

With farther reference to PLAHN, MRS. SPONAGE stated that during the time he had resided at the apartment, she does not recall that he had ever been absent from his room for more than a day at a time and that she was sure that during the month of January, 1934, he had not been absent at all.

Agent then interviewed MRS. IDA STUMBAUGH, the present manager of the Spowage Block, who advised that she knows very little concerning PLAHN; that he was almost always in a drunken condition. She stated she knows of no occupation which he had and that he was apparently very low in funds as during the past several weeks he has had to borrow from her to pay his rent. She stated that PLAHN, so far knowledge, has not been absent for even a day from his room since she has taken charge of the apartment, which was about February 1, 1934.

PETER LARSON was then located through the offices of the Illinois Central Railroad, for which company he is employed as an assistant section foreman. LARSON now resides at the rear of 909 Seventh Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

With reference to the incident as related by REED that he and REED had seen PLAHN, through a peep-hole in his room, with a violin case full of paper money, which incident REED stated was sometime in August, 1933, LARSON advised that this incident occurred in December, 1932, and that the contents of the violin case at the time they noticed the same was a violin, a number of American Railway Express travelers' checks, and some money. He stated that PLAHN was visited on this occasion by a man who advised PLAHN that he had been unable to cash the travelers' checks given him by PLAHN and that PLAHN stated that he would take them and he would have no difficulty in cashing them. LARSON said that he had seen this violin case containing the travelers' checks and money on several occasions. He stated that it is his idea that possibly PLAHN was in some illegitimate business, maybe that of forging travelers' checks, but that he did not think that PLAHN was a man who would be capable of a kidnaping.

LARSON stated that he resided in the apartment adjacent to PLAHN at the Spowage Block for approximately eight months from about December, 1932, until sometime in August, 1933; that during the time that he resided next door to PLAHN, PLAHN had very few men visitors; that the men who did visit him were of the farmer type person and their business appeared to be that of making small payments on mortgages held by PLAHN. He stated that PLAHN entertained quite a number of women in his room and appeared to always have plenty of money; that from his conversation with PLAHN, he had ascertained that PLAHN had money invested in mortgages on several farms near LeMars, Iowa. He stated that during the time that he knew PLAHN, he did

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not know PLAHN to have been absent from his room for more than a day at a time. He could furnish no further information concerning PLAHN and stated that possibly his wife could add something to what he had told inasmuch as she was at home in the room most of the time while they resided next to PLAHN.

MRS. PETER LARSON was interviewed and furnished nothing in addition to the information given by LARSON.

Inquiry at the Sioux City Police Department developed that there is no criminal record there against PLAHN.

Accompanied by Detective THOMAS FARLEY, Sioux City Police Department, agent proceeded to the room occupied by PLAHN at 912 Fifth Street. While agent was waiting for PLAHN to come to his room, JOHN BRITTON, a resident of the Spowage Block, whom Detective FARLEY advised was perfectly reliable, was interviewed and he stated that he knew nothing of PLAHN'S activities but advised that to his knowledge, PLAHN was a harmless old man who spent most of his time getting drunk. He could advise of no occupation pursued by PLAHN.

WILLIAM J. PLAHN was interviewed by agent in the presence of Detective FARLEY and he advised that he has been living at his present address since December, 1932; that prior to that time, he had worked on farms in and around Hinton, Iowa, which is near LeMars, Iowa, for the most part of his life, stating that he was born and reared at Hinton. He stated that at present he is not occupied, his last position having been that of clerk at the Eagle Hotel in Sioux City two years ago. He stated that while working on the farms near Hinton, he saved most of the money made by him and invested it in Liberty Bonds and farm mortgages. Upon coming to Sioux City, he would cash a Liberty Bond as he needed money and put the proceeds of the Liberty Bonds into American Railway travelers' checks.

He advised that he has been constantly at his present address since he moved there in December, 1932, and has not been away for over a day at a time. He stated that he has never been arrested or been in any difficulty outside of having stolen watermelons as a child. He stated that at the present time, he has used up practically all of the money saved by him and he exists merely on what money he obtains from the investments in farm loan mortgages, which are very small.

During the interview with PLAHN, complete search was made of his room and no money or any articles which might pertain to a kidnaping were found therein. The violin case referred to by REED was found and it contained only a violin. PLAHN stated that he has but very little cash and no travelers' checks at the present time.

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From all appearances, PLANN is nothing but a retired farmer who seems bent on spending the rest of his days in dissipation. He resembles in no way any of the subjects in this case. His description is as follows:

Name - WILLIAM J. PLANN
Age - 48 years
Height - 5 feet 9 inches
Weight - 140 pounds
Build - Slender
Eyes - Blue
Hair - Gray
Complexion - Ruddy
Occupation - Farmer
Peculiarities - Has very dissipated appearance.

W. C. RYAN,
Special Agent.

WCR:HVS
5 - Division
9 - St. Paul

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

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

Reference is made to report of Special Agent E. H. McIntire dated at Chicago, Illinois, 2-21-34.

While in Dubuque, Iowa, in connection with the above case, agent interviewed MR. J. E. HEFFRON, Postmaster, East Dubuque, Illinois, which is in the territory covered by the Chicago office. The report of reference relates to the fact that a prostitute, RUTH JOHNSON, operating from the Sunset Inn Roadhouse, of which one HEUE BROWN is the proprietor, which is located about 1-1/2 miles southwest of East Dubuque, Illinois, would possibly have some information relative to ALVIN KARPIS, ARTHUR R. BARKER, and FRED BARKER, inasmuch as she was believed to be from Joplin, Missouri. MR. HEFFRON advised that HEUE BROWN maintains a Post Office box and that RUTH JOHNSON received mail through the box but that recently, he has not noticed any mail coming through for RUTH JOHNSON; that, however, he has no forwarding order for her mail.

City Marshal FRANK FOHT accompanied agent to the Sunset Inn and interview was had with one ERNEST TRENTSCH, who was the only individual at the Sunset Inn at the time of agent's visit. He advised that RUTH JOHNSON had returned to Missouri about two weeks ago and was either in St. Joseph, Missouri, or Joplin, Missouri, at the present time.

City Marshal FOHT was questioned about the individuals known as JEW EDDIE and RED McLAUGHLIN. He advised that one "RED" LAUGHLIN was known to him and is possibly the individual referred to as RED McLAUGHLIN in the report of reference. He stated that JEW EDDIE is well known to him and that RED LAUGHLIN and JEW EDDIE disappeared from their hangouts in and around East Dubuque in November, 1933; that should he obtain any information relative to the present whereabouts of JEW EDDIE or RED LAUGHLIN, he would immediately advise the St. Paul Division office.

Agent also interviewed MR. R. P. BOLIN, Special Agent of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, who is assigned to the LaCrosse Division and operates from Savanna, Illinois, to St. Paul, Minnesota, with headquarters at North La Crosse, Wisconsin. He stated that he was familiar with the information furnished to the Chicago office by MR. O. H. ABBOTT, Special Agent for the C. B. & Q. Railroad, St. Joseph, Missouri, which is set out in the report of reference and that the individual referred to as RED McLAUGHLIN by MR. ABBOTT is in fact RED LAUGHLIN.

T. G. MELVIN,
Special Agent.

TGM:HVS
3 - Division; 9 - St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREKID,
St. Paul file V-30.

At Oelwein, Iowa, agent interviewed ROBERT W. RITCHIE, a partner in Ritchie Bros. Clothing Store, 100 South Fredrick Street, who stated that the shirts, similar to the shirt furnished by the kidnapers to BREMER, that they purchased from Cluett-Peabody & Company in Chicago were sold to GEORGE FELTUS, a well known insurance man in Oelwein, who has lived there practically all his life; that the purchase was made at the request of FELTUS at the time the Cluett-Peabody salesman was in Oelwein.

Agent also interviewed MR. SOL HUCKSBAUM, proprietor of the Star Clothing Company, and his salesman EARL WILSON, who handle the type of underwear furnished to BREMER by the kidnapers. They advised that their underwear is sold to residents of Oelwein, and if a stranger did make a purchase of underwear, it would be immediately noted. Both MR. HUCKSBAUM and MR. WILSON examined photographs of ALVIN KARPIS, FRED BARKER, VOLNEY DAVIS, ARTHUR R. BARKER, and HARRY CAMPBELL. They stated definitely that these individuals did not purchase this underwear from the Star Clothing Company in Oelwein.

F. G. MELVIN,
Special Agent.

TGM:HVS
3 - Division
9 - St. Paul

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St. Paul, Minnesota
March 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

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

Reference is made to the memorandum dated November 8, 1933, at St. Paul, Minnesota, relative to WILLIAM (BILLIE) MIDDLETON, Narcotics, Miscellaneous Complaints, St. Paul file No. 12-1A, by former Special Agent John R. Neal, a carbon copy of which was furnished to the Division. This memorandum relates to an interview had with one MRS. VICTOR V. ALLEN, 223 Western Avenue, Waterloo, Iowa, by Special Agent R. T. Noonan and former Special Agent John R. Neal, wherein in substance MRS. ALLEN advised that one WILLIAM (BILLIE) MIDDLETON was the step-son of her brother, DR. JULIUS HALLER of Davenport, Iowa, who on February 28, 1933, was found dead beside his car. Circumstances indicated either murder or suicide.

The present interview with MRS. ALLEN was made by agent under instructions of Inspector W. A. ROBER who had received a long distance telephone call from Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis at Chicago on March 2, 1934, advising of the receipt of a telegram from MRS. ALLEN stating in effect that she had information which was not getting through the proper channels fast enough and was connected with Davenport.

On the occasion of the interview with MRS. VICTOR V. ALLEN by the writer, on March 3, 1934, she went into considerable detail in connection with the facts relative to her brother's death in Davenport on February 28, 1933. Inasmuch as the facts related to agent are substantially the same as set out in the memorandum referred to above, this phase of the interview with MRS. ALLEN is not incorporated here.

She stated that the additional information of value she had and which prompted the telegram to the Chicago office was that she had ascertained through Sheriff H. T. WAGNER, Waterloo, Iowa, that MIDDLETON had a criminal record at Fort Worth, Texas, where he was arrested with a girl believed by MRS. ALLEN to be his wife. MIDDLETON'S Fort Worth Police number is 5225 and his description as given in 1930 is as follows:

- Name - WILLIAM (BILLIE) MIDDLETON
 - Age - 19 years
 - Height - 5 feet 10 inches
 - Weight - 135 pounds
 - Build - Medium
 - Hair - Auburn
 - Eyes - Azure
 - Complexion - Florid
 - Occupation - Laborer
 - Residence - 3622 Oak Grove, Dallas, Texas
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(Description of WILLIAM (BILLIE) MIDDLETON continued)

Tattoo - Flying eagle and initials "U.S.A." at a
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Police number - Ft. Worth, Texas, No. 5225
His alleged wife's police number is Ft. Worth No. 5228.
They were returned to Ft. Worth, Texas, from Dallas,
Texas, for an alleged theft of a lady's purse
and contents, from a customer in a beauty parlor
there.

Photographs - Photographs of MIDDLETON and his
alleged wife were furnished agent by MRS. ALLEN
and same are retained in the files of this office.

By reference to the memorandum of former Special Agent John A.
Neal above referred to, it is noted that the description secured for MIDDLETON
by the Fort Worth Police differs substantially from that furnished by MRS.
ALLEN in the memorandum of reference. However, she definitely identified
the photograph of WILLIAM A. MIDDLETON, Fort Worth Police No. 5225 as being
one and the same individual as WILLIAM (BILLIE) MIDDLETON, her deceased
brother's step-son. She stated that it was because of this information relative
to his possible police record that she thought he might possibly be implicated
in the BREMER case.

MRS. ALLEN stated that her interest in the matter was largely to
have a complete investigation made relative to WILLIAM MIDDLETON as he might
possibly have been implicated in the LAUER, ADLER, HANN, BREMER, and the
LINDBERGH kidnaping cases. The ultimate result desired by MRS. ALLEN was
apparently to implicate MIDDLETON in the possible murder of her deceased
brother, as she feels the local authorities in Davenport have failed to properly
investigate the case.

MRS. ALLEN then engaged in a rather rambling conversation relative
to Narcotics conditions in Waterloo, Iowa, and Davenport, Iowa, especially
in connection with one B. J. PALMER, who operates a chiropractic school in
Davenport. The facts relative to the narcotics situation are also set out
in the memorandum of reference.

T. G. MELVIN,
Special Agent.

TGM:HVS
3 - Division
9 - St. Paul

MEMORANDUM:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 2-17-34, at page 54, second and third paragraph, whereat Bremer stated that the weather was cold at the beginning, and on the Sunday after the Sunday of the week he was kidnaped, it was extremely windy. Further, that on the day of his kidnaping when he was taken from the car into the hideout, he made an effort to determine whether or not there was snow on the ground and as far as he could judge there was no snow; which situation was also true when he was taken out of the car on the way from the kidnapers hideout when he was walked in the field.

Reference is also made to the report of Inspector W.A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 2-16-34, at page 7, in which Bremer stated that he could feel no snow on the ground at the time of the third stop on the way to the hideout. This occurred about 45 minutes away from the city of street cars on the occasion of the third stop. BREMER also reported that on the day of his abduction they entered a snow area about an hour after leaving St. Paul.

Examination of the weather map issued by the United States Department of Agriculture shows that on 1-15-34 the northern half of Wisconsin was under a snow blanket varying in depth from 5 to 20 inches; that the northern half of the south one-half of Wisconsin had an average depth of three inches and nearly all of the lower one-quarter of Wisconsin, with the exception of the southwest part, had no snow.

Wm. M. Labovich, assistant meteorologist, weather bureau, Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised, after examining his reports, that no snow fell over the above area from the 15th to the 17th of January, 1934 (date of the kidnaping) nor was there any appreciable difference in snow depths on the 17th.

A detailed map of Wisconsin, which is being retained in the St. Paul file, showed that on January 17, 1934, there was no snow in the following counties: Sheboygan, Ozaukee, Washington, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Jefferson, Rock, Green, and Richland. Further, that there was no snow in the following portions of the following counties: Eastern half of Kenosha, Eastern half of Racine, southern part of Fond du Lac, south half of Green, southeastern part of Marquette, Western half of Sauk, northeastern part of Crawford, eastern half of Vernon, and southeastern part of Monroe. In Columbia County, in which county Portage is located, there was a trace of snow at Portage with 0.2 of an inch at Arlington located in the southern part. Most of Dane County in which Madison is located had no snow except the extreme northern part of this county. No snow was found in most of Buffalo County located on the west central boundary of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

A comparison of a snow map of Wisconsin as of 2-7-34, date of Bremer's release, showed that the above described snow areas remained about the same except that this area moved south and easterly a trifle.

A snow map of Illinois on 2-7-34 showed that only a trace of snow existed in Boone, McHenry, De Kalb, Kane, the western half of DuPage, while a noticeable amount covered the ground in Lake, Cook and Will Counties. A noticeable amount of snow covered the ground in Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Winnebago, Carroll, Ogle, Lee and Whiteside Counties, all of which are located in the northeastern part of Illinois.

A snow map of Iowa showed that on the 15th of January, 1934, which condition also prevailed on the 17th, snow covered the entire state of Iowa, the central part having snow varying in depth from three to five inches.

A snow map of Iowa on February 5, 1934, which condition also prevailed on the 7th, indicated that only the northwest portion of the state had a slight covering of snow.

The report of Inspector W.A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 2-16-34, at pages 2 and 3, reports Bremer stated in connection with the day on which he is sure that there was a very thorough thaw, that undoubtedly this was the warmest day during his captivity. Further questioning indicated that he can in no manner fix the date of the thaw, nor the day of the week on which it occurred. His best recollection is that it was between the 5th and 10th day after his arrival at the hideout; that, possibly, it was the first Sunday.

The report of Special Agent John E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 2-17-34, at page 54, reports that BREMER stated that the weather was cold at the beginning, and on the Sunday after the Sunday of the week he was kidnaped, it was extremely windy.

Mr. Bremer on re-interview stated quite positively that the thawing which lasted only one day occurred prior to January 28, 1934, which he remembered as being the coldest day he experienced while confined in the hideout.

Weather reports show that there was a general thaw over the state of Wisconsin beginning 1-20-34 in the afternoon when a northwest wind of gale force began blowing. On 1-23-34 a thaw began about 11 am and continued generally until 9:30 pm 1-24-34 when a northwest blizzard began. This cold spell of zero weather continued until 1-26-34 when it warmed up and remained mild until 11 pm of 1-27-34 when the temperature generally over Wisconsin dropped to below zero accompanied by high northwest winds. This zero weather continued up until 1-31-34.

Mr. Labovich, assistant meteorologist, stated that this same general condition of the weather in Wisconsin, prevailed in northern Illinois.

Mr. Bremer on re-interview advised that the temperature about the time he left the hideout the morning of 2-7-34 and at the time he arrived at Rochester, Minnesota, at about 8:00 P.M., felt to him to be about the same. Mr. Bremer also stated that at no time during his stay at the hideout did he notice any rain, although he felt quite certain that he would have noticed it had it rained.

Mr. Labovich advised that he made a check of the temperatures over Wisconsin and northern Illinois on 2-7-34 and found that an area indicated by a line drawn from Rochester, Minnesota, to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, across Lacrosse from Madison, Wisconsin, would have had about the same temperature at 10:00 A.M., and 8:00 P.M., on 2-7-34. Further, that this belt of similar temperatures would extend south at least to Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Labovich was positive that this condition would not be true of any localities in northern or central Wisconsin.

Examination of the daily precipitation from the 17th to the 31st of January, 1934, shows that the following towns in Wisconsin, at which weather stations are located, reported "no rain": Beloit, Lake Mills, Lancaster, and Stoughton, Wisconsin.

The report of Inspector W.A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 2-14-34 reports that Bremer advised that about noon on the day of his release, while riding in the car of the kidnapers, he felt the sun on one side of his face.

Examination of the hours of sunshine on 2-7-34, date of his release, showed that the sun shone the entire day over Wisconsin and Minnesota. That at Duquene, Iowa, the sun shone three tenths of the time and at Davenport, Iowa, there was no sun any part of the time. At Chicago, Illinois, the sun, on this date, shone eight tenths of the time.

Respectfully submitted,

W.F. WOOD, SPECIAL AGENT,

St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREKID.
St. Paul file 7-34.

With reference to the angle of this case involving the four 5-gallon cans, the writer has not been able to establish identity of the three cans with square reinforcing design. The American Can Company and the Continental Can Company sell approximately 100% of the tin 5-gallon cans which are sold in the St. Paul area. This was determined by interviews with J. J. GILLESPIE of the American Can Company and E. T. BURT who represents the Continental Can Company locally. Neither could identify the can in question. From MR. BURT, agent secured the names of can manufacturers who might possibly have made this can. They are as follows:

Channel Can Company	Chicago, Ill.
Independent Can Company	Chicago, Ill.
St. Louis Can Company	St. Louis, Mo.
Steuber & Kuck	Peoria, Ill.
Conneaut Can Company	Conneaut, Ohio

A letter has been written to the Division offices covering these cities requesting that photo of the cans be checked to determine identity of the can in question.

In his efforts locally, the writer has called at such places where it can be learned that cans of this type are on hand. It seems to be a fact that such cans are not retailed by stores. A number of paint and varnish concerns were contacted as also the wholesale hardware companies, the bulk plants of the various oil companies, food manufacturers, who handle syrups and kindred liquids and several wholesale drug companies. Calls were also made at various garages around both cities and the Flour City Body Works in Minneapolis. MAX BINDER, known as a bootleggers' supply agent and technically listed as a sugar broker at 174 Chestnut Street in St. Paul, has ceased to do business. These premises seem to be now occupied by the Anheuser Busch Company, and personal inquiry here reveals that cans of this type are neither stored nor sold.

These inquiries were made at similar places in both Minneapolis and St. Paul and in every instance, agent personally went through the warehouse, basement, or storage room and carefully noted the identity of cans on hand.

From the above, it seems fairly safe to assume that the unidentified can is produced by some small concern and not distributed in this vicinity. It also appears that liquids placed in such cans do not find a market in the twin cities.

The local office of the United States Marshal and Alcoholic Beverage Unit were contacted to learn whether they had any seized cans on hand. Neither office has any such cans. Former prohibition agents advise that most of the alcohol was handled in one-gallon tin cans and occasionally in 5-gallon jugs.

A list of concerns to which the American Can Company sells is being retained in the St. Paul Division office for future reference.

R. B. DONALDSON,
Special Agent.

RED:HVS
3 - Division
9 - St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREKID.
St. Paul file 7430.

With reference to the letter from "A Well Wisher" to Mr. J. E. Hoover, U. S. Dept. of Justice, St. Paul, regarding one MR. BARBER, alleged go-between for the underworld and the TOM DAVIS-SCHALL-BREMER-OLSON group, Special Agent R. C. Coulter inquired of RAY HARRINGTON, Superintendent, Minneapolis Police Department, and RAY HARRINGTON stated that BARBER was a runner for a bail bond company and he used to loiter in the United States Marshal's office in Minneapolis until the bail bondsmen were chased out. BARBER has no criminal record, is not considered a "big shot" at all and amounts to very little in the underworld.

D. S. HALL,
Special Agent.

OCH:HVS

5 - Division
9 - St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO INSPECTOR ROHRER:

Re: BREKID
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

With reference to the memorandum of Special Agent R. L. Wallis, dated January 23, 1934, and that of Special Agent J. E. Brennan, dated 2-21-34, relative to suspicious persons having been seen at Rice Lake, in the vicinity of Paynesville, Minnesota, the following investigation was conducted by Agent at Paynesville, Minnesota:

Postmaster F. J. Hardigan was interviewed relative to the information furnished by former Special Agent L. J. Kunz, that a party, alleged to resemble VERNE SANKEY had occupied the cottage of GRAFF F. WOLFE, president of the Hamilton Manufacturing Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, during the winter months. MR. HARDIGAN advised that he had not heard of any such rumor and, to his knowledge, there had been no strangers at the WOLFE cottage. He was also questioned concerning the number of suspicious men who were supposed to have been at the Rice Lake resort during the past summer. He also stated that he had heard no such rumor as this. He advised that JACK HOEPPNER, the Chevrolet dealer in Paynesville, and M. W. MILLER, restaurant operator, were reliable and could furnish information concerning anyone who might stay in the vicinity of Rice Lake.

With reference to the sounds at Paynesville, MR. HARDIGAN stated that the siren there blows only once a week and that was at noon on Monday; that there is a factory there, the North American Creamery, and that this factory has a whistle which blows at 7:00 in the morning and again at 12:00 noon and 1:00 P.M., but does not blow in the evening. He stated that the cottages at Rice Lake were approximately eight miles from the nearest town and that there were no highways within several miles of any of the cottages.

Agent interviewed JACK HOEPPNER, Chevrolet dealer, who was mentioned in Agent Wallis's memorandum of January 23, 1934, as one of the parties who could furnish information concerning these suspicious persons at Rice Lake. MR. HOEPPNER stated that he first saw the parties whom he thought suspicious at MILLER'S RESTAURANT, and that he never obtained a very good look at them except a slight view of the elder man of the party. He stated that there were three young men; that they were driving in a Peerless Sedan bearing Illinois license plates. He said that he and FRED SCHROEDER, the game warden, had gone to Rice Lake to ascertain where these parties were staying; that they found them living at one of the cottages belonging to LAWRENCE KETCHUM on the south side of the lake. These parties seemed to evade them

while they were in the vicinity. He stated that the eldest of these men resembled the photograph of VERNE SANKEY, which appeared in the Post Office in that town. He stated that MR. MILLER, the restaurant owner who had seen these parties on several occasions, probably would know more about them.

MR. M. W. MILLER, restaurant owner, was interviewed and advised that the men, referred to by MR. HOEPPNER, were railroad men from Chicago. He stated that last summer four of these men came to Rice Lake and that they had eaten at his place each day. He said that these parties have been coming to Rice Lake for the past seven or eight years and that, in his opinion, they were in no way suspicious. He said that usually there are seven or eight of them in the party and they stay for approximately a week each summer. With reference to anyone having been at the WOLFE cottage, he stated that, to his knowledge, the only ones who had been there were MR. WOLFE'S chauffeur and a party of his friends who visited there over New Year's day. He stated that WOLFE'S cottage is located on the north side of the lake opposite KETCHUM'S place. He described the cottages at both KETCHUM'S and WOLFE'S places as being all one story cottages with no basements and that they were several miles removed from any highway. He stated that FRED SCHROEDER, the game warden, makes regular trips to the lake cottages and that he would know if anyone had been in the vicinity recently.

Agent interviewed FRED SCHROEDER, who stated that about two weeks ago, he had received information from a Deputy Sheriff at St. Cloud, Minnesota, that two suspicious cars were seen at WOLFE'S cottage. He stated that he immediately went to WOLFE'S cottage and found MR. WOLFE and a party of his friends there. He said that they stayed one night and were gone the next day. He advised that the only other time this cottage was visited during the winter was on New Year's day when WOLFE'S chauffeur was there with some friends. He said that he makes regular visits to the cottages at WOLFE'S place and also KETCHUM'S, and that there have been no strange parties at any of the lake cottages during the winter. He stated that he has been to practically every cottage at the lake resort and that all of these cottages are one story bungalows and that none of them have a basement. He said that he estimates that it is approximately ten miles from either KETCHUM'S, or WOLFE'S, place to any town and that the closest highway to any of them is at least two miles. Each of the above parties interviewed at Paynesville were asked concerning anyone having had any paper hanging work done and none had any recollection of such work having been done recently.

At St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Agent ascertained that Deputy Sheriff Everett Schoener is the party who furnished Game Warden SCHROEDER with the information about the cars

being seen at WOLFE'S cottage. He advised that this information drifted into his office about two weeks ago and that he immediately had MR. SCHROEDER check the information; that it was his opinion that there was nothing to it.

A memorandum submitted by Special Agent E.N. Notestein, in the HAM kidnaping case, St. Paul File No. 7-5, dated January 1, 1934, states that the chief of police at Minneapolis, Minnesota, had received information from a confidential source that one of the robbers of the Menomonie, Wisconsin, bank was found at the Yellow Lake Lodge, Webster, Wisconsin, and that one of the robbers who was killed had a card on him for this lodge.

Agent interviewed CORA EVERSON, post office clerk, at Webster, Wisconsin, which post office serves the Yellow Lake region. She advised that she had no information that anyone had been staying at the Yellow Lake Lodge during the winter months. She also stated that she had heard no rumors of a bank robber having been found there at any time. She stated that, with reference to the sounds in this town, that the siren blows there only at 9:00 P.M. and that there are no factory whistles anywhere in the vicinity; that the lodge is located about six miles from the town of Webster. Agent then interviewed Deputy Sheriff O.E. BROBERG, Webster, Wisconsin, who advised that he had never heard of any of the Menomonie bank robbers having been found at Yellow Lake Lodge, or that a card had been found on any of the robbers that had been killed. He stated that he did not know that any of the robbers had been killed. With reference to this rumor, MR. BROBERG advised that after the KRAFT STATE BANK at Menomonie was robbed in October, 1932, the car bearing the robbers went through Webster and stopped at a barn about fifteen miles east of town, where they washed the car and filled the gasoline tank. He stated that the gasoline cans were found near the barn; that there were only five gallon cans. He pointed out the type of can used by them, which he had on sale in the store and these cans in no way resemble the cans used by the BREMER kidnapers. He stated that the car used by the bank robbers was later found burned at Cambridge, Wisconsin. He said that one, NEWBERG, had been convicted of bank robbery and that KARPIS and BARKER were suspected of this job but that no identification of them was made in and around Webster. He also stated that KARPIS and BARKER were supposed to have been in the vicinity of Webster in April, 1932; that, at that time, the body of GEORGE ANDERSON alias DUNLOP, was found on Fremsted Lake, four miles north of Webster; that KARPIS and BARKER were supposed to have committed this murder. He stated that, from the publicity obtained through both of these crimes, that the photographs of these two parties became very familiar to the people around Webster, inasmuch as they appeared in a Detective Magazine shortly after the Kraft State Bank robbery and that most of the people in Webster bought a copy of this magazine. He stated that if these parties ever came around Webster that he was sure they would be recognized. With reference to anyone having been at the Yellow Lake Lodge during the present winter months, he stated that he had heard of no

strangers being there. He advised that there is a caretaker there in the winter months by the name of HERMAN BEHVE, who is the only person that he knew of being at the lodge. He stated that a road passes through the Yellow Lake Lodge Resort, and that it would be possible to drive through it to view each of these cottages. He stated that WILLIAM BERGE, who resides at the north end of the Yellow Lake Colony, could furnish information as to whether anyone had been renting the place recently.

With reference to the cottages at Yellow Lake, MR. BROBERG stated that he had participated in several raids of the Yellow Lake Lodge, which is owned by FRED ULRICK, St. Paul gambler, and that the only cottage which might have a basement would be the main building in the group, and that this basement consisted of several small rooms for gambling. He stated that he knew of no underground tunnel which was located at the lodge.

Before proceeding to view the lodge, Agent interviewed MR. A. J. CHRISTIANSON, manager of the telephone company, at Webster, who, upon a search of his records, advised that the only call made over telephone #57 E, which is the telephone of the Yellow Lake Lodge, during the past three months was a call made on January 21, 1934, by HERMAN BEHVE, caretaker, to EASTMAN'S at Danbury, Wisconsin. With reference to the rumor that there was a tunnel under this lodge, MR. CHRISTIANSON stated that several years ago a woman who used to clean up the premises at the Yellow Lake Lodge came across a trap-door in the lodge, which, he stated, it was later ascertained by this woman to be a place where liquor was kept. He could furnish no information as to the identity of this woman.

Agent then proceeded to Yellow Lake Lodge, where, approximately three hundred yards from the lodge the automobile in which Agent was riding became stuck in the snow. It was apparent that no automobiles had been in or out of the lodge for some time. Agent was assisted, while endeavoring to move the car, by HERMAN BEHVE, the caretaker, who during the conversation advised that the roadway to the lodge has been impassable since the first of December, 1933, and that no automobiles have been within a mile of the resort since that time. It is plainly apparent that no automobile could approach within several hundred yards of the Yellow Lake Lodge even at this time, which was several days after a thaw had set in and the snow was much lower than it apparently had been previously.

Agent then proceeded to interview WILLIAM BERGE who resides at the northern extremity of the ULRICK RESORT and was advised by him that the road way to the lodge has been impassable for several months. He stated that the only automobile which came in the vicinity of the lodge was that of CHARLES ARMSTRONG, a brother-in-law of ULRICK'S, who made occasional visits to the home of the caretaker, which is situated approximately one-fourth of a mile from MR. BERGE'S home. MR. BERGE stated that the only sound which he can hear at his home is the siren from Webster, and that no factory whistles or other sounds are heard there.

Very truly yours,

W. C. RYAN, SPECIAL AGENT.

WCR:TC

S-Div.

9-St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 18, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR ROHRER:

Re: BREKID
St. P. 7-30.

This investigation is predicated upon the receipt of a letter from EDWARD E. Omerink, Mayor of Spooner, Wisconsin, in reply to the circular letter sent out from St. Paul Division Office. Mayor Omerink stated that the sounds set forth in the circular letter could be heard in Spooner, Wisconsin.

On March 2, 1934, this agent interviewed Mayor Edward E. Omerink at Spooner, Wisconsin. Mr. Omerink stated that he had made a mistake as to time when the siren at Spooner blew each day and also with regard to the ringing of a church bell there each Saturday afternoon, and that when writing his letter to the Division Office at St. Paul he had been under the impression that the sounds set forth in the circular letter and the sounds to be heard in Spooner were identical.

The following investigation was conducted at Spooner, Wisconsin:

MR. H. T. SCHAFER, agent of the Omaha Railroad Company, at Spooner, Wisconsin, furnished the following information:

That the roundhouse whistle was the only whistle which blew in Spooner; that this roundhouse whistle blew at 7:00 A.M., each morning; at 12:00 o'clock noon; at 1:00 P.M.; and at 6:00 P.M., each afternoon and that this schedule had been in effect for several years. MR. SCHAFER furnished the following schedule of passenger trains in and out of Spooner:

1. At 5:45 A.M., a passenger train from Chicago;
2. At 9:35 A.M., a passenger train from Chicago;
3. At 11:20 A.M., a passenger train from St. Paul;
4. At 5:45 P.M., a passenger train from Ashland, Wis.;
5. At 7:25 P.M., a passenger train from Duluth;
6. At 11:10 P.M., a passenger train from Duluth.

The following schedule of freight trains was furnished:

1. A combination passenger and freight leaving Spooner at 6:30 A.M.;
2. A freight leaving Spooner at 6:45 A.M., on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays;
3. Arrivals at Spooner at 5:00 P.M., on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays;
4. A way freight arriving at Spooner about noon each day except Sundays.

MR. SCHAFER stated that a switch engine went to work at 3:30 P.M. each day and worked until 11:30 P.M.; that another switch engine came on at 10:30 P.M. and worked until 6:30 A.M. and that from 6:30 A.M. until 3:30 P.M. each day there was no switching done.

MR. A. E. WITTEK, cashier of the Spooner National Bank, and secretary of the Spooner Fire Department, advised that the fire siren was the only siren in Spooner and that it blew regularly each day at 12:00 o'clock noon at no other time except in case of fires, and that it did not blow on Sundays except in case of fires. MR. WITTEK stated that the above schedule for blowing the siren had been followed for several years. MR. WITTEK, after a check of his records, stated that there had been two Sunday fires in Spooner, one on February 4, 1934, and one on February 11, 1934; that the fire on February 4, 1934, was the Methodist Church and occurred about 11:30 and that the siren blew three or four times. This was also verified by HENRY HECK, fire chief at Spooner.

It was ascertained that there are no churches in Spooner which ring a bell, or bells, on Saturday afternoon or evening, except in case of funerals.

It was ascertained that Spooner, Wisconsin, is not a regular air line and general inquiry established the fact that very few planes are ever seen at Spooner and that none have flown over Spooner this winter to the knowledge of the inhabitants.

MR. PETERSON, game warden of Washburn County, of which Spooner is the county seat, stated that Washburn County was closed, and no fishing was allowed through the ice after January 1st each year. MR. PETERSON stated that he had had no violation of fish and game laws in his county and had had no trouble with anyone in this respect. MR. PETERSON stated that no perch fishing was done in and around Spooner as people there did not consider them an edible fish, or desirable for food. MR. PETERSON stated that the roads in Washburn County had been kept well plowed at all times and at no time this winter had they been in such a condition as to compel cars to pull out of the road to allow other cars to pass.

It will be noted that Spooner, Wisconsin, is a very small town of less than 2500 population and this agent made a thorough survey of all two story houses in and near Spooner and no house fitting the description of the house furnished by Edward G. Bremer, victim, was seen.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. MARSHALL, SPECIAL AGENT.

WEM:TC

3-Div.
9-St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR ROBERT

Re: BREKID
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

Reference is made to the memorandum of Special Agent O. G. Hall, dated 2-19-34, relative to the letter furnished him by confidential informant #1, which letter indicated that one, "HAPPY" at Hinckley, Minnesota, had some information relative to a number of men being arrested in the woods near Milaca, Minnesota, with a number of guns and some money.

On 2-23-34, Agent interviewed Deputy Sheriff F. B. SEARLE, at Milaca, Minnesota, relative to this information and was advised by him that this story was entirely unfounded. He stated that a welfare worker, by the name of MISS FLORINE, who resides at Minneapolis, Minnesota, had been searching in the woods about seven miles from Milaca for a friend of hers, who is camping in a tent there; that she ran out of gas and approached a cottage in the woods where she met two men who informed her that they did not know where she could get the gas. (Apparently in a gruff manner). She became frightened at these men and later on that day, she returned to Minneapolis and told the story to a friend of hers, who called the sheriff at Milaca relative to these men. Deputy Searle stated that Sheriff Dahl of Milaca, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Bowman and Basil Irwin, a game warden, from Mora, Minnesota, went to the cottage in the woods and found it was occupied by seven wood shoppers from Ogilvie, Minnesota. Deputy Searle advised that Deputy Sheriff Bowman was acquainted with each of the men at the cottage, having known them through the fact that MR. BOWMAN had resided in Ogilvie before coming to Milaca. He stated that this cottage is in a dense woods, seven miles from Milaca, and is a one story frame shack.

With reference to the sounds around Milaca, Deputy Searle advised that the siren there blows only at noon and that there are no factory whistles to be heard in the vicinity.

At Pine City, Minnesota.

Agent interviewed Deputy Sheriff Jack Webber relative to this story and he advised that this story was unfounded; that he had heard

it in several different ways and that he had heard on one occasion that Deputy Sheriff BILL LAMBERTS of Hinckley, Minnesota, had taken part in the visit to the cottage. He was also advised that he knew a party at Hinckley by the name ST "HAPPY", who runs a gas station about two miles north of that town; that Deputy Sheriff LAMBERTS was acquainted with this "HAPPY".

While at Pine City, Agent also interviewed J.H. WANDEL, manager of the telephone company there, relative to the rumor contained in the memorandum of Special Agent O.G. Hall, dated September 16, 1935, in the HAMM kidnaping case, the rumor being that the telephone operators at Pine City had some information relative to a couple of suspicious men in a cottage near Pine City. MR. WANDEL questioned the operators on duty at the time and ascertained from MISS LUCILLE REIDERMAN that during the middle of the past summer two men had approached her and asked the direction to the Tuxedo Hotel, which is on Pokegama Lake, about five miles from Pine City. MISS REIDERMAN advised that she had not heard of this hotel and, upon informing the men of this, one of them attempted to exhibit a map, which the other objected to his showing. She stated that this appeared to be suspicious to her. MR. WANDEL stated that the Tuxedo Hotel has been partly demolished for years and has not been in use. He stated that this particular section of the lake is inhabited in the summer months by reliable people, being mostly railroad men from St. Paul, and that he, himself, had never heard any rumors of any suspicious persons being there. MISS REIDERMAN was shown the photographs of KARPIS, FRED BARKER, and DOC BARKER, CAMPBELL, DAVIS, FRISCO DUTCH, and the BENTZ brothers, and she stated that none of these persons resembled the men who had made the inquiry. MR. WANDEL ascertained that no suspicious telephone calls had been made from the vicinity of Pokegama Lake during the past several months and stated that MR. HOFFMAN, a caretaker at the lake, could furnish information as to whether anyone had been there recently or during the summer months. During this same interview, MR. WANDEL ascertained from Agent the subscriber of telephone #111W, Pine City, which is also mentioned in Agent Hall's memorandum. MR. WANDEL stated that this telephone is listed to ROBERT DORAN, a retired farmer at Pine City. He advised that DORAN has lived at Pine City for the whole of his life; that he was entirely respectable and dependable and knew of no reason why any suspicion should be directed to him.

Agent, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Webber, went to the resort on Pokegama Lake and viewed each of the cottages located there, none of which from all appearances could possibly have been the place where BREMER was held. MR. HOFFMAN, the caretaker, could not be located but Agent interviewed WILBERT BARRETT, who resides in a cottage next to what was formerly the Tuxedo Hotel. MR. BARRETT advised that the hotel has been demolished for the past month and that he has resided at the resort since April of last year; that there have been no strangers in the vicinity of the lake during the winter months and that he

does not recall any strangers, or any suspicious persons, having visited there during the past summer.

