George McGee - friend, Coffeyville, Kansas;  
Morris Crabtree - friend, Tulsa, Oklahoma;  
Jannette Burnside - friend, Tulsa, Oklahoma;  
Elmer Morrison - friend, Box 514, Granite, Oklahoma.

Arthur (Doc) Barker:

G. E. Barker - father, 401 North Cincinnati Ave., Tulsa, Oklahoma;  
Mrs. G. E. Barker - mother, 401 North Cincinnati, Tulsa, Okla.;  
Lloyd Barker - brother, Leavenworth, Kansas;  
C. M. Hubbard - friend, 1724 West 21st St., Oklahoma City, Okla.;  
Letter received from Box 181, Ponca City, Oklahoma;  
Mrs. Edna Barker - wife, Lindsey, Oklahoma, Star Route;  
Mary Hart - niece, Barton, Kentucky;  
Fred Barker - brother, Tulsa, Oklahoma;  
J. C. Marsh - friend, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma;  
Frank Barker - brother, Granite, Oklahoma;  
Jennie Branson - sister, Route #1, Box 69, Madill, Okla.;  
Burt Barker - brother, Muskogee, Oklahoma;  
G. R. Porter - friend, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Harry Campbell:

- Pearson Strickland - friend, 533 South Lansing, Tulsa, Okla;
- Mrs. Billie Campbell - wife, Tulsa, Oklahoma;
- Bessie Brigenline - friend, Tulsa, Oklahoma;
- Evylin Boswell - friend, Lawton, Oklahoma;
- Bus Campbell - brother, 618 S. Rockford, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

This information was secured by Special Agent G. H. Franklin of the Oklahoma City office from the Record Clerk and Postmaster at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

With reference to Luther James, who is listed as the attorney for Volney Davis, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, it was ascertained that Mr. James died several years ago.

A list of the Tulsa correspondents of Davis, Campbell and Arthur Barker was submitted to Post Office Inspector George Hill, who caused the Postal records to be searched; however, none of these correspondents is now listed in the Postal records or late city directories of Tulsa, Oklahoma. It was ascertained, however, by Mr. Hill that mail addressed to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Barker, 401 North Cincinnati, Tulsa, Oklahoma, was being delivered at that address. Special Agent T. M. Birch of the Oklahoma City office

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Special Agent M. Sorola of the Oklahoma City office made investigation at Sapulpa, Oklahoma relative to the listed correspondents of Volney Davis; however, none of these correspondents could be located at this time in Sapulpa.

It will be noted that Blanche Crowell, who was one of the correspondents of Volney Davis, is now Blanche Platt. She is the daughter of Ollie Platt and is now living at 10th & Cheyenne, Tulsa, Oklahoma. She has previously been interviewed and claimed not to know the present whereabouts of Volney Davis.

Special Agent M. Sorola also interviewed Jack Bonham, investigator for the office of the County Attorney, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mr. Bonham stated that Carol Hamilton, who is now Carol Tankersley, presently resides at 102 South Broadway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and that she recently married Seth Tankersley.

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Carol Tankersley is well educated;

however, care must be used in dealing with her and it is reported that she will deal with but one person. Relative to Carol Tankersley, at Tulsa, Oklahoma Agent T. M. Birch ascertained from Mr. George Hill, Post Office Inspector, that she is the former wife of Herman Barker, now deceased. Carol Tankersley is known to Inspector Hill and he has stated that in the event it is desired to contact her, he would accompany an Agent at the time of the interview due to the fact that she would undoubtedly feel reluctant in furnishing information to a stranger. Mr. Hill expressed the opinion that should she know anything regarding the whereabouts of Fred and Arthur Barker, she would tell him, Mr. Hill.

Mr. Hill also stated that one C. F. Gowdy, an attorney, formerly residing in Tulsa, Oklahoma, but at the present time living in Oklahoma City, had aided Volney Davis at the time Davis secured his leave of absence from the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, and that Gowdy is the type of lawyer that Davis would contact continuously and he is inclined to believe that Gowdy knows the present location of Davis.

Special Agent K. D. Deaderick of the Oklahoma City office made investigation at Madill, Oklahoma relative to Jennie Branson, who is listed as a correspondent of Arthur (Doc) Barker. Her address is given as Route 1, Box 69, Madill. Louis Hern, Assistant Postmaster at Madill, advised Agent Deaderick that he has been in Madill practically all of his life and never heard of Jennie Branson.