With reference to the sounds at Pine City, it was ascertained that there are no factory whistles near there and the siren blows there only at 9:00 P.M.

Agent, then, proceeded to Hinckley, Minnesota, where Deputy Sheriff WILLIAM LAMMERTS was interviewed. He stated that the story concerning the capture of the men in the woods by Game Warden IRWIN was, to his knowledge, entirely unfounded. He accompanied Agent to the gas station of HAPPY O'MALLEY, which is located two miles north of Hinckley. HAPPY O'MALLEY, according to Deputy Sheriff Lammerts, is the only person in the vicinity of Hinckley who is known as HAPPY and he is apparently the party who wrote the letter which is attached to Agent Hall's memorandum of February 19, 1934.

At O'MALLEY'S Gas Station, Agent was advised by FRANK SPAGEN, a step-son of O'MALLEY'S, that he is at present in North Dakota on a vacation. SPAGEN, when questioned concerning the story of Game Warden Irwin's having captured a number of men in the woods stated that the story originated at the gas station. He stated that on Saturday night, February 17, 1934, EASTL IRWIN, game warden from Mora, Minnesota, came into the gas station and asked for a drink, in a very excited manner, stating that he had just shot a man in the woods. He then related the story of entering the cottage and killing one man and causing the arrest of four others and told of finding a number of guns and a large amount of money. SPAGEN stated that the only reason they placed any credence in IRWIN'S story was the fact that he is an excellent marksman and can shoot pennies in the air with either a .45 calibre pistol, or a rifle. He advised that IRWIN came to the gas station the following morning and told them that the story he had told them the previous night was a lie; that nothing like that had happened, but that they had gone to the woods and found a number of wood choppers. SPAGEN advised that IRWIN had, on one previous occasion, circulated a similar story, which he later branded as a lie.

Very truly yours,

W.C. RYAN, SPECIAL AGENT.

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3-Div.
9-St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR ROBER

Re: BREMER
St. P. 7-50.

Relative to the identification of VOLNEY DAVIS, as having been in St. Paul in 1933, it may be noted that Special Agent Wells obtained a punch board from BERNIER'S CONFECTIONARY and on this punch board appears the name, E.V. DAVIS. Investigation by Mr. Wells, who inquired of MR. BERNIER and other employees in the confectionary was without result and MRS. BERNIER was not available at the time for interview.

MRS. R.J. BERNIER, was interviewed by this Agent on March 9, 1934, and was shown the punch board, carrying the name, E.V. DAVIS. MRS. BERNIER stated that in the early part of March, 1933, a man, giving his name as E.V. DAVIS, had punched out #11 on this punch board; that this number might possibly have entitled him to win a radio and with this in mind she inquired of DAVIS as to what address he wished to have listed on the back of the board. DAVIS replied that he did not desire to give any address but that he would be around in the neighborhood.

MRS. BERNIER further stated that the man whom she knew as DAVIS frequently called at the confectionary store and was very peculiar in his actions, in that, he would step up to the soda fountain, order a drink, and immediately turn his back and go to the window while the drink was being prepared; that, on several occasions, he would place a quarter on the counter to pay for a drink, and immediately turn around and walk out the door, leaving his change.

The photographs of the five suspects in the BREMER case were exhibited to MRS. BERNIER and she chose from the group, with no hesitancy, the photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS. She did not examine the back of the picture for the name, or make any inquiry concerning the name of the person on the picture carrying the number 12908.

MRS. BERNIER further advised that, to the best of her recollection, about the night of March 5, 1933, a man about 30 years of age, whom she had never seen before, ran into the confectionary store and requested change for a dollar bill so that he might use the telephone. He made a call over the pay telephone, the substance of which was; "We are all ready", and left the store in a hurry, leaving the 95¢ change on the counter. MRS. BERNIER states that the group of persons, who occupied an apartment at 1290 Grand Avenue, which group includes VOLNEY DAVIS, left that locality on the same night that this peculiar telephone call was made from her place of business.

E.N.N:TC
3-Div 9-St. Paul

Very truly yours,
E.N. NOTESTEEN, SPECIAL AGENT.

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO INSPECTOR ROBER:

Re: ESSEX
St. P., 7-30.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent O.G. Ball, dated July 27, 1933, which is serial 91, Volume 2, St. Paul File No. 62-688.

It is noted in the above report that ESSEX TERRAPLANE bearing Missouri license #157804, motor #25571, was purchased by one, A. CARTER, and that this car was later located by the St. Paul Police at the garage of E.L. ROBERTS, 408 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. ROBERTS, upon interview, claimed that he bought the car June 10, 1933, from A. CARTER, 3834 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri, for \$400.00. This car was financed by the Republic Finance Company, in St. Paul, which is the finance company of IRON GLECKMAN. It is noted from the above report that CARTER is described by ROBERTS as being 35 years of age; 5'9" or 10" in height; of medium build; and has dark hair. ROBERTS, when interviewed by Agent Ball, as set out in the above report, claimed that A. CARTER never went to the finance company.

With reference to the above, IRVING H. SHAPIRO, manager of the Republic Finance Company, 717 Merchants National Bank Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, was interviewed on March 12, 1934. He stated that he handled this deal in reference to this Essex car, personally, for MR. ROBERTS and that he had no dealings with A. CARTER and does not know such an individual and never saw him. MR. SHAPIRO stated that this company financed, "Sixty to eighty to one hundred cars for ROBERTS during 1933 and this Essex car was one of them". He further stated that he never had any dealings with CARTER and that no papers were turned over to this company with CARTER'S signature. The money to finance the car was advanced through ROBERTS on ROBERTS' note and a mortgage on the car.

MR. SHAPIRO advised that he had followed the information concerning this car and the alleged parties connected therewith through the newspapers last summer and surmised the reason for this inquiry. He stated that the books of this company were open for inspection at any time covering all the cars which had been financed for ROBERTS.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. NOONAN, SPECIAL AGENT.

RTN:TC
OC 62-688

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 13, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR ROBERTS:

Re: BREKID
St. P. 7-30

At the State Capitol, Motor Vehicle Department, St. Paul, Minnesota, the records of that department show that the acknowledgement to the transfer of this car from A. CARTER to the ROBERTS MOTOR COMPANY was taken by SAM FINK, notary public. FINK was formerly associated with the Republic Finance Company but now operates the Gopher Finance Company, 809 Pioneer Building, where he was interviewed.

FINK stated that he recalled this Buick car but did not see the man, CARTER, whose acknowledgement he took to the transfer of the Missouri title, stating that while he knew it was wrong to present papers in this manner, it had been a common practice when he was associated with the Republic Finance Company to acknowledge these signatures without seeing the parties themselves place their signature on these papers. FINK stated that E. L. ROBERTS who had the dealings with A. CARTER certainly ought to be able to give the desired information with reference to CARTER. FINK made the statement that he was glad to have severed his connections with the Republic Finance Company and offered his assistance in locating ROBERTS and, if possible, in getting information from ROBERTS.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. NOONAN, SPECIAL AGENT.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 18, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

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

In conducting investigation at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, relative to the Post Office boxes rented by MR. E. V. DAVIS and MR. E. L. MURREY, MR. FRANK CAMPBELL, Postmaster at White Bear Lake, informed agent that on or about January 10, 1934, a person giving his name as E. V. DAVIS rented a box in the Post Office for himself and MR. J. D. MARTIN; and on the same day, at a different time, MR. E. L. MURREY rented a Post Office box for himself.

MR. FLOYD THUNNELL, clerk in the Post Office, stated that he waited on DAVIS when he rented the box but he could not remember exactly what kind of man he was and could not give a description or identify a picture of him.

MR. ALVIN LINDSLEY informed agent that he waited on MURREY when he rented a box but that he could not give a description of MURREY, neither could he identify a picture of him.

Agent displayed pictures of FRED BARKER, ED BENZ, ALVIN KARPIS, TED BENZ, FRANK CAMPBELL, VOLNEY DAVIS, and ARTHUR R. BARKER, but they were unable to select from this group anyone that they could identify as being the persons to whom they rented the Post Office boxes. However, they selected ALVIN KARPIS and FRED BARKER as being the two most nearly resembling the persons renting the boxes, but said that they could not state definitely and were sure they could not recognize their pictures should they see them.

Postmaster CAMPBELL further informed agent that a taxidriver told him that a person came to him on January 11 or 12, 1934, and asked him to drive him to the home of E. L. MURREY.

Agent interviewed this taxidriver, JOHN RIVALRY, and he stated that he remembered distinctly the person asking him to drive him to the home of E. L. MURREY but that he could not remember the description of the man except that he was 50 or 60 years of age; and he does not remember the answer made to the man seeking E. L. MURREY but was sure that he did not carry him to the home of MURREY because he has never known a person by the name of MURREY but he was unable to remember the answer given the man.

Agent made further investigation to determine the telephone numbers which have been called by the Patrick Novelty Company, owned by TOM FILBIN at White Bear Lake. It was ascertained that on December 8, 1933, and on November 25, 1933, the Patrick Novelty Company called No. 745-R-2 at White Bear Lake. Agent found this number to be that of R. T. ANDERSON, whose residence is on highway No. 1, Route 3, between White Bear Lake and St. Paul. ANDERSON operates a tavern and the neighbors stated that he was a reputable citizen. Agent was unable to find anyone at the tavern.

Telephone No. 267-M, which was called by the Patrick Novelty Company on November 25, 1933, on January 1, 1934, and two calls on January 15, 1934, was found to be the telephone of CARL J. PETERSON, who lives at 21 Shady Lane in White Bear. Agent was unable to find PETERSON himself but through his wife, on two occasions, she informed agent that PETERSON had formerly worked for the Patrick Novelty Company selling slot machines and that at the present time, he was out of work and was away looking for employment and was at home each night.

General inquiry around the town of White Bear revealed the fact that PETERSON is a life-long resident of White Bear but that his reputation is not especially good. However, he has never been known to be connected with any serious crime.

On December 8, 1933, the Patrick Novelty Company called No. 75, which was found to be the Lakeshore Inn in White Bear, managed by MR. A. BENNETT. MR. BENNETT informed agent that he had never transacted any business with the Patrick Novelty Company but that it was possible that some of his guests in the evening were called at that telephone number. However, MR. BENNETT stated that he did not know anyone by the name of E. V. DAVIS and E. L. MURREY; and on displaying the above mentioned pictures to him, he stated that none of them had frequented his place enough to be familiar to him.

On December 8, 1933, the Patrick Novelty Company called 744-J-1, which number is that of H. J. VINCENT, whose residence is situated on highway No. 1 between St. Paul and White Bear Lake and he operates a tavern in connection with his residence. Agent was unable to find VINCENT himself but talked to MRS. VINCENT, and she informed agent that they had crowds in their tavern on each evening and it was possible that someone had been called, of which she had no knowledge. However, she was not familiar with anyone by the name of MURREY or DAVIS, and stated that they did not have any connection with the Patrick Novelty Company.

On December 12, 1933, the Patrick Novelty Company called No. 503-R at White Bear Lake, which is the telephone number of WALTER W. PELTZ. MR. PELTZ lives on the opposite side of the lake from White Bear and has lived there only for approximately one year. However, the neighbors stated that he is a gentleman of excellent character, so far as they know, and further investigation revealed the fact that MR. PELTZ works in St. Paul for the H. Peltz Printing & Binding Company, which is situated at 129 East 9th Street, and he is a reputable citizen and has been in this business for some time.

At various times, the Patrick Novelty Company and also the Hollyhock Inn have called No. 10 at White Bear Lake, which is the telephone number of F. SWANSON. MR. SWANSON has been in the transfer business at White Bear Lake for some time and bears an excellent reputation in White Bear, and at the present time is a member of the police force at White Bear. However, he still operates his transfer company; and these calls were very likely in connection with transfer work which he was to do.

These were all the numbers at White Bear Lake referred to in the list prepared by Special Agent R. L. Halls.

S. L. FORTENBERRY,
Special Agent.

SLF:HVS
3 - Division
9 - St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR ESHER:

Re: BREKID
St. Paul File 7-30.

MR. and MRS. DITTENHOFFER, proprietors of the Grand Avenue Cafe, in the block next to the apartment house known as 628 Grand Avenue, were interviewed on March 9, 1934, and photographs of ALVIN KARPIS, VOLNEY DAVIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, and the BARKER brothers, were exhibited to them. Both of the DITTENHOFFERS recalled two young men of whom they were suspicious coming into the cafe on several occasions during the early summer of 1933. According to the DITTENHOFFERS, however, none of the photographs exhibited were likenesses of these parties. MR. DITTENHOFFER was quite certain that the two men, of whom he was suspicious, lived at 628 Grand Avenue; that they were sometimes accompanied by a young woman. They never appeared at the cafe subsequent to August 1, 1933. Apparently, the two men, mentioned by MR. DITTENHOFFER, were not parties who occupied the apartment at 628 Grand Avenue and vacated said apartment at the time of the BREKID kidnaping.

Very truly yours,

E. N. NOTESTEEN,
Special Agent.

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

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR ROEHM:

Re: BREKID
St. P. 7-30.

With reference to the memorandum of Special Agent O.C. Hall, dated January 19, 1934, in the above entitled case, wherein it is set out that E.C. BREMER, victim, employed one, FRANK KREJCI, 219 Pleasant Street, St. Paul, as a guard at his home when he was residing at 181 Woodlawn Avenue. The memorandum of Agent Hall suggests that KREJCI be interviewed.

Please be advised that this Agent interviewed FRANK KREJCI at his home, 219 Pleasant Avenue, and he advised that from November 1, 1932, to November 1, 1933, he was employed as a night watchman by Victim BREMER and other families residing in the vicinity of Woodlawn Avenue and Princeton Street; that it was his custom to go to this vicinity between 7:00 and 9:00 o'clock each evening and remain in the vicinity of these homes until daylight or shortly thereafter; that BREMER moved from 181 Woodlawn, November 1, 1933, and he has not been in his employ or in any way connected with him since that time and that during the period from November 1, 1932 to November 1, 1933 he did not see any suspicious automobiles or individuals in the vicinity of BREMER'S home. The photographs of the suspects in this case were exhibited to KREJCI who stated that none of these individuals are known to him and that he has not seen any of them in the vicinity of Woodlawn Avenue.

In the vicinity of 181 Woodlawn Avenue (Victim BREMER'S former home), Agent interviewed various home owners and maids but was unable to locate anyone who had seen any unknown individuals in this vicinity, nor anyone who possessed any information of value in connection with this case.

Respectfully submitted,
D. L. NICHOLSON,
Special Agent.

DLN:TD
3-Div.
9-St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

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

In conversation with WALTER W. MAGEE on Saturday, March 3, 1934, relative to FRANK THOMPSON'S allowing his account to be drawn on for a part of the ransom money, which was referred to this office by the Oklahoma City office, MR. MAGEE stated that he was positive that FRANK THOMPSON did not furnish any of the ransom money and that it was his information that the money which was not drawn from the account of MR. ADOLPH BREMER, was borrowed from the American National Bank by MR. ADOLPH BREMER.

S. L. FORTENBERRY,
Special Agent.

SLF:HVS

3 - Division

2 - St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

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

Agent contacted MRS. OLLIE HAMILTON relative to the conversation she had with JOHN MILLER about a trapper named MARTIN MINTZ seeing a black sedan going down a little-traveled road toward Half-Breed Lake shortly after the kidnaping of EDWARD GEORGE BREMER.

MR. MINTZ with MR. WILSON accompanied agent to the Half-Breed Lake. By traveling about 5 1/2 miles on the County road, which is unnamed, leaving Forest Lake and going around the right side of the lake, a fork is reached and the left-hand road leads to Canary Cottage. About 50 yards beyond this road, a road turns to the right, going to Half-Breed Lake. MARTIN MINTZ was out on this road about 500 yards from the County highway when the sedan carrying three passengers passed him and went on down the road toward Half-Breed Lake.

Agent went to the end of the road referred to by MINTZ and found that it went to a cottage which is owned by F. R. STILLMAN of St. Paul and another cottage nearby which is nailed up, owned by MR. BISHOP of St. Paul. The cottage of MR. STILLMAN had been broken into but there is no evidence of anyone having been there. MINTZ stated that the day he saw the car going down this road towards STILLMAN'S cottage, it stayed only about five minutes and came back out and struck the County highway but he does not know which way it turned after striking the County highway.

Agent made diligent search in the community of Half-Breed Lake but there is no indication of anyone having been in the territory recently.

S. L. FORTENBERRY,
Special Agent.

SLF:RHS
5 - Division
9 - St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

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

WILLIAM HAMM, JR., was interviewed at the Hamm Brewing Company on March 9, 1934, for the purpose of obtaining any additional information in his kidnaping which might assist in the present case. As was expected, MR. HAMM desired to know at the start of the inquiry whether it is now believed that the same parties were responsible for the kidnaping of MR. BREMER as were responsible for his own kidnaping. He was not so advised but it was indicated that such might be possible and that a check-up was desired for the purpose of determining what events and circumstances were similar. Agent was directly familiar with previous statements made by HAMM, having interviewed him subsequent to his own release from the kidnapers. MR. HAMM was very willing to discuss the matter.

He stated that he heard no siren or factory whistle or any similar noise while he was held captive. The church bell which he heard was heard only once and that was at 10:00 a.m., on the Sunday morning that he was in captivity and was not heard on Saturday or at any other time. It is noted that he was held only three days and, as he stated, he might not have noticed any particular noise characteristic of each week. He advised that he heard railroad trains, some of which seemed to be through trains. As to the shifting or switching of locomotives, he recalls hearing this at night only, stating possibly that at that time it seemed more pronounced or stood out and may have occurred during the day and he not have noticed it. He judged that the railroad tracks were about half a mile from the hideout. He does not recall hearing the trains stop and start as if at a station, nor does he recall any exhaust sounds made by locomotives when letting off steam, and he can not distinctly recall hearing any cars bumping together, which is usually the case when freight cars are being switched around. At no time did he hear any airplanes, as previously stated by him.

MR. HAMM stated that there was a small dog at the house in which he was held, all the time that he was there. This dog was there the first night. He would often hear it run upstairs and some of the men would kick it down stairs. He often heard it running around the house but it never barked. On the night when he was taken from this hideout for the purpose of returning him, this dog followed them all to the door. He does not remember hearing any other dog at the house or in the neighborhood.

As stated before by MR. HAMM, he heard children playing outside the house. This, he stated, was usually in the afternoon and he did not think that it was children on their way to or from school. It is noted that school would not be in session at the time MR. HAMM was held.

He further advised that as previously stated, he heard motor vehicles, buses, and trucks about a block or so from the hideout and they appeared to be on the main highway. Many of these seemed to be stopping for either a railroad or a stop sign as he recalled hearing air brakes applied on some of the vehicles.

From the room in which he was held, MR. HAMM stated, he could hear cars drive into the yard to this house as the driveway was right under the window of the room in which he was held. Usually, after hearing a car come up this driveway, he would hear someone in the house and often they would come upstairs to confer with each other.

One day, he remembers hearing a horse go by the house, that is, he could hear its feet on the paved or hard street.

The house, he believes, was a good-sized house and there were at least five rooms upstairs. He never heard any vacuum cleaner or electrical appliance of any kind being operated in the house. He did not hear any toilet being flushed downstairs and believes that the people came upstairs to the toilet, although he stated he might be mistaken and only the guard used the upstairs toilet.

There was a metal bed in the room, but no wall paper, the wall being plaster and kalsomined.

His meals were brought in and he does not believe they were cooked in the house. At no time did he hear any baby crying in the house. He noted no radiator in his room and the light was not extended by a drop cord but was fastened rigidly to the ceiling and the switch to the light was near the door.

The first night when he arrived at this hideout, some woman was there and let them in. This was the only time he saw her. He could not describe her face but noted that she was of medium size, not fat or stout and a medium thin build, what he would call "fashionable type".

As to the food which he was given, there were various kinds of meats, all of which he believed were prepared at a restaurant. He had fish to eat once and some of his captors advised that it was fresh pike which they had just caught. Never at any time did he have any cereal and he does not recall any cereal bowl; and the dishes, as he remembers, were all plain white dishes.

With reference to the guard, whom he described as being younger than the other parties and more pleasant, he stated that this guard had a long, low, deep laugh which was very noticeable. Also, with reference to the one believed to be the leader of the gang, he recalled that this man was sick to his stomach and vomited the night they arrived at the hideout and made the remark to MR. HAMM, "You would think I had been out on a drunk yesterday."

MR. HAMM recalled that there were visitors or callers downstairs in this house as he could hear them doing some talking but he could give no details as to these persons. One afternoon, however, while he was being held, a man came there and two of the kidnapers came into the room in which MR. HAMM was held and looked the door and remarked that they did not know whether that S-- o- B--- was all right or not and some remark was made that "He was sore as H---." MR. HAMM heard this party come upstairs and pass by his room and go into another room, evidently with the leader of the kidnap crew, and they talked about an hour. He could not overhear their conversation. He then came back to the door of the room where MR. HAMM was held and rapped on the door and someone said it was all right and the door was opened. This visitor or stranger made the remark, "So that's him, Joe (or Eddie)". MR. HAMM could not recall which name was used. The one spoken to said, "Yes, that's him." Nothing more was said and they both went downstairs.

MR. HAMM also stated during this interview that he recalls seeing numerous Conoco oil and gas signs along the highway.

He stated again that he was very positive of the Janesville-Beloit sign, but when seeing this sign, he thought he was going at a high rate of speed. They did not seem to slow up much when they passed it. He stated that he has since seen this sign at Orfordville, Wisconsin, and thinks this is the sign. He did not recall ever having seen the Janesville-Beloit sign three miles southwest of Brodhead, Wisconsin, where Wisconsin highways No. 20 and 14 divide.

He was questioned with reference to the two water towers which were seen at the time gasoline was purchased and he stated that these towers were to the east of where he was taken out of the car and he can not recall which one was father north or which one was plainer than the other. He still recalls seeing the sign believed to be Hampton and the shell sign in the same vicinity. He advised that he has never observed personally the point at Prairie du Sac and Sac City, Wisconsin, where two similar towers can be seen.

At the Touhy trial, MR. HAMM stated that on one occasion a picture was shown to him of a party who he said looked a great deal more like the elderly man who approached him than McPADDEN did. He thought the man whose photograph was shown to him was named BRARDON who was supposed to have been involved in other kidnappings.

R. T. WOODMAN,
Special Agent.

RTM:HVB
3 - Division
9 - St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 18, 1934.

MEMORANDUM;

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

Reference is made to report of Special Agent John E. Brennan dated 2-7-34 at St. Paul, page 69 and 70, wherein MISS MARGARET KOPKA, sister of GERTRUDE KOPKA, maid at the BREMER residence, was interviewed at her place of employment, 1577 Osceola Avenue, St. Paul, in an endeavor to secure an identification of the individual who on Thursday, February 1, 1934, about 11:15 p.m., approached her, walked in front of her, and brushed against her, having a flashlight in his hand. Without furnishing their names, the photographs of ALVIN KARPIS, VOLNEY DAVIS, ARTHUR R. BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL, and FRED BARKER were exhibited to her but she stated none of the above named individuals approached her on the evening in question.

Special Agent FORTENBERRY also exhibited the photographs of the above named individuals to GERTRUDE KOPKA at the BREMER residence, without disclosing their names. GERTRUDE KOPKA was also unable to identify the above named individuals as being a man she saw walking around the residence next door to the EDWARD G. BREMER home following the return of MR. and MRS. EDWARD G. BREMER from Chicago.

This is referred to on page 69 of report of Special Agent John E. Brennan, above referred to.

T. G. MELVIN,
Special Agent.

TGM:HVS
3 - Division
9 - St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota
March 18, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

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

In connection with the shooting of ROY McCORD, which occurred at approximately 1:20 a.m., the morning of Saturday, January 13, 1934, and which was thought to have been perpetrated by members of the Karpis-Barker mob, agent interviewed MR. ROY McCORD at his home, 11 Alice Court, St. Paul, Minnesota.

McCORD advised that on the evening of Friday, January 12, 1934, he was at the Municipal Airport where he was on duty as a radio operator, until 12:00 midnight; that during the evening, H. W. COWIN, a friend of his, who resides at 562 Holly Avenue, St. Paul, came to the airport to spend the evening with him, stating that his, COWIN'S wife had gone out for the evening. McCORD stated that approximately at 11:00 p.m., the night of January 12, 1934, COWIN received a telephone call from his wife advising that she had returned home and felt that she had been followed home by an unknown individual and requested that COWIN return home immediately; that immediately after receiving this call, COWIN left the airport for his home.

McCORD further stated that just before going off duty at 12:00 midnight, he received a telephone call from MRS. COWIN stating that her husband had left the apartment at about 11:30 and had not returned and requested that he come to the apartment as soon as possible. He stated that he, accompanied by ROBERT LUENING, 386 Stryker Avenue, who is also an airport employee, left the airport shortly after 12:00 midnight and proceeded to COWIN'S apartment at 562 Holly Avenue. When he arrived at the apartment, COWIN and his wife were there and MRS. COWIN related the incident of being followed home by an unknown individual whom she thought to have been prowling around the apartment building; that he, COWIN, and LUENING left COWIN'S apartment at approximately 12:30 a.m., to drive around the vicinity to see any suspicious characters that were loitering in the neighborhood; that they drove around the block several times, and not seeing anyone, drove into the alley back of COWIN'S apartment to put COWIN'S car into the garage; that they backed the car off the alley and decided to sit there for a few minutes to see whether anything would happen; that in about ten minutes, a car came through the alley, which appeared to have started about in the middle of the block, although McCORD stated that he did not hear any persons go through the alley nor the door of the car slam and that he did not notice the car until it was in front of them; that the car was being driven very slowly and appeared to be occupied by three individuals who he thinks were two men and a woman, although he did not get a look at them; that they decided to follow the car and after getting in back of it, he observed that it was a 1933 Ford Coupe bearing 1934 Minnesota license plates No. B75308; that the car proceeded at a slow rate of speed through the alley, crossed

Dale Avenue and continued through the alley to St. Albans Avenue where it turned sharply to the right and stopped; that COWIN, who was driving his car and following the Ford Coupe, also pulled to the right and stopped a little ahead of the Ford; that as soon as COWIN had stopped his car, the occupants of the Ford began to shoot with what he believes to be a submachine gun; that after numerous shots were fired and COWIN, in an effort to move from the rain of bullets, pulled his car into gear and crouching in the seat, drove blindly down St. Albans Avenue and stopped in a snow bank about a block away. During the shooting, he felt several bullets hit him in the back.

McCORD further advised that after COWIN'S car stopped in the snow bank, he got out of the front door and looking back, saw the Ford still standing on St. Albans Avenue about a block away and that a man was standing near the front of the car with what appeared to be a submachine gun in his hand. McCORD stated that he was about a block away and could not see any of the features of this individual although he appeared to be about 5 feet 7 inches in height and would weigh between 165 and 170 pounds. He was dressed in a dark overcoat and hat. He further advised that this individual then got back into the Ford Coupe and turned completely around on St. Albans, driving half a block and turned right on to Portland Avenue.

McCORD is unable to account for the shooting other than to state that he is of the opinion that the occupants of the Ford Coupe thought that COWIN'S car was a police squad car. He further stated that he was dressed in the Northwest Airways uniform, which consists of a blue suit and officer's cap, and that he also wore a leather jacket and that no doubt, the occupants of the Ford Coupe mistook him for a police officer.

McCORD also feels that the occupants of the Ford Coupe had no relation to the individual who MRS. COWIN thought had followed her home that evening and who was thought to have been prowling around the apartment house.

McCORD further stated that it is his opinion that a sawed-off shot gun was the first weapon fired, which was fired from the left window of the coupe, and that the machine gun was fired from the right window over the hood of the Ford.

The ballistic exhibits of the bullets, which were removed from McCORD'S body, and an exploded shell, have been obtained from the St. Paul Police Department and forwarded to the Kansas City Division office for comparison with the exhibits in the possession of that office and which have been obtained from the Kansas City massacre.

It is also to be noted, as set out in the report of Special Agent E. C. Coulter dated 2-24-34, that Minnesota license plates No. B-75038 were issued to E. L. MURPHY, Post Office Box 345, White Bear Lake, Minnesota, for 1933 Ford Coupe, motor No. 18-304794.

Agent interviewed ROBERT KUENING, 346 Stryker Avenue, who advised that on the night of January 12, 1934, and early morning of January 13, 1934, he accompanied MACOED to COWIN'S apartment and later went with them to cruise the vicinity of COWIN'S apartment. He stated that he was in the rear seat of COWIN'S 1933 Chevrolet Sedan but paid little attention to the happenings as he had just met COWIN and was not particularly interested in the prowlers who were thought to be around the apartment house in which COWIN resided. He stated that while parked in COWIN'S car in the alley, he did not see the car (which they later followed) approach and did not have knowledge of this car until it passed in front of them; that while COWIN was following this car, he paid no particular attention to it. He was unable to state the make of the car other than to say that it was a small coupe and that from his observation through the rear window, it appeared to contain three individuals although he was unable to say whether they were men or women. He stated that after COWIN had followed this car through the alley for a block and a half, the car turned right, on to St. Albans Avenue, and stopped; that COWIN stopped alongside of it and the occupants of the coupe immediately began to shoot; that as soon as he heard the shots being fired, he lay down in the back seat and had no further knowledge of what happened until the car stopped in the snow bank about a block away and that he did not see the coupe leave the scene of the shooting.

Agent ascertained that H. W. COWIN, is presently residing with his parents at 694 Rondo Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. At this address, agent interviewed COWIN'S mother, who stated that both her son and his wife were presently on a trip and were not expected to return to St. Paul until March 17, 1934. Both MR. and MRS. COWIN will be interviewed upon their return to St. Paul.

D. L. NICHOLSON,
Special Agent.

DLN:HVS
3 - Division
9 - St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREKID.
St. Paul file 7-39.

Reference is made to the letter from the New York City office dated March 1, 1934, wherein certain information is set out relative to one DAVE BERMAN who is presently confined in Sing Sing Prison. Particular reference is made to the list containing names and addresses of persons who have visited BERMAN at Sing Sing. Investigation has been conducted to ascertain the identity of the visitors who are unknown to the St. Paul Division office, these persons being SAM MORGAN, Euclid Hotel, St. Paul, who visited BERMAN on February 23, 1933; JACK STRAINS (apparently STRAUS), 352 Sibley Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, who visited BERMAN on March 8, 1933; HARRY BLOOM, 1616 Eleventh Avenue South, St. Paul, Minnesota, on April 14, 1933; and ABE BOSH, 430 Main Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, who visited BERMAN on May 28, 1933.

In connection with SAM MORGAN, inquiry of MR. JOHN TIERNEY of the St. Paul Police Department indicates that this individual has no criminal record with that department and is unknown to them. SAM MORGAN is not listed in the City or Telephone Directory.

At the Euclid Hotel, St. Paul, agent interviewed MR. CARL A. JOHNSON, proprietor, who advised that SAM MORGAN previously resided at this place and that he is a petty bootlegger and also engages in the sale of lottery and baseball pool tickets; that approximately two months ago, MORGAN was unable to pay his hotel bill and he was requested to leave, his trunk being retained as security for his rent. MR. JOHNSON advised that MORGAN'S present address is unknown to him, although he is still holding his trunk.

In connection with JACK STRAUS (reported as STRAINS), MR. JOHN TIERNEY of the St. Paul Police Department advised that this individual has no criminal record with that department and is unknown to them.

The City Directory indicates that 352 Sibley Street, St. Paul, is occupied by the Straus Knitting Mills Company, which is owned and operated by SAMUEL STRAUS. At this address, agent, without disclosing his identity, ascertained that JACK STRAUS is a brother of SAMUEL STRAUS and is employed as a road representative for the knitting mills, covering the entire United States, and that he spends a great deal of time in Chicago, Illinois, and the large eastern cities.

In connection with HARRY BLOOM, who visited DAVE BERMAN on April 14, 1933, and gave his address as 1617 Eleventh Street South, St. Paul, Minnesota, a search of the City Directory indicates that this is a fictitious address and that HARRY BLOOM is not listed in either the Telephone or City Directory.

At the Police Department, MR. TIERNY advised that HARRY BLOOM is an alias used by ISADORE KUMENFIELD alias KID CAN. In all probability, KID CAN is the individual who visited BERMAN on April 14, 1933, using the name of HARRY BLOOM. This fact is borne out by a visit to BERMAN by JACK PFEIFFER on the same day and no doubt at the same time. On PFEIFFER'S visit, he gave his correct name and address of 2056 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, which is a former address of his brother, MR. PFEIFFER.

In connection with ABE ROTH, who visited BERMAN on May 23, 1933, and gave as his address 450 Main Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, a search of the St. Paul City Directory indicates that this is a fictitious address and ABE ROTH is not listed in either the City or Telephone Directory.

At the St. Paul Police Department, MR. TIERNY advised that he has no record of ABE ROTH and that such an individual is unknown to him.

From the above, it would seem that both the name and the address as furnished by ABE ROTH to the Sing Sing Prison are fictitious.

D. L. NICHOLSON,
Special Agent.

DLN:HVS
3 - Division
9 - St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR ROBERT:

Re: BREKID
St. Paul-50.

Pursuant to your request, I have obtained a list of toll calls made by L.M. PEIFER from both his residence, 2195 Riverwood Place, St. Paul, and his office, 2056 1/2 Marshall Avenue, during the period beginning January 1, 1933, and ending September 20, 1934:

Business

L.M. PEIFER - 2056 1/2 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul, business address.

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>
Midway 6274(St. Paul)	Tracy, Minn.	159	1-17-33
Do	Do	Do	4-1-33
Do	Do	Do	4-14-34
Do	Litchfield, Minn.		
	(Litchfield Produce)	185	4-17-33
	Litchfield	228	4-19-33
Do	Litchfield	464 (Mrs. Henry Langren)	4-29-33
Do	Litchfield	195 (Art Peifer)	6-12-33
Do	Hutchinson, Minn.		
	(rd) (Dr. Lipman)		8-6-33
Do	Tracy, Minn.	159 (Dick Peiffer)	10-3-33

Covers period up to and including February 20, 1934.

L.M. PEIFER - 2056 1/2 Marshall Ave., business, since Aug. 1933; 2195 Riverwood Place, home. Residence telephone; Nestor 2359. Business telephone; Midway 6274.

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>
Nestor 2359(St. Paul)	Albert Lea, Minn.	4844 (Lonie Harud, res.)	1-1-33
Do	Do	7406	1-8-33
Albert Lea -7406	Nestor 2359 (St. Paul)		1-1-33
(Breaston)			
Nestor 2359(St. Paul)	Albert Lea	7406	4-1-33
Do	Tracy, Minn.	24 (Peifer)	4-14-33
Do	Tracy, Minn.	159	4-14-33
Do	Albert Lea, Minn.	7406	4-14-33

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>
Nestor 2359 (St. Paul)	Albert Lea, Minn.	7406	4-18-33
Do	Do	Do	4-22-33
Do	Do	Do	5-8-33
Do	Do	Do	5-10-33
Do	Do	Do	5-11-33
Do	Do	Do	5-15-33
Do	Tracy, Minn.	159	
		54	6-8-33
Do	Albert Lea, Minn.	7406	6-17-33
Do	White Bear, Minn.	489M	6-28-33
Do	Albert Lea, Minn.	7406	7-21-33
Do	Do	Do	7-22-33
Do	Do	Do	7-26-33
Do	Do	Do	7-27-33
Do	White Bear	489M	8-23-33
Do	Litchfield	Minor Motor Co.	9-18-33
Do	Albert Lea	7406	10-27-33
Do	Do		
	(Ray Jorgenson, res.)	7306	12-24-33
	(Shoreland Hghts.)		
Do	Tracy, Minn. [Peifer]	159	12-31-33

Covers period up to and including February 20, 1934.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. HALLIS, SPECIAL AGENT,

RLN:TC
3-Div.
9-St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota
March 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W.A. RORER:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
Kidnaping
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

Pursuant to your request I have checked long distance phone calls made from phones listed below:

- Phones 159 and 24, Tracy, Minnesota, residence and office of DICK PEIFER.
- Cedar 9009 and Cedar 9095, pay station phones, Euclid Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- Cedar 9023, pay station phone at VICK ALLEN's place, 421 St. Peter Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Telephone Company has no record of any long distance calls going from Cedar 2973 and 2974, Euclid Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota, during the period from December 20, 1933, to date.

The following lists were transcribed from the telephone company's records:

DICK PEIFER residence, Phone #159, Tracy, Minnesota. Period, November 18, 1933 to date.

Collect calls	to or from	date
from	Tel. #52 (Sweeley) Sanborn, Minn.	12-12-33
from	Tele. #527-R. (Fisher) Montevideo, Minn.	12-24-33
to	Milwaukee Depot, Montevideo, Minn.	12-24-33
to	West Brook - Tel. #94 (Cohn's store)	12-27-33
from	West Brook, Minn. - Tel. #94 (Cohn's store)	12-27-33
from	Storden, Minn. - Tel. #38 (Hunch Merc.)	12-27-33
to	St. Paul - Tel. # Garfield 3161 (Mrs. Zettle, 159 Summit Ave.)	3-4-34

DICK PEIFER business telephone #24, Tracy, Minnesota. Period, November 18, 1933 to date.

	to or from	date
from	Elkton Tel. #44	11-18-33
from	Storden, Minn. Tel. #32 (Hinch)	11-20-33

(DICK PEIFER business telephone #24, continued)

	to or from	date
from	Echo, Minnesota. Tele. #11 (Boarning Prod.)	11-20-53
from	Redwood Falls, Minn. Tele. #696 (Holznagel)	11-20-53
from	Cottonwood, Minn. Tele. #36 (Agre)	11-21-53
Wabasso, Minn.	Wabasso, Minn. Tel. #66 (B.J. Larson)	11-21-53
from	Redwood Falls, Minn. Tel. #696 (Holznagel)	11-21-53
to	Chicago, Ill. Tel. #Monroe 0081 (Hutchberger) (this name may be Hotechberger)	11-21-53
to	Wood Lake, Minn. (Jenson store)	11-21-53
to	Cottonwood. Agree station	11-21-53
to	West Brook. Tracy Prod.	11-21-53
to	Marshall. Tel. #2206 (Berg)	11-21-53
to	Pipestone. Armour & Co.	11-22-53
to	Granite Falls. Sunlight Produce	11-22-53
to	Walnut Grove. Peterson store.	11-22-53
to	Flandreau, S. D. Tel. #25 (Sells Prod)	11-22-53
to	Worthington. Tel. #106 (Creamery & Prod)	11-22-53
to	Lake Wilson. Mackiniah sta.	11-22-53
from	Flandreau, S. D. Tel. #25 (Sayles)	11-22-53
from	Storden, Minn. Tel. #32 (Hivich)	11-22-53
from	Slayton, Minn. Tel. #273 P.S. (Slaglow)	11-22-53
to	Walnut Grove. (Peterson store)	11-23-53
to	Lake Benton. (Tracy Co.)	11-23-53
from	Elkton, S. D. Tel. #44 (Johnson)	11-23-53
from	Flandreau, S. D. Tel. #25 (Taylor)	11-23-53
from	Echo, Minn. Tel. #11 (Home Prod)	11-23-53
from	Storden, Minn. #32 (Hinch)	11-23-53
from	Lake Wilson. #68 (Mackiniah)	11-24-53
from	Canby, Minn. #105 p.o. (Bennett)	11-24-53
from	Wabasso, Minn. #66 (B.J. Larson)	11-24-53
to	Arlington, S. D. #38 (Peifer-Rose Co.)	11-24-53
to	St. Paul, Minnesota. Emerson 2181	11-25-53
to	Sanborn. (Dritz store)	11-25-53
from	Flandreau, S. D. #25	11-25-53
from	Elkton, S. D. #44	11-25-53
from	Echo, Minn. #11 (Boarning)	11-27-53
from	Ivanhoe, Minn. #22 (Fitzgerald Prod.)	11-27-53
from	Elkton, S. D. #44	11-28-53
from	Springfield, Minn. #35 (Truck Driver)	11-28-53
from	Cottonwood, Minn. #36 (Agre)	11-28-53
from	Wabasso, Minn. O P O	11-28-53
to	Chicago, Ill. Monroe 0081 (Hutchberger)	11-28-53
to	Sanborn. (Dietz store)	11-28-53

(DICK PRIFER business telephone #24, continued)

	to or from	date
	Malton. (Larke Prod.)	11-28-53
to	Springfield #98	11-28-53
to	Marshall #2206 (Swift & Co.)	11-29-53
to	Milroy (Hanford Prod.)	11-29-53
to	Minneapolis Maine 5534 (Booth Cold Strg.)	11-29-53
to	Pipestone (Armour & Co.)	11-29-53
to	Sanborn #52	11-29-53
to	Milroy (Pomater Meat Mkt.)	11-29-53
from	Milroy #22	12-1-53
from	Gottonwood #36	12-1-53
from	Ivanhoe #22	12-1-53
from	Mahe #11 (Bornig Prod.)	12-1-53
from	Slayton #273 p.o.	12-1-53
to	Gottonwood. (Agree Sta.)	12-1-53
from	Elkton, S. D. #44 (Johnson)	12-4-53
from	Arlington, S. D. #38 (Rose)	12-4-53
from	Gottonwood, Minn. #36	12-4-53
from	Sanby #93 (Tracy Prod.)	12-4-53
to	Elkton, S. D. #44	12-4-53
to	Flandreau, S. D. #35	12-4-53
to	Litchfield (ART PRIFER)	12-6-53
from	Bigerton, Minn. #674 (Sasa)	12-6-53
to	Butterfield (Butterfield Prod.)	12-7-53
to	Slayton. Farmers Lbr. Co.	12-7-53
to	Springfield. #93	12-8-53
to	Watertown, S. D. #0183 (Geo. Wingert, N.A. Creamery)	12-8-53
to	Tyler. (Starck Prod.)	12-8-53
to	Slayton. (John Holden)	12-9-53
to	Milroy (Hillside Prod.)	12-9-53
to	Arlington, S. D. (Rose)	12-11-53
to	Marshall. #2206 (Berg)	12-11-53
to	Sanborn. #52	12-12-53
to	Walnut Grove. (Peterson store)	12-12-53
to	Springfield #35 (E. Sweely)	12-12-53
to	Lamberton. #64 (Duncan Prod.)	12-12-53
from	Storden, Minn. #32 (Hinch)	12-12-53
from	Sanborn, Minn. #24	12-13-53
to	Hanley Falls. (Johnson store)	12-13-53
to	Springfield. #93	12-13-53
to	Marshall. #2206 (Berg)	12-13-53
to	Chicago, Ill. Gard. 4000 (R.J. Coroden)	12-14-53
from	Chicago, Ill. Monroe 5633	12-14-53

(MIKE PEPPER business telephone #s, continued)

	to or from	date
	Chicago, Ill. Franklin 7784	12-14-53
to	Chicago, Ill. Gardner Bards. 4000 (R.J. Cowden)	12-16-53
to	Elkton, S.D. #44 (Johnson)	12-15-53
from	Arco, Minn. #17 (Pete Wassner)	12-16-53
from	Chicago, Ill. #Chicago 1564 (R.J. Cowden)	12-18-53
to	Milroy. (MIKE PROMTNER)	12-18-53
to	St. Paul. Midway 6274	12-19-53
to	Sleepy Eye, Minn. #7 (PEPPER)	12-19-53
from	Ruthon #41 (Tracy Co.)	12-22-53
to	Lake Wilson Mackinich Sta.	12-22-53
to	Springfield #95	12-22-53
to	Chicago, Ill. Monroe 0081 (Hutchberger)	12-23-53
to	Storden, Minn. #32 (Hinch)	1-2-54
from	Minneapolis, Minn. Co. 2140 (PEPPER)	1-2-54
from	Marshall #2206	1-6-54
to	Chicago, Ill. Bards. (or Gardner) 4000	1-6-54
to	Cottonwood, Minn. #36 (Agency)	1-13-54
from	Wood Lake, Minn. #55 (Jensen)	1-15-54
from	Echo, Minn. #11 (Borning)	1-16-54
from	Marshall #3122 (J. Weiner)	1-17-54
to	Canby. (Harry Bennett)	1-17-54
to	Tyler (Starek Prod.)	1-17-54
to	Lamberton #64	1-19-54
from	Lake Benton GPO (Priest)	1-19-54
from	Canby #105 P.O. (Bennett)	1-19-54
from	Slayton #129 (Silverburg Str.)	1-20-54
to	Wabasso GPO (Larson)	1-27-54
to	Marshall #6686 (Donally)	1-29-54
to	Walnut Grove #88 (Peterson)	1-30-54
to	Balaton (Larkie Sta.)	2- 3-54
to	Lamberton #64	2- 8-54
to	Lamberton #64 (#24 - Duncan)	2- 8-54
from	Sanborn, Minn. #52 (Truck Driver)	2-10-54
to	Sioux Falls 5500 (Dean Smithberg)	2-12-54
from	Lake Wilson, Minn. #88 (McInah)	2-15-54
from	Lake Benton, Minn. O.L.S.	2-15-54
to	St. Paul Ga 2266 (Bosel)	2-23-54
to	Walnut Grove #88 (Peterson)	2-24-54
to	Minneapolis. At. 2181, Room 227, (Harford)	2-27-54
to	Marshall #3122 (Julius Weiner)	2-27-54
to	Minneapolis, Br. 2151	2-27-54
to	Walnut Grove (Neil Peterson)	3-6-54

Pay station, Euclid Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota, Cedar 9009.

to	to or from Phone	Date
Mpls.	Du. 9795	12-24-33
"	Ch. 7817	1-1-34
"	Co. 1776	1-12-34
"	Co. 3230	1-15-34
"	Lo. 0418	1-26-34
"	At. 5144	1-25-34
"	Gr. 2245	1-26-34
"	Wa. 4875	2-5-34
"	Ch. 9000	2-6-34
"	Br. 4761	2-7-34
"	Ho. 5744	2-9-34
"	At. 5541	2-9-34
White Bear	412 - J.	2-9-34
Mpls.	Ma. 1122	2-13-34
"	Ma. 1122	2-14-34

Pay station, Euclid Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota, Cedar 9005.

to	Phone	Date
Mpls.	Ma. 2571	12-22-33
"	Br. 5457	12-22-33
Raymond, Minn.	5 (Hanna Store)	12-23-33
Pine City	76 (John Latens)	12-23-33
Mpls.	Br. 7081	12-24-33
Tyndall, S.D.	5241 (JACK FLEMING)	12-25-33
Mpls.	Co. 4781	12-26-33
Mpls.	Di. 0780	12-26-33
Chicago	Wabash 1710	12-27-33
Hastings	2615	12-28-33
Mpls.	Wa. 6732 (this may be Ma.)	12-28-33
Denver, Col.	Ma. 5447	12-29-33
Mpls.	Ho. 5833	12-29-33
Mpls.	Ma. 6732	12-30-33
Mpls.	At. 9609	12-30-33
"	At. 9609	12-30-33
"	Hy. 8825	12-30-33
"	Co. 2825	12-30-33
White Bear	412	12-30-33
Mpls.	Ma. 2947 (all these Ma. exchanges may be Ma.)	12-31-33
"	Ma. 2947	12-31-33
White Bear	412	12-31-33
Chicago	Diversey 5320	1-1-34
Mpls.	Co. 2825	1-1-34
"	At. 6068	1-1-34

Fay station, Euclid Hotel, St. Paul, Cedar 9895 (continued).

to	Phone	Date
Mpls.	Ke. 5755	1-2-34
"	Co. 7214	1-5-34
"	Co. 1780	1-5-34
"	Re. 5833	1-4-34
"	Dr. 6486	1-4-34
Telegram	Las Vegas MRS. HIRAGE (?)	
	ANDERSON, sender	1-5-34
Telegram	Milwaukee ANDY ANDERSON, sender	1-5-34
Mpls.	Lo. 8266	1-5-34
"	Ma. 4506	1-7-34
"	Co. 9825	1-7-34
"	Dr. 2718	1-9-34
"	Lo. 5584	1-10-34
"	Wa. 0591	1-10-34
"	Re. 5425	1-10-34
"	At. 3111	1-11-34
"	Co. 6392	1-12-34
"	At. 9577	1-12-34
"	At. 9895	1-13-34
"	Dr. 2440	1-14-34
"	Br. 5480	1-15-34
"	Br. 2251	1-15-34
Lake City, Minnesota, Wabasha County Leader		1-15-34
Mpls.	Co. 4651	1-15-34
"	Lo. 5556	1-20-34
Duluth	Ho. 7142 (Roosevelt Hotel)	1-19-34
Mpls.	Ma. 3923	1-18-34
"	Ma. 1806	1-18-34
"	Ma. 1806	1-18-34
"	Dr. 1953	1-17-34
"	Wa. 5004	1-16-34
"	Wa. 5400	1-16-34
Fargo, N.D.	2830 W. (MISS IMA JOHNSON)	1-24-34
Mankato	5066 (E. W. FOSTER)	1-25-34
Mason City, Ia. 499-1686 (JOE KELLY) Boyd Smoke Shop, Tavern		1-26-34
	Cafe....	1-26-34
Mpls.	Lo. 8285	1-28-34
Mpls.	Br. 4302	1-29-34
Superior	Br. 2575 P.O.	1-29-34
Mankato	4156 (SCHWENDELER & SON)	1-30-34
Superior	Br. 2575	1-30-34
Duluth	Ho. 849	1-30-34
Winona	5314 (Gen. Beverage Inc.)	1-30-34
Chicago	Wa. 1710 (Distilling Brewers Prod. Corp.)	2-9-34

Pay station, Euclid Hotel, St. Paul, Cedar 9895 (continued).

to	Phone	Date
Shell Lake,		
Wisconsin..	Pool Hall	2-11-54
Miami, Flor.	29386	2-13-54
La Crosse, Wa.	4558 R. French Island - A. ERICKSON	2-15-54
Winona	2388 (GRIBSEL BRO. GROC.)	2-15-54
Hastings	274	2-19-54
Des Moines	44845	2-19-54
Mpls.	Wa. 6732	1-24-54
"	Br. 2251	1-24-54
"	Ma. 2141	1-25-54
"	Co. 2797	1-26-54
"	Hy. 9621	1-26-54
"	Ma. 4284	1-26-54
"	Co. 7214	1-28-54
"	Ma. 4284	1-29-54
"	Ke. 6817	1-30-54
"	Br. 2251	1-30-54
"	Lo. 8677	1-30-54
"	Co. 9353	2- 2-54
"	Ma. 0661	2- 4-54
"	Dr. 7381	2- 8-54
"	Hy. 2803	2-10-54
"	Re. 7580	2-11-54
"	Ma. 2451	2-12-54
"	Ma. 6732	2-13-54
"	Hy. 9621	2-14-54
"	At. 4133	2-15-54
"	Br. 5480	2-18-54

Pay station, (VICK ALLEN) --VICK's place, 491 St. Peter Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, Cedar 9028.

to	Phone	Date
Mpls.	Hy. 1629	12-23-53
"	Lo. 6945	12-23-53
"	Hy. 2831	12-24-54
"	Co. 1034	12-24-54
"	Co. 5114	12-26-54
Superior	Broad 4524	1- 1-54
Mpls.	At. 5232	1- 2-54
"	Co. 2785	1- 2-54
Superior	Broad 4524 po.	1- 2-54
Mpls.	Ch. 2182	1- 5-54
"	Wa. 1907	1- 7-54

Pay station, VICK's place, 491 St. Peter, St. Paul. Cedar 9028/

to	Phone	Date
Mpls.	Ch. 2182	1-10-34
"	Hy. 5511	1-10-34
"	Lo. 9948	1-11-34
"	At. 9934	1-12-34
"	Ma. 8986	2-9-34
"	Hy. 8349	2-10-34
"	Gl. (or No.) 1511	2-11-34
"	At. 8131	2-11-34
"	Ch. 2182	2-12-34
"	Ch. 2182	2-13-34
"	Ge. 7863	2-18-34
"	Ch. 2182	2-19-34
"	Ch. 2182	2-19-34
"	Ch. 2182	2-19-34
"	Ke. 8733	2-20-34
"	Ge. 2001	2-20-34
"	Hy. 3000	1-26-34
"	Ch. 2182	1-27-34
"	Ge. 5446	1-29-34
"	Ge. 8967	1-29-34
"	Wa. 3595	1-30-34
"	At. 8440	1-31-34
"	Lo. 8122	1-31-34
"	Lo. 9948	2-3-34
"	Ch. 2182	2-5-34
"	Ge. 7414	1-23-34
"	Ge. 8967	1-24-34
"	Ma. 2589	1-26-34
Chicago	Lincoln 0067	2-12-34
Sioux City	81995 (CHARLEY FORD's Buffet)	1-21-34
Mpls.	Ma. 8838	2-2-34
Telegram to Chicago, sent by H. SCHEINIZ		2-2-34
Kansas City	Hyland (or Highland) 9567 (CACY's residence, 7914 Michigan Ave.)	2-10-34

Very truly yours,

R. L. HALLS,
Special Agent.

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9 - St. Paul

March 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

I interviewed the druggist at 2056 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul. L.M. PIEFER, brother of Jack Piefer, has his dental offices in this building. The druggist informed me that L.M. PIEFER has a very good dental practice; that he is very attentive to his business and bears a very good reputation in the community; that he has no one to assist him in his work and to the best of his knowledge appears regularly at his office. Inasmuch as the druggist seemed to sense there might be something wrong about L.M. PIEFER, I deemed it inadvisable to question him further about this individual and switched my conversation to other subjects.

DR. HORACE C. LABISSONIERE, dentist, who has his offices at 50 Prior Avenue South, St. Paul, Minnesota, upon being contacted advised that he graduated in 1924 from the Dental School of the University of Minnesota in the same class with DR. L.M. PIEFER; that DR. PIEFER began practice in September, 1924, at Cleveland and Marshal Avenues, St. Paul, and has been there ever since; that he has always known DR. PIEFER to be upright all the way through and a darn swell fellow; that he is a member of the Midway Dental Club, State Dental Association and the American Dental Association; that DR. PIEFER is well liked by other dentists and professional men in the community and followed his profession very closely up to the time of an accident he had a year or more ago when his automobile went down an embankment on River Boulevard; that while recuperating from the accident DR. PIEFER had a young Jewish fellow carry on his practice for him but after recovery immediately took up his dental work again and probably has done a good business, at least as good as any of the other dentists in the locality. Dr. La Bissioniere in the past has heard rumors to the effect that DR. PIEFER has sold alcohol to the University boys but he discounts this rumor as ideal gossip.

One of the automobiles which visited 1290 and 1299 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, and was observed by MR. FRANK J. PARNELL, was a Chevrolet Sedan, bearing 1933 Minnesota license plates B362-222. Records of the State Auto Bureau show that these plates were issued to MRS. JOHN TINDELL, 15 Wilkin Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, for a 1926 Chrysler Sedan. I interviewed MR. J. ALLSHOUSE at 15 Wilkin Street who informed me that JOHN TINDELL and his wife formerly resided at this address but moved away about two years ago stating at the time that they were going to some point in Wisconsin; that the TINDELLS had a 1926 Chrysler Sedan but to his knowledge they never had a Chevrolet. The post office at St. Paul has no forwarding address on file for Mr. and Mrs. JOHN TINDELL.

I exhibited photographs of BOBBIE MOORE and VIVIAN MATHEWS to Mr. and Mrs. FRANK PARNELL, 1299 Grand Avenue, St. Paul. After examining the photographs very carefully, both Mr. and Mrs. PARNELL stated that the photograph of VIVIAN MATHEWS bears a very striking resemblance to the woman, who was accompanied by a young girl whom they saw coming from Apartment 106, 1290 Grand Avenue, which apartment was rented to C.E. MOORE in February, 1933.

R.L. Walls, Special Agent.

3-12-34

MEMORANDUM:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent J.T. Hartin, dated 3-7-34, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, wherein reference is made to certain long distance telephone calls made by Frank B. Thompson, during the period January 14, 1934, to February 4, 1934, to pay stations at St. Paul, Minnesota, from the Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The telephone numbers called, supposedly pay stations, were Nestor 7811; Midway 4658; Nestor 3915; Emerson 2456; Midway 1001; Midway 5028; Midway 5628; Midway 8989.

Mr. George Walen, assistant commercial manager, Telephone Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, informed me that none of the above telephone numbers were assigned to pay stations and supplied me with the following information:

<u>Phone No.</u>	<u>Subscriber</u>	<u>Address</u>
Nestor 7811	State Highway Department	1828 University Ave.
Midway 4658	A.J. Jennings	1575 Summit Ave.
Nestor 3915	F.B. Thompson	1825 N. Snelling Ave.
Emerson 2456	Dr. LaPack	2183 Fairmont Ave.
Midway 1001	H.W. Elsberg (Highway Commissioner)	1559 Summit Ave.
Midway 5028	Mrs. H.D. Colgate	1924 Terrace Park
Midway 5628	I.A. Shaughnessy (Globe Refining Co.)	1705 Summit Ave.
Midway 8989	Dr. Goitz	2259 Summit Ave.

Respectfully submitted,

R.L. Nalls, Special Agent.

MEMORANDUM:

3-8-34

With further reference to report of Special Agent O.G. Hall, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, 3-10-34, page 35 thereof, the records of the office of the Adjutant General, State of Minnesota, State Capitol Building, do not disclose that DR. L.M. Peifer is now, or was ever, enlisted in the State Militia, Officers' Reserve Corps, or regular service of the Army or Navy.

Respectfully submitted,

R.L. Nalls, Special Agent.

MEMORANDUM:

LEROY M. PELFER, D.D.S., was born at Litchfield, Minnesota, August 19, 1901, and graduated from high school in June, 1919, and entered the University of Minnesota, College of Dentistry, in October, 1919, graduating in 1924 with a D.D.S. Degree. While at the University of Minnesota, he filed a petition to substitute gymnasium for military drill due to physical disability, which was granted. Should he have had any military training in the regular or national army, due credit would have been allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Brennan, Special Agent.

Special Agent J. E. Brennan conducted the following investigation in the Twin Cities regarding the purchase of 1933 Buick automobiles:

At Swanberg and Scheefe, 14 University Avenue, North, Minneapolis, Mr. E. RAY SCHEFFE stated that there have been no sales of '33 model sedans by his company since November of 1933.

MR. ART WRIGHT, sales manager of the W. R. STEPHENS COMPANY, largest Buick dealers in the Twin Cities, furnished a list of sales of '33 model sedans sold as used cars during the past three months, as follows:

J. E. Ekstromer, 2708 Irving Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minnesota;
33-57. (Directory lists as: Employ, Bell Telephone Co.)

W. T. Hickey, 1805 W. Lake, Minneapolis, Minnesota;
Model 33-57. (Directory lists as salesman for Columbia Pictures, Inc.)

P. W. Rauon, 113 E. 26th Street, 33-57;
(Directory lists as Despatch Laundry).

Joseph W. Farr, 3219 Lyndale Ave. So., 33-57;
(Directory lists: Salesman, Wells-Dickey Co.)

A. R. Johnson, 5328 Hampshire Dr. - 33-57;
(Directory lists: Chief Examiner).

O. R. Jaack, 5845-11th Ave. So.; 33-57.

At the St. Paul Motor Company, Buick Dealers, St. Paul, the following list of purchasers, during this period, was secured:

G.S. Tracy, 141 East 5th Street, 35-37;
(Directory lists: Press, Perkins Tracy Printing Co.)

L.E. Adair, 1432 Scheffer, 35-37;
(Salesman, Globe Oil Co.)

Dr. F.A. Bowman, 719 Hamline Street, 35-37;
(Directory: Dentist)

Respectfully submitted,

J.E. Brennan, Special Agent.

PENDING.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

March 14, 1934.

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

x 7, 2/21/34

Dear Sir:

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

In reply to the Division's letter of March 9, 1934,
regarding CHARLES J. FITZGERALD, St. Paul file No. 26-2328, please
be advised that the records of the United States Marshal show
Charles Fitzgerald alias John Hammond to have been in jail in St.
Paul continuously from October 27, 1933, up to the time he was
received at the Leavenworth Penitentiary on February 10, 1934.
The reason he was in jail is that he could not furnish the \$5,000
bond set in his case.

*See report as no positive
identification. Any further
further data P.M.S.*

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer
W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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1900 Bankers Bldg,
Chicago, Illinois
March 7, 1934

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the Kansas City massacre case, and to the Bremer kidnaping case, please be advised that it is my opinion that it is highly desirable that the telephone of Frank Hayes, who operates the Hayes Hotel in Chicago, be placed under surveillance. It is believed that this surveillance should be maintained for some period of time, inasmuch as Frank Hayes is doubtlessly a contact for most gangsters of this type, in this section, and undoubtedly his home telephone, on incoming calls, would disclose valuable information. He has no telephone in the hotel, which is a very undesirable hotel of the cheapest kind.

As I stated to Mr. Cowley today, it is not legal in the State of Illinois to tap telephone wires, although, for your information, testimony of information gained by tapping wires, was recently admitted as evidence in a State Court in a case being tried in Chicago, such argument was had over this point, but the judge finally admitted the evidence.

In the event you believe it desirable that this wire, and others in Chicago be placed under surveillance, it is suggested that Special Agent Nichols be directed to proceed here for this purpose. The services of at least two special agents are required in covering a telephone tap, which should be covered continuously at all times.

For your information, sometime ago Chief of Police William O. Freeman of the City of Evanston, Illinois called me, and offered the services of two of his men whom he claimed, were expert wire men. He stated that if I desired their services at

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any time he would be very pleased to turn them over to me entirely. I know nothing concerning these individuals, and my judgment is that the Division should not exert their services in this connection. It is my belief that the matter should be handled entirely by Division employees.

It will be appreciated if you will advise me concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PULVIL,
Special Agent in Charge

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March 14, 1934.

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MAR 20 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 7, 1934,
requesting authority to place a wire tap on the telephone of Frank
Hayes, a contact for certain members of the underworld. This tap
has previously been authorized by the Division.

It is requested, however, that you advise the Division at
least twice a week of the results obtained through this action and
immediately upon the receipt of any information of value.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

March 15, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Fay called from New York. He advised that he was at the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company and inquired as to the period for which the St. Paul office desired to review telegrams in the Bremer case. He was told that it was thought that the period January 15, 1934 to February 7, 1934, would be sufficient. Mr. Fay stated that he would call back later and advise as to the result of his conference.

State is ... Bremer

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

Detroit FILE NO. 7-25

REPORT MADE AT: DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/16/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/3, 12/34	REPORT MADE BY: W. S. MEEKINS
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Lincoln Brass Works, 2069 12th Street, Detroit, Michigan, manufacturer of brass fittings for Johnson's Super Heater, a gasoline saving device sold by Walter Grady Johnson. Johnson known to them since 1925 as happy-go-luck, spendthrift individual with no permanent address and owner of two Packard Sedans. They give him good reputation as far as their relations are concerned, advising that he pays his debts in full, sometimes slowly. Last heard of March 5, 1934, care of LeClair Hotel, Moline, Illinois.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Bliss Morton, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 2-28-34.			
DETAILS: A check of the latest editions of the Detroit Telephone and City Directories failed to disclose a listing for Walter G. Johnson, Johnson Super Heater or the Walter Grady Johnson Manufacturing Company. Miss Julia Miller, Chief Clerk, Post Office Inspector, Detroit, Michigan, informed by telephone, after a check of her records, that she had no postal record of similar names and that the carrier covering 2069 12th Street was instructed to make appropriate inquiries concerning the identity and whereabouts of Walter Grady Johnson but without results. He stated that several pieces of mail for Walter Johnson had been delivered to that address but had been returned unclaimed. Miss Mary Norman, Chief File Clerk, Better Business Bureau, Detroit, was interviewed by telephone and she informed that her records disclose that Walter Grady Johnson was reported to be the manufacturer of Johnson's Super Heater and had given as a reference in August, 1932, the Lincoln Brass Works, Detroit, Michigan.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1277	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 19 1934
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2069 12th Street, which, in turn, was a reliable small manufacturing concern of brass fittings.

E. H. Mueller, General Manager and President, Lincoln Brass Works, 2069 12th Street, Detroit, Michigan, was interviewed and he readily informed, without hesitation, that he first met Walter Grady Johnson in April, 1925, when that individual came to the Lincoln Brass Works to make arrangements for the manufacture by them of small brass fittings for him, to be used on his Johnson Super Heater, a gasoline saving device for automobiles, which Johnson endeavored to place on the market for sale to varied truck operators, he not being given to selling to individuals or parking lots.

That thereafter their relations were more frequent and to date have proven entirely satisfactory. That Johnson is a reckless sort of an individual, flush with money today and busted tomorrow and maintains no permanent residence or address and that they hear from him at infrequent intervals, first in the east and next in the west. That he has called at their place of business several times since April, 1925, and that they have observed him to be a man of about 55 or 65 years of age, five feet ten inches in height, weighing 275 pounds, brown eyes, gray hair with bald top, a good personality and well met, thought to be a widower and the owner of two Packard Sedans and, when first met, these cars bore California license plates, at which time he stated that he was originally from the State of California.

That it is his recollection that Johnson had written the company some few months ago when they were seeking to collect for shipments of brass fittings, that he was temporarily financially embarrassed and that one of his cars had been stolen and it was also his recollection that this letter was addressed from some place in the State of New York.

That Johnson was last heard of on March 6, 1934, when they shipped to him by letter of instructions a shipment of approximately \$150.00 worth of brass fittings to the LeClaire Hotel, Moline, Illinois. That since they met Johnson in 1925, the books disclose that they have made shipments totalling \$4546.50 to that individual, which account now stands paid in full, although at times Johnson has been slow in the payment of his accounts.

That several months ago he received a letter from Johnson informing the company that he desired to use the address of 2069 12th Street, Detroit, Michigan, as his permanent address inasmuch as he was a transient and was having considerable difficulty in having outsiders contact him. That this permission was granted to him for a period of three months and to date no inquiries of any unusual nature have been received concerning Johnson.

That Johnson is a big hearted, well met man and frequently is known to go on drinking sprees, at which times he is very liberal with his money and, for the most part, seems attached to Elk and Masonic Club rooms.

In conclusion, Mr. Mueller informed that he did not think that Johnson would become involved in the instant matter and, when Mr. Mueller was exhibited a group photograph of Davis, Barker, Karpis and others, he informed, after studying the same, that he had never seen any of these individuals and is positive that he never saw them associating with Walter Grady Johnson nor did he, Johnson, make any reference to those individuals.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minnesota

FILE NO. 7-82

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-15-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2-27-34 3-10-34	REPORT MADE BY: E. R. MOUTRIE
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation made in various towns in Illinois and Wisconsin in effort to identify the purchaser of the shirt, underwear and any of stationery used in this case. Results negative.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W.C. Jamison, Chicago, Illinois, dated 2-22-34.			
DETAILS: Investigation has been made in many towns in Illinois and Wisconsin where the type of underwear and shirt in question are sold in an effort to identify one of the suspects, or persons associated with them, as the purchaser of the underwear, shirt, or stationery on which the ransom notes were written. Results have been negative thus far. Information secured is being set out in the form of memoranda by each investigating agent.			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. H. Quinn</i> Special Agent in Charge		9-576-1278	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 18 1934
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UNDERWEAR

Special Agent J. R. Welles conducted an investigation in the cities and stores listed below in an endeavor to trace the sale of the suit of underwear manufactured and distributed exclusively by the Carson Marie Spett & Company of Chicago, Illinois, which underwear bears the label "Life Size Underwear Satisfies."

CITY

Oshkosh, Wisconsin
Neenah, Wisconsin
Menasha, Wisconsin
New London, Wisconsin

STORE

M. Zimmerman
Harman H. Krause
Bevers & Schmalz
Christys

AT OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN - 2/27/34.

Inquiry at the store of Mr. M. Zimmerman was made concerning the above mentioned underwear and the pictures of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell, Bernard Philips and Mrs. Katherine Barker, were displayed as well as pictures of the underwear worn by Victim. Mr. Zimmerman had some underwear of the exact type worn by Victim left over from last year, and this underwear apparently bore the same size label on the neck as that worn by Victim. He stated that about Christmas time he put this underwear on sale at \$1.25, and subsequently reduced the price to \$1.00. He said that the picture of Fred Barker looked familiar, but numerous questions by Agent failed to help Mr. Zimmerman in making any identification of value on this picture. Mr. Zimmerman kept going through the pictures and looking at them, and at first identified only Fred Barker as mentioned above. Subsequently he said that the picture of Bernard Philips looked familiar, and he then told Agent that he was pretty sure Philips was in his store around the first of the year and bought two suits of this underwear. He said that Philips, when he came into the store, looked like a person who would buy more expensive underwear, and he was very surprised when this brand was chosen. Mr. Zimmerman is Jewish and said that he was going to ask Philips if he were not Jewish, but did not do so. This person was in the store about ten minutes, and Mr. Zimmerman said he was very easily satisfied, and immediately took the two suits of "Life Size" underwear without a very thorough inspection of them. This person came into the store late in the afternoon and was wearing average clothes. Mr. Zimmerman asked him where he was from, and he thinks the man said "from the East", and believes he mentioned the town of Akron, Ohio. Agent went over the possibilities of getting a description and more facts concerning the purchase of underwear very thoroughly with Mr. Zimmerman in an endeavor to get something more definite, but was unable to get more than the above details.

After talking with Mr. Zimmerman Agent showed the same pictures to Edward Miller, a clerk in the store, who said that he saw practically every customer who came in this place, as he was on the floor all the time while Mr. Zimmerman was away a good deal. Mr. Miller was not able to identify any of the suspects.

Miss Cooney, the cashier of this store, whose cashier's cage is near the center, and who handles all sales tickets and cash, was unable to identify any of the pictures as persons who had been in the store.

It was learned that Harold Turner, now working at the Richman's Clothing Store, was a former salesman in the Zimmerman store, and was working there during the period from January 1 to February 15, 1934. Mr. Turner, according to Mr. Zimmerman, was the number one man in his store up until he resigned and a very capable salesman. It was Mr. Zimmerman's opinion that if Bernard Philips had been in his store, Mr. Turner would recognize his picture.

Agent displayed all of the above mentioned pictures to Harold Turner, and he was of the opinion that he had seen someone resembling both Philips and Campbell, but he was very positive that it was not a person who had been a customer in the Zimmerman store. He was unable to state where he had seen persons resembling Philips and Campbell, but said he believed there was some man in Oshkosh who resembled Philips.

In order to determine the possibility of Mr. Zimmerman being mistaken in his identification of Philips, Edward Miller, Miss Cooney and Mr. Turner were interviewed in the absence of Mr. Zimmerman. Each of these three people were of the opinion that Mr. Zimmerman had more than an ordinary sense of imagination, and that as he had not at first recognized any of the suspects, it was entirely possible that after having seen these pictures several times that they would gradually grow upon him until he actually began to believe that he had seen the individuals that they represented. Each of these persons felt that little credence should be given Mr. Zimmerman's identification of Philips.

AT NEENAH, WISCONSIN - 2/27/34.

Mr. Herman H. Krause was very positive that he had not had in his store any of the underwear similar to that worn by Victim since before January 1, 1934. The pictures of all suspects were

shown him and he was unable to identify any of them.

AT MENASHA, WISCONSIN - 3/1/34.

At the clothes shop operated by Bevers and Schmalz, Mr. Schmalz stated that the picture of Fred Barker looked familiar to him, but he could not tie the picture in with any purchase and seemed to think that the face of Barker resembled that of someone whom he knew in the neighborhood. He said that he does not believe that any gray underwear, such as worn by Victim, was in their store after the holidays. They had ordered underwear similar to this but instead of the gray-colored underwear were shipped tan-colored underwear, and were carrying this in stock at the present time.

Mr. Bevers, after looking at the pictures for some time, said that Philips and Campbell both looked familiar, but subsequent questions failed to bring out anything definite from him.

NEW LONDON, WISCONSIN - 2/28/34.

At Christys the first person interviewed was Mr. Viel. He ascertained that they are now carrying underwear similar to that worn by Victim, but could not remember selling any of it to anyone resembling any of the suspects. Mr. Viel thought that Campbell looked like one of two suspicious persons who came into their store and bought a suit and overcoat. The person accompanying the man who looked like Campbell did purchase a suit and overcoat. He was a small person and had wrinkles drawing away from his mouth, sandy hair, was about 5'6" tall, and weighed about 140 lbs. This person, Mr. Viel, said, resembled none of the suspects. He purchased a royal blue Smithson suit and a navy blue Melton overcoat. He had a large roll of old \$1.00 bills which he used to pay for the purchase. Agent questioned Mr. Viel very thoroughly in an endeavor to get a description of the person resembling Campbell. The description given by Mr. Viel was that he, at least 5'10" tall, weighed about 155 or 160 lbs. He stated that this was all the description he could give as he had paid little attention to the person resembling Campbell.

Mr. Pieper and Mr. Polkin, the only other clerks in this store, were unable to remember the sale of any underwear to persons resembling any of the suspects. The suspects, whose pictures were displayed in all instances as above stated, were Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell, Bernard Philips and Mrs. Katherine Barker.

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UNDERWEAR

Special Agent Charles Jenkins on February 27, 1934, conducted the following investigation with reference to the underwear at

BROOKFIELD, ILLINOIS (Emil Hermanek).

Agent Jenkins visited the general store of Emil Hermanek, Brookfield, Illinois, where it was ascertained that Mr. Hermanek was in Chicago and would not return until evening.

Mrs. Emil Hermanek, wife of the proprietor, stated that she sells merchandise at this store during the entire day. She was shown the picture of the instant underwear and advised that the identical brand was handled in her store. She showed Agent a suit of this underwear, which bore a label reading:

LIFE SIZED
UNDERWEAR
SATISFIES

She stated that this brand of underwear did not sell very rapidly and that she did not recall the name, address or appearance of any person who had purchased any of the said underwear. Mrs. Hermanek was confident that there had been no sale of this underwear during the months of January and February, 1934.

Mary Verlek, a clerk in the store, was also interviewed. She advised Agent Jenkins that she had no information regarding the purchaser of the said underwear. This store is operated on a cash basis.

Photographs of the suspects in this case were exhibited to Mrs. Hermanek and Miss Verlek, but neither recalled ever having seen any of the said suspects.

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UNDERWEAR - SHIRTS - SOCKS
STATIONERY

Investigation was conducted by Special Agent Arthur McLawhon in the following towns concerning the underwear, shirts, stationery and socks, from February 27 to March 16, 1934.

Kaukauna, Wisconsin.
De Pere, Wisconsin.
Green Bay, Wisconsin.
Grafton, Wisconsin.
Port Washington, Wisconsin.
West Bend, Wisconsin.
Manitowoc, Wisconsin.
Two Rivers, Wisconsin.
Denmark, Wisconsin.
Ellison Bay, Wisconsin.
Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

AT DE PERE, WISCONSIN.

Agent interviewed the manager and two clerks of the Carl W. Jansen Drug Store, formerly H. C. Wheeler, who deals in Eaton stationery. None of the above could identify the pictures exhibited to them, stating that they had sold very little Eaton stationery during the past two or three months and that they could almost remember the names of everyone to whom they had sold the paper.

AT GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN.

Agent exhibited the photographs of the suspects in this case at Schains, where they were seen by Mr. and Mrs. Schains, the only two clerks in the store. They failed to recognize any of the men as ever having been in their store. They deal in the LIFE SIZE underwear obtained from Carson Pirie Scott & Co., Chicago. From Schains agent ascertained that Carl Asman & Son, who was also listed as being a dealer in the underwear has been out of business for a period of about a year, Asman being the father-in-law of Schains.

At Homer Maes, which is the correct firm name, rather than Homer Brothers, as listed, agent exhibited the photos of the suspects in this case to Mr. Maes and two of his clerks, who were unable to identify them as anyone who has ever been in their store. They deal in the Arrow brand shirts, such as is identical to the one which was used in this case.

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AT DENMARK, WISCONSIN.

Agent exhibited the photographs of the suspects to Sam Cherin, who deals in underwear. Neither he nor any of his four clerks were able to identify the photographs as being anyone who had ever been in their store.

AT TWO RIVERS, WISCONSIN.

Agent exhibited photographs to J. K. Stephany and four clerks in his drug store, which deals in Eaton brand stationery. None of them could identify the pictures as being anyone who had ever been in the store. They stated they had only made one sale of Eaton brand stationery since January 1st.

Photographs were also exhibited to Mr. J. V. Galecki and his father, who are the only clerks in his clothing store, which deals in the LIFE SIZE underwear. Both of these men were unable to identify the photographs, both stating that they were positive no such persons had been in their store and made a purchase of any kind.

AT MANITOWOC, WISCONSIN.

Agent exhibited photographs of the suspects to the Manager and Clerk of I. Bigal & Sons, who deal in Eaton brand stationery. None of them were able to identify the photographs. Agent exhibited the photographs to Henry Heinrich and a clerk in the store, who could not identify the photographs, stating that they had made no sales of Eaton brand stationery in recent months to anyone except a few of the neighbors whom they both knew.

AT WEST BEND, WISCONSIN.

Agent exhibited the photographs at the drug store of R. W. Bolt Company, Inc., where he interviewed both Mr. Bolt, his partner, and one clerk. None of these men could identify the pictures as being any person who had ever been in their store.

AT FORT WASHINGTON, WISCONSIN.

Agent exhibited the photographs to C. E. Hoffman and a clerk in Hoffman's Drug Store which deals in Eaton brand stationery. Neither of these men could identify the pictures and stated further that they had made no sale of Eaton brand stationery since January 1st.

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AT GRAFTON, WISCONSIN.

Agent exhibited photographs to B. F. Harms and his daughter who are the only clerks in the Harms General Merchandise and Grocery Store. They deal in the LIFE SIZE underwear purchased from Carson, Pirie Scott & Company in Chicago, but neither of these persons could identify the pictures as being men who had ever been in their store.

AT KAUKAUNA, WISCONSIN.