Special Agent A. E. Farland of the Kansas City Division office submitted a memorandum under date of February 15, 1934 in connection with the case of Vernon C. Miller, deceased, et al. - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, and information is set out in this memorandum obtained by Agent Farland at Tulsa, Oklahoma relative to the associates of Fred and Arthur Barker, Alvin Karpis and other suspects in this case. Among the associates mentioned are Terry and Earl Whinnery. Captain George Stewart, Detectives Earl Gardner and Earl Porter of the Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department have no definite information as to the present whereabouts of these individuals.

In the memorandum of Agent Farland information is set out that Dorothy Slaman, ex-wife of Alvin Karpis, is now living in Chicago, Illinois. Agent J. J. Perkins of the Oklahoma City office interviewed one Tom Antone, who is presently confined in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, and Antone advised that Dorothy Slaman is his niece. Antone further stated that Billie Evans, his wife, is now confined in jail at Vinita, Oklahoma and that Billie Evans had been corresponding with Dorothy Slaman and would undoubtedly be in a position to furnish her address.

Billie Evans was interviewed at the County Jail, Vinita, Oklahoma, by this Agent. She is being held there on a charge of forgery. Billie Evans stated that she is not, and never has been, married to Tom Antone and further that she has never corresponded with Dorothy Slaman. Billie Evans first met Tom Antone at a prison road camp 23 miles north of Sallisaw in September, 1933 and on or about November 29, 1933 Antone came to the home of the parents of Billie Evans at

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Checotah, Oklahoma and asked her to accompany him to Chicago. Billie Evans stated that after she had settled her case at Vinita, she could be located at 726 South 2nd Street, Newcastle, Oklahoma, and that her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gentry, are now located at that address. Billie Evans further stated that she left Checotah with Antone and proceeded to Chicago, Illinois; that immediately upon their arrival in Chicago, which was about December 2, 1933, they went to the Westmoor Apartments at 2710 West Jackson Boulevard, and lived there as Mr. and Mrs. Ed McDowell. Billie Evans explained that she thought this was the correct name of Antone as he had informed her at their first meeting that his name was McDowell, but that he used the name of Antone while he was confined in the Penitentiary. After remaining at the Westmoor Apartments for three days, she and Antone moved to a furnished house at 8100 Jeffrey Avenue in Chicago. Antone is supposed to have rented this house himself; however, Billie Evans was not present when he did rent it and she does not know what name he used when renting the place. They remained at 8100 Jeffrey approximately three weeks and then left Chicago and when they arrived at Sapulpa, Oklahoma on January 2, 1934, Billie Evans left Antone and she has not seen him since. Billie Evans stated that during the time she and Antone lived at the Westmoor Apartments, Dorothy Slaman visited them there on at least two occasions and when they moved to 8100 Jeffrey, Dorothy Slaman visited them there several times. It was ascertained from Mrs. Evans that she accompanied Antone to the apartment of Dorothy Slaman in Chicago and that this apartment is located in the 900 block on Buena Terrace. Dorothy Slaman lives at this apartment with a girl known only as Kay, which is presumed to be her given name. The Slaman woman advised Billie Evans that she was employed at the Eastman Kodak Company in Chicago. According to Billie Evans, Tom Antone only talked to Dorothy Slaman about family affairs in her presence, however, they held many private conversations, the nature of which Mrs. Evans does not know. The photograph of Alvin Karpis was exhibited to Billie Evans and photographs of other suspects in this case, however, she could not identify any of them; in fact, she stated that there were no men or women, except Dorothy Slaman, who visited Antone during the time they were in Chicago. The information relative to the location of Dorothy Slaman was furnished the Chicago Division office by Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley on February 24, 1934.

Further information set out in the memorandum of Agent Farland above mentioned is to the effect that Mrs. Frederick Barker, alias Johan Armour, wife of Fred Barker, is now living with her mother, Earnestine Akins, in Commerce, Oklahoma. In this connection, it should be stated that Sheriff Dee T. Watters, Miami, Oklahoma, has for sometime past been endeavoring to locate Fred Barker, Harry Campbell and Glen Roy Wright. Campbell and Wright are suspected of having murdered an employee of the Barton, Robinson Convoy Company at Picher, Oklahoma about one year ago. In connection with the efforts of Sheriff Watters, he has sought the assistance of June Walker. Walker is a subject in the pending National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case of Virgil Hopkins, et al., which is now pending in the Northern District of Oklahoma. Walker has promised Sheriff Watters that he will endeavor to locate Fred Barker through Johan Armour, with whom he is well acquainted. This Agent is also acquainted with June Walker and he has been con-

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