Agent exhibited photographs to S. J. Berens and one clerk, who stated that though they dealt in the LIFE SIZE underwear they had neither of them sold any of this underwear to travelers, and they were unable to identify the pictures as being anyone who had ever been in their store.

AT CHILTON, WISCONSIN.

Agent exhibited pictures to Joe Kahn and his wife and four clerks who run a general merchandise store known as the Farmers Exchange and who deal in LIFE SIZE underwear. None of these people could identify the pictures of the suspects in this case.

AT STURGEON BAY, WISCONSIN.

Agent exhibited photographs of the suspects at Bassett's Drug Store, to Mr. Bassett and to three of the clerks. This store deals in Eaton brand stationery. None of the clerks were able to identify the pictures as being anyone who had ever been in that store.

AT ELLISON BAY, WISCONSIN.

Agent exhibited photographs to Charles Ruchert and one clerk in his store which deals in LIFE SIZE underwear. Neither were able to identify the pictures as being anyone who had ever been in that store.

None of the above mentioned stores were found by Agent McLawhon to be handling the sock in question.

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UNDERWEAR

Special Agent W.C. Jamison conducted an investigation on 2-23-34 at the cities and stores listed below in an endeavor to trace sale of a suit of underwear manufactured and distributed exclusively by the Carson Pirie Scott & Company of Chicago, Illinois, which bears the label "Life Size Underwear Satisfies".

<u>CITY</u>	<u>STORE</u>
Calumet City, Illinois	S. Alpert
Lansing, Illinois	F. Lanting
Homewood, Illinois	Home Dry Goods
South Holland, Illinois	A. Bardwick
Orland Park, Illinois	Loebe Brothers
Lyons, Illinois	A. Marchnich
Frankfort, Illinois	Harry Dalchowski
Joliet, Illinois	R. Grossman
Joliet, Illinois	Joseph Lewis & Sons
Joliet, Illinois	The White Front Store
Morris, Illinois	A. Skluts
Marseilles, Illinois	K. Balchowsky
Ottawa, Illinois	Famous Department Store
Streator, Illinois	M. Mushro

Of the cities above listed, the first six are located adjacent to the City of Chicago, and the stores therein are dependent very largely on a neighborhood trade, therefore purchases by strangers would apt to be noticeable and retained in the memory of the store keepers and clerks. Inquiry at these stores did not produce any information pertaining to sales of this type of underwear to strangers or persons who acted in a suspicious manner, and none of the proprietors or clerks were able to identify the photographs of suspects as ever having been in their store.

The six remaining cities on this list are beyond the immediate Chicago district, and the stores located therein have a considerable volume of transit trade, and therefore purchase of underwear by strangers would not be recalled unless there were some suspicious circumstances connected with the sale.

Inquiry at the stores listed for the cities of Frankfort, Morris, Marseilles and Ottawa, did not produce any information which would indicate that purchases of this type of underwear had been made

under such circumstances as to attract the attention of store keepers or clerks; nor were the photographs of suspects identified as resembling any persons who had made purchases at the store during January or February of this year.

AT JOLIET, ILLINOIS

Inquiry at the store of R. Grossman and Joseph Lewis and Sons was unproductive.

At the White Front Store, 505 Cass Street, a comparatively large store doing a considerable volume of trade in the cheaper classes of merchandise and employing about 15 clerks, photographs of suspects were exhibited to all the clerks through the assistance and cooperation of the proprietor, Mr. J.J. Cohen and his brother Mr. Bernard Cohen. Mr. A.W. Schilkey in the clothing department stated that the photograph of Harry Campbell resembled very strongly a man he was sure had been about the store, but he was unable definitely to place the time he had seen this man, his description or how he had been dressed. Mr. Albert Shean in the same department stated that he was quite sure he had sold a man who strongly resembled Campbell, a pair of pants and a shirt some time last fall. Shean also thought he had seen Fred Barker in the store last spring. Shean described the man he thought was Campbell as being about 5'7" in height, weighing 145 to 150 lb., 30 to 35 years old, and he thought that this man had rather a dark complexion. Shean was unable to recall how the man had been dressed at the time this purchase was made, nor did he think he had seen him in the store since that time. Miss Mary Heller, a clerk employed on the main floor of the White Front Store, also stated that the photograph of Campbell resembled a man she had waited on shortly after the Christmas holidays. She could not recall the circumstances or furnish any description, but did state that the face of Campbell appeared to be quite familiar to her. Other employees of the store could furnish no further information.

Mr. Resis, proprietor of the Resis Produce Company, and who sells produce to the White Front Store, approached Agent and Mr. Bernard Cohen while Mr. Cohen and Miss Heller were examining photographs of suspects. Mr. Resis stated that several months ago he had seen two men in a "bookie" establishment located in the basement of the Morris Building at Chicago and Jefferson Avenue, Joliet, Illinois. Resis was unable to describe the man he thought resembled

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Fred Barker and Campbell, but stated that the faces were certainly similar to those of the photographs. He advised that he did not know who was running the "bookie" joint, and that it was necessary to pass two guards and two doors before admission could be gained, and further that all strangers were searched before being admitted, unless they were properly vouched for.

AT STREATOR, ILLINOIS

At the M. Mashro Store, Joseph Mashro advised that the last union suit bearing the brand of the underwear in question was sold some time last fall, and they have not stocked that garment since that time. The Mashros are foreigners, not well acquainted with the English language, and therefore Agent displayed the photographs to Michael J. Donohue, Post Master, Tom Durham, Superintendent of Post Office, and Earl Parcher, Clerk at the General Delivery window of the post office. Parcher stated that the photograph of Campbell resembled some one whose face was familiar to him, but stated that the man he had in mind was about 5'10" tall, weighed 180 lb. and was quite a big man. This description does not conform to that of Harry Campbell. Parcher stated that the photograph of Volney Davis resembled one Dick McGrath, who resides in Pontias, Illinois and conducts an orchestra, and who has occasionally played in a dine and dance hall known as Murray's Place, located in Streator, Illinois. However, he was not at all positive in identifying the photograph as being that of McGrath.

UNDERWEAR

From February 28 to March 9, 1934, investigation, without results, was made at the various retail clothing stores listed below in the city of CHICAGO, by Special Agent H.F. Glynn, to determine whether or not the owners, managers, or clerks in said stores, recall the sale of the suit of underwear which was manufactured by the Appalachian Mills of Knoxville, Tennessee for the Carson Pirie Scott & Company of Chicago, said to have been purchased by the kidnapers for Bremer; also to determine whether or not they could identify the photographs of the following:

Volney Davis	Kate Barker
Fred Barker	Theodore Bentz
Arthur R. Barker	Sam Tarran
Harry Campbell	Alvin Karpis
Eddie Bentz	Thomas Carroll

STORES

Barnes Department Store
960 Milwaukee Avenue.

M. Beatley,
932 East 55th Street

The Bell Store
4238 Archer Avenue

H. Berlander
11212 South Michigan Avenue

Big Four Clothing Company
63rd and Ashland

J. Bleckman
3707 West 16th Street

J. Blonski
4736 South State Street

Boston Waist Shop
3640 Roosevelt Road

William Gaughan
3600 South State Street

Phil Goldberg
6048 South Halsted Street

Ideal Merchandising Co.
229 East 51st Street

S. Jacobs
3411 West 63rd Street

Frank Janovsky
3221 West 63rd Street

S. Kalleck
449 East 47th Street

Schultz Brothers
418 South Wells Street

Sholl's Department Store
3205 West Lake Street

Simon Brothers
3354 West Lake Street

P. Siraer
4340 South Ashland Ave.

J. M. Smolan
816 South California Ave.

Charles Bormash
4157 Archer Ave.

John Deditch
1840 West 35th Street

M. Kanter
815 South Halsted St.

J. Kaplan
2448 North Avenue

L. Kaplan
1361 West 63rd Street

Sam Katzan
414 West Chicago Avenue

R. J. Raffo
3873 Archer Avenue

Reich Brothers
1548 Milwaukee Avenue

C. Replogle
5421 Addison Street

J. Kleason & Company
442 West Division Street

L. Gross
1802 South Kedzie Ave.

B. Hanover
1032 North Ashland Ave.

A. Hoffing
2049 Roscoe Street

J. Roman
802 East 35th Street

J. Rudikoff
3120 Madison Street

M. Sattou
1533 Larrabee Street

M. Schoekman
4962 Milwaukee Avenue

Morris Scher
5908 Lawrence Avenue

S. Schlanger
550 East 45rd Street

A. Levin
1510 Fullerton Avenue

B. Light
2335 North Western Ave.

H. Lome
1039 North Western Ave.

O. Lustig
5410 South Halsted St.

T. Lyons
1850 Blue Island Ave.

F. Matyasek
1923 West 47th St.

K.G. Menzer
2626 North Halsted St.

B. Miller
1919 Milwaukee Ave.

R. Miller
302 East 61st Street

Moses Miller
3750 South State St.

L. Minkus
3527 Armitage Avenue

G. Nathanson
5454 South Halsted Street

Casten Miller
1001 Center Street

A. Pollard
1856 Blue Island Ave.

E. Pollock
2916 Roosevelt Road

J. Putilik
1715 West 47th Street

P. Tokars
11934 South Michigan Ave.

D. Vinegar
3026 Milwaukee Ave.

M. Weinberger
2109 N. Hoyne Ave.

Rita Brazzale
324 Kensington Ave.

Banner Brothers
9235 Cottage Grove Ave.

C. Buslauer
1314 East 55th Street

H. Bronstein
2980 Milwaukee Avenue

Frank Capare
5104 Cottage Grove Ave.

M. Cohen
1646 Madison Avenue

E. Epstein
815 East 47th Street

M. Felerberg
8840 Chicago Avenue

Charles Fischer
3000 Wentworth Avenue

I. Fishman
3856 Cottage Grove Ave.

H. Frankman
7511 Vincennes Ave.

L. Friedman
3103 South Halsted Street

J. Klans & Company
2861 Milwaukee Avenue

Max Kohn Estate Department Store
4010 West North Avenue

S. Sakis
3724 South State Street

D. Leabow
5520 West 63rd Street

L. W. Spier
1725 East 63rd Street

S. White
1101 North California Ave.

I. Williams
2325 West Chicago Avenue

L. Windmiller
5605 Irving Park Blvd.

B. Wolfe
7309 South Halsted Street

I. Yolger
3228 South State Street

It was found upon investigation that the following stores in the City of CHICAGO were vacated or converted into grocery and millinery stores prior to January 17, 1934.

Greenberg Department Store
9240 Cottage Grove Avenue

B. Silverfield
645 East 63rd Street

B. B. Ziv
1448 East 63rd Street

Wecker Department Store
2023 Milwaukee Avenue

E. Clark
1844 South Ashland Avenue

B. Warsaw
5552 Belmont Avenue

J. Orlowsky
4024 Armitage Avenue

Boys Men's Shop, Inc.
434 West 79th Street

Investigation at the MONTGOMERY WARD & COMPANY store on West Chicago Avenue and Larrabee Street, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, revealed according to Mr. V. Portell, salesman, and Mr. S. Seibert, manager of Department 29 in said store, that the Montgomery Ward & Company have not handled or sold any of Carson Pirie Scott underwear for quite some time.

The photographs of all the suspects in this case were exhibited to Mr. Portell and Mr. Seibert, and they failed to identify any of them.

It will be noted from the letter directed by this office dated February 17, 1934 to the Director in Washington, D.C., that Mr. L.F. Barkland, head of the underwear department, Carson Pirie Scott & Company, Chicago, Illinois, advised that his company had sold underwear fitting the description of the underwear in question, to the Montgomery Ward & Company, Chicago, Illinois, during the year 1932. Mr. Seibert, above mentioned, advised that his company has never carried Carson Pirie Scott & Company underwear, and may have ordered some as a specialty for a customer some time in the past.

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Investigation at WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN, 5/1 & 2/34

Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee

Inquiry was made at Friedman Bros., 322 West Main Street, Waukesha, Wisconsin, for information regarding sales of "Life Size" union suits during the period victim was held by his abductors. It was ascertained through examination of the stock of underwear in the store that "Life Size" union suits are carried in three colors, namely: white, random, and ecru. The white and ecru garments appear to be the same weight, while the random garment is of a heavier weight. All of the stock now on hand consists of union suits with short sleeves, but the writer was informed that long-sleeved suits had been carried until recently when they were all sold out. It was learned the "Life Size" line was purchased from Carson Pirie Scott & Co., of Chicago, Illinois, the shipment having been billed 8/25/32 and shipped 9/15/32. The invoice number was #7682. The original invoice was loaned to the writer in order that the lot numbers contained on same might be checked with Carson Pirie Scott & Co., to learn for a certainty whether long-sleeved garments were included. This invoice will be found in the Chicago Division Office files of this case.

Sam Friedman, proprietor of the store, and Irene Bahr, clerk, were interviewed. These two people are the only persons working at the store.

Examination of the white union suits indicated they are identical with the suit purchased by victim's abductors, with the exception of the short sleeves and the fact that they only have eight buttons in front, while that purchased for victim has nine. Inquiry should be made at Carson Pirie Scott & Co. concerning the difference in number of buttons. It is possible the short-sleeved suits carry eight buttons, while nine are called for on the long-sleeved suits. The suits in stock at Friedman Bros. contained the following printing on label in back of garments:

Life Size
Underwear
Satisfies

The lettering in this label was in dark green silk thread. The stitching around the neck of the garment, of the appearance of a chain, appears to be in light blue and yellow colored silk

threads. The suits now in stock in this store of the size purchased for victim carry the following numbers under the left lapel in place of the figures 22-44-70, which appear on the suit purchased for victim: 22-44-70 and 36-44-70.

In connection with sales of this particular underwear, Miss Bahr related that about a month ago a man, who was a stranger to her, came into the store around 4:00 or 4:30 P.M. and asked for two union suits. She said she showed him a brand known as GILT EDGE but that he did not want this type suit as it had short sleeves. She said she started looking for some suits with long sleeves and could not find them right away, with the result that the man began saying he was in a hurry and asked her to hurry up. Miss Bahr was positive in her statement that the size suit involved was #44. She stated when she could not find the long-sleeved garment immediately and when the man began talking about being in a hurry, that Mr. Friedman came up and took her place in waiting on this man. She said she became angry, as she felt she was entirely capable of handling the transaction, and assigned her anger as the reason for remembering the details of the transaction.

Sam Friedman, upon being questioned, stated he remembered the occasion referred to by Miss Bahr. He related he was sitting at his desk reading the evening paper, which would fix the time of day as about 4:00 to 4:30 P.M. when he heard the customer in question state he was in a hurry. Thinking a sale might be lost, he said he went to take care of the man's needs, and sold him two "Life Size" union suits, white in color, with long sleeves, of size #44, at a price of \$1.29 each. It was stated the man never inquired as to the price of the suits, but tendered a \$5.00 bill in payment, took his change and package and left the store by the Main Street entrance. He is said to have gone hurriedly.

Both Friedman and Miss Bahr advised that this man was alone, that they did not notice him meet anybody, could not state which direction he went upon leaving the store, or whether he was driving or travelling on foot. They said he was a total stranger to them, and that they have not seen him since the time of the above purchase. The description found below was furnished jointly by Friedman and Miss Bahr:

Age: 30 to 35 years
Height: 5'5" to 5'7"
Weight: 155 to 170 lb.
Build: Short and stocky
Hair: Dark
Clothes: Wore dark blue overcoat and light gray felt hat - described as being well dressed.
Appearance: Had appearance of an American - was not Jewish and did not appear to be a foreigner. Did not have a mustache. No scars or peculiarities noticed.

It should be stated that neither Miss Bahr nor Sam Friedman could approximate a better date for the sale in question than "about a month ago". Friedman said no record is kept of cash transactions except the total sales for a given date, same being secured from a cash register tape, which is destroyed when the total for a given day is obtained.

Agent S.K. McKee, who made this investigation, was advised that one Leo Norman, 800 American Avenue, Waukegan, Wisconsin, was sitting in the store at the time of the transaction in question, and might be able to furnish a better description of the customer, or identify a photograph.

Photographs of a list of persons, to be found below, were displayed to Friedman and Miss Bahr, but they could not identify any of them as the individual who had purchased the unionsuits. Both Friedman and his clerk informed they had only seen the man with his overcoat and hat on, and were at somewhat of a disadvantage in viewing these pictures as all of the people appear without hats. They both seemed to feel, however, that they would recognize the man if they saw him again, or might be able to identify his photograph.

Pictures of the following were displayed to Miss Bahr and Mr. Friedman:

Alvin Karpis
 Kate Barker
 Fred Barker
 Arthur Barker
 Volney Davis
 Harry Campbell
 Fred Doll
 Harry Sawyer

Morris Rolaner
 Robert Schmidt
 Tony DeGrazia
 John Ryan
 Clarence (Doc) Eaton
 Glen Hoy Wright
 William Weaver
 Thomas Carroll

Danny Morgan

The suit of underwear worn by Bremer was compared with the stock on hand at Friedman Brothers, and with the exception of the difference in buttons and the sleeves, as noted above, the two garments appear identical. The weights appear to be the same.

Leo Norman, 800 American Avenue, Waukesha, Wisconsin, was contacted. He is in process of moving to Portland, Oregon, but advised he can be reached through one Melton, who will occupy his home in his absence. Norman could not furnish his future address in Portland, Oregon. When asked regarding the transaction at Friedman Brothers store, Norman recalled same through Miss Bahr having become angry at Sam Friedman for "butting in" on her sale. He said the man purchased some underwear, but he did not know what kind. He described the man as follows:

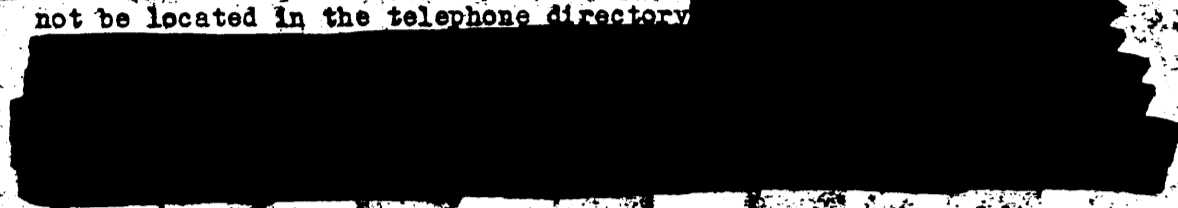
Height: About 5'7"
 Build: Stocky
 Clothes: Well dressed, wearing a dark overcoat and light gray hat.

Norman fixed the time of this transaction as about a month ago. The photographs of the same individuals that were displayed to Miss Bahr and Friedman, were shown to Norman, but he could not pick out any one of them as the likeness of the man who had bought the underwear. He informed that the man was a total stranger to him and he did not know how he could be located.

Investigation was conducted by Special Agent S.K. McKee in the two towns listed below with respect to "Life Size" underwear of the type purchased for victim Bremer.

- Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Burlington, Wisconsin

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN. The Leader Department Store could not be located in the telephone directory



AT BURLINGTON, WISCONSIN, at the store of J. Wien and Son. J. Wien and his son Harry Wien, who are the only employees of the store, were interviewed with respect to "Life Size" underwear. It was learned that this store carries "Life Size" underwear, but did not take on the line until the fall of 1933.

It was also learned that the store does not carry white "Life Size" underwear with long sleeves. The only colors in stock being ecru and random.

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The following investigation was conducted from 3-1-34 to 3-4-34, by Special Agent W.C. Jamison with reference to underwear manufactured for and distributed by Carson Pirie Scott & Company of Chicago, Illinois.

AT HARVARD, ILLINOIS. Mrs. P. Raffe of the Raffe Store advised that Union Suits of the Life Size Brand had been sold out before Christmas and from that time on they had stocked only shirts and drawers. Mrs. Raffe and her three clerks were unable to identify the photographs of suspects.

AT BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS. The I.W. Bishop store is now owned by H.B. Glavin, F.R. Falkenstein and four clerks had no recollection of sales of underwear of the Life Size Brand to anyone resembling photographs of subjects.

AT ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS. At the store of V.A. Anderson and Son, 418 7th Street, Mr. Anderson and his son advised that their trade was mostly a neighborhood trade and they did not recall selling any of this type of underwear to strangers. They could not identify photographs of suspects.

At the B & K Clothing Company, 406 7th Street, Obie Harding, proprietor, and two clerks, also stated that their trade was a neighborhood trade and that they could not recall sale of this type of underwear to any strangers. They could not identify photographs of suspects.

At the Fair Clothing Store, 324 7th Street, Sam Blankfeld, proprietor, stated he did a fairly large transient trade and that therefore a sale to a stranger would not attract any particular attention. He and his wife could not identify photographs of suspects.

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On March 6 and 8, 1934, investigation with respect to LIFE SIZE UNDERWEAR was made by Special Agent S. K. McKee in the towns listed below, the details as to each town being listed under the name of the town in question.

Cicero, Illinois
Villa Park,
Melrose Park,
River Grove,
Evanston.

AT CICERO, ILLINOIS

It was learned, through reference to the telephone directory and through inquiries at retail dry goods stores, that the stores formerly operated under the names "P. Blazes" and "The Linen Shop", are no longer in business.

At the dry goods store operated by H. R. Gordon, 2203 South 52d Avenue, interview was had with Mrs. H. R. Gordon. It was learned that this store stocks the Life Size Underwear line but has never carried the heavy, long sleeved white garment. The only heavy white suits of this line carried are the ecru and random colors.

The photographs of the suspects were displayed to Mrs. Gordon, with negative results.

At the dry goods store operated by D. Frankel, 5111 West 25th Street, D. Frankel, the only person who waits on the trade, was interviewed. It was learned that Life Size Underwear is stocked in this store, and that quite a bit of it is sold, but that the long sleeved white, heavy weight garment has never been carried in stock, Mr. Frankel stating that the type of customers to whom he catered did not wear white underwear. The photographs of suspects were displayed to Frankel, but with negative results.

At the department store operated by J. Lehn, 3021 South 52d Avenue, Mrs. J. Lehn was contacted, and she stated that although the Life Size Underwear is carried in the store, the heavy weight white garment with long sleeves has never been purchased. In addition to the above, it was learned that the entire stock of Life Size Underwear is made up of the 1933 garments. The photographs of suspects were displayed at this store, with negative results.

AT VILLA PARK, ILLINOIS

H. M. Luetke was interviewed at the dry goods store operated by him under his own name. He stated he sold Life Size Underwear but that he had never stocked the white garment, the only colors carried being navy and random. Mr. Luetke could not remember having come into contact with any of the persons represented in the photographs which were shown to him.

AT MELROSE PARK, ILLINOIS

At Rubin's Army Store, 147 Broadway, Sam Rubin, Lena Rubin and Tony Cullotta, the only persons employed in the store, were interviewed. It was learned that Life Size Underwear was carried in stock, and that the identical style of garment purchased for victim Bremer while he was held is in stock at the present time. An examination was made of these garments, and it was noted that the numerals which appear on the inside of the left lapel of same are 28-44-70, which is the identical series of numbers which appear on the garment purchased for victim. In addition to the above, it was noticed that the garment in stock at this store bore nine buttons down the front. It was learned that the underwear now on hand in this store was purchased during the fall of 1932. None of the persons interviewed could recall any individual sales of this garment, although they all stated that they know they have made a large number of sales. The photographs of suspects in this matter, including pictures of George and Edward Bentz and Clarence "Doc" Eaton were displayed to the several employees of the store, but with negative results.

It was learned, through Sam Rubin, owner of this store, that for several years prior to March 4, 1934, he operated a second Army goods store, same being located at Elmhurst, Illinois, the store being in charge of one Sam Zussman, who can presently be located at Appleton, Wisconsin. In connection with this store, Rubin advised that similar stock to that on sale in his Melrose Park store was carried at the Elmhurst store.

AT RIVER GROVE, ILLINOIS

At the A. Kolb Dry Goods Store, Mrs. A. Kolb, proprietress, and Josephine Ineth, were interviewed. It was ascertained that Life Size Underwear of heavy white color, long sleeves and of the 1932 stock, is carried for sale. Neither of the women interviewed, however, could recall having made any sales of this underwear. They were able to state, however, that no sales of any kind had been made to strangers during the period of the past two months. The photographs of suspects were displayed to both of them, but with negative results.

AT EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

B. Volk and his wife were interviewed at the Emerson Clothing Co., 1321 Emerson Avenue, which is operated by them. It was ascertained that Life Size Underwear of the type in question is sold at this store, but it was stated that only one suit of same has been sold during the past two months, the sale in question being of size 44. This sale was to a colored man, who has been a regular customer at the store for the past several years. It was also stated that the store caters mostly to a colored trade. The photographs of suspects were displayed to Volk and his wife, but with negative results.

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On March 10, 1934 inquiries were conducted by Special Agent S.K. McKee in the cities listed below with respect to the underwear purchased for victim Bremer during the time he was held by his abductors.

Libertyville, Illinois
Waukegan, Illinois

AT WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS. Messrs. R.B. Ewing and A. Louvall, employees in the basement at the Globe Department Store, 53 Genesee Street, where all men's underwear is sold, were interviewed. It was ascertained that Life Size Underwear is carried by this store, but that the heavyweight, white garment with long sleeves was not stocked until the fall of 1933. The stock of underwear was examined and it was noted that all of the heavy white garments contain the label in the neck, which identifies them as 1933 stock. The records covering purchases from Carson, Pirie Scott & Company of Chicago were also gone over, and it was established that none of the 1932 stock of this particular suit were on sale in this store.

Photographs of the suspects were displayed to the persons interviewed, nevertheless, but with negative results.

AT LIBERTYVILLE, ILLINOIS. H.J. Gray of the J.B. Morse & Company, Men's Furnishers, was interviewed. It was learned that this store no longer carries Life Size Underwear. The only garments still in stock are a box of the random color, and it was learned that the white colored suit had never been carried.

Photographs of suspects were shown Mr. Gray, and a woman clerk in the store, but they could not be recognized as the likeness of persons who had dealt there.

SHIRT

On February 25 and 26, 1934, inquiry was made by Special Agent M. F. Glynn at the following retail stores in the city of CHICAGO, which handled Cinetti, Peabody and Co., Inc. Arrow brand shirts, to determine whether or not the owners or managers of said stores could identify the photographs of Theodore Bentz, Sam Farran, Mrs. Katherine Barker, Eddie Bentz, Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and Thomas Carroll, or could recall the sale of the gray imitation wool shirt which is said to have been purchased by the kidnapers for Bremer. This inquiry was made without results. The following is a list of the stores visited:

<u>Name of Store</u>	<u>Address</u>
Boynton's	100 N. La Salle St.
Davis Co., Dept. 79	State & Van Buren Streets
Edwards Clothing Co.	6058 S. Halsted St.
M. Hyman & Son	315 N. Clark St.
The Hub (Henry C. Lytton & Sons), Dept. 40	State & Jackson Streets
H. J. Meyerhoff	746 Root St.
David J. Pellet	46 E. 22d St.
Eugene Fossik	1156 S. Halsted St.
Washington Shirt Store, Inc.	Wabash and Lake Streets

It should be noted that the shirt in question is handled as a specialty only by all of the above mentioned stores with the exception of the Davis Store and the Hub Store (Henry C. Lytton & Sons). These two stores carry shirts of the same material and description as the shirt above referred to in regular stock and sell on an average of three to six dozen per month during the winter season. H. F. Stephens, Manager, The Hub, and D. Lammiman, Assistant Buyer, Davis Store, advised that there is no record kept of cash sales other than that kept on the ribbon of the cash register. They stated further that there is no way of determining the identity of a purchaser of any particular article at a given time unless said article is to be delivered by their stores to the purchaser, or the purchaser leaves the article so that he or she may call for it later.

Inquiry at 917 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois, revealed that the Sinopaky Clothing Store discontinued business some twelve months ago and this store is now vacant.

On February 25, 27 and March 2, 3 and 5, 1934, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent S.K. McKee with respect to Arrow Brand light weight gray flannel shirts, style no. K-2419 Part C, in the towns as listed below:

WISCONSIN

- Kenosha
- Racine
- Milwaukee
- Oconomowoc
- Burlington

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN, inquiry was made at Isermann Brothers, 616 56th Street, Men's Furnishing Store, where it was found that Arrow Brand light weight flannel shirts, style K-2419 Part C, identical to the one purchased for victim Bremer during the period he was held, are carried in stock. Messrs. A.A. Isermann, F.C. Isermann, C.G. Isermann, D.P. Karmann and I.A. Ivarsen, were interviewed, and the photographs of Alvin Karpis, Fred and Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, as well as that of Mrs. Kate Barker, were displayed to them, but none of the pictures could be identified as that of a person who had purchased one of the shirts in question, or any other article at this store.

It was learned that the only other person who waited on the trade in the above store, during the period of January 17 to February 7, 1934, was one W.H. Myers, who is presently in a hospital at Kenosha, Wisconsin, and could not be interviewed at this time due to his recent operation.

It was learned that the shirt in question is an odd item selling at \$2.50, and that sales of same do not occur frequently. The only employees at Isermann Brothers who remembered inquiries of sales of this shirt, were A.A. Isermann and his brother C.C. Isermann. The former advised he sold one of these shirts during the last part of January 1934 to a stranger whom as he remembered was about 45 years of age, approximately 5 ft. tall. It was stated this shirt was about 16" neck measurement with a 14" or 15" sleeve length. This sale was a cash transaction, and there was no way of checking the date, inasmuch as the sales ticket was made out "One shirt at \$2.50", and in addition it was stated that many such cash transactions would appear among the cash sales tickets, as the purchase price of this shirt is in the

common price range. In addition to the above, Mr. E.C. Isermann stated he remembered two tall men talking to salesman W.H. Myers regarding the type of shirt in question. He could not state whether a purchase was made, advising that Mr. Myers would have to be contacted for that information.

It was also learned that Isermann Brothers carry a shirt similar to the one under investigation, this shirt being sold under the trade name York. To all outward appearances the two shirts are identical.

W.H. Myers was interviewed at a later date at his home, 6521 21st Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin. He said he could not remember waiting on the men referred to by Mr. Isermann, although he said he did remember having sold some of the shirts in question. The only contact regarding shirts that he could recall was an inquiry from a woman who did not make a purchase, as she thought the price was too high. The photographs of suspects were displayed to Mr. Myers, but he was not able to identify any of them as the person who had been in the store.

AT RACINE, WISCONSIN, at the store of Joseph Lawrence, Inc., Men's Furnishings, 220 5th Street, Mr. Louis Gillihan was interviewed, who advised that although his store deals in Arrow Brand shirts, no light weight gray flannel shirts of this manufacture are carried. He said this type of shirt in the Arrow Brand had not been stocked for well over a year, and had been replaced by a similar shirt of Elder Brand, which retails at a cheaper price. The shirt stock of this store was searched for style No. K-2419-Park C, Arrow Brand, but with negative results. Mr. Gillihan and another clerk in the store were shown photographs of the suspects in this matter, but they could not recognize any of them as persons who had been in the store.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN. Due to the inability to locate in the Milwaukee telephone directory any record of Lawrence A. Bull, Inc., interview was had with [REDACTED]

At the Lawrence A. Brill, Inc. store, 154 West Wisconsin Avenue, E.C. Werbel, Manager was interviewed, and it was ascertained

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that the type Arrow shirt involved herein, is carried in stock. The size in question, 15 1/2-5, was also on the shelves. Mr. Herbol stated that he could not recall any sales of this particular garment, and after examining the photographs of suspects, stated he could not recognize any of them as persons who had been in the store.

It was learned that the only other person who has waited on the trade at this store is one Charles Capper, presently employed at Silverstones Clothiers, 634 North Water Street, Milwaukee.

Charles Capper was contacted at his place of employment, and when questioned regarding shirt in question, stated that during the month of January 1934 and the first part of February, while in the employ of Lawrence A. Brill, Inc., he remembered selling several of these shirts to strangers, all of the sales being cash transactions, but he could not recall the description of any of these customers. Mr. Capper was shown the photographs of several suspects in this matter, but he could not furnish any identification.

At the Lawrence A. Brill, Inc., store, 2403 North Third Street, Albert M. Karr, who attends to the purchasing of all shirts, was interviewed, and he stated that Arrow Brand light weight gray flannel shirts have never been carried in stock in this store. He advised that other types of Arrow Brand shirts are carried in stock, but that the Arrow Brand was not taken on by this store until the early part of December, 1933.

At the Men's Furnishing Store, operated under the name of Charles J. Stumpf and Sons, 212 East Wisconsin Avenue, Charles J. Stumpf, Harry Cohen and A. Neuman, were interviewed. This store, until the latter part of January, 1934, was located at 637 North Water Street. It was learned that the type Arrow Brand shirt in question is carried in this store. The writer was informed that during the period January 17 to February 7, 1934, when the shirt was purchased for victim Bremer, that the headquarters of this store were being moved from one address to another, and a removal sale was being conducted, and for that reason, it was extremely difficult to recall any particular sales transactions, for the reason that so many cash sales occurred. All of the persons interviewed, however, stated that the sales of this particular type shirt are carried only infrequently. None of the men interviewed could recall any individual transaction. The photographs of suspects were displayed to the three employees of this store, and none of them could furnish any identification.

At the Boston Store, operated under the name Herzfield-Phillipson Company, 331 West Wisconsin Avenue, the following persons who work on the trade in the shirt department of the Men's counter, were interviewed:

Otto Jenner
Alexis Bauserwald
Bertha Leviant
Mary Barrok
Millicent Greene
Viola Bing
Walter Bowsb, Jr.
R.J. Conway
Mrs. A. Henry
Mrs. C. Himmelreich
Myrtle Smiley

It should be noted that the Boston Store is a large department store located in the heart of the shopping center of Milwaukee, and enjoys a large patronage.

It was learned that this store carries Arrow Brand shirts, style 2419-Park C, but only have in stock at the present time large sizes composed of from 16" to 17" neck bands. Agent learned that this store ran out of this type Arrow shirt around Christmas time, 1933 with the exception of a few odd sizes, and being unable to secure new stock from Cluett Peabody Company, they filled in their vacant sizes with a similar shirt, known as the Bostonia Brand.

All of the persons listed above when questioned regarding sales of this shirt during the period January 17 to February 7, 1934, advised that they could not recall any individual transactions, stating as their reason that they waited on so many people that they could not remember the individuals. The photographs of the suspects in this matter were displayed to all persons interviewed, and none of them could furnish identifications, although several did state that the picture of Arthur Barker appeared to be familiar to them. All of these persons, however, were unable to state when or where they had seen Arthur Barker.

At Campbell Brothers, Inc., West Wisconsin Avenue, the following persons who wait on the trade at the shirt counter were interviewed:

A.H. Bandler
M.E. Fulton
E. Gehrke
R. Slabey
E. Marx
M. Rothstein
M. Zianke

It was ascertained that the type shirt in question is carried in stock at this store, but none of the above persons when questioned regarding sales of same during period of January 17 and February 7, 1934, could furnish any details of individual sales, stating that so many transactions of a cash nature to strangers and known customers, occurred, that they could not recall any particular transaction. The writer was informed that there are at least one or two of this type shirt sold at the store per day, and because of such frequent sales, the details of sales covering a period as long ago as the one in question, could not be recalled. The photographs of suspects were shown to the several persons when interviewed, but none of them could recognize any of the pictures as being a person who had been in the store.

At the National Family Laundry Company, 2117 West National Avenue, Mrs. E. Gill, upon interview stated that her firm purchases Arrow Brand shirts for the personal use of the drivers of laundry wagons, and for replacement purposes when customers' property is lost or damaged. She stated that so far as she can remember, the firm has never bought any style K-2419 Park C shirt, the only purchases having been of a style shirt known as "Trump".

At the Stock Brothers Men's Furnishing Store, 2768 North Teutonia Avenue, Messrs Julius Stock, William C. Stock and Edward L. Stock were interviewed. It was ascertained that Arrow Brand light weight gray flannel shirts, known as style 2419 Park C, and also F-7389 Park C, are carried in stock. The writer also was advised that some few of the type shirt in question are sold, but that a much larger number of the latter described garment is sold in this store.

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When asked for information concerning sales of the shirt in question during the period victim Bremer was held, it was stated by each person interviewed that no particular transaction could be recalled for the reason that the store does a fairly large volume of business in shirts.

The photographs of suspects in this matter were displayed to the Messrs. Stock, but none of them could identify any of the pictures as a person who had been in the store.

AT OCONOMOWOC, WISCONSIN, at the Men's Furnishing Store, operated under the name of Carl A. Schneider, Messrs. G.L. Schneider, J.P. Schneider and W.D. Madole, were interviewed for information concerning the sale of Arrow Brand light weight flannel shirts, style K-2419 Park C. The writer was advised that no shirt of this type has been carried in stock for over a year, and that the only time the store purchases any such garments, is when some customer orders same especially. In this connection, an order for the shirt in question, dated 11-9-33, was located, but the writer was informed that this particular shipment consisted of 17-1/2" neck size, and that same were returned because the customer for whom they had been ordered, was not satisfied with them. This was the only purchase of style K-2419 Park C during the past year. Photographs of suspects were displayed to the three men mentioned above, but they could not recognize any of them as being persons who had been in the store.

AT BURLINGTON, WISCONSIN, Messrs. Mark Hannas and J.R. Reuter at Johnson, Inc., were interviewed. They informed that the owner of this store is Mr. E.C. Johnson, who was not in at the time of Agent's visit. It was stated, however, that Mr. Johnson is at the store very infrequently, and that he never waits on the trade. This store carries Arrow Brand shirts style 2419 Park C, but at the time of Agent's call, only one such shirt was in stock, which was a size 17 neck measurement. Messrs. Hannas and Reuter stated they could not recall any individual sales of these shirts, saying in this connection that the store has been conducting a sale from November 15, 1933 to the present date, and for that reason they have come in contact with a large number of strangers and have had many cash sales.

The writer was advised, however, that it was doubted whether there were any 35-3 size of these shirts in stock during the period of January 17 to February 1, 1934, and in this connection Mr. Reuter produced an inventory taken under date of February 1, 1934, in which it was noted that there was only one of this type shirt in stock, which is the 17" neck measurement referred to above.

The photographs of suspects were displayed to Messrs. Hannas and Reuter, but they could not recognize any of them as persons who had been in the store, or with whom they had come in contact.

SHIRT

Special Agent J. E. Wallis conducted an investigation in the cities and stores listed below in an endeavor to trace the sale of a shirt distributed exclusively by Cluett Peabody & Company of Chicago, Illinois, bearing the label K-2419 Park C.

CITY

STORE

Waupun, Wisconsin
Ripon, Wisconsin
Oshkosh, Wisconsin
Appleton, Wisconsin
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Redeker & Vander Zande
Vieth Co.
The Oshkosh Continental Co.
The Hughes Clothing Co.
J. E. Ahern

AT WAUPUN, WISCONSIN - 2/27/34.

Both Mr. Redeker and Mr. Vander Zande, who are the only two persons selling clothing in this store, were very positive that they never handled any shirts size 15 1/2-3 and that all they had sold were 15 1/2-4. It should be noted that the 3 in this size represents the sleeve length of 33", and that the 4 represents the sleeve length of 34". Agent showed both these gentlemen the pictures of suspects Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell, Bernard Philips and Mrs. Katherine Barker. Neither was able to identify any of these pictures.

AT RIPON, WISCONSIN - 2/27/34.

Mr. Vieth runs a very small store and handles all clothing himself. He says that all of the shirts similar to that worn by Victim, which he carries in stock, have a sleeve length of 34", and that the shirt worn by Victim with a sleeve length of 33" could not possibly have been purchased at his store. The pictures of all suspects listed above were shown to Mr. Vieth, and he said that the picture of Philips looked somewhat familiar, but that he probably had just seen somebody resembling Philips in the neighborhood, and could give no description or further information concerning Philips.

AT OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN - 2/28/34.

The Oshkosh Continental Company carries shirts similar to that purchased for Victim, and in their stock had two shirts left of the size 15 1/2-3. Mr. J. F. Steckbaum was first interviewed and shown pictures of the suspects. He failed to recognize any of the pictures, but told agent that some time around the first of the year, about the time that he read in the papers of the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer, a little short Greek came into the store accompanied by a large fellow over 6' tall, who spoke with a southern accent and a

slim, dark-complexioned woman, quite tall. The little Greek picked out a suit, but none of them looked at shirts. After ordering the suit these three people failed to return to the store. Mr. Steakbaum said that they were certainly suspiciously acting characters, but he could not identify any of them as the suspects whose pictures agent showed him.

Mr. H. A. Brickham, who is the head of the clothing department, stated that they had in their stock, at the first of the year, one box of shirts size 15 1/2-3 similar to that worn by Victim, and that he distinctly remembered selling one of these to a doctor in Oshkosh. As there were two shirts left in the box, and only three were in the box originally, this eliminated the possibility of the shirt worn by Victim having been purchased at this place.

Mr. R. A. Polplatz, who at times sells shirts in this store, was unable to identify any of the suspects.

Mr. Paul Duet said that he at some time had seen persons looking similar to Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, but he was unable to give any further information, and could in no way tie them in with the purchase of any goods at their store.

AT APPLETON, WISCONSIN - 2/28/34.

At the Hughes Clothing Company, Mr. Fred Benve and Mr. Walter Hughes, the owner, were found to be the only two persons selling shirts. Both of these gentlemen viewed the pictures of the suspects listed above at the same time. Both were of the opinion that they had seen Alvin Karpis at some time, but said that it was probably just a picture resembling somebody in their locality. Mr. Hughes determined, by looking over his stock, that they had only one box of shirts similar to the one worn by Victim, and that the size of these shirts was 15 1/2-4. He was not certain that they did not have size 15 1/2-3 in their stock at the first of the year, but was of the opinion that they did not. Both of these gentlemen were quite positive that they had sold none of these shirts to any one of the suspects, and if they had, they said they would recognize a picture of the person who purchased.

AT FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN - 3/1/34.

The store of Mr. T. E. Ahern sells quite a few shirts similar to the one worn by Victim. They carry various sizes and sleeve lengths, including 15 1/2-3. Mr. Ahern stated that a good many of these shirts were sold to fishermen, and hunters, and that they also had a large sale to bowlers. Mr. Ahern told each one of his salesmen to go through

the pictures of the suspects very carefully and endeavor to determine whether they had sold a shirt similar to that worn by Victim to any of the suspects.

Mr. J. T. Harrington was unable to identify any of these pictures.

Mr. L. J. Herbert was of the opinion that he had seen Bernard Philips in the store, but could give no further information.

Mr. F. A. Hoffman said he had seen some person resembling Fred Barker, but he did not know where he did not think it was in the store.

Mr. A. H. Mancy believed that he had seen Bernard Philips and Volney Davis, but he did not know where and he was not very positive in his identification.

Mr. W. Schuessler said that he had seen Philips and Davis. He was quite positive that he had seen Davis somewhere, and was practically sure that he sold him a suit in this store. He said he talked with this person for a short time, and that the person talked from the side of his face. When questioned by Agent concerning description, Mr. Schuessler said that he could give none, not even being able to tell the height, approximate weight, or any other marks of identification. Mr. Schuessler was of a very excitable nature and went over the pictures of suspects many times, each time becoming more positive that he had seen Davis, but was still unable to give any information of value.

Mr. B. E. Fredericks was unable to identify any of the suspects.

Mr. E. D. Costin was very positive that he had seen Bernard Philips at Fond du Lac. He said that he especially noticed the person's sloppy way of wearing clothing, and that the clothing in his opinion was of a medium priced variety. He could not say where he had seen Philips in Fond du Lac, but said it might have been at a roadhouse. Mr. Costin, when asked for a description of Bernard Philips, said that he was about 5'9" tall, had curly hair, was rather stout, and looked distinctly Jewish. This description of Mr. Costin was given after he had seen a full length photograph of Philips showing him fully dressed in one picture, and in another picture fully dressed wearing an overcoat and a hat. Agent was unable to

determine whether the description given by Mr. Costin was from memory or from viewing the picture of the suspect.

Mr. Walsh was quite sure that he had seen a person in the store resembling Philips. He was of the opinion that it is some local man and not Philips himself, and that this is the person whom all other clerks are identifying as Philips. An endeavor was made by Agent to find out where any of these men had seen a person resembling Philips, but the only information obtainable was from Mr. Herbert who thought Philips looked like a man connected with the Salvation Army in Fond du Lac.

Mr. Ahern was again interviewed and he said that the picture of Philips looked familiar to him, but he was unable to tie him in with any purchase at his store. Mr. Ahern said that should a person of Philips' size come in their store and order a 15 1/2-3 shirt that the clerks would certainly remember the sale, because it is a size that Philips could not possibly wear. Mr. Ahern said that this would also be true of the size 44 underwear in question in this case.

Agent in an attempt to find the person whom the above mentioned clerks had seen resembling Philips, went to the Salvation Army in Fond du Lac and talked with the captain there. The captain was shown the picture of Bernard Philips but could not say that it resembled anyone connected with his organization.

SHIRT

Special Agent Charles Jenkins on February 27, 1934,
conducted the following investigation with reference to the shirt
at

RIVERSIDE, ILLINOIS (Welch's Men's Shop).

H. S. Welch, proprietor of Welch's Men's Shop stated
that on April 29, 1933, he ordered three shirts similar in style
to the instant shirt; that the shirts were size sixteen; that he
sold two of the shirts to C. B. Young, 164 Addison Street, River-
side, Illinois, an elderly retired resident of Riverside with whom
he is well acquainted, and that he sold the other shirt about
six months ago to some unknown man who paid cash for same.

Photographs of the suspects in this case were exhibited
to Mr. Welch, who stated that he had never seen any of them.

SHIRT

The following investigation was conducted from 2-1-34 to 2-4-34, by Special Agent W.C. Jamison with reference to shirt.

With reference to Arrow Shirt Style K 2410 Park C, at HARVARD, ILLINOIS, the Henry Howard Store, Mr. C.B. Sears stated he could not recall the sale of this style of shirt to any strangers and he was unable to identify the photographs of suspects.

SHIRT

Investigation was conducted on March 3, 1934, by Special Agent S. K. McKee regarding Arrow brand, style K-2419, Park C, light weight gray flannel shirts in the following towns, and the data learned in each town will be found set out under the name of the town in question.

Oak Park, Park Ridge and Evanston, all in Illinois.

AT OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

At the store operated by Henry C. Lytton & Sons, under the name of The Hub, same being located at 1035 Lake Street, inquiry was made of Messrs. T. E. D'Ren, J. F. Kolar, C. A. Cook, P. J. Hutchins and W. Sundin, where it was learned that a large number of shirts of the type in question are sold; that the majority of these sales are to regular customers of the store; that there was no recollection of individual sales for the reason that a large volume of business is transacted at the store, and also because of the length of time which has lapsed since the period of January 17 to February 7, 1934. It was also stated that the size of the shirt, namely 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3, is the most common size shirt sold. It was also stated that this particular type of shirt is sold in Oak Park to golfers, and that in the past it has been quite popular with hoodlums. In this connection the names of Jack White and a gangster called Rossi, both of whom are now deceased, were mentioned as being frequent purchasers of this style shirt.

In addition to not being able to recall individual sales, the various salesmen interviewed were of the belief that they had not sold any of the shirts in question to strangers. The photographs of the several suspects were displayed to all of the persons interviewed, but none of them could furnish an identification.

AT EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

At The Hub store operated by Henry C. Lytton & Sons, 1700 Orrington Avenue, Messrs. V. D. Hedberg, S. J. Jacobson, Clarence Delzell and Stanley Wolfe, who comprise the sales force of the store, were interviewed for information regarding the sale of the light flannel shirt in question. It was ascertained that shirts of the same style and size are carried in stock, and that quite a fair volume of same is sold. The various salesmen interviewed were unable to recall having made sales to any suspicious characters, and they likewise could not recall any individual transactions. They all advised that the store caters mainly to North Shore residents and to students at Northwestern University, stating however that they enjoyed a fair amount of transient business.

It should be stated that salesman Clarence Delsell, when shown the photographs of suspects, including that of E. K. Barker, recalled having sold one of these shirts to a woman whom he described as:

50 years of age
Short in build
Not a very fine type
Wore glasses and a black coat trimmed with black fur

Mr. Delsell could not fix the period of time during which this sale was made, nor could he furnish an identification of E. K. Barker's photograph, advising in this connection that the picture merely recalled the sale to his mind.

Photographs of the suspects were displayed to the remaining salesman, but none of them could identify any of the pictures as being of a person who had come into the store.

AT PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS

At George's Shop for Men, 19 South Prospect Avenue, George Jeschke and Martin Sanberg, the only employees of the store, were interviewed regarding the shirt in question, and it was found that same is carried in stock but that only a few odd sizes are presently on the shelves. It was stated that this particular shirt is only in an infrequent sale, and that with few exceptions, all purchases of this shirt from the wholesale house are in connection with a special order. Neither of the salesmen interviewed could recall any sale of this type of shirt, and when shown the photographs of the suspects, they could not recall having come into contact with any of them.

SHIRT

At Jay Laing & Sons, haberdashers, 321 Main Street, Waukesha, Wisconsin inquiries were made regarding possible sales of shirts similar to that purchased for victim Bremer. Jay Laing and his sons, Billies Laing and Carroll Laing, were interviewed. It was learned no persons other than the above come in contact with customers. Agent S.K. McKee learned that this store stocks Arrow Brand shirts, but in light weight gray flannels, carry only a shirt described as F-7389-Park C. To outward appearances the above shirt is almost identical with the shirt in question.

The only transaction involving a light weight flannel shirt was cared for by Jay Laing and he related that he remembered a stranger buying one of these shirts about a month ago. He advised he could not recall the circumstances of the transaction clearly, but believed the stranger to be a man about

35 to 40 years of age
5'6" or 5'7" in height
fairly stocky build
Wearing a dark overcoat, and as having been well dressed.

Mr. Laing could not furnish the size of the shirt sold, or data as to the identity of the purchaser. He stated, however, he believed he would recognize a photo of the stranger.

Examination was made of all Cluett & Peabody Company invoices for the past year, and a record was located of three #K-2419-Park C shirts having been purchased by the firm on March 1, 1933. Data could not be furnished as to whether the above purchase was a special sale or whether the shirts went into stock; but the size of these shirts was learned to be #15 neck, and #34 sleeve length.

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The shirt purchased for victim Bremer was compared with the #R-7389 Park C, carried at Jay Laing & Sons, and it was noticed that the cloth in this shirt appears to be considerably lighter in weight than the cloth in the shirt in question. Otherwise the two shirts appear identical.

Photographs of the individuals listed below, were shown to Jay Laing and Gillies Laing:

Alvin Karpis
Kate Barker
Fred Barker
Arthur Barker
Volney Davis
Harry Campbell
Fred Doll
Harry Sawyer

Morris Roisman
Robert Schmidt
Tony DeGrazia
John Ryan
Clarence (Doc) Baker
Glen Roy Wright
William Weaver
Thomas Carroll

Danny Morgan

None of them could be identified as the purchaser of the flannel shirt about a month ago. At the time Carroll Laing was contacted only the first six photos as listed were available, but he could not identify any of them. He was not available for interview when the balance of the pictures were exhibited.

SHIRTS

Investigation was conducted by Special Agent S.K. McKee in connection with the shirt purchased for victim Bremer, while he was held, at the cities listed below, on 3-10-34.

WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS. At Durkin & Durkin, Men's Furnishers, 15 N. Genesee Street, it was ascertained that Arrow Brand shirts are carried and that style #K-2419 Park C are in stock in the popular sizes, including 15 1/2 - 5. Messrs. E.W. Durkin, J.A. Drysdale, Albert Haase, John Dugan, and John McDonald were interviewed. It was learned that only a small number of these shirts are sold and the persons interviewed, with the exception of E.W. Durkin, could not recall the details of any individual sales. The photographs of the suspects in this matter were displayed at this store, but with negative results.

E.W. Durkin recalled having sold one of these shirts to two women sometime between the period of January 15 to February 15, 1934. He fixed the date through the fact that a similar, lighter weight shirt, which he sold for \$1.95 was sold out shortly after the first of the year. He stated the two women, who were strangers, asked for a thirty-three inch sleeve length, but he could not recall the neck size. They at no time inquired the price of the shirt, and tendered a \$5.00 bill in payment. The women were described as flashy dressers, and as not being of a refined type. One was a young woman, while the other was middle aged. The shirt was the only purchase made by them. Mr. Durkin could not identify any of the photographs of the suspects, as stated above, and the picture of Mrs. Kate Barker did not mean anything to him in connection with the shirt sale which he remembered. Efforts were made to secure better descriptions of the two women in question, but Mr. Durkin was unable to furnish same.

STATIONERY

Special Agent J. H. Welles conducted an investigation in the cities and stores listed below in an endeavor to trace the sale of writing paper sold by the Eaton Paper Company of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, under their numbers #235 1/2, #967, #162, #706, #964, #630, #500 and #202.

CITY

- Waupun, Wisconsin
- Ripon, Wisconsin
- Green Lake, Wisconsin
- Oshkosh, Wisconsin
- Menasha, Wisconsin
- Appleton, Wisconsin
- Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

STORE

- Arnold Van Hongie
- Louis Ulve
- The Howe Printing Company
- W. E. Whipp
- Crystal Drug Company
- Heins Book & Art Store
- Stilp & Hedberg
- Sylvester & Nielsen
- Geenan Dry Goods Company
- Banna & Worm Drug Company
- Kramer Drug Company
- Thiel Drug Company

AT WAUPUN, WISCONSIN - 2/26/34.

Mr. Van Hongie was positive that he has had no paper similar to that in question in his stock since before Christmas. He was shown the pictures of suspects Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell, Bernard Phillips and Mrs. Katherine Barker, but failed to identify any of them as having been in his store or as having purchased any paper.

Mr. Louis Ulve had none of the Eaton Paper Company paper similar to that in question in stock, and said that while he was not positive, he did not believe that he had had any since the holidays. He is not buying this paper at present for his stock due to the fact that the Eaton Company discontinued sending a salesman to his store. He could not identify any of the suspects in this case.

AT RIPON, WISCONSIN - 2/27/34.

At the Howe Printing Company it was determined that there were only three people selling writing paper. They were Irma Badtke, Norma Zick and Helen Howe. The pictures of suspects were shown these persons and they were unable to identify any of them as having purchased paper from them. They stated that they do not sell very much writing paper but they did have in their stock a box of paper #4235 1/2 similar to that in question in this case.

AT GREEN LAKE, WISCONSIN - 2/27/34.

Mr. Whipp had in his stock of Eaton Paper both P202 and 4235 1/2, which are similar to the paper in question in this case. He is the only man in this small store and did not recognize pictures of any of the suspects.

AT OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN - 2/28/34.

Mr. Jensen of the Crystal Drug Company made a survey of their stock of paper and determined that they are handling both C964 and C706, paper which is similar to that in question in this case. He said the picture of Philips looked familiar, but that there was a fellow in town named Walter Cook, who, he believed, was the person he had in mind, rather than Philips. He said that he has known Walter Cook for a long time and that Mr. Cook has lived in Oshkosh for many years and is a reputable citizen.

Mr. Crystal said he was quite certain that he had seen a person resembling Volney Davis in Oshkosh within the last two months, and also believed that he had seen Philips somewhere. He reads the papers a good deal and may have seen their pictures in the paper. When asked by the Agent to study the side view of Davis he said that he did not believe that this was the man he had in mind. The person he had in mind he believed was shabbily dressed and had tried to beg something from him.

Mr. Heins, of Heins Book & Art Store, has discontinued buying Eaton Paper and is sure he did not have any for sale in his store subsequent to January 1, 1934. He handles all the paper himself and did not recognize any of the photographs of suspects as having been in his store.

AT MENASHA, WISCONSIN - 3/1/34.

At Stulp & Hedberg it was determined that the only two persons selling paper were Mr. Hedberg and Miss Amelia Boehm. Neither of them were able to identify any of the suspects as having purchased paper in this store. They had in their stock one box of paper C964 similar to that in question in this case. Miss Boehm said that Alvia Karpis looked somewhat like a man who boarded with her brother in Milwaukee, and later moved to Kenoche. This man worked in the mills at Milwaukee but she did not know where, and could not give a description of him.

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AT APPLETON, WISCONSIN - 2/28/34.

At Sylvester & Nielsen, Inc., Mr. Nielsen went through their invoices from the Eaton Paper Company from January 1933 to the present date. He could not find where he had purchased any paper similar to that in question in this case, and said that he does not believe that they had any in stock subsequent to January 1, 1934. They had a small sale in paper and he remembered most of the sales. Neither Mr. Sylvester or Mr. Nielsen were able to identify any of the suspects.

The Geenan Dry Goods Company is a large department store, but only one girl has worked on the paper counter since the first of January. She said that they sell a large quantity of Eaton paper of all sizes, and that she probably has sold some similar to that in question in this case, but she could not be positive when or to whom she might have sold it. She made a careful study of the pictures of all the suspects in this case, but had no recollection of having sold paper to any of them, or of ever having seen any of them.

AT FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN - 3/1/34.

At the Danna & Worm Drug Company Mr. Worm, Mrs. Gorton, Mr. Becker and Mr. Langman were found to be persons who may have sold writing paper. Mr. Worm first made a survey of their stock of paper and found that they were carrying none similar to that in question in this case. He was not certain that they had any of this paper in stock subsequent to Christmas time, but felt quite sure that they did not. The pictures of all suspects were shown to all of these people, and none of them were able to identify any of the pictures.

Mr. Thiel, of the Thiel Drug Company, made a survey of his stock of writing paper and found none similar to that in question in this case. He reviewed his invoices and could find none showing a purchase of this particular paper subsequent to November 29, 1933. It was his opinion that he did not have any of it in stock after the Christmas holidays. He stated that most of the paper that they sold, although they did not sell much, was sold by Miss Bachman. He also had a clerk in the store named Ralph Mills, and all three of these people were shown pictures of all the suspects. None of them were able to identify any of the suspects as having purchased paper at the store, or as persons whom they may have seen in Fond du Lac.

Mr. Kremer, of the Kremer Drug Company, said that the only person selling paper in their store was Miss Roberts. Miss Roberts was very positive that they were sold out of the size of paper in ques-

tion prior to January 1, and that some of this paper has been purchased by the Kramer Drug Company for sale in more than a year. Neither Mr. Kramer or Miss Roberts were able to identify any of the pictures of suspects.

STATIONERY

Investigation at WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN, 5/1 & 2/34.

Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee

At the Campus Pharmacy, 306 East Street, Waukesha, Wisconsin, J. S. White, the proprietor, and Sam Bird, clerk, were interviewed in connection with the possible sale of stationery, manufactured by the Eaton Paper Company, during the period of January 17 - February 7, 1934. They informed they are the only persons at the store who sell stationery. Eaton stationery on hand was examined and it was ascertained only style numbers 4235 1/2 and C706 are carried. The writer was informed no other style packages have been carried during the past year. Respecting possible sales to strangers, both White and Bird stated they could not remember having made any such sales. They said practically the entire sales volume of the store comes from the student body of Carroll College, and that a transaction with a stranger is a rare occurrence. The photographs of Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Arthur Barker, Kate Barker, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis were displayed to both men, but with negative results.

E. A. Glisch, manager of Clarke Drug Company, Main and Broadway, Waukesha, Wisconsin, was interviewed for data relating to possible sales of Eaton stationery during the period victim was held. It should be stated that Clarke Drug Company is an independently owned store, but carries the lines of goods manufactured and sold by the Walgreen Drug Company. Mr. Glisch stated the store, became an affiliate of the Walgreen System about one and one-half years ago, and because of the relationship has not purchased any except Walgreen stationery during that period. He advised the only Eaton line goods on hand during the past four or five months were a few boxes of french, perforated edge stationery and a few boxes of colored paper. The stock was examined thoroughly for paper of the style numbers concerned herein, but none could be found. The pictures of the several suspects in this matter were displayed to Mr. Glisch and to the four other employees of the store, but none of them could be identified as having made inquiries regarding writing paper.

WRITING PAPER

On 3-5-34 the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent S.K. McKee regarding writing paper manufactured by the Eaton Paper Company of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, of the type on which the ransom notes in this matter were written.

AT BURLINGTON, WISCONSIN, at Majors Pharmacy, Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Major, who operate this store, were interviewed. It was ascertained that there was no other employee of the store. The stock of Eaton writing paper was examined, and it was ascertained that the only packages on hand which might be identical with the paper used in this matter, were described as Nos. P-202-N and Q-706-N.

It should be noted that this store carries only a small stock of stationery, and that the writer was advised that sales do not occur very frequently inasmuch as most of the people in the town purchase their writing paper at the Dime Store.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Major were asked for information regarding sale of this paper during the period of January 17 to February 7, 1934, but they related that although they do not sell much of this paper, they could not recall any individual sales. The photographs of the suspects in this matter were displayed to them, but they could not recognize any of them as persons who had been in the store.

PENDING

1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

March 18, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 14, 1934,
in which you made inquiry concerning a room which has been rented by
this office from March 10, 1934, until June 1, 1934, at a cost of
\$25.00.

Please be advised that in connection with the Kasso
and Brekid Cases, authority was secured to place a wire tap. It has
not been, as yet, determined as to the length of time it will be neces-
sary to maintain this wire tap, but it appeared that it would be in
excess of two weeks, probably for approximately two months. Through
the courtesy of Mr. R. S. Tanner, Real Estate Agent for apartments
located at 112 Callerton Street, a vacant eight room apartment was
turned over for the use of Agents maintaining a surveillance on this
wire tap. Mr. Tanner stated that the minimum price at which he would
rent this apartment would be \$25.00; however, if it were used for less
than two weeks he would make a refund, but if it were used for two
weeks or longer, it would be necessary to charge \$25.00 and he stated
that he would permit the apartment to be occupied until June the 1st
at this price. It is to be noted that as a result Mr. Tanner has
agreed not to show the apartment to prospective tenants without first
giving this office one day's notice and advising as to the exact hour
the persons will view the apartment. The regular rental of this apart-
ment is approximately \$30.00 per month.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
March 16, 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. Unknown Subjects.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING -- Chicago File 7-82

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, dated at Chicago, Illinois, March 15, 1934, pertaining particularly to investigations made for the purpose of locating the hideout where Victim was held.

The status of this case was inadvertently omitted from the last page of the above referred to report. The word "PENDING" should have been added to the last page and it is respectfully requested that this be done on the copies forwarded to the Division.

Copy of this letter is being directed to the Saint Paul Office so that proper correction can be made on the copies of the report sent there and the copies retained in this office have been likewise completed.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

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REA:RCL

March 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR NATHAN.

Re: Eddie Doll, with aliases,
National Motor Vehicle
Theft Act.

Reference is made to Division letter of February 23, 1934, to the Jacksonville Office, enclosing photographic copies of a get-away chart found in an abandoned automobile shortly after the Holland Bank robbery at Holland, Michigan.

The chart in question was exhibited to Doll at Tampa, Florida on February 25, 1934, by Special Agent E. E. Anderson, but Doll was not able to identify it. However, after going over the chart and checking it with the State map of Michigan, he stated that a portion of the chart undoubtedly had reference to a planned get-away from Holland, Michigan. He gave his opinion that the map was poorly prepared and was not the handiwork of any of his associates. He was questioned about the handwriting on the chart and asserted he had no idea as to the identity of the writer.

Doll suggested that the chart be shown to Wayne Whitey, who is now serving twenty-five years at Waupun, Wisconsin for participating in the bank robbery at Madison, Wisconsin last fall. He indicated that Whitey and one Earl, last name unknown, who was shot and apprehended after the robbery of the bank at Grand Haven, Michigan last summer might be able to state definitely who prepared the chart in question. Doll remarked that he had never seen a get-away chart prepared on a typewriter.

Doll expressed the belief that Eddy Bents, White Anderson, Jack Pfeiffer's brother and their associates at that time were responsible for several mail truck and express robberies in Saint Paul last summer. He was unable to furnish any reason for his belief but appeared to be sincere in his statements.

The following information was furnished by Doll for what it might be worth to the Division:

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He said that Eddy Beats often spoke of having a priest friend in East Michigan City or Indiana Harbor, Indiana. This priest permitted Beats, White Anderson and Jack Pfeiffer's brother to store their car in his garage after holdups. He also made frequent trips with them to the Twin Cities and Chicago, Illinois when they desired to avoid being stopped on the road. Doll said that while he could not vouch for the truth of the information it was furnished to him by Ed Beats, who told him that while Earl was ill at Grand Haven, Michigan, the priest in question went to visit him. He intimated that a check of the hospital records would undoubtedly establish the veracity of these statements.

In connection with White Anderson, who he believes had some part in the Bremer kidnaping, Doll suggested that photographs of all escapes from the State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois for the last five years be secured and exhibited to him. He said he could and would identify a photograph of Anderson.

With reference to the procuring of machine guns by gangsters, Doll related that George Kelly was always able to obtain them through a chemist at Gainesville, Texas. He suggested that Kelly be approached for the name of the individual in the event the Government is interested.

Doll was asked if he had thought of other likely suspects in addition to Big Homer in connection with the Union Plaza killing in Kansas City, Missouri on June 17, 1933. He suggested that an individual known as "Old Charlie", a Chicago character be considered as a possibility. He pointed out that the latter was at one time a very close associate of Frank Nash. He described "Old Charlie" as a wild individual who might "go in for anything". He stated that he had a "redder" on Old Charlie at one time but could not recollect by whom it was issued or to what it related.

Speaking of Big Homer he said he has known this individual for about ten years; that Big Homer often remarked that he had served a term in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth for mail and post office robbery. Doll said that in reminiscing, Big Homer spoke of having worked in the institution as a butcher or baker and remarked that he had often played handball while there. Doll suggested that photographs be procured of all mail and post office robbers received from the West from 1917 to 1924 inclusive, including those received by transfer from McNeil Island. He stated that if the photographs are exhibited to him, he will be glad to attempt to identify Big Homer.

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He expressed himself as confident that he can identify this individual even though the photograph is old.

In view of the foregoing, it seems advisable to secure the photographs of all escapes from the Joliet Penitentiary and inmates of Leavenworth Penitentiary indicated above for the purpose of exhibiting them to Eddie Doll, who, incidentally, is now held at the County Jail at Springfield, Illinois. It should be noted that White Anderson is named as a suspect by Doll in the Bremer kidnaping case. This information is set out in detail in the report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 23, 1934 in the case entitled Eddie Doll, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

With reference to the Effingham mail robbery, Doll stated that he recalled that one of the participants, known to him as Red, who is wanted in connection with the Luer kidnaping, has a brother-in-law who is a manager or clerk for the Indian Trails or Indian Sea Company at Cleveland, Ohio. He intimated that Red could easily be located through this individual. He said that according to information he had secured in the past, Red usually hangs out around Toledo, Ohio and is generally in the company of one Jim Evans, another participant in the Effingham mail robbery. He had no definite information regarding the places these men frequented in Toledo.

While discussing the Kansas City Massacre with Doll, he was asked for his theory as to the attempt to deliver Nash. He stated that Frank Nash was reputed to have furnished money to finance many of the bank robberies which originated in Chicago. Because of this Nash came into possession of huge sums of negotiable paper, which he disposed of for the mobs. It is Doll's belief that when arrested Nash was holding much of this paper or money and that those who sought to liberate him did so primarily to protect their own interests. He discounted the theory that the hoodlums would attempt to deliver Nash because of a sense of loyalty and said that, generally speaking, they will not go far to help one in trouble unless to serve a selfish end.

The information set forth above was obtained from Doll over a period of several days, subsequent to the time he made his confession, as reported by the Jacksonville Office. He requested that Agent Anderson call to see him immediately after he received his sentence, saying that he will then be in a position to furnish some vital information for the Department.

It is suggested that a copy of this memorandum be forwarded to the following field offices for their information in furthering this investigation: Jacksonville, Saint Louis, Chicago, Kansas City and Saint Paul.

Respectfully,

W. P. Anderson

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

SPC:DSS

Division of Investigation

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

March 15, 1934.

MR. NATHAN
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MR. COWLEY
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MR. LOCKE
MR. RORER
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Fay called from New York and stated that he had talked with the President of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Mr. Newcomb Carlton, and also with Mr. Francis R. Stark, General Counsel of this company; that they stated that it was the duty of the telegraph company to cooperate to the fullest extent but they were bound by certain policies to maintain the secrecy of their messages; that they were not particularly concerned about the messages we might be interested in but were concerned about our going over all messages for that period. They asked if we could specify the particular messages we were seeking but were told this was impossible. Mr. Fay stated that Mr. Stark advised that they were sending two code wires to their Superintendents at St. Paul and Minneapolis advising that Mr. Rorer would get in touch with them and instructing them to cooperate.

Mr. Fay stated that Mr. Carlton then gave him a card of introduction to the President of the Postal Telegraph Company, who made arrangements to notify their Superintendent in St. Paul that Mr. Rorer would get in touch with him in this connection and for him to cooperate with Mr. Rorer.

Mr. Fay stated that if Mr. Rorer met with any difficulties he should call the Division and if the Division would get in touch with him he would endeavor to take care of the matter.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

*Phone & notify
Mr. Rorer of this.*

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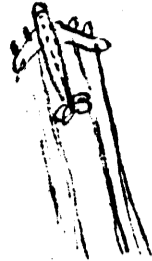
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Edward J. Brennan

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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
KIDNAPING

Kindly refer to Division letter dated March 2, 1934 with reference to identification of individuals mentioned in memorandum of Special Agent A. E. Farland dated February 15, 1934 in connection with the case entitled "Vernon C. Miller (Deceased) Et Al - Conspiracy to deliver Federal Prisoner". Your attention is also directed to letter emanating from this office under date of March 5, 1934 to the Division relative to this same angle of the case; also to letter from the Oklahoma City Office to the Division under date of March 7, 1934 relative thereto.

Please be advised that it has been ascertained that Tommie Hill was carried as register number 30596 at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, Hill having been received at that penitentiary on the charge of [REDACTED]

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The penitentiary records further reflect that on February 25, 1928, Hill, as Tommie Hill, Number 1241, was arrested [REDACTED]

The following is a description of Hill as obtained from the records of the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, including the photograph, which is being furnished herewith to the Division:

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(Description of Tommie Hill Continued)

AGE
HEIGHT
WEIGHT
BUILD
COMPLEXION
HAIR
EYES
MARKS, SCARS, ETC.

33
5' 7³/₄"
195 pounds
Muscular
Medium ruddy
Chestnut blond
Sh. sl. enc.
4 GC front. 5 out low rt.
Tat. of Rose with leaves & stem
directly below pit left
shoulder.

F.P.C.

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Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

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

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to letter to the Division emanating from this office under date of February 24, 1934, setting out data relative to all wire taps which had been installed in this territory by this office since January 1, 1933.

With reference to the last paragraph of that letter concerning the tap placed on telephone numbers 8-3271, 8-3272 and 6-0425 at Des Moines, Iowa, in connection with the case now captioned ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM; KIDNAPING the Division is respectfully advised that this tap was maintained on these phones from 6 P.M. February 13, 1934, to 10 A.M. February 27, 1934.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

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

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of a letter dated February 19, 1934, received in the Division from Mr. Frederick G. Layton, wherein he indicates that he is in possession of information concerning the above entitled case.

Mr. Layton should be interviewed at the earliest practicable date with reference to this matter.

For your information, Mr. Layton is apparently seeking a position with this Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Wisconsin Rapids, Wisc.
February 19, 1934.

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

As per my letter of the 15th I had hoped to send my photo of myself for attachment to my application before now, but these small town photographers are slower than I expected.

Now that I have thoroughly made up my mind to be a Public Servant and enter this sincerely, I herein sight to you a matter which I believe to be of considerable importance to yourself and department as follows:

Two years ago the writer was a Deputy Sheriff in this State and on March 5th or 6th, 1932 he went to a small town on Highway #10 in answer to a call to come and pick up a prisoner from the constable in this small town which was on Highway #10 one of the main highways leading from Chicago to the Twin Cities.

Upon arrival I noticed there were three cars, all having Illinois license plates, there being several men, two women and a baby occupying these cars. In talking with the constable I learned he was only making complaint against one of the men who was drunk and was committing a disturbance, this man was 6'1 1/2" tall and about 180 #. When we were about to leave for the county jail with the prisoner, a short man came running up to the car and he was a dead ringer for Roger Toughy in size as well as the curly hair (but was not Toughy as I know him) and he whispered to him "you know your act now, so keep your head". Well we had over thirty miles to drive to the jail and all the way in he was pretending he was drunk and worried as to what was to become of him.

Either that evening or the next morning, he asked use the phone and was permitted to do so. He put in a call to Kansas City and after pleading with the party on the other end asked me to talk. The party at the other end said she was his mother and that he was a wayward son and in view that his sentence was only 60 days she said she thought it would do him good as a lesson and would not forward the fine money.

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That evening he wrote a letter to this so called mother at Kansas City and this letter was in code partially. Two days later a phone call from Chicago came and the voice asked for his fine demanded and asked if it were sent would they turn him loose (this, however was suggested after the party was told that the prisoner had been given 60 days in the county jail).

The day the prisoner was brought in he was only searched for weapons and the second or third day that he was in the sheriff handed me a badge and said that it was taken from him and asked me if I could tell where it was from. Noticing a coat of arms insignia on the badge, I found it to be the insignia of the state of New Jersey. Several days went by and I decided to phone for this mans record and upon its arrival I learned that he was a National known extortionist and having been arrested for same from San Francisco to Philadelphia.

Through a stool I had placed in with him I learned he had been released from Chicago about February 24th, 1932 and that it had cost him in the neighborhood of \$4800 to get out and that W. W. O'Brien had gotten him out of this mix.

Upon being released he had gone to the Atlantic Coast and that he and his crowd had pulled one of the biggest jobs ever pulled and that was why he was in this hick jail.

About six days before his release the writer wired the Secret Service Department at Chicago as follows:

The writer left this space, thinking he could get a copy of wire from the Western Union, but upon calling on them he learns they do not keep the wires longer than one year from date of sending.

Not hearing from Chicago, upon the mans release the writer had the man come to his home for lunch believing that if they sent a shadow he would be talking me and therefore could more easily pick this man up from home as far as a spot was concerned, but it is quite evident they did take my wire at that time seriously.

Nevertheless there are some sound facts and many concrete conditions surrounding this man and his several associates that connect directly indirectly with the Lindbergh, Hamm and the Bremer cases, viz:

The man, after getting out of the Chicago scrape went east, and it is my understanding he went to Trenton, N. J., which is not far from Hopewell, N. J. as I was told the badge came from there, (Trenton). The kidnapping took place March 1st, 1932, this you will agree gave ample time for their presence there. The mans height, build, drooping shoulders, and short quick step are identical to Col. Lindberghs. Bear in mind that four days after the kidnapping the man was in Wisconsin and that four days after the man left Wisconsin, "A baby" was found near the Lindbergh estate. Quite a coincidence.

As far as the Hamm and Bremer cases are concerned there are many details connecting this crowd to them, a few are, in the Hamm case the most important is the fact of Hamm feeling that Roger Toughy was similar to one of the men in the gang that held him. This crowd has one man in their gang similar to Roger, etc, etc.

Relative a connection to the Bremer case, it is my strong recollection that this man had a code letter from Cromwell, Ia., this town being indelible in my mind because of early history on England with reference to Lord Cromwell.

Because of many happenings during his time here, I fully believe I could hunt him up and gain admittance into his crowd and of course it would then be a matter of roping to get to further facts.

The badge I have spoken of can be had, the phone calls can be traced when proper authority is given as well as other details.

The foregoing data has not been entrusted to anyone but yourself. Therefore you can appreciate my position in this matter, knowing that you and your department are vitally interested and concerned in these cases and if the facts I have presented are of interest, I trust you will appoint me on same.

Respectfully,

(S) Frederick G. Layton

FREDERICK G. Layton
521 4th St. South
Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.
Phone 491

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U. S. Department of Justice

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

March 17, 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 agents who are especially assigned to the above case, this is to advise you that seven of them are working in the vicinity of Chicago on various leads, and more particularly with a view toward determining the location of the hideout.

Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry was removed from this special assignment at the St. Paul office.

Special Agent N. E. Marshall is being removed from this assignment as of close of business on the 17th instant and is returning to the Oklahoma City office.

Special Agent R. C. Coulter is necessarily performing investigation in the case entitled REO VERNE SANKEY, with aliases (deceased), et al, CHARLES BOETTCHER, II - Victim, KIDNAPING, St. Paul file No. 7-3, and consequently for the past several days has not been performing work in this case.

In view of the above, you will observe that there are only seven agents in the St. Paul district who are especially assigned to this case at the present time.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer
W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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Laboratory Report

March 14, 1934.

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

Number: 7-576

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, Florida.

Examination requested by: New York Office.

Date received: March 9, 1934.

Examination requested: Handwriting.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel.

March 9. There are differences which seem to indicate that Jim
Jack Perrin did not write the letter to Bremer. If possible more
specimens of the handwriting of Perrin should be obtained and these
should be in ink.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING
RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY
BE DECIDED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE
IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE DIVISION SHOULD BE
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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.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, et al;
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division March 9, 1934.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure: #691709.

cc - Agent Rorer - St. Paul

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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Division of Investigation

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

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Rorer called from St. Paul and stated that the afternoon newspapers were carrying an article to the effect that an arrest had been made early this morning in Oklahoma City by the Division in an effort to take into custody Barker and Karpis, whose fingerprints were found on cans located on the highway on the route believed to be taken by Bremer on his being returned by the kidnapers. Mr. Rorer stated that he did not know the source of this information but that a representative of the Minneapolis Tribune had told Mr. Hanni this morning that the information came via newspaper grapevine from Oklahoma City.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

*I want this run down
& the source of this information
definitely determined. This is
most important.*

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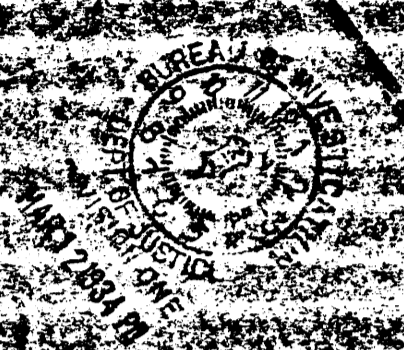
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Minneapolis, Minn.
Mar. 6, 1934.

Senator Cummings

Dear Sir:

Send some of your 9 men to work at Mankato
Minn that is the spot in the Ham and Bremer cases. Pay
no attention to the small town cops they are in with
the kidnapers. Put Cords and Henry on the shelf. Work
at Bobs place at Santpaugh (?) Hotel.

Truly Yours

/s/ Virgil Davis
1601 Central Ave.
Minneapolis

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APR 20 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter dated March 6, 1934, addressed to the Attorney General by Virgil Davis, 1601 Central Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, wherein information is furnished relative to the Ham and Bremer kidnaping cases.

You are instructed to have an agent interview Mr. Davis at the earliest practicable date, for the purpose of obtaining from him any additional information which he may desire to furnish.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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RE: CJ

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Mr. Virgil Davis,
1601 Central Avenue,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Dear Sirs:

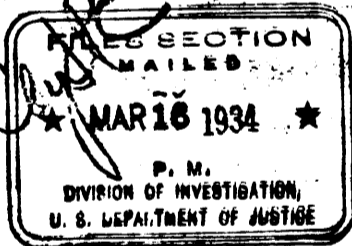
This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 6, 1934, by reference from the Attorney General, wherein you furnish information relative to the Haas and Brewer kidnaping cases.

Please be advised that I am referring copies of your letter to Inspector W. A. Rorer of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Post Office Box 515, St. Paul, Minnesota, who will assign an agent to interview you at an early date.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Laboratory Report

March 14, 1934.

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

Number: 7-576

Specimens: Handwriting specimens of Bud Lawrence Lelar.

Examination requested by: New York Office.

Date received: February 2, 1934.

Examination requested: Handwriting.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A.Appel.

March 12. There is no similarity in the handwriting of Lelar with
that of crank and extortion letters in the Bremer case.

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MAR 22 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 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 2, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

Enclosure: #691626

CC - W. A. Rorer - St. Paul

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

Dear sir:

I acknowledge your communication of the 8th instant, received this date, with Lists of Bank Notes Paid as Ransom in Kidnaping Cases, copies of which have been forwarded to the various subports in this district, one copy being retained at Headquarters' Port.

In the event any of these notes are located, your New Orleans office will be immediately contacted by telephone or telegraph.

Respectfully,

Joseph H. Lyons
Joseph H. Lyons,
Collector.

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Edward L. Brennan

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M H Purvis
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 1900 Bankers' Bldg.,
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 THIRTY FIVE FIVE FEET SIX INCHES HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS DARK COMPLEXION MEDIUM
 STOUT BUILD DARK CHESTNUT HAIR VERY ATTRACTIVE AND GOOD DRESSER HAD BABY
 BOY ONE AND HALF YEARS OLD STOP AM WIRING SAN FRANCISCO EFFORT LOCATE INFORMATION
 THROUGH CALIFORNIA REGISTRATION CADILLAC INSTRUCTING ADVISE YOU DIRECT

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

Colonel Gates telephoned in regard to an Associated Press dispatch from Mammford, Oklahoma, indicating that members of the gang recently arrested at the farmhouse near Sapulpa, Oklahoma, were connected with the Bremer kidnaping. I told the Colonel there is nothing to this report.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Edward J. Bremer

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

Dear Sir:

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

Kindly refer to letter emanating from the Kansas City Office to the Division under date of February 19, 1934, relative to the tap being maintained on the several telephones used by Vernon Lynch, of that city.

The Division is respectfully advised that the information obtained from that tap by Special Agent O. C. Dewey, Des Moines, Iowa, during the period of the tap from 6 P.M. February 13, 1934, to 10 A.M. February 27, 1934, was transmitted by Agent Dewey to Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, and hence it is presumed a report relative to the information received from the tap will be submitted from the St. Paul Office.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONLEY

Mr. Rorer informed me today telephonically that he had been advised by the assistant editor of a newspaper in Minneapolis that he, the assistant editor, had learned from a Mr. Burke, who represents the Tulsa World at Tulsa, Oklahoma, that some one had informed him that we had a lead in the Bremer kidnaping in the arrest made in Oklahoma; that he, Mr. Burke, then called the Sheriff and the Jailer at Sapulpa, one of whom gave him the information. I told Mr. Rorer that I had ordered Mr. Spantley to investigate this matter at Sapulpa.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
March 15, 1934



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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to the letter of Special Agent in Charge
R. A. Alt, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, March 11, 1934.

Special Agent H. E. Andersen, of this office, interviewed
Edward Doll, alias Foley, at the United States Penitentiary,
Leavenworth, Kansas. With reference to the proposed hide-out to be
used during the kidnaping of the son of Ex-governor Small of Illinois,
Doll stated that the matter of arranging for a hide-out had been left
to him. He stated that he had made arrangements for a hide-out with
an old crippled yegg, who lives in Illinois. Doll asked that for the
present at least he be permitted not to divulge any information
regarding this individual or his address. He indicated that the
individual, who owns the house which was to be used as a hide-out, is
on parole from some penitentiary and expressed fear that the man's
parole would be revoked were his connection with the proposed kidnaping
known.

At the present time Doll is in isolation at the penitentiary
and naturally does not feel as kindly toward the Government as heretofore.
He indicated that when he finds out he is to be given a square
deal at the penitentiary he will gladly furnish Agent Andersen with
additional information.

During the conversation with Warden Fred Zerk at the prison
he advised that he did not contemplate holding Doll in isolation for an
indefinite period and indicated that within a short time Doll will be

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treated as one of the regular prisoners.

Agent Andersen will again interview Doll for information regarding the proposed hide-out to be used in the kidnaping at Kankakee, Illinois, of Ex-governor Small's son.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

HRA:B

cc - Division
Jacksonville

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Room 1405
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

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March 17, 1934

S. A. Rorer, Inspector
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 7515
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the investigation involving ALVIN
KARPIS, with aliases, et al, EDWARD G. BREMER (Victim), kid-
naping, and particularly to letter from this office dated March
1st, telegram dated March 8th, Division letter dated March 3rd
and your letter dated March 13th, with respect to Dave Berman,
Register #80404, Sing Sing Prison, New York.

Further inquiry at Sing Sing Prison has disclosed the
following record showing the names of persons to whom he addressed
letters in 1933:

1/3/33	Moe Sedway
1/3/33	Miss Dona Berman
1/11/33	Charles Berman
1/13/33	Moe Sedway
1/13/33	Alex Gleckman
1/16/33	Morris Traickiner
1/31/33	Alex Gleckman
2/6/33	Mrs. Lillian Minter
2/7/33	Charles Berman
2/9/33	David Talmadge
2/10/33	Morris Traickiner
2/17/33	Moe Sedway
2/20/33	David Talmadge
2/20/33	Mrs. Lillian Minter
3/5/33	Charles Berman
3/9/33	Morris Traickiner
4/1/33	Meyer Goldberg
4/6/33	Charles Berman
4/7/33	Morris Traickiner
4/7/33	Mrs. Lillian Minter
4/13/33	Moe Sedway
4/26/33	Alex Gleckman
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Morris Traickiner
Meyer Goldberg
David Talnadge
Morris Traickiner
Francis P. Harro, Attorney
187 Centre Street, New York City
Alex Gleckman
Mrs. Lillian Minter
Morris Traickiner
Alex Gleckman
Meyer Goldberg
Alex Gleckman
David Talnadge
E. Morglander, Attorney
1450 Broadway, New York City
Alex Gleckman
I. B. Padway
Morris Traickiner
Alex Gleckman
Meyer Goldberg
Alex Gleckman
Mrs. Lillian Minter
Alex Gleckman
Alex Gleckman
Pauline Wiener
75 Norfolk Street, New York City
Alex Gleckman
Alex Gleckman
Morris Traickiner
Mrs. Lillian Minter
Buddy Minter, s/o Mrs. Lillian Minter (nephew)
Morris Traickiner
Alex Gleckman
Miss Dena Berwan
Alex Gleckman
Moe Sedway
Morton Goodman
Alex Gleckman
Myrtle Briggs

Letter from Meyer Goldberg to Berman, dated 2/2/54.

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The record clerk furnished Agent Tracy with a copy of a telegram received by Dave Berman, sent from New York City on 3/9/54.

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he failed to understand why persons in the prison were not aware of the fact, for, as he explained, he never heard anyone mention the fact that such an article did appear. He did not desire to divulge the name of the person who gave him this information. He did say, however, that the person has been connected with the penitentiary for over twenty years. It is evident, therefore, that the person is a civilian, as there is no inmate of Sing Sing who has been there for over twenty years. When asked whether his informant was reliable, and whether the informant was in a position to secure further information along this line, he said that the informant was reliable, and if it is possible to secure any additional information he will do so, and he has had the matter in mind, of course, ever since he received the original information, but nothing additional has come his way.

Principal Keeper Sheehy advised that since Agent Tracy's last visit he has had occasion to make a search of Borman's cell but failed to find any letter of the tenor mentioned.

Referring to Division letter dated March 12th and Chicago reports of Agents McLawhorn and Bann, dated February 28th and March 12th, with respect to Bernard Phillips, I. D. #1196, a copy of this letter is being furnished the Chicago Office with the suggestion that Winnie Williams be again interviewed, to determine the exact circumstances under which Bernard Phillips left her in New York City, and under which she left New York City. It is suggested that inquiry be made (in order to test her credibility and at the same time secure helpful information for this office), concerning what she did with the effects of Phillips, when they were left on her hands in New York City; whether she skipped out of the Belvedere Hotel or paid the bill, and how long she remained at the Belvedere Hotel after Phillips disappeared. Also, what action she took after Phillips did not return that day, that is, whether she telephoned anyone or spoke to anyone or reported the matter to the Police Department, and whether before returning to Chicago she visited her mother in Connecticut.

In accordance with Division letter dated March 12th, a suitable inquiry will be made at New York City concerning Bernard Phillips. The same inquiry should be made, of course, at Newark, N. J., as Phillip was headed in that direction when last seen. The Chicago Office will also note from the Division's letter of March 12th the inconsistency in the statement of Winnie Williams, in that she first advised that she saw of Phillips was in New York City in September or October, 1933

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and subsequently stated that she was with Phillips in Kansas City in December, 1932.

The New York City Office is conducting investigation of the Hotel Belvedere to determine whether the records of that hotel for the fall of 1932 are presently available.

Following the dictation of the above, the original registration card of the Belvedere Hotel with respect to Bernard Phillips was located. The card is No. 7474, and shows the following registration:

"Mrs. (sic) and Mrs. S. P. Patton and daughter
3648 Pine Boulevard
Madison, Wisconsin"

It shows that the parties arrived at the hotel on August 24, 1932 and departed September 24, 1932, and occupied Suite 1416-18 at a cost of \$40 per week. Under remarks is found the notation: "very good baggage". Unfortunately, it would appear that the registration is in the handwriting of the clerk in the hotel. The hotel is making every effort to locate the slips covering local and long distance telephone calls made from this suite. The records of the hotel indicate that the bill was paid. These facts and facts will assist the Chicago Office in further interview with Winnie Williams.

Very truly yours,

F. I. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc/Division /
cc/Chicago
Incls. (8) for St. Paul

518 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California.

REV:18
Refer file
#7-33.

March 14, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 709,
Portland, Oregon.

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

Referring to your telegam of the 10th instant, re-
garding one Homer Wilson, the following are descriptions and re-
cords of several Homer Wilsons, shown by the files of the Identi-
fication Division, Sacramento, California:

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Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

- c.c. Division.
- c.c. Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- c.c. Kansas City.
- c.c. Chicago.
- c.c. Oklahoma City.

318 News Building
San Francisco, California.

March 14, 1934.

REV:18
Refer file
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W. A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

I am attaching hereto a copy of
my letter dated March 13, 1934, to the Portland
office, for your information.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent
in Charge.

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April 18, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

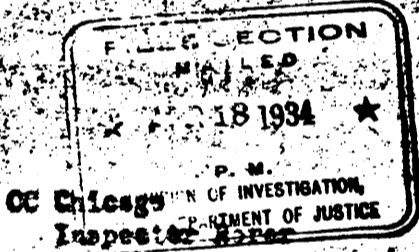
Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,
Identification Order 1218;
Arthur R. Barker, with aliases,
Identification Order 1219;
Edward George Bremer - Victim;
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to the letter of Inspector Rorer, dated March 16, 1934, addressed to the Chicago Office, wherein it is noted that Edward Doll, when interviewed in Florida, stated that Ed Bents was in conference with him, Doll, at Gary, Indiana, in the fall of 1933, at which time they considered kidnaping a person at Rochester, Minnesota and that recently a photograph of Bents was exhibited to people at White Bear Lake, a resort in the immediate vicinity of the Twin Cities, and one person stated that he is positive that he has seen Ed Bents at White Bear Lake at some time in the past.

In view of the similarity in the name of Gary, Indiana and Cary, Illinois, it is suggested that when Doll is next interviewed by an agent of your office, that he be questioned concerning any possible hide-out known to him in the vicinity of Cary, Illinois. He should be especially questioned concerning his acquaintance with Louis Cernocky, who operates the Crystal Ball Room at Fox River Grove, Illinois, a distance of three-quarters of a mile from Cary.

Very truly yours,

Director.



Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 15, 1934.



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

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

Dear Sir,

Reference is made to the report of W. Carter Baum,
dated March 15, 1934, at Chicago, Illinois, wherein there is informa-
tion that Ed Bentz resided at 7515 Kingston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois,
between August 28th and December 29, 1933, at which time he was living
with his wife and they kept a Pekinese dog.

Victim, WILLIAM HAMM, has previously informed us that
there was a woman and a small dog at the house wherein he was held.

In view of the fact that Ed Bentz and wife took up
residence at the Kingston Street address last August, which is right
after the release of Hamm, and in further view of the fact, that he
departed on December 29th, just shortly before the Bremer case, and
in consideration of statements of Bentz to the effect that he expected
to return about March 1st, it is believed that very thorough investi-
gation should be made to locate Ed Bentz ~~and if possible~~
~~the name of Ed Bentz is~~

Edward Dull, when interviewed in Florida, stated
that Ed Bentz was in conference with him at Cary, Indiana, in the
fall of 1933, at which time they considered kidnaping a person at
Rochester, Minnesota. Recently a photograph of Ed Bentz was exhibited
to people at White Bear Lake, a resort in the immediate vicinity of
the Twin Cities, and one person stated that he is positive that he
has seen Ed Bentz at White Bear Lake at sometime in the past.

Please follow this matter very closely as it is
highly probable that Bentz is involved in this case.

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W. A. BORKER,
Inspector.

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

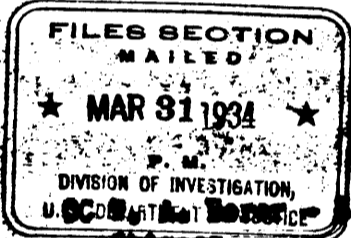
RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 17, 1934, addressed to the St. Paul office in the above entitled case, setting forth information obtained from the correspondent sheets at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, with respect to prisoners Lloyd Barker, Register No. 17243, Francis L. Keating, Register No. 29980 and Thomas Holden, Register No. 29979. It is noted that from the correspondent sheet of Francis L. Keating it appears that his wife, Mrs. M. Keating, addressed letters to him from Miami, Florida, Colorado Springs, Colorado and Chicago, Illinois. Your letter, however, does not indicate the dates when these letters were received.

It is suggested that these correspondent sheets again be examined for the purpose of ascertaining the dates and that appropriate leads be set out for the purpose of ascertaining the contacts made by Mrs. Keating in Miami, Florida and Colorado Springs, Colorado, in the event it appears that Mrs. Keating may possibly be associating with members of the so-called Barker-Karpis group.

Very truly yours,

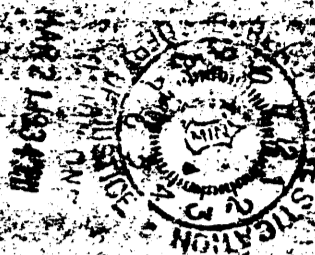


Director

Chicago
Salt Lake City
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KANSAS CITY, MO.

March 17, 1934



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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of March 6, 1934 requesting investigation at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas and State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas for the purpose of identifying typewritten letters written by the kidnapers in the present case.

Special Agent A. E. Farland of this office has ascertained that neither the Federal Penitentiary nor the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas preserve incoming letters to inmates, neither do they make any record of outgoing communications from the convicts.

As requested in the letter of reference, Special Agent Farland examined the correspondent sheets at the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas of Lloyd Barker, Register #17243 and Francis L. Keating and Thomas Holden, register numbers 29980 and 29979 respectively. A list of the individuals with whom they correspond is set out below:

Lloyd Barker's correspondent sheet:

C. A. Barker, father, P. O. Box 174, Weddard, Mo.
Tom Murray, friend, 514 South Harwood St., Dallas, Texas.
Peter Macish, friend, 4137 North 7th St., St. Louis, Mo.

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Francis L. Keating's correspondent sheet:

Mrs. M. Keating, wife, 5334 So. Oakley, Kansas City, Mo.
Mrs. M. Keating, wife, Miami, Florida.
Mrs. M. Keating, wife, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Mrs. M. Keating, wife, 7446 Eggleston, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. O. Keating, mother, 1040 W-87th Street, Chicago, Ill.
R. R. Keating, son, 7843 S. Winchester, Chicago, Ill.
Fred Keating, brother, 6252 Spaulding Ave., Chicago, Ill.
M. McGuire, friend, 321 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Mo.
R. Walsh, niece, 8923 So. Racine, Chicago, Ill.
Chicago-American, Bus., 326 E. Madison Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Thomas Holden's correspondent sheet:

Mrs. Thomas Holden, wife, 6957 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Thomas Holden, Jr., son, 6957 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. M. Fallow, sister, 3813 So. Parnell Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Bill and Bob, friend, Chicago, Ill.
Ruth and Mary, friend, Chicago, Ill.
Esther, cousin, Chicago, Ill.
Lucille Tallon, niece, 3813 Parnell Ave., Chicago, Ill.
E. McCollough, friend, 8241 So. Honore Street, Chicago, Ill.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

HMA:lg

cc-Division
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

March 16, 1934.

MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. CLEGG
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called Mr. Rorer this morning and told him that the Director was very much disturbed about the publicity in connection with the Harpis-Barker latent fingerprint identifications and that the source of this leak had to be determined; that the indications were that it came from St. Paul not only because of this leak but because there were too many rumors to the effect that there was a leak in St. Paul without some foundation for such rumors. Mr. Rorer stated that he would do the best he could to get at the bottom of this but that he believed it originated in Oklahoma.

Respectfully,

S.P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

*Edwards & Pinner
Alvin Karpis
O'Brien & Barker
H. Rorer*

We must get to the bottom of this.

*J. E. N.
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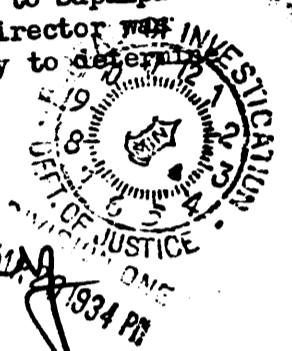
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In connection with the information submitted by Mr. Rorer to the effect that Mr. Shipley, of the Minneapolis Tribune, had advised that he had obtained information concerning the raid from Mr. Burks, a representative of the Sapulpa World, and that he had obtained information concerning the latent fingerprint identifications either from the Sheriff or the jailer at Sapulpa, I talked with Mr. Brantley and instructed that he immediately proceed to Sapulpa and get to the bottom of this leak, advising that the Director was very much concerned and that it was absolutely necessary to determine the source of this information.

*Fred [unclear]
Arthur [unclear]
Edward H. Bremer*

Respectfully,

S.P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.



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MR. LOCKE
MR. RORER

H. C. [unclear]

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. William P. Helm, of the Kansas City Journal-Post, called (11:00 A. M.) He wanted information concerning the arrest at Sapulpa, Oklahoma yesterday, with particular reference to Charles Cotner, who, according to the newspaper, is suspected of being involved in the attempted kidnaping of Peggy Landon, the daughter of Governor Landon, of Kansas. I told Mr. Helm that the Division had no statement to make in connection with these arrests except for the fact that Wright was wanted by local authorities.

In talking with Mr. Brantley I instructed him to immediately look into the matter of this allegation against Charles Cotner.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

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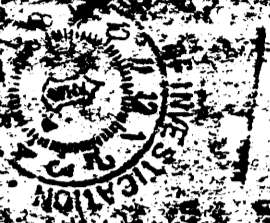
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Room 1401
170 Lexington Ave.
New York City

March 19, 1934



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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of
Special Agent W. Carter Baum, dated March 9, 1934, in which
there is set out information concerning one M. J. Murphy.

In this connection, the attention
of the interested offices is invited to the report of Special
Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, dated July 15, 1933, in the
case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased), et al;
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, which shows on page 78
et seq, information developed relative to one C. J. Murphy, who
resided at various times at the Newbern Hotel in Kansas City,
Mo., and who was known to be an acquaintance of Miller.

Very truly yours,

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Laboratory Report

March 13, 1934.

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

Number: 7-576

Specimens: 2 checks showing signature of Mrs. Paula Harmon.
3 notes showing signature of Mrs. Paula Harmon.

Examination requested by: Dallas Office.

Date received: March 6, 1934.

Examination requested: Handwriting.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel.

March 8. The signatures on the checks of Mrs. Paula Harmon are identical with her signature on the fingerprint card.

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

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division March 6, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

Enclosure: #691625

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Mr. W.A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
205 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, et al.
Edward G. Bremer (Victim)
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter of Inspector W.A. Rorer,
dated at St. Paul, March 2, 1934, regarding telephone call of
Paula Harmon to Stonewell J. Smith of the Federated Metal Co.

R.O. Carmack, Postmaster at Farmersville, Texas, stated
that Stonewell J. Smith is well known in Farmersville, Texas - a
town of about 1900 population - and has numerous relatives in and
around Farmersville where Smith was born. His parents are now
dead; he has one sister living at Farmersville named Mrs. E.R.
Beaver.

Mr. Carmack stated that Smith keeps company with a
young lady who was also reared and lives in Farmersville, whose
name is Miss Vivian (called Bill) Woodard, who fits pretty well
the description of the woman described as Mrs. J. Stanley Smith
in report of Special Agent O.C. Hall, dated St. Paul, 7-27-33.
However, she has no scar across her nose, and lives across the
street from Mr. Carmack. Mr. Carmack stated that he knows posi-
tively that Miss Woodard has not been away from Farmersville for
more than a night at a time in the past five or six years. On
March 15, 1934, Miss Woodard was in Dallas purchasing supplies
for her father's store, and Agent did not see her.

Mr. Carmack advised that Stonewell J. Smith
presents the Federated or Federal Sheet Metal Company of St.
Louis, Missouri, and handles quite a lot of money; that he is a
good dresser, is well behaved, and around Farmersville has a
good reputation. He did further state, however, that the entire

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Smith family and their connections could do anything, in his opinion, and are a pretty hard lot. Mr. Carmack further stated that Smith travels all over the country but he does not recall letters coming from him to Miss Woodard from as far away as Chicago, Minneapolis or St. Paul; however, he has paid no particular attention where the letters originate that she receives from Smith. He stated that the next time Smith comes into Farmersville, where he spends four or five days on various occasions, he will notify the Dallas Division Office by telephone. He further stated that Smith does his banking business with the Republic National Bank & Trust Company of Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Carmack stated also that the description of J. Stanley Smith, as set out in report of Special Agent Hall, supra, exactly fits Stonewall J. Smith.

A copy of this letter is being furnished the St. Louis Division Office with the request that a check in that city through the Federal or Federated Sheet Metal Company be made as to the whereabouts of Stonewall J. Smith during May and June, 1935.

Mr. Carmack advised that the only car he has ever seen Stonewall J. Smith driving is a Chevrolet Coupe.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONLEY

During telephonic conversation today, I advised Mr. Gridley, of the United Press, of the arrest last night of Glen Roy Wright at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, at the home of Ira Brackett, which place is supposed to be the hang-out for a number of gangsters and racketeers in that section of the country. I mentioned the fact that Wright is stated to be wanted at Joplin, Missouri; Hutchinson, Kansas; and Stillwater, Oklahoma, for robbery and burglary. I also stated that our records show that the Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department wants Wright for murder, although this fact had not been verified at Tulsa.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

Order to J. E. Conley

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March 16, 1934.

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Mr. EGAN _____
Mr. QUINN _____
Mr. LESTER _____
Miss Gandy _____
Mr. ROHR _____

Agent in Charge Fay at New York advised me by telephone today that Mr. Woodbury had arranged for him to see the President of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and that the General Counsel was also present during the interview. He stated that the situation at St. Paul has been taken care of.

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Edward E. Bremer

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J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

February 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
322 Federal Building,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
Edward C. Bremer (Victim)
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Paula Harmon's
mother and brother reside at 337 DeQueen Boulevard, Port Arthur,
Texas, and Mrs. Brannon, Paula Harmon's mother, recently moved back
to Port Arthur, Texas, from Georgia.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] It is possible, therefore, that Paula Harmon is com-
municating with her mother, Mrs. D. B. Brannon, through a relative
relay at Columbus, Georgia, and Mrs. Kallis may be this relay.

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Very truly yours,

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V. J. BLAKE,
Special Agent

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Incoming



*Mrs. W. B. Bramman,
Port Arthur,
Texas.*

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March 17, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of an anonymous communication addressed to the Attorney General and referred to this Division. Although Abe Ginsberg is well known to the Division, you are instructed to ascertain the identity of the individual referred to as Ed Morgan (fixer), who is said to be the publisher of the Twin City Reporter, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Re BRENNER kidnaping, St. Paul, Minn.

Abe Ginsberg (Lawyer), Minneapolis, and Ed Morgan (fixer), and
publisher of Twin City Reporter, Minneapolis, may be connected.
Morgan friend of Harvey Bailey, Bates, Bugs Moran et al.

/s/ Hoover

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Werner Hanni,
 Division of Investigation,
 United States Department of Justice,
 203 Post Office Building
 St. Paul, Minnesota.

Kansas City, Missouri
 March 18, 1934.

Brekid Chief of Police Sioux Falls South Dakota wired sheriff Topoka Kansas parties Sioux Falls identify photographs Karpis T.L. Carroll and one of Barkers participants recent bank robbery there

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From
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN
 To
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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. Wixson
- Mr. Fisher
- Mr. Ramsey
- Mr. Brabner Smith
- Mr. Morrison
- Mr. Kiefer
- Mr. Norris
- Mr. Gottshall
- Miss Brookley
- Miss [unclear]

- MR. NATHAN
- MR. TOLSON
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CLOVERLEAF STOCK FARM

Elnora, New York
2/15/1934

Copy for My President

POLICE HEADQUARTERS
ST-PAUL, MINNESOTA

GREETING

As I think I have A real tip on the recent kidnaping of Mr. Bremmer, as it now looks from this distance of 1400 miles, and I feel it is my duty to advise you which you can take for what it is worth, but under no circumstance mention my name in any way to make me trouble. As I have plenty as it is.

If you will first look up my record at Austin, you will find Mr. Beck's word used to be good, during the 3rd Liberty Loan drive. I owned A farm near Austin, on which was mortgages of \$17,300 at 5 1/2% Int, yet I lended \$1200. at 6% to buy each son A \$400. Liberty Bond, the red cross chapter of your great State presented to me A large American flag, as the only man in the State doing this. I also had to call A board meeting Feb'y 27-1920 to resign as treasurer of Austin town, leaving for this place March 1st 1920. look this up, and then go ahead.

It happened while Mrs. Beck was going to Minnesota on train, she meet Mrs. Frank XSteinhagen, going same place getting acquainted, and we visited back and forth as friends. the Steinhagens moving on farm N-E Hayfield Minnesota.

About 4 1/2 years ago Mrs Beck & Myself drove back for A visit, and looked up the Steinhages, who had sold farm, and moved to Kasson Dodge County. I was surprised to find Mr. Steinhagen running billard hall, and family living in same building up-stairs. I asked them about this. to find they were making good but had so much money standing out.

As I am strickly temperance, I was not interested in any thing they were doing but saw some of the worst looking customers hanging about their place, and do beleive they also did far more than play pool there.

Since reading the house that Mr. Bremer was held in was near Cresco Iowa and that Mr. Bremer was released near Rochester Minnesota, I fully beleive this.

That if you watch Mr. Steinhagen and his hold out near Kasson, you will find you are watching pretty close to the hold out of some of these kidnapers I also beleive if Mr. Stenhagen is not connected, he does know some that are connected with this deal. Although they were our friends, I always will bring out all I know, treating all alike when I feel they are doing wrong. I was brought to defend A crook, makes us as bad as the crook.

This kidnaping has to be stopped. I carry A short gun continually, and should I see any hold up, robbery or anything on that order, no matter what the odds are, and if it is the last thing that I do. I will try to get at least one of the gang. I also hold A Special Deputy Sheriff commission on our place here, and during the great milk strike here last fall, I kept peace, and saved lots of trouble, besides no one was hurt. I and my Family still miss Minnesota, so many times, we wish we had never moved East. Since we are here, we have to stay

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and make the best of it. Wishing you the best of success in this matter. Hoping
you catch this gang and if in this information, and you get the \$200,000 back
remember us with 1% of enough so we can make a trip back, I am.

Very truly yours.

/s/ Bert Beck-

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March 17, 1934.

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Mr. Bert Beck,
Cloverleaf Stock Farm,
Elmira, New York.

MAR 21 1934

Dear Sirs:

This is to acknowledge receipt of a copy of your letter dated February 15, 1934, addressed to Police Headquarters, St. Paul, Minnesota, by reference from the Secretary to the President, wherein you set forth information relative to the possible connection of Mr. Frank Steinbagen of Kasson, Dodge County, Minnesota, with the Bremer kidnaping case.

Please be assured that the information furnished by you is appreciated and thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

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.

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

Dear Sir:

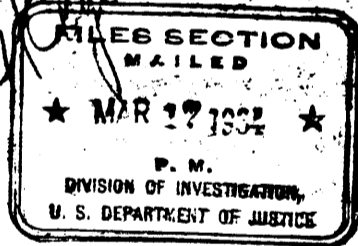
There are transmitted herewith copies of a letter dated February 15, 1934, addressed to Police Headquarters, St. Paul, Minnesota, by Bert Beck, Cloverleaf Stock Farm, Elmora, New York. A carbon copy of this letter was enclosed in an envelope addressed to the President and referred to this Division. The Division has sent a letter to Mr. Beck, acknowledging receipt of this letter.

The information contained in the enclosed copies should be given attention at the earliest practicable date.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #691615



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 16, 1934.

MR. NATHAN	✓
MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	✓
MR. COWLEY	✓
MR. EDWARDS	✓
MR. EGAN	✓
MR. GUINN	✓
MR. LESTER	✓
MR. LOCKE	✓
MR. ROSEN	✓

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

As a result of the publicity given to the identification of Karpis and Barker, I called Mr. Rorer last night and requested that he commence a vigorous investigation to determine the source of this information. I also contacted Mr. Brantley, who did not return to Oklahoma City until about 12:00 P. M. Mr. Brantley stated that he would look into the matter immediately. I had previously ascertained, however, that Agent Hollis was the only Division Agent in the raid at Sapulpa which resulted in the apprehension of Wright, et al. Mr. Brantley later called back and stated that the Oklahoma papers carried an Associated Press article from St. Paul indicating that the identification of Karpis and Barker had been made from latent fingerprints on the tin cans in question. He stated, further, that during the day a newspaper man called Agent Hansen, who was acting in charge, and asked whether Wright, et al, had been arrested in connection with the Bremer case, to which inquiry Hansen replied "You probably know more about that than I do. The arrest was not made here but in Sapulpa. I do not know on what charge he was arrested". He stated that the newspaper man then asked Hansen how about the identification on the tin cans of Karpis and Barker, to which Hansen replied that he knew nothing about that. Mr. Brantley stated that this was an actual fact; that Hansen did not have that information. Mr. Brantley stated that he would continue his efforts to determine the source of this leak, but that in view of the telephone call from St. Paul by the newspaper man he believed the source of the information must have been at St. Paul.

Mr. Brantley called again this morning and stated that he had talked with Agent Hollis, who had stated absolutely that he had made no comment to any local law enforcement officials or newspaper men concerning the fingerprints of Karpis and Barker or that Wright was wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case. He stated that late yesterday afternoon after Mr. Hollis had gone to McAlester, Oklahoma, where the prisoners were removed, an Associated Press representative called him from Tulsa, Oklahoma, and asked him whether there was anything to the latent fingerprint identifications of Barker and Karpis. to which Hollis replied that he knew nothing about such prints. Mr. Brantley stated further that after Mr. Hansen, at the Oklahoma City office, had received

*Edward J. Bremer
Alvin Karpis
Fred Barker
H. Bremer*

Wm. G. Wright

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a call from Mr. Shipley, of the Minneapolis Tribune, yesterday morning about 10:30 concerning the latent prints he received a number of calls from local newspapers which asked whether there was anything to the story appearing in the Minneapolis papers concerning these identifications, to which Hansen replied that he knew nothing about such identifications. Mr. Brantley stated that in his opinion had the information broken in Oklahoma local newspapers would have given it headlines and taken advantage of the scoop. He stated that this did not happen but that the first articles appeared as Associated Press articles from St. Paul. Mr. Brantley stated, further, that the money found in the possession of Wright and the other prisoners had been compared with the Bremer kidnaping money and found not to be identical.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

Ransom money

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Adolph Bremer and Mr. Otto Bremer called this afternoon and stated that they were desirous of seeing you and that in your absence requested that I pay their respects to you. They stated that they had talked to Mr. Keenan and that their principal purpose in coming here was to advise of the wonderful manner in which Mr. Nathan had handled the investigation, advised and comforted them during the time Mr. Bremer was being held by the kidnapers. They also stated that they wanted to cooperate 100% with the Division and to deny newspaper reports which had been reported to have been given by them. They expressed great surprise as to how the newspapers got the photographs of the packages of money and stated they did not believe they were photographs of the ransom money paid, but the photographs of the packages were identical with those used in the payment of the ransom. They stated that they had expressed their opinion to Mr. Keenan of the high esteem in which they held Mr. Nathan. They wanted also to express themselves to that effect to you. They spoke very highly of the efficiency of the Division and stated that it was unfortunate the Division did not have jurisdiction over all offenses and police interference eliminated. Mr. Otto Bremer did most of the talking.

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Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley

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MR. BOWLEY	✓
MR. EDWARDS	✓
MR. GUINN	✓
MR. LESTER	✓
MR. LOCKE	✓
MR. ROSS	✓

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BREMER KIDNAPING AGENT HOLLIS STATES DID NOT GIVE STATEMENT TO REPRESENTATIVE INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE OR ANY OTHER AT MCALESTER OR ELSEWHERE RELATIVE SUSPECTS THIS CASE STOP E M MARTEL INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE MCALESTER INTERVIEWED DURING NIGHT STATES HE HAS NOT INTERVIEWED OR SEEN HOLLIS OR ANY OFFICER WHO ACCOMPANIED PRISONERS TO MCALESTER MARCH FIFTEENTH AND HE SAYS MATERIAL FOR ARTICLE PREPARED BY HIM AND WHICH CLEARED THROUGH DISTRICT OFFICE INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE KANSAS CITY MISSOURI DID NOT DIRECTLY QUOTE ANY PERSON AN ENDEAVORING OBTAIN COPIES MATERIAL PREPARED BY MARTELL AND ANY OTHER FACTS WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED

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San Antonio, Texas
March 17, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to report of Special Agent W. F. Wagner, of your office, for November 22, 1933, in the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, et al, Obstruction of Justice, and report of this same Agent for Feb. 20, 1934, entitled Unknown Subjects, Stuart S. Bruner, Victim, Kidnaping.

On page 8 of the report of Agent Wagner in the Vernon C. Miller case, wherein check was made of pay stations in the Rickard Hotel and the Rickard Bus Terminal, Kansas City, Mo., there was located a telephone call dated June 17, 1934, from Grand 5266 to Grand 5266, and in the report of Agent Wagner for Feb. 20, 1934, in the Bruner case, page 20, mention is made of a telephone call, date not mentioned, from the Ambassador Hotel, Kansas City to Telephone 5266, San Antonio.

Telephone Grand 5266 is a non-listed telephone of Mrs. Julia Jones Connor, Apartment 2, Thomas Apartments, 2811 Broadway, San Antonio, Tex. Mrs. Connor occupied this apartment from January 10, 1933, to March 7, 1934, when she moved to a furnished residence at 254 Eleanor Street, San Antonio. Mrs. Connor was formerly married to a carnival man named Jones, who was killed in a railroad wreck near Abbeville, La., several years ago, exact date unknown. She received several thousand dollars from a railroad company and also a life insurance company. On Oct. 28, 1934, she married Eddie Connor, sometimes known as Eddie Connor.

L. H. Connor is a confidence man, his main racket is working with the nationally known mob of fake eye doctors. As far as can be ascertained, he is no relation to Eddie Connor, the confidence man, who was killed in New York or New Jersey some two years past.

Mrs. Julia Jones Connor has very few callers and L. H. Connor has been seen at the apartment only on very few occasions. She has two boys aged seven, Ernest Douglas and Larry. These two boys are both attending the Lincoln Grammar School in San Antonio.

A cover on Mrs. Connor's mail has so far developed correspondence with L. D. Arnold, Room 426 West Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn. A list of all

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long distance telephone calls to and from Fessia 6166 since this phone has been listed to Mrs. Connor has been obtained and is attached to this letter.

This office will leave up to the judgment of the Kansas City office as to what extent it is desired that these telephone calls be checked as to the identity of the callers, as this office has no information that would connect Jules James Connor with either of the major cases heretofore mentioned. Neither do we have any information connecting any of the telephones listed that have been calling Mrs. Connor's phone since its installation. Being the wife of Connor, who is known to be a con man, it is possible that some of these calls will have anything to do with the two cases.

On January 20, 1934, a petition for divorce was filed in the 57th District Court, San Antonio, Texas, by Julia Connor versus Eddie Reese Connor, alleging their marriage on October 20, 1924, separation on January 10, 1933, the charge being extreme cruelty and infidelity in that Connor is alleged to be living with another woman, to-wit, one Letharia Groves, (name not stated); final decree of divorce granted March 7, 1934. Custody of twin boys, Douglas and Larry, age seven, awarded to Julia Connor. The service in these proceedings was by publication.

Very truly yours,

One of Yours,
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 19, 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:

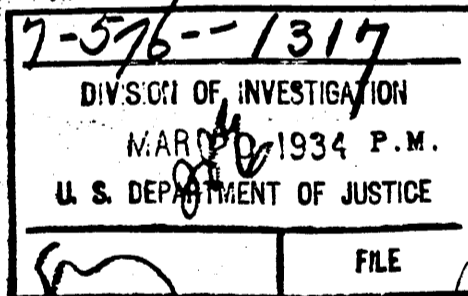
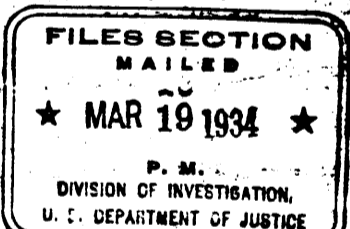
Reference is made to your letter of March 15, 1934, in connection with the return to your office of the signal lights found in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim - KIDNAPING. You are advised the batteries which were submitted with these lights were forwarded direct to the Chicago Division office for use in connection with their investigation seeking to identify the manufacturer.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC: Chicago

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March 19, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

The Division desires to bring to your attention certain observations made from a review of reports rendered in the above entitled case with respect to the location of the "hide-out" where Bremer was held by the kidnapers.

Your attention is invited to pages 11 to 15 and 25 of the report of Special Agent J. O'Connell, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, September 15, 1933, rendered in the William Hamm, Jr. kidnaping case. You will note that the kidnapers in that case followed U. S. Highway #12 for a good distance before arriving at their destination. The sign referred to by Mr. Hamm as bearing the names Janesville-Seloit, which names were preceded by numerals believed to be 20 and 30, could possibly have been located in the vicinity of Fort Atkinson or White Water, Wisconsin. On page 11 of this report the following sentence is noted: "After passing the above sign, Mr. Hamm stated that he thought they drove about thirty miles, or better, for perhaps an hour or an hour and a half before reaching their destination." In following U. S. Highway #12 in a southerly direction from either Fort Atkinson or White Water, into northern Illinois, the hide-out would be placed in either McHenry or Lake County, more than likely McHenry County.

Reference is made to pages 18, 19 and 26 of the report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 23, 1933, rendered in the Kansas City massacre case, wherein it is noted that Mrs. Frances Nash, widow of Frank Nash, deceased, was interviewed on August 30, 1933 by Special Agent Keating at the Kansas City Office in the presence of her attorney and Special Agent Trainor.

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During the course of this interview she advised that during March, 1932 she and Vivian Mathis, paramour of the late Vernon C. Miller, deceased, proceeded to St. Paul, Minnesota, where they stayed at the residence of Harry Sawyer. Mrs. Nash also stated during the interview that during the summer of 1932 Miller rented a bungalow near Lake Geneva, Wisconsin and that the bungalow was about three miles off of U. S. Highway #12; that it was near a lake and was rented from a doctor. At the top of page 19 you will note that Mrs. Nash stated that she met Kate Barker, mother of Fred and Arthur R. Barker, and who was better known as "Mother" Barker, and Helen Ferguson, at Louis Cernocky's place at Cary, Illinois, during the fall of 1932. Recent reports submitted in the Bremer case, however, indicate that the place owned by Cernocky is located at Fox River Grove, Illinois.

In giving consideration to Cary as the town in which, or near which, the hide-out could possibly have been located, the above information should be borne in mind.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. R. McIntyre, dated at Chicago, Illinois, March 2, 1934, wherein the results of an investigation conducted by Special Agent J. L. Madala at Cary and Fox River Grove, Illinois are set forth. Reference is also made to your memorandum dated February 28, 1934, wherein you list the outstanding noises, et cetera, which distinguished the vicinity of the hide-out. Except for item two on page one of your memorandum, which indicates that a whistle, apparently a factory whistle, and apparently stationary, blew each week-day morning and evening at about dusk but never blew at mid-day nor on Sunday, nearly all of the noises heard by Bremer are accounted for at Cary. In this connection, it is possible that a locomotive whistle may have been mistaken for a factory whistle. It should be borne in mind that noon-day factory whistles were not heard, which strengthens the belief that the whistle was that of one of the locomotives attached to one of the suburban trains, referred to hereinafter. It is also noted from your memorandum that railroad trains passed constantly; that trains passed in the early morning and about dusk; that there appeared to be a shifting locomotive engine heard daily at various times which was close enough to the hide-out for the victim to hear the discharge of steam from the exhaust. In this connection, you will note on page 9 of Agent McIntyre's report that there is a switch-yard in the town proper at Cary, Illinois, which is used in the morning for the purpose of making up trains before their usual run to Chicago, and further that there are seven suburban trains leaving Cary every morning except Sunday, it being noted that three of these trains start their run at Cary; that there

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are also many trains going through the town during the day and in the evening between the hours of 5 and 7 P.M. there are more trains than during the balance of the day. It is possible that a single locomotive, while on a siding in the morning and also in the evening, may blow a whistle as a signal for a through train. A further investigation along this line should be made. It is not indicated in the report whether there is a round house located at Cary, Illinois which might possibly have a whistle.

With respect to Cary as the scene of the hide-out, the following is submitted for your consideration. The distance from Cary to a point seven miles northwest of Portage is 148 miles and the distance from this same point near Portage to Stockton, Minnesota, is 140 miles, but in view of the fact that the kidnapers proceeded beyond Stockton, possibly several miles, where they let Bremer out of the car and returned to Stockton to have their car refilled, the total number of 140 miles would be increased, perhaps in the proximity of the total of 148 miles, thereby establishing the place where the gas cans were located as the half-way mark between the hide-out and Stockton. In view of Bremer's statement that the kidnapers were gone nearly an hour for the purpose of refueling their car, it is assumed that some of this time was used in traveling several miles.

The following table of mileages, obtained from the 1934 edition of the Rand-McNally Commercial Atlas, the most up-to-date authority on distances, is set forth for your information:

Cary to Point 7 miles Northwest of Portage

From	To	Route	Mileage	Total
Cary	McHenry	U. S. #12	11	
McHenry	Lake Geneva	U. S. #12	21	
Lake Geneva	Elkhorn	U. S. #12	9	
Elkhorn	White Water	U. S. #12	18	
White Water	Fort Atkinson	U. S. #12	19	
Fort Atkinson	Madison	U. S. #12	34	
Madison	North Leeds	U. S. #51	20	
North Leeds	Portage	U. S. #51	18	
Portage	Point 7 miles northwest	U. S. #16	7	148

Point 7 miles Northwest of Portage to Stockton/Leviston

From	To	Route	Mileage	Total
Point 7 miles Northwest of Portage	Wisconsin Dells	U. S. #16	13	
Wisconsin Dells	Mauston	U. S. #12-#16	21	
Mauston	New Lisbon	U. S. #12-#16	8	
New Lisbon	Tomah	U. S. #12-#16	19	
Tomah	Sparta	U. S. #16	16	
Sparta	West Salem	U. S. #16	16	
West Salem	LaCrosse	U. S. #16	13	
LaCrosse	Winona	U. S. #61	27	
Winona	Stockton	U. S. #14	7	140
Stockton	Leviston	U. S. #14	7	147

Assuming that the gas gauge on the dashboard of the kidnapers' car indicated that the gas tank was filled, the kidnapers having prepared for a long trip before leaving the hide-out, and upon reaching an arbitrary point along the route which has since been established as being seven miles northwest of Portage, where the car was refueled from four 5 (minus) gallon cans, and that from that point the kidnapers again traveled until the gas gauge indicated the necessity of refueling, because of the fact that the car required only 15 gallons at Stockton to fill the tank, the indications would be that the Buick is one of the 60 or 50 series, depending on the amount of reserve fuel in the tank when the gasoline gauge registered "empty". From the above deductions it would appear improbable that the hide-out would be located south of McHenry County, Illinois, allowing for the high mileage figures furnished by Buick dealers with respect to the 60-50 series, as set forth in the report of Special Agent Hall, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, March 10, 1934. Therefore, it is suggested that a concentrated effort be made to locate the hide-out in McHenry County, using Cary, Illinois as the center of operations. Attention should next be given to adjacent counties in Wisconsin, as well as Illinois.

The results of investigation heretofore conducted at Cary, Illinois, as reflected in the report of Special Agent McIntyre, above referred to, are entirely too superficial and general. Trains are mentioned, but no schedule is set forth showing the exact time of

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arrivals and departures. A fire siren is located in Cary, but it does not appear that the Fire Marshal has yet been interviewed relative to the possibility of the siren having been blown on the second Sunday, January 28, 1934, during the time Bremer was held. Incidentally, a list of fires reported in Northern Illinois reflected a fire at Fox River Grove, a neighboring town to Cary, as occurring on Sunday January 28 (not 28), 1934. This should receive attention. It appears that only personal friends of Special Agent Madala were interviewed by him.

The Division feels that an investigation for the purpose of locating the hide-out should be much more extensive and exhaustive than the above investigation. The Postmaster and letter carriers should be interviewed and photographs of suspects exhibited to them. The Fire Marshal should be interviewed and a record of all fires obtained. Railway station agents should be interviewed and a complete schedule of train arrivals and departures should be obtained. Drug store and grocery store clerks should be interviewed and photographs of suspects exhibited to them. Agents of public utility companies, such as telephone, electricity and gas companies, who have occasion to canvass their respective districts for the purpose of reading meters, collecting bills and making installations and repairs, should be interviewed and photographs of the suspects exhibited to them. They should be consulted with regard to the floor plan and samples of the wallpaper should be exhibited to them. Gas station attendants should also be interviewed and the photographs of the suspects exhibited to them.

From the floor plan of the hide-out of Bremer submitted by you, and bearing in mind that the house was approached from the rear (as was apparently also done in the Hamm case) and was entered through the kitchen, it is possible that this house may front on a lake or river, and in view of the fact that the wallpaper, identified by Bremer, is manufactured exclusively for the Sears-Roebuck Company, a representative of that company familiar with the houses manufactured and sold by that company, should be consulted. An effort should be made to determine, through an interview with Bremer, which way he turned immediately after leaving the house and entering the car, whether to the right or to the left, and what turns were made by the car after he entered it and before reaching the main highway. It is believed that such information should be forthcoming, even from one who was blindfolded. From an examination of the floor plan submitted by you, it also seems possible that Bremer can furnish

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information with respect to the flow of traffic on the highway in the morning and in the evening. It also seems possible that he can indicate the direction in which the morning and afternoon trains ran, thereby establishing the direction of Chicago, it being assumed that the trains heard by him were suburban trains carrying passengers to and from Chicago each week-day. A copy of the chart prepared by you is enclosed herewith with the foregoing questions indicated thereon.

With a view to establishing whether the above route was followed by the kidnapers, and if considered feasible by you, it is suggested that an Agent be assigned to travel over this route describing in every detail the condition of the road, with respect to mileage readings, noting in particular rough places such as crossing railroad tracks, approaches to bridges and the like, which would attract the attention of a blindfolded person, the description obtained then being related to Bremer in such a manner as to determine whether the route can be identified by him from this information. Frequent curves and straight-a-ways should be included in the descriptive data obtained.

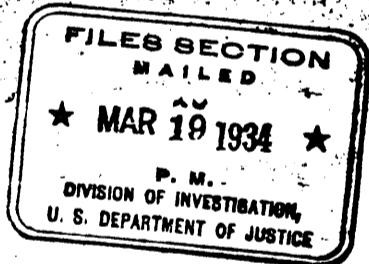
The foregoing suggestions should receive your immediate attention and the investigation pressed vigorously.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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CC Chicago.



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

Mr. NATHAN _____
Mr. TOLSON _____
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Mr. EDWARDS _____
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March 16, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

With reference to the information reaching the newspapers concerning fingerprints on gasoline cans found in this case, and other information of a confidential nature, please be advised that Special Agent O.G.Hall learned, today, from J.P.Shipley, assistant city editor of the Minneapolis Tribune, Minneapolis, Minnesota, that early yesterday Mr.Shipley received a telephone call from Mr. Burks of the Tulsa World to the effect that a raid had been made in Oklahoma at a hideout of the Karpis-Barker Gang. Mr.Burks stated he thought the raid had some connection with the BREMER case.

Mr.Shipley then telephoned a number of places in Oklahoma and learned from the jailer, or sheriff, at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, that the fingerprints of one of the BARKERS, and KARPIS, had been found on gasoline cans and that they had been identified through flashlights. He thinks he talked to a man named WILLIS STRANGE, but he is not certain of this, explaining that he had been drunk the night before and his mind was not quite clear as to what transpired. He also called Blacky's Cafe in some little town, but he does not remember the name of the town. He received nothing of value from that source. This information was transmitted to the Division by telephone immediately upon receipt of same.

Very truly yours,

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Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter to the Division, dated February 27, 1934, copy of which was furnished this office, relative to parole reports purported to be signed by Arthur "Doc" Barker, received by the Parole and Pardon Attorney for the State of Oklahoma as late as February 1, 1934, mailed from Neosho, Missouri.

It is the experience of this office that the persons listed as witnesses to the signature of Arthur Barker are close friends of Barker and would furnish no information relative to his location.

It will be noted that G. E. Barker, the parolee's father, recently wrote to the Parole and Pardon Attorney at Oklahoma City requesting that he be furnished with additional parole report blanks. It is apparent that he has been very careful to forward the parole reports promptly and no doubt has been forging the name of his son, Arthur Barker. Investigation at Neosho through reliable sources shows that "Doc" Barker has not been seen in Neosho since immediately after he was paroled about a year and a half ago.

As it is probable that G. E. Barker and the witnesses appearing on the parole reports are not aware that "Doc" Barker is wanted by any officers and as G. E. Barker appears to be careful to see that the parole is not violated, it is thought that if an Agent of this office could call on G. E. Barker for the apparent purpose of checking up on the parole that G. E. Barker might produce "Doc" Barker for interview.

It is requested that appropriate interview be had with the Parole and Pardon Attorney to determine whether this procedure would be

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satisfactory with him and to the end that G. E. Barker will not be suspicious of the Agent. It is requested that the name of "Doc" Barker's parole adviser at Neosho, Missouri, if any, be furnished this office in order that the Agent will be in possession of this information. It is also requested that if the above procedure is satisfactory with you and with the Parole and Pardon Attorney, arrangements be made so that should G. E. Barker write or communicate with the Parole and Pardon Attorney at Oklahoma City in any other manner relative to Agent's presence in Neosho that a satisfactory reply will be made to G. E. Barker that will not disclose the true identity of the Agent. Kindly furnish also the name of the Parole and Pardon Attorney for the use of the Agent at Neosho.

As G. E. Barker is a shrewd man it is believed that the above procedure will be the only method of obtaining information, if any, from him.

Relative to your communication furnishing the correspondence records of "Doc" Barker and Volney Davis, which stated that "Doc" Barker while in the penitentiary corresponded with O. J. Bridle, Pittsburg, Kansas, please be advised that Special Agent H. D. Bray interviewed Chief of Police Ross Armstrong, Pittsburg, Kansas, and Tom Stowers, an old officer on the Pittsburg force, who advised that O. J. Bridle is not known to them. They made inquiries in Pittsburg but were unable to obtain any information as to O. J. Bridle. Agent Bray checked

Superintendent of Mails J. Uskin at the Pittsburg Post Office checked his records without success. He also interviewed his mail carriers, none of whom knew of Bridle. Agent Bray checked the city and telephone directories but failed to find the name of O. J. Bridle.

Relative to Irene Davis, Coffeyville, Kansas, a correspondent of Volney Davis, who is shown to be his sister, Agent Bray interviewed Chief of Police Clarence Lang and Deputy Sheriff George Tobler at Coffeyville who are well informed officers. They advised that they had never heard of Irene Davis and made appropriate inquiries in Coffeyville without success. The city and telephone directories at Coffeyville have no record of Irene Davis.

William P. Rorger, Superintendent of Mails at the Coffeyville Post Office, checked his records and inquired among his clerks and carriers but found no information relative to Irene Davis.

While at Coffeyville, Agent Bray received a telephone call from Acting Special Agent in Charge M. G. Spear to secure possible information as to Jimmie Roe, who is reported to be a bootlegger at Kansas City and Wichita, Kansas, and who is said to have a hide-out somewhere between Nowata and South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. Chief Lang and Deputy Sheriff Tobler had no information as to Jimmie Roe.

Very truly yours,

I. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Division
St. Paul

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Mr Clegg,

Mr Hamilton, of The Associated Press, called last night and advised that they had just received a report from Menominee, Nebraska that two men had been arrested by Federal Agents from St Paul, presumably with The Bremer Case. He wanted to know if I could confirm such a report. I told him that I had no information on such a report.

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Mr. Hoover:

Mr. Cowley thought you would wish to see this immediately. Otherwise he would have had it typed in better form. It was supposed to have been typed properly by the night clerk.

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Call Rosen at once for it
now looks as if it goes
back to St. Paul.

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Mr. Cowley:

I am afraid that I would be unable to write this in a satisfactory memo. form, so I have just put in a rough draft.

Eugene J. Coble

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. NATHAN	_____
Mr. TOLSON	_____
Mr. CLEGG	_____
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Mr. Brantley called last night from Tulsa about a quarter til ten and stated that he had talked to the jailer at Sapulpa, Okla., whose name is A. B. Holderby who said that yesterday morning sometime before 22 he received a telephone call from a man who said he was with some newspaper in Minneapolis, not giving the name of the paper, and wanted to know something about this case, asking if they had Fred Barker Alvin Karpis, etc. Holderby replied that he had no information and transferred the call to the sheriff's office. ~~The under-sheriff talked to the man~~ The under sheriff Gordon Morriss talked to this man from the Minneapolis Tribune. He read Morriss read him a list of the men they had under arrest, then this fellow asked him if he had Alvin Karpis, and Doc Barker or Bennie Barker. Morriss said no. Morriss says that no mention was made of any fingerprints of any kind or description, that he in fact did not know of any until he read it in the paper. No one else in the sheriff's office talked to the Minneapolis man.

Mr. Brantley stated that he then talked to Eddie Burks, the night city editor of the Tulsa World, a morning paper, who stated that he talked to a man from the Minneapolis Tribune yesterday two or three times, but doesn't remember the exact hour he talked to him first. He wanted the information concerning the raid and so forth and that he didn't tell him anything about the prints. Burks told Mr. Brantley that he had the information about the latent prints in his possession for about ten days or two weeks probably, but he didn't know where he got it. And refused to tell where he did get it.

Mr. Brantley later got in touch with a man by the name of William Voight who is the local A. P. representative. Voight stated that Burks had had this information for about ten days, he thinks he got it around March 4, 5, or 6, but he, Voight, doesn't know the source of it. Voight also said that Burks had a connection with the Minneapolis or St. Paul paper, he didn't know which, but one of the papers in the twin cities. Voight expressed his opinion confidentially, that this stuff filtered down here from Minneapolis, that it got from Burks from Minneapolis. Voight said that they queried him from Minneapolis yesterday about 2:15 P.M. about the matter, and that he told them he believed it to be false. The press story that Voight sent out on it was last night published in the morning papers with a ~~Ward~~ ^{Ward}, Okla. date line. Voight bases his theory on the fact that if Burks had acquired the information locally as he was supposed to do, that he would not have given

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Mr. Brantley said he had talked to Hollis and he was sure he had not given out any information to any newspaper men. Mr. Brantley feels certain that Burks can not be prevailed upon to divulge from what source he got his information. Voight promised believes he can find out within ~~the next day~~ ^{a few days} where Burks got his information and promised to do such. Mr. Brantley apparently has considerable faith in Voight. Brantley is convinced that the Sheriff or jailer gave out no information.

Brantley will be at the Mincks Hotel in Tulsa.

DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION
From UNIT #1 Room 418
3/18 1934.

To: Director
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ah Mr. Tolson
 Mr. Edwards
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 Unit Five
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Mr. GUINN
Mr. LESTER
Chief Clerk
Mr. MORAN

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

March 17, 1934.

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MR. GINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. RORER

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I telephoned Mr. Rorer and furnished him the information obtained from peace officers and newspaper men in Oklahoma relative to the leak concerning the fingerprints of the Barker-Karpis gang. Mr. Rorer stated he would see what he could do about this right away in an effort to trace the source of the leak to the newspapers.

Mr. Rorer stated that since the Director had authorized the discontinuance of a man on night duty he could dispense with the services of one Agent and if agreeable he would send Special Agent Marshall back to Oklahoma City tonight. He was told that this would be agreeable if he did not need him.

Respectfully,

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

March 19, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of
March 14, 1934, in which you request to be ad-
vised at least twice a week with regard to the
results of a wire tap being maintained on the
telephone of Frank Hayes.

You are advised that no information
of value has been secured to date, and that all
incoming and outgoing telephone calls have been
of an inconsequential and friendly nature.

Very truly yours,

M. E. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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LAW OFFICE
GEO. STEPHENSON BIXBY
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
Macomb Street
Telephone 651 R

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER
Post Office Building
Telephone 885

Plattsburgh, New York
March 14, 1934

Hon J E Hoover
Division of Investigation
Department of Justice Washington D C

Dear Sir:

Your list of bank notes in what I suppose is the Braemer case was received and attracted some attention, and there were various other lists in town. I do not understand that any of these numbers were uncovered here.

There is another matter, in which I would like to have your advice or instruction, viz: occasional counterfeits appearing in town, specifically,

\$5 00 F R 8935160A (bill inclosed).

The inclosed bill is one of three, same amount, and originally same number, appearing here in the last few months. In none of the three instances was there sufficient ground for prosecution.

The police would be very glad to uncover the source or sources of such contraband, but are usually met with profuse explanations.

Could you suggest a routine which would help the police? Would you also tell me what course a merchant should pursue who (1) is offered a bill which is immediately detected; (2) finds such bill or bills in his receipts of currency?

The bill inclosed has first part of numbering scratched. The other two have B7 prefixed to same numbering.

While apparently there is no manufacture in this neighborhood, of such contraband, I should judge that there must be some rather good channel, or channels, of introduction to account for the recurring supply.

If your office is not the proper one to apply to for instruction, will you kindly forward this inclosure to proper office or bureau?

Respectfully yours,
/s/ Geo S. Bixby
Geo S. Bixby
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Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Cowley	✓
Mr. Edwards	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Chief Clerk	✓
Mr. Moran	✓

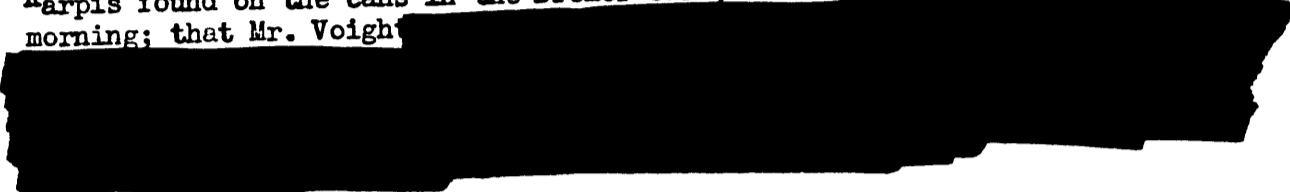
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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Agent in Charge Brantley called from Oklahoma City and stated that in connection with the publicity given relative to the fingerprints of Barker and Karpis found on the cans in the Bremer case, he had talked to Mr. Voight this morning; that Mr. Voight



Mr. Brantley stated that he had talked to Agent Hollis relative to the article which appeared under an International News Service headline, in which Agent Hollis was quoted, and that Hollis stated positively that he had not talked to any representative of the International News Service. Mr. Brantley stated that Mr. G. M. Martel, the International News Service representative at McAlester, Oklahoma, was interviewed and he stated that he has never seen or talked to Hollis or any other officer who accompanied the prisoners to McAlester; that Mr. Martel further stated that the material he prepared for the articles on this matter had been sent to his Kansas City office, the district headquarters for the International News Service, and that said material did not quote anybody. Mr. Brantley said that he is getting copies of the material prepared by Mr. Martel.

Mr. Brantley requested that the information secured from Mr. Voight be treated as strictly confidential.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
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St. Louis, Missouri,
March 18, 1934.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. Carter Baum, dated 3-13-34 at Chicago, Illinois, in connection with the above captioned matter.

Please be advised that Special Agent G. B. Morris, of this office, ascertained from the office of the Secretary of State Automobile Registration, at Springfield, Illinois that no record of a 1933 or 1934 Illinois motor vehicle license issued to Eddie Bentz, Fred Wendel, Verna Friemark, Leona Friemark, B. R. Capper-ton, or M. J. Murphy, for any make of automobile could be located. Upon further examination of said records, it was ascertained that 1934 Illinois automobile license No. 615-194 had been issued to Martin J. Murphy, 4113 North Livingston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois for a 1929 model Cadillac sedan bearing motor No. 329-385. The application for this registration indicates that the automobile described was purchased on December 1, 1932 from the Cadillac Com-pany, 2200 Diversy Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and was licensed in the State of Illinois in 1933 under license No. 512-537. The jurat appearing on the application for license was executed by a Cook County, Illinois Notary Public by the name of Curtis F. Proud, further address not given.

The records of the Automobile Department of the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois further reflect that 1934 Illinois motor vehicle license No. 698-297 was issued on March 7, 1934 to one Edward D. Bentz, 325 North Chicago Avenue, Rockford, Illinois for a Willys coach automobile, motor No. 137,668, serial No. 137,747. Further, that this Willys automobile was registered in the State of Illinois in the year 1933 under license No. 1,019,118.

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It is requested that the necessary investigation be conducted immediately at the addresses noted herein, inasmuch as Martin J. Murphy and/or Edward D. Beatz may be identical with Eddie Beatz.

Very truly yours,

F. F. Yearley, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

FFI:A
cc Division
cc St. Paul

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

San Francisco, California,
 March 12, 1934.

REFERENCE PORTLAND WIRE SATURDAY BREKID NO RECORD CADILLAC CAR REGISTERED TO HOMER WILSON DURING NINETEEN THIRTY ONE OR TO ANY INDIVIDUAL NAMED WILSON

CHARGE-Gov. Rate,
 Division of Investigation,
 U.S. Dept. of Justice,
 318 News Bldg., 995 Market St.,
 San Francisco, Calif.
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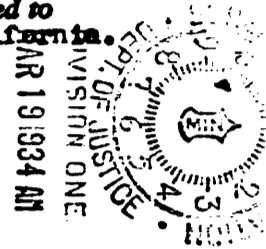
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Send the following Message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to
San Francisco, California.
March 12, 1934.

C. C. Spears,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
411 United States Court House,
Portland, Oregon.



BREKID NO REGISTRATION OF ANY CADILLAC CAR TO HOMER WILSON OR ANY WILSON IN
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P. O. Box 514,
Birmingham, Alabama,
March 19, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, et al.
Edward G. Bremer - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Dallas Office dated February 28, 1934 to the Birmingham Office, concerning a letter addressed to Mrs. J. E. Ellis, 510 - 15th Street, Columbus, Georgia; also concerning tracing of a letter postmarked Atlanta, Ga., February 24, 1934, addressed to Mrs. D. B. Brannon, Port Arthur, Texas.

This is to advise that Special Agent J. R. McDonald of this office made inquiry among the various mail carriers attached to Station D, Atlanta, Ga., which inquiry failed to disclose that Mrs. Paula Harmon is known to any of them, or that any of them deliver mail to that individual. Further, none of these carriers could identify the photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker and Harry Campbell as being that of anyone whom they had seen in their respective districts.

At Columbus, Georgia, Special Agent H. E. Roberts interviewed Mr. Charles Hines, Superintendent of Mails, who stated that he was a member of the St. Pauls M. E. Church; that this is the church of which Rev. John E. Ellis is pastor; that it is the wealthiest church in Columbus, Ga., and he does not know of anyone with whom the pastor might associate or who may be able to obtain any information from Rev. Ellis, relative to his niece Mrs. Paula Harmon. He stated that he believes that Rev. Ellis is a very high type man, and it might be possible to contact him in a more direct manner to ascertain any information he may have relative to his niece.

Agent placed a cover on all mail going to Rev. and Mrs. John E. Ellis for a period of 30 days. In view of the fact that the mail is carried out of town mails, the personage will be traced. Mr. Hines stated that he would give this matter his personal attention.

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You will be advised promptly as to the results

Very truly yours,

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

CC: Division ✓

CC: Dallas

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

FILE NO. **7-25**

REPORT MADE AT: Detroit, Michigan	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/19/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/10/34	REPORT MADE BY: H. B. ZIMMERMAN
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

The three 5-gallon tin cans shown on right of photograph transmitted with letter of reference were not manufactured by Conneaut Can Company, Conneaut, Ohio. Officials of this company unable to identify maker of these cans, but furnish names of additional manufacturers of 5-gallon tin cans and suggest contact with Can Manufacturers Industry (Code Authority) 30 East 42nd St., New York City, for complete list of manufacturers of these cans in the United States; also suggest examination instant cans to determine whether interior has sanitary lacquer since comparatively few concerns produce lacquered cans and field of investigation would thus be restricted.

REFERENCE:

Letter of Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated 5/1/34 at St. Paul, Minn. and addressed to Special Agent in Charge, Chicago Division Office.

DETAILS:

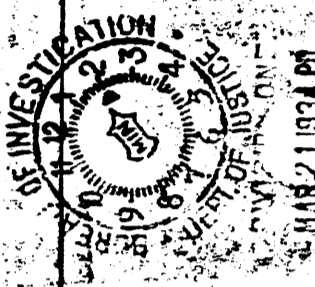
AT CONNEAUT, OHIO.

A. H. Curtis, Secretary-Treasurer, Conneaut Can Company, Conneaut, Ohio, examined the photograph of the five-gallon tin cans transmitted with the letter of reference and stated that the three cans, shown at the right of the photograph illustrating the tops of the cans, were not manufactured by the Conneaut Can Company; that to his knowledge he has never seen a can having a top design similar to that of the three cans in question and has no suggestion as to what concern produced these cans. Mr. Curtis exhibited these photographs to other officials of the Conneaut Company, but no identification of these cans would be made.

Mr. Curtis suggested the names of the following companies, all of whom manufacture five-gallon tin cans, as being the largest manufacturers in addition to the concerns listed in the letter of reference:

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<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. M. Mackin, Acting</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 - Division 2 - New York City (Enc.) 2 - St. Paul 1 - Chicago 2 - Detroit <p style="text-align: center;">COPIES DESTROYED 848 MAR 18 1965 NDZ/ddv</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7-576-1329</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAR 21 1934 A M</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</p> <p>ROUTED TO: <i>mk</i> FILE</p>
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1. -Metal Package Corporation, New York City
2. LeComte and Company, Inc., Brooklyn, N.Y.
3. Manufacturers Can Company, Harrison, N.J.
4. George D. Ellis and Sons, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa.
5. Liberty Can and Sign Company, Lancaster, Pa.
6. New Can Company, Boston, Mass.
7. Los Angeles Can Company, Los Angeles, Cal.
8. Jansen-Oakertag Manufacturing Co., Cincinnati, O.
9. Enterprise Stamping Company, McKees Rocks, Pa.
10. A. R. Whittal Can Co., Ltd., Montreal, Canada
11. Thomas Davidson, Manufacturing Company, Montreal, Canada

Mr. Curtis also stated that there are a great many small concerns, particularly on the east coast, manufacturing these cans, but that their names are not known to him. He advised, however, that a complete list of every manufacturer of tin cans in the United States, from the largest manufacturer to the small tin shop which only produces cans during a few months of the year, can be obtained from Mr. A. A. Morse, Secretary, Can Manufacturers Industry, (Code Authority) 60 East 42nd Street, New York City. Mr. Curtis indicated that the records of the Can Manufacturers Industry will indicate which of the concerns produce five-gallon cans.

Mr. Curtis furnished the suggestion that an examination be made of the cans in question to determine whether they have a sanitary lacquered interior, as is required in the case of cans intended for acid liquids. He advised that there are comparatively few concerns manufacturing lacquered cans; that the lacquer may be colorless and that the proper way to determine whether or not the cans have been lacquered is to scrape or burn an inside section of one of these cans. He also indicated that the presence of gasoline in the cans would not have destroyed the lacquer.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE NEW YORK CITY OFFICE is requested to make appropriate inquiries at the Can Manufacturers Industry, 60 East 42nd Street, New York City. Photographs of the cans, received by this office from St. Paul, are being forwarded to New York. A copy of reference letter is also attached.

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FROM
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Appel
Mr. Baughman
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Cowley
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Lester
Mr. Locke
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Rorer
Inspector
Unit
Secretary

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Note and Return
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*Memo to
Director
3/19/34
HHC*

Remarks: *Here is advised quotation
from Hollis. Call Brantley
about this. We must find out
how things stand.
Copy J. T. H.*

HEIRESS, BABY PERILED BY KIDNAPERS

Police Guard Palatial Home on Receipt Of Threat

GREENWICH, Conn., March 16.—(AP.)—The shadow of a kidnap plot lay today over the palatial home where Fredericks Fry, Del Guercio, \$8,000,000 heiress to the Timken roller bearing fortune, lives with her 2-year-old son, Eligio.

A special police guard was placed about the house last night as Chief of Police Patrick J. Flanagan said a note had been received, warning there was a plot to kidnap either Mrs. Del Guercio or her son, and to hold the victim for \$100,000 ransom. Flanagan said:

"I'm not in a position to talk about it."

U. S. AGENTS NOTIFIED

The Department of Justice was notified, the lawyer said, and the note was kept secret to permit the agents to work quietly on the case.

Mrs. Del Guercio is the adopted daughter of J. H. Fry, noted artist, who now is in Italy, and the late Mrs. J. H. Timken Fry. Her former husband, Eligio Del Guercio, is a lawyer in New York. They were divorced in July, 1933.

Their romance ended in an uncontested divorce action, brought by Fredericks on grounds of cruelty.

U. S. Agents Grill Five On Bremer Kidnaping

M'ALESTER, Okla., March 16.—(INS.)—Department of Justice agents engaged in tracking down the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, today were questioning five of eight prisoners captured in a raid on a secluded Osage County farm house. Four were hunted out-laws.

Federal Investigator H. D. Hollis announced that the gang, three of whom were wanted for other crimes, had recently been associated with the suspected abductors of Bremer. With 12 other officers, Hollis brought the five suspects to the State Penitentiary here for safe keeping during the questioning.

Hollis disclosed that two men hunted for the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Bremer were not in the farm house when raiders surrounded the place yesterday. The pair sought, Hollis disclosed for the first time, are Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker, former Oklahoma state penitentiary convict.

Woman Surrenders In Kidnaping of Doctor

ST. LOUIS, March 16.—(AP.)—Veiled in black crepe and visibly shaking, Mrs. Nellie Tipton Muench, comely wife of a St. Louis physician, came out of hiding and surrendered yesterday on an indictment charging the kidnaping of Dr. Isaac D. Kelley.

Several hundred persons, attracted by the expected appearance of the woman at the St. Louis County Courthouse, rushed to the door at her appearance, and ranged through the building while attorneys posted \$50,000 bond and arranged for her release.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

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

March 19, 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 THE DIRECTOR.

Sunday afternoon I telephoned Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley and read to him an article published under an International News Service date-line from McAlester, Oklahoma, quoting Special Agent Hollis as to the Barker-Karpis situation. Mr. Brantley stated that he had been with Hollis quite a bit for the last two or three days and Hollis had stated that the only newspaper man who had been in touch with him was Mr. Voight who had telephoned Hollis from Tulsa and Voight had inquired as to whether the primary purpose of the raid in Oklahoma was to locate the Bremer kidnapers and Mr. Hollis informed him that that was not the purpose of the raid. Mr. Brantley stated, however, that he would ascertain the facts relating to this situation.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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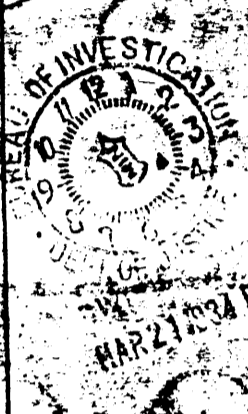
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA** FILE NO. **7-88**

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/19/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/7-9/34	REPORT MADE BY: R. G. GILLESPIE
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; et al UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



Constant Complaint File, Sears-Roebuck & Company, Mail Order Department, Chicago, Illinois, Store, checked for wall paper sales, with negative results. Map obtained showing regional set-up for Sears-Roebuck & Company mail order business. Names and addresses of employees, Becker & Ryan Department Store, who sold wall paper since September 1, 1930 secured; Used Sales Books from December 2, 1933 to January 15, 1934, Becker & Ryan Department Store checked for wall paper sales, with negative results. Additional sample of wall paper secured from United Paper Company. Arrangements made to secure list Sears-Roebuck & Company's mail order customers for any Post Office address when such may be desired.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe, Chicago, Illinois, dated March 9, 1934.

DETAILS:

At Chicago, Illinois

In an effort to trace the purchase of wall paper from Sears-Roebuck & Company, such as appeared on the wall of the room where victim was held, Agent made the following investigation at Chicago, Illinois:

Through the courtesy of Mr. E. R. Dewar, Mail Order Department, Sears-Roebuck & Company, eighth floor Main Building Section "S", 1017 South Nehman Avenue, Agent Welles and this Agent checked the Constant

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. A. Cunniff</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1331	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 21 1934
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Complaint File for Order No. 515. No order number appeared on these files corresponding to the order number of the wall paper sought to be traced. The Constant Complaint File is an alphabetical list of all undesirable customers, their addresses and the items purchased by such persons, indicated by the order numbers. This file has been kept since January, 1933 but contains information dating back several years.

Mr. Williamson, Manager of the Traffic Department, Sears-Roebuck & Co., Department 754, Room 415, Administration Building, stated the only way to get the regional set-up of Sears-Roebuck & Company's mail order business, is to consult a special map made up by them. Mr. Williamson accordingly had a map prepared and delivered to Agent, which was properly marked and placed in the file of this case. This map, which covers the entire United States, shows the Master Mail Order Stores that serve a given territory. The territory served by each store is bounded by red lines. This map is divided as to Postal Units, which enables one to determine in which county a given town is located. These Master Mail Order Stores also serve as a distributing store for the retail stores located in the region covered by the Master Store. Heavy shipments, which ordinarily would apply to wall paper, according to Mr. Williamson, are shipped direct from point of manufacture to the retail stores, but mail orders for wall paper would be shipped to customers from the appropriate Master Mail Order Store.

Mr. F. C. Finch, Employment Department, Sears-Roebuck & Co., basement floor, Administration Building, stated that the names and addresses of all employees, including officials who handled wall paper at the Becker & Ryan Department Store since September 1, 1930, were as follows:

- G. Lesage, 712 W. Marquette Road,
Chicago, Illinois;
- B. Goldsmith, 5501 W. 24th Street,
Cicero, Illinois;

After a lengthy search of his records, Mr. Finch was unable to advise if the above named persons were now employed by Sears-Roebuck and Company. Mr. Finch stated that the names and addresses of employees who have sold wall paper since September 1, 1930 in the Chicago retail stores, could be obtained from Mr. Koch, Assistant to District Manager, at the Retail Store located on South State Street, in Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. C. F. Schenk, Comptroller's Office, Sears-Roebuck & Co., Room 121, Administration Building, stated that the used sales books for the Becker & Ryan Department Store, subsidiary of Sears-Roebuck & Company,

could be found at their retail store located at 79th Street and Kenwood Avenue; that the number of the Wall Paper Department is 55.

Miss Sears, Auditing Department, Sears-Roebuck & Company Retail Store, 79th and Kenwood Avenue, stated that she had the used sales books for Becker & Ryan Department Store from December 2, 1933 until the store closed on February 3, 1934, all others having been destroyed; that these books contained the customers' names and addresses and the order numbers of the items bought when the goods were delivered; that the name and address would not appear if the customer carried the goods from the store. Agent checked these sales books from December 2, 1933 to January 15, 1934 and found no order number corresponding to the number of the wall paper sought to be traced.

Agent called at the office of Mr. Hitchcock, of the United Paper Company, second floor, connected with Sears-Roebuck & Company buildings, and secured from him an additional sample of the wall paper, Order No. 515. This sample was properly marked for identification and placed in the file of this case at the Chicago Division Office.

In connection with obtaining a list of Sears-Roebuck & Company Mail Order customers for the State of Illinois, Mrs. H. A. Safford, Manager, Record Department, 215 Administration Building, and Mr. E. B. Conchot, Assistant Manager, Special Service, first floor, Main Building, jointly advised Agent as follows:-

That there are 600,000 mail order customers in Illinois; that their index of these customers is made up as to Post Office addresses and they have no idea how many customers are in the twenty-seven Northern Illinois counties; that this list of customers is revised each six months and no names appear therein unless such person has made a purchase within the past six months; that the only way to make such a list would be to have one of their employees run the stencil machine and that it would require ten days to make a list for Illinois, at a cost of about \$300.00 to the Division; that this list is their most highly prized secret and they would dislike to give out such a list; that only one copy of the list could be made; that Division employees could not do the work as they use these cards constantly and only one person can work on them at a time; that they would furnish gratis to the Chicago Division Office a list of their mail order customers for anyone or two towns, and stated a list for a town of 10,000 customers could be delivered in about four hours after request for same.

Copies of this report are being sent to Detroit, Saint Louis and Cincinnati and Kansas City offices for their information only at this time.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO DIVISION OFFICE: At Chicago, Illinois:

Interview G. Lesage and B. Goldsmith as to sales of wall paper, exhibiting sample of HQ. 515. See page 2 for addresses.

See Mr. Koch, Assistant District Manager, Sears-Roebuck Co., Retail Store, located on South State Street, and secure from him a list of the employees of Chicago retail stores handling wall paper since September 1, 1930 and appropriately interview such persons.

Secure from the Sears-Roebuck & Company store at 79th and Kenwood Avenue, Chicago, used sales books for Department No. 53 and check for wall paper involved.

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

March 19, 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 7-30.

Your attention is invited to the statements of Victim Edward George Bremer concerning the filling of the kidnapers' car with gasoline at Portage, Wisconsin, on the return trip. Bremer is of the impression that only two cans of gasoline were emptied into the tank of the car in which he was riding at what he terms the half-way point of the return journey. It is his opinion that one of these cans was on the floor in the rear of the car and another on the floor in the front.

In view of the above, it should not be overlooked that there is a possibility that only nine gallons of gasoline were put into the kidnapers' tank at Portage, Wisconsin, which if true would indicate that the hideout would possibly be not farther than 100 miles from Portage.

All agents working on this case in the vicinity of a 100-mile radius from Portage, Wisconsin, should bear the above in mind.

Very truly yours,

W. A. BOREN,
Inspector.

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480 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

March 15, 1934.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
Edward George Bremer (Victim).
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent E.J.
Dowd, dated at Dallas, Texas, 3-7-34, in the above matter.

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For the assistance of the Salt Lake City Office in
making investigation, [REDACTED]
and it is requested that the Salt Lake City Office conduct
the appropriate investigation at Karval, Colorado, with a view
of locating HARRY CAMPBELL.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

March 16, 1934.

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

Re: **UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.**
Edward George Bremer (Victim)
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent E.J. Dowd, dated at Dallas, Texas, 2-7-34, in the above matter.

[REDACTED SECTION]

For the assistance of the Kansas City Office in making investigation, information is furnished herein, and it is requested that the Kansas City Office conduct the appropriate investigation at Lincoln, Nebraska, with a view of locating HARLEY CAMPBELL.

Very truly yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

There is attached hereto a suggested release for publicity purposes, containing information indicating that the identity of at least some of those who are responsible for the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer has been established.

It is now believed to be advisable for the Division to issue Identification Orders for the individuals mentioned in this memorandum in order to more quickly effect their apprehension. The issuance of these Identification Orders to law enforcement agencies through-out the United States will obviously attract the attention of the press and result in publicity.

It is therefore felt that you might desire to issue a statement regarding this matter prior to the mailing out of the Division's Identification Orders. There are also attached hereto photographs of the individuals whose names are mentioned in the suggested release.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

On the morning of January 17, 1934, Mr. Edward G. Bremer was kidnaped in St. Paul, Minnesota shortly after he had delivered his daughter at a school which she attended and where he had driven her in his automobile that morning. Mr. Bremer is President of the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul, Minnesota and his family is a prominent one in that State.

Following the payment of \$200,000 ransom, Mr. Bremer was released by the kidnapers on February 7, 1934 in the vicinity of Rochester, Minnesota and he returned to his home during the night of the same day. As a result of investigation conducted by the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker have been definitely connected with the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer.

Both Barker and Karpis are among the leaders of a notorious gang of criminals frequently referred to as the Barker-Karpis gang, who have operated extensively through-out the middle west. They both have lengthy criminal records and the identity of the members of their gang is likewise known. The Division of Investigation of this Department connected these individuals with the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer several weeks ago. However, it has been found unwise heretofore to issue any statement until certain investigations could be completed which were at that time under way.

An intensive investigation will be continued for the purpose of locating the individuals responsible for this offense. The descriptions and criminal records of Barker and Karpis are set forth as follows:

ARTHUR R. BARKER

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

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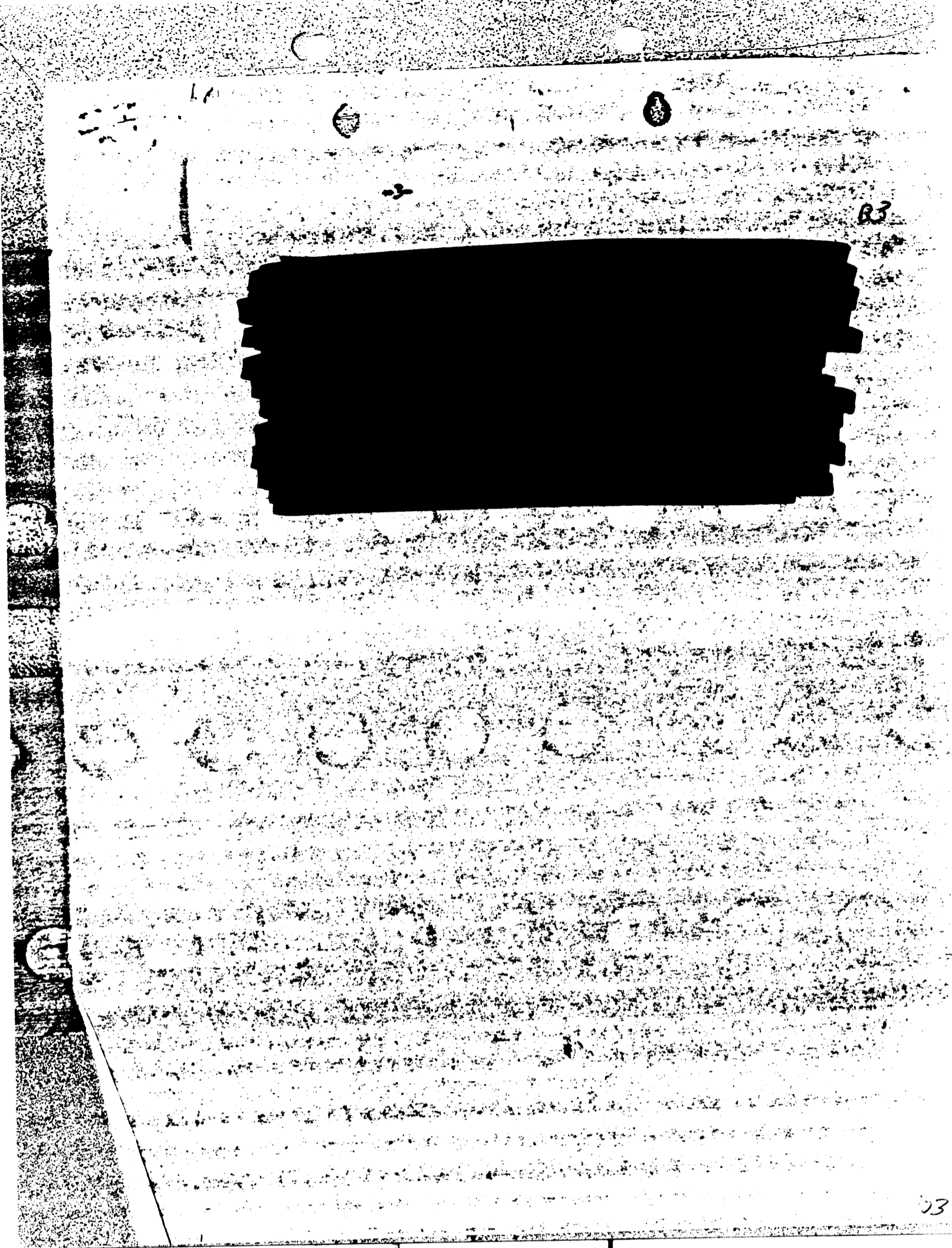
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ALVIN KARPIS

Descriptions
Age 25
Height 5' 9-3/4"
Weight 130
Build Slender
Hair Brown
Eyes Blue
Complexion Fair

Criminal Record

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ALVIN KARPIS
Age: 25
Height: 5' 9"
Weight: 130
Build: Slender
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue
Complexion: Fair

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ARTHUR R. BARKER
Age: 34
Height: 5' 3"
Weight: 119
Build: Short
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Complexion: Medium

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March 22, 1934.

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

There is attached hereto a copy of a memorandum which I am today transmitting to the Attorney General, which is a suggested release concerning the identification of individuals involved in the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer, together with photographs of the parties named in this memorandum.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

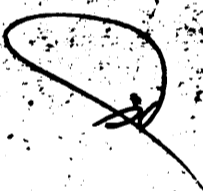
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GATES

There is attached hereto a copy of a memorandum which I am today transmitting to the Attorney General, which is a suggested release concerning the identification of individuals involved in the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer, together with photographs of the parties named in this memorandum.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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P. O. Drawer 1487,
St. Louis, Missouri,
March 20, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; Edward George Bremer, VICTIM; KIDNAPING.

With reference to the lead set forth in the report of Special Agent T. E. Billings, dated Chicago 3-13-34, I desire to advise that Special Agent G. B. Morris, of this office, ascertained from Walter Allen, Office Manager of the American Radiator Company, 1901 South 11th Street, Springfield, Illinois that his company has purchase only one pair of Cesco M & L Goggles; that this pair was purchased for the Boss Welder, Selbert Marshall, 1056 Patton Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, who is one of the companies most reliable employees and who has been continuously in the employ of the company since 1927; that during January and February, 1934, Mr. Marshall was employed in the American Radiator Plant at Springfield, Illinois during every working day and is now so employed. Mr. Allen stated that the Cesco Goggles were purchased for Mr. Marshall due to the fact that Mr. Marshall wears glasses and these goggles are made for the use of glasses whereas the other goggles used by the company employees are not made for the use of glasses. He stated that the other goggles used by company employees are purchased from the American Optical Company and are manufactured by this company. He stated that the company purchases all goggles used by it's employees, and the American Optical Company lens are used in all of said goggles. He stated that he does not believe that the Cesco Goggles used by Mr. Marshall have been out of his possession since they were purchased by the company.

Mr. Marshall stated that he has had the one pair of Cesco Goggles in his possession since the American Radiator Company issued these goggles to him more than a year ago; that no other person has had possession of said goggles during that time; that he has been employed in Springfield, Illinois at the plant of the American Radiator Company continuously since 1927 and worked for this company using the above mentioned goggles every day during January and February, 1934. The Cesco Goggles in the possession of Mr. Marshall have a serial over

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the vents and the elastic head band has been replaced with a new band. The center strap over the nose has a buckle on it. Otherwise these goggles are identical with those furnished by the Chicago Office.

With respect to the lead contained in the report of Special Agent M. B. Rhodes, dated Chicago, Illinois 8-2-34 in this same case, I desire to advise that the following individuals were contacted at E. St. Louis and Bellville, Illinois and vicinity in an effort to ascertain some information concerning the identity of the individual known as Big Homer. Each of the men mentioned below advised that they had no information relative to the identity of any individual known by such a name:

A. P. Lagan, Commissioner of Police, E. St. Louis, Illinois.
James Murphy, Acting Chief of Police, E. St. Louis, Illinois.
George Byrnes, Chief of Detectives, E. St. Louis, Illinois.
W. J. O'Hourke, Asst. Chief of Detectives, E. St. Louis, Ill.
John McNearney and Patrick Dalton, Detectives, E. St. Louis, Illinois.
Michael Doyle, Chief Deputy Sheriff St. Clair County, Illinois.
Dean Harris and Ed Hotz, Deputy Sheriffs St. Clair County, Ill.
Harry Odum, Deputy Sheriff Madison County, Granite City, Ill.
Ray Williamson, Sergeant of Police, Granite City, Illinois.

In reply to a letter addressed to the Secretary of State at Springfield, Illinois, this office has been advised that there is no record of registration of an automobile for either 1933 or 1934 under the name of David or A. B. Feinerman or David or A. B. Fineman of 855 Wrightwood Avenue or at Graceton Hotel, 4249 Draxel Blvd., Chicago, Illinois.

The remaining leads set out for this office are being given appropriate investigative attention at this time.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,
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. **7-39**

REPORT MADE AT St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE 3-20-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/7 to 19/34	REPORT MADE BY D. B. Hall
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING.	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



Investigation fails to disclose residence of persons identified with KARPIS-BARKER mob at White Bear Lake, Minnesota. Numerous rumors checked and found unfounded. **VIOLA CARROLL**, **TOMMY CARROLL**'s wife, located in St. Paul; denies knowing whereabouts of **TOMMY CARROLL**. Investigation to locate where Shell signs used on payoff car were made to date has produced no results but is being continued. Numerous cities in Wisconsin and Illinois checked for possible location of hideout.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent **D. B. Hall** dated **3-15-34** at **St. Paul, Minnesota.**

DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by the several agents especially assigned to this case:

DETAILS: Special Agent **John E. Brennan** secured a list of all the towns and cities in Wisconsin in which there had been a fire on January 28, 1934. Said list is being placed in the St. Paul file of this case.

Special Agent **V. W. Peterson**, as result of circularization of fire marshals, etc., prepared a list showing all the towns and cities in the Kansas City office territory, the St. Paul office territory, the St. Louis office territory, and the Chicago office territory in which there were fires on January 28, 1934. This list is likewise being placed in the St. Paul file.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *[Signature]*
 SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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With further reference to the attempt to locate MURPHY and DAVIS who temporarily held Post Office boxes at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, and who disappeared under circumstances indicating a possible connection with this case, and who through the tracing of automobiles, appeared to be identified with the KARPIS-BARKER gang, Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry conducted the following investigation, after an analysis had been made of the telephone toll charges of the various known hoodlums in the Twin Cities:

St. Paul, Minnesota
March 14, 1934.

MEMO:

Re: BREKID

St. Paul File 7-30

Agent interviewed Mr. FRANK SWANSON of White Bear Lake, Minnesota, relative to his connection with the PATRICK NOVELTY COMPANY of St. Paul, Minnesota, and SWANSON informed Agent that he has been in the transfer business at White Bear Lake, for several years and at various times has hauled pianos and slotting machines for the PATRICK NOVELTY COMPANY. He also informed Agent that he did not know anyone by the name of E. L. MURRAY, J. C. MARTIN or E. V. DAVIS, these being the parties who rented the post office box at White Bear Lake, January 11, 1934. Out of a group of pictures, MR. SWANSON selected ED HENTZ and stated that he was positive that he had seen HENTZ but he did not recall the name under which he knew him or the place. He further informed Agent that during the months of December, 1933, January and February, 1934, he had moved only a few families in White Bear and that he was familiar with all the ones he had moved and were sure that none of them could have been DAVIS, MARTIN or MURRAY.

Agent also interviewed MR. PETERSON, who has received frequent calls from the PATRICK NOVELTY COMPANY, and he informed Agent that he has been in the employ of the PATRICK NOVELTY COMPANY for several years, but that at the present he is only working part time. He was not familiar with any party answering the descriptions or names of MURRAY, MARTIN or DAVIS.

Very truly yours,

S.L. Fortenberry,
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 14, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREKID.

St. Paul file 7-50.

With reference to pages 25, 26 and 27 of the report of Special Agent C. G. Hall dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, 3-7-34, agent again interviewed EDWARD B. BELL alias EDWARD PALLAN, Woonsocket Hotel, in an effort to secure additional information relative to the individuals who placed 1933 Minnesota license plate B-327634 in the rear compartment of the Chevrolet Coupe furnished to WALTER MAGEE by the kidnapers to be used in the delivery of the ransom money. BELL indicated to agent the exact place where he placed his 1934 license plates after he removed them from his car in order to place his 1933 license plates thereon. The exact spot was on the curbing between 209 East 16th Street and the Shell Service Station situated on the corner of 16th Street East and Third Avenue South. The curbing is in front of a small vacant lot.

In connection with the house located at 209 East 16th Street, it should be here stated that it is known as a hoodlum hangout which at one time was operated by one GLEE JORDAN. Bank robbers wanted in connection with the Northwestern National Bank robbery were arrested in this house.

Agent interviewed DEWEY GERLACH and HAROLD JULSUND, attendants, Shell Service Station, on the corner of East 16th Street and Third Avenue South, who advised that they did not see PALLAN remove his 1933 license plates and never noticed them on the curbing near the service station. GERLACH stated that an associate of GLEE JORDAN now lives at 209 East 16th Street but that her name is unknown to him; that he understands, however, that her husband is a Plymouth salesman and is employed at a Plymouth agency on Lake Street in Minneapolis. GERLACH stated that GLEE JORDAN is indebted to the service station for approximately \$8 and that he intends to interview her in the near future in order to obtain the \$8, if possible, to settle the account; that he will endeavor to secure from her some information relative to individuals who picked up the license plates owned by BELL alias PALLAN.

Detectives CHARLES WEATHERROW and CHARLES OLSON of the Minneapolis Police Department are also endeavoring to secure some information from their informants in the vicinity of the Woonsocket Hotel relative to the individuals who may have had possession of BELL'S license plates.

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T. G. MELVIN,
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM;

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

On Tuesday, March 6, 1934, agent interviewed MR. H. H. HELMER, a day clerk at the Julian-Dubuque Hotel, Dubuque, Iowa. This interview relates to the memorandum of Special Agent H. L. Nalls dated January 23, 1934, wherein it is stated that an assistant manager of the Julian-Dubuque Hotel, Dubuque, Iowa, advised Agent Nalls on January 18, 1934, that the kidnaping of BREMER was nothing; that in about two weeks, something would happen which would make the BREMER kidnaping look small.

MR. HELMER advised he recalled making this statement to Special Agent Nalls and advised that what he meant was the case of ROSE MANHOFF, HENRY BANNON with aliases, et al, THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT, which did break about two weeks after the interview with Special Agent Nalls by HELMER. This case is St. Paul file No. 15-93 and involves the theft of approximately \$40,000 from interstate shipments moving on the lines of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific; the Chicago Burlington & Quincy; the Illinois Central; the Atchinson Topeka & Santa Fe; the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific; and the Chicago Great Western railroad.

T. G. MELVIN
Special Agent.

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ADDENDUM:

Regarding Agent Nalls's interview with the day clerk at the Julian-Dubuque Hotel, HELMER stated that numerous Special Agents of various railroads were staying at the Julian-Dubuque Hotel at the time of his conversation with Special Agent Nalls and that they advised him that the MANHOFF case was going to break soon.

T. G. MELVIN, Special Agent.

St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 14, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Re: BREKID.

St. Paul file 7-30.

This memorandum relates to the memorandum of Special Agent E. H. Notestein dated St. Paul, Minnesota, February 17, 1934, relative to the above entitled matter wherein it is related that two individuals, OSCAR and JOHN KAISER had occupied space in the Foshay Tower, Minneapolis, and according to one ARCHIE COUTRE, a barber in the Foshay Tower Barber Shop, were involved with gangsters and racketeers in Minneapolis.

Agent interviewed MR. C. C. DARNELL, Vice-President of the Foshay Building Corp., Foshay Tower, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who advised that JACK KAISER and OSCAR KAISER had entered into an agreement to lease suite 608 in the Foshay Tower in March, 1933, and had occupied the suite until about the first of March, 1934; that JACK KAISER and OSCAR KAISER are real estate operators and were engaged in promoting a subdivision known as Bachman's Estates on the outskirts of Minneapolis; that before leasing the space in the Foshay Tower to the KAISER brothers, who operated under the name of the First National Properties, Inc., he telegraphed the Badger State Bank, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, having ascertained that the KAISER brothers at one time operated in Milwaukee. He received a reply from A. E. FRANCKE, President of the Badger State Bank, who advised that JACK and OSCAR KAISER were real estate operators in Milwaukee for a number of years with a good sales ability and that he would consider them responsible tenants.

MR. DARNELL stated that he read in the paper several months ago that JACK and OSCAR KAISER had been indicted in connection with a real estate fraud the exact nature of which he stated he was not familiar with; that as far as he knows, this is the only difficulty that the KAISERS have encountered since they have been in Minneapolis.

At the office of the Hennepin County Attorney, Minneapolis, agent examined the file relative to JACK and OSCAR KAISER, which bears file No. 9496. This file reflects that JACK KAISER and OSCAR KAISER were indicted in the District Court for the Fourth Judicial District of Minnesota for grand larceny in the first degree. PETER E. SKWIERA and STELLA C. SKWIERA, 1514 Second Street Northeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, had given \$300.00 to JACK and OSCAR KAISER with the understanding that it was to be returned to them on demand. Negotiations had been instituted for the purchase of a lot in Bachman's Estates; however, the final papers were not signed and the KAISERS converted the \$300.00 to their own use. They are now at liberty on \$3,000 bail.

The file in the office of the County Attorney reflects further that JACK KAISER and OSCAR KAISER were indicted at Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and a

letter reflects that a preliminary hearing on the matter was held on January 12, 1934, and the case adjourned for two weeks.

Agent interviewed [REDACTED]

JACK KAISER is 34 years of age and is married. OSCAR KAISER is 29 years of age and is married. Originally, both JACK and OSCAR KAISER were fruit peddlers in Milwaukee, at 702 Eighth Street, until they entered the employ of Lieber & Safir Company, which organization was engaged in a very intensive selling drive dealing in subdivisions, and its methods of business were subject to some unfavorable comment.

On January 7, 1930, they organized the Paramount Development Company and on June 18, 1932, a suit was instituted in Circuit Court for appointment of a receiver for the Paramount Development Company.

Relative to their activities in Minneapolis [REDACTED] the First National Properties, Inc., has acquired a tract of land near 80th Street and Lyndale Avenue South, just outside the city limits.

Agent also examined the Better Business Bureau's file on JACK and OSCAR KAISER, through the courtesy of MR. F. G. CRAMER, 405 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who is Assistant Secretary of the Better Business Bureau of Minneapolis. Numerous complaints are on file against First National Properties, Inc., and the Acme Development Company, its successor, particularly in connection with their methods of doing business. Prospects apparently were subjected to an unusual amount of high pressure salesmanship, and the numerous statements reflect that prospects were of the opinion that they were almost hypnotized.

The file of the Better Business Bureau, Inc., also reflects that they embezzled approximately \$500 from an insurance salesman named FRED BELL, who sold life insurance policies to prospects, covering the amount of their payments to First National Properties, Inc., or the Acme Development Company. MR. CRAMER advised agent that he understood that the KAISER brothers are now operating in St. Paul from offices in the Minnesota Building.

Agent interviewed MR. E. D. CLAPP, a partner in the firm of Clapp-Thomassen Company, managers for the Minnesota Building, who stated that the KAISERS are situated in room 452 of the Minnesota Building and are doing business under the name of the Realty Owners, Inc. They are engaged in the promotion of a subdivision at North Dale Street and Larpenteur Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

MR. CRAMER was in receipt of a letter from the Better Business Bureau, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at the time of agent's call, this letter stating that JACK KAISER and OSCAR KAISER were tried on February 5, 1934, at Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the fraud charge above referred to and were freed. This would indicate that JACK and OSCAR KAISER were in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, during the time that Victim BREMER was in the custody of his kidnapers.

At the Lowry Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota, agent interviewed MR. J. V. MOORE, the manager, who after referring to his records, advised that JACK and OSCAR KAISER occupy suite 916-18, for which they pay \$175.00 per month; that OSCAR KAISER checked in to the hotel on February 5, 1934, and that JACK KAISER checked in on December 23, 1933; that he is unable to advise relative to their absence as the suite is rented on a monthly basis.

T. G. MELVIN,
Special Agent.

TGM:HVS
3 - Division
9 - St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

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

This agent conducted investigation at the Euclid Hotel, which hotel is located on 5th and Wabasha Street, directly opposite the Commercial State Bank, which is operated by the victim in this case, the hotel also being directly opposite the bus station. For this reason and also because this hotel is known to be a hangout for questionable characters and those having police records, the register of this hotel was searched for possible leads. MR. L. A. JOHNSON, proprietor, advised on being shown a photograph of FRED BARKER, that this party had come to his hotel, he thought, some time about eight or ten months ago in company with one SIMON THEISS. SIMON THEISS at all times registered this man, not giving his name, merely registered as SIMON THEISS and party; that he is quite certain in his mind that FRED BARKER is the party whom THEISS had registered. He described this party whom he believed to be BARKER as 5 feet 6 inches to 5 feet 8 inches tall; that SIMON THEISS is employed somewhere in St. Paul as a baker, his exact location not being known to MR. JOHNSON.

Agent contacted various bakery shops throughout St. Paul and at 450 Jackson Avenue, the Brant Home Bakery, agent located SIMON THEISS, in company with Special Agent N. E. Marshall. THEISS was interviewed, he stating that about in 1919, he met a man at Rochester, Minnesota, known to him as RALPH HURD. This was a chance acquaintance. After living with HURD at Rochester for approximately six months, he left HURD and did not see him again for several years; that about eight months previous to the present date, he accidentally met HURD at Minneapolis, Minnesota, at which time HURD was broke and out of work; that he brought HURD to St. Paul, at which time he was residing off and on at the Euclid Hotel; that he registered HURD as SIMON THEISS and party, because of the fact that he had previously learned of a bad reputation which HURD bore; that he left HURD again about three or four months ago, HURD having secured a position, the location of which MR. THEISS stated he did not have knowledge.

The photographs of the suspects in this case were all exhibited to SIMON THEISS, he stating positively that none of them was the party known to him as RALPH HURD.

It was further ascertained through interview with MR. L. A. JOHNSON of the Euclid Hotel that VIOLA CARROLL, wife of TOMMY CARROLL, a well known criminal and possible participant in the instant matter, had at one time lived at the Euclid Hotel, which was several months ago, and on one occasion had attempted to commit suicide while a resident at this place. MR. JOHNSON further stated that after leaving the Euclid Hotel, VIOLA CARROLL had moved to the Astoria Hotel; that he believed she was quite ill and had been attended by some St. Paul physician.

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At the Astoria Hotel, agent was advised by MR. SIDNEY NUSS that VIOLA CARROLL was well known to him and he identified a photograph of this woman; further, that VIOLA CARROLL had been desperately ill and had been confined at the Samaritan Hospital; that she was a well known narcotics addict, being a user of heroin.

Through the Samaritan Hospital, it was ascertained that VIOLA CARROLL had been released in November, 1933, as a narcotics addict and had been attended by DR. WALLINGA, whose office is located in the Hamm Building, St. Paul.

DR. WALLINGA, upon interview, advised that he had last heard of VIOLA CARROLL as having again gone back to the use of narcotics; that he believed DR. PLANKERS, with office in the Hamm Building, is now attending VIOLA CARROLL.

Through DR. PLANKERS, agent located VIOLA CARROLL where she is now operating as a prostitute at the Congress Hotel, 518 St. Peter Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. VIOLA CARROLL was interviewed by this agent and Special Agent J. E. Brennan. She advised that she last saw her husband, TOMMY CARROLL, about November, 1932; that in May or June, 1933, he was arrested in St. Paul, Minnesota, charged with a Post Office robbery, and at that time she attempted to see him at the County Jail in St. Paul; that CARROLL would not see her; that after this time, she had not the slightest idea where he has been, although she understood that he is now wanted for a murder in San Antonio, Texas.

VIOLA CARROLL denied that she knew any of the suspects in this case and claimed that she had never seen them before, upon viewing the photographs of these parties, further adding that all the associates that she had met of TOMMY CARROLL while living with him as his wife are now either dead or confined in penal institutions somewhere in the United States.

G. J. GROSS
Special Agent.

GJG:HVS
3 - Division
9 - St. Paul

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR ROBERT

Re: BREKID
St. P. 7-30.

With reference to the investigation concerning the possible source of the two "SHELL SIGNS" which were placed by the kidnapers, on the automobile used by WALTER MAGEE in the payoff, it may be noted that previous investigation at the SHELL OFFICES has developed that these signs are not legitimate, being smaller in size than those used by the SHELL COMPANY and, according to information furnished by SHELL OFFICERS, signs on automobiles bearing the SHELL insignia are placed on cars with a patent and paint process and are not constructed of sheet metal and bolted to the automobiles used by SHELL employees.

On March 8, 1934, Agent visited, first, the BEVERE COPPER COMPANY, 724 Metropolitan Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, this concern being the only mine representative in the Twin Cities. MR. E. SANDBERG, general manager, was interviewed and indicated, after an examination of the SHELL SIGNS in question, that the BEVERE COPPER COMPANY handles no copper through its company direct but is mine representative only and that for wholesalers, jobbers, or retailers, pertinent information might be obtained through the CHASE BRASS AND COPPER COMPANY of Minneapolis, Minnesota, or JANEY-SIMPLE-HILL WHOLESALE HARDWARE HOUSE also of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Relative to the construction of these SHELL SIGNS, MR. SANDBERG advised that same were made from 24 to 26 ounce copper plate which had been tinned (tin plated) on the side which was painted. Further, it appears from the statement of Mr. SANDBERG that the tinning process is quite expensive and more than doubles the cost of the original copper.

The CHASE BRASS AND COPPER COMPANY, 145 North 10th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was visited by Agent and MR. T. BAKER, general manager, interviewed. MR. BAKER advised that his concern was a jobber and wholesaler for copper, particularly copper plate; that they sold only to roofing contractors and manufacturers, particularly, the WATERS GENTER COMPANY, manufacturers of the "TOST MASTER" in Minneapolis. MR. BAKER was unable to give any information as to possible dealers in copper other than the JANEY-SIMPLE-HILL COMPANY of Minneapolis, and the FARWELL, OZMUN & KIRK COMPANY of St. Paul, Minnesota.

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At the JANNEY-SIMPLE-HILL COMPANY, MR. J. P. POTNER, metallurgical expert and manager of the metals division, advised that copper used in making the signs, which he examined, was 24 ounce copper, .035 thickness and was tin plated on one side. MR. POTNER further stated that this weight copper is not generally sold to the trade and that the JANNEY-SIMPLE-HILL COMPANY has never carried a 24 ounce tin plated copper; that the expense incident to the tin plating of such copper is approximately 5¢ per square inch; that this type of metal comes in sheets 36" x 96" and is used in the tin plated form only for the manufacture of containers for lactic acid; that tin plated copper is sometimes used for the base of washboilers but is not generally of more than 14 ounces in weight. Further, it appears from the statement of MR. POTNER, that containers for milk are generally constructed out of tin plated copper; that garages, tin shops, and other concerns making up copper for general use do not use the tin plated product due to its expense.

MR. POTNER also indicated that, to the best of his knowledge, only the Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk Company of St. Paul, handled 24 ounce tin plated copper for the Twin City trade.

At the FARWELL, OZMUN, KIRK COMPANY, in St. Paul, Minnesota, MR. J. BURBANK, manager of the metals department, was visited and advised that they do not carry in stock a 24 ounce tin plated copper but did, on occasion, obtain same particularly for special orders. MR. BURBANK reiterated the statements made by MR. POTNER relative to size, weight, and uses of this type of material and, at his suggestion, accompanied Agent to the FARWELL, OZMUN, KIRK COMPANY TIN SHOP in West St. Paul, where MR. GEORGE B. MARZOLF, manager of the tin shop was interviewed. MR. MARZOLF advised that he had been in the light metal construction business in St. Paul for the past 25 years and, on occasion, the FARWELL, OZMUN, KIRK COMPANY TIN SHOP had sold various types of copper to the tin shops of the Twin Cities; that, insofar as he could recall, tin plated copper had never been generally sold for any purpose; that, in the FARWELL, OZMUN, KIRK COMPANY TIN SHOP, containers for milk were sometimes constructed of this material but that there was no demand for it from the general trade.

At MR. MARZOLF'S suggestion, a MR. KETTLE, assistant manager of the tin shop, visited various tin shops in St. Paul, under the guise of being interested in the purchase of scrap copper. Upon MR. KETTLE'S return to FARWELL, OZMUN, KIRK COMPANY, he reported that the only concern in St. Paul, which had any tin plated copper in stock was the St. Paul Scrap Iron and Metal Company at 290 Alabama Street; that this concern was a junk yard and obtained some copper plate from time to time through unknown sources; that they had on hand several small pieces of tin plated copper which he believed was about 24 ounces in weight.

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MR. MARZOLF presented the following names of concerns which use copper and might be important to this investigation:

- McPHILLIPS BROTHERS TIN SHOP, 422 South Wabasha Street, St. Paul;
- MORIN ROOFING COMPANY, St. Paul;
- J. C. STUHLMAN COMPANY, St. Paul;
- BARNY JUST, 163 East George Street, St. Paul.

Concerning the above establishments, MR. MARZOLF advised that they were all reputable concerns and did not engage in any doubtful work of any kind but might be contacted for information as to other concerns which handle copper.

The following names were presented by MR. MARZOLF and, according to his statement, are of doubtful character and, during prohibition, were engaged almost exclusively in the manufacture of steel:

- RIVERVIEW SHEET METAL WORKS, 104 East State Street, St. Paul;
- ABRAMOVICH BROTHERS, 594 Ashland, St. Paul;
- JOE RESNIKOFF, 1200 Laurel Avenue, St. Paul.

Concerning the St. Paul Scrap Iron and Metal Company, at 290 Alabama Street, MR. MARZOLF advised that this establishment enjoys a doubtful reputation in the trade and, although it is only a junk yard, it is his opinion that they might have constructed the signs in question or disposed of copper to persons in the underworld.

This Agent, accompanied by Special Agents Hall, Marshall, and Wood, visited the RIVERVIEW SHEET METAL WORKS, at 104 State Street, and, after obtaining entrance through a rear door discovered that the building in question was being used for the ageing of bootleg liquor and that, apparently, the tin shop had not been in operation for some months. One small piece of approximately 16 ounce plated copper was found in the establishment and, according to MR. S. GOTTLIEB the owner, the only person in the tin shop premises no metal of any kind had been made up since early last fall. On the second floor of the establishment, at the above address, one, DAVE DIAMOND, was interviewed, it appearing that MR. DIAMOND resides with his family in a flat above the tin shop. MR. DIAMOND was on crutches and, according to the voluntary statement of his young son, had recently been "shot while climbing over a fence". MR. DIAMOND disclaimed any knowledge concerning the operation of the tin shop and stated positively that no work had been done in the shop since early last fall. Both DIAMOND and GOTTLIEB were very apprehensive because of the fact that the establishment was being run for the manufacture of bootleg liquor.

Information concerning the illegal liquor operations of GOTTLIEB and DIAMOND was forwarded by the St. Paul Division Office to the Alcoholic Beverage Unit for such steps as that organization might wish to take.

The above Agents proceeded to the St. Paul Scrap Iron and Metal Company at 290 Alabama, and found only a caretaker in charge and all of the store rooms locked. This caretaker advised that A. B. GOLDBERG was the proprietor and would be on the premises on the following Monday morning. The nature of Agents' visit was not disclosed to the caretaker. No copper of any kind, other than junk washboilers, was observed on the premises.

At the A. ABRAMOVICH HARDWARE STORE, 266 East Fairfield, Agents were unable to gain entrance.

This Agent, accompanied by Special Agents Marshall and Wood, again visited the St. Paul Scrap Iron and Metal Company on March 12, 1934, and interviewed MR. A. B. GOLDBERG and examined the entire stock in the yard and store rooms. A sheet of tin plated copper was found but it was noted that this copper was only about 18 ounces in weight and was not at all similar to that used in the SHELL SIGNS. MR. GOLDBERG advised that this copper had been purchased by him several months ago, together with junk copper, including copper wire and copper washboilers, and that same had been in the warehouse for many months. MR. GOLDBERG denied having sold any copper of any kind during the past several months. From the appearance of the stock, same being piled in the corner of the store room and covered with dust and dirt, it is believed that MR. GOLDBERG may have given accurate information in this connection. At the hardware store operated by A. ABRAMOVICH, 266 East Fairfield, the stock was examined and it was noted that no copper of any kind is carried and, according to MR. ABRAMOVICH, he had never sold copper in plate, sheet, or other form.

Agents then visited the JOHNSON TIN SHOP, at 700 Grand Avenue, this concern being contacted due to the fact that it is located in the immediate neighborhood in which two unknown persons resided and who have been the subject of considerable investigation in this case. The two persons, in question, until about the 17th of January, 1934, resided at 628 Grand Avenue in an apartment house and moved from that locality on or about the date on which the victim in this matter was kidnaped. MR. AL JOHNSON, of the JOHNSON TIN SHOP, had in stock one sheet of 14 ounce tin copper which he had purchased from the FARWELL, OZMUN, KIRK COMPANY. This copper was being used by MR. JOHNSON for the manufacture of vaporizers. MR. JOHNSON stated positively that he had never made any signs of any kind or had cut copper into the form used in the SHELL SIGNS.

MR. BURBANK of FARWELL, OZMUN, KIRK COMPANY, called this Agent by telephone and advised that, after an examination of the records for sales in his office, he had ascertained that he had, in fact, sold one sheet of 24 ounce tin plated copper to MR. AL SCHLEH, a tinner located at Fifth and Rosabel Streets, St. Paul. MR. BURBANK further advised that this was the only 24 ounce tin plated copper sold by FARWELL, OZMUN, KIRK COMPANY since the first of the year; that MR. SCHLEH enjoys an excellent reputation in the trade and would be in a position to give accurate and legitimate information concerning the use of this copper.

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MR. BURBANK further stated that the CODY SIGN SHOP on East Wabasha Street was an establishment of doubtful reputation and might have done the work in question.

Agents proceeded to the location of the CODY SIGN SHOP and found that same had been closed and was not now in operation. Further contact with MR. BURBANK and MR. MARZOLF of FARWELL, OZMUN, KIRK COMPANY, developed that investigation made by them indicated that MR. CODY, the operator of this sign shop, was deceased and the shop had been closed since last July.

MR. AL SCHLEH was interviewed at his tin shop on the corner of Fifth and Rosabel Streets and exhibited to Agent a small piece of tin plated copper in 24 ounce weight which alone remained of the 36" x 96" sheet which he had purchased on January 5, 1934 from FARWELL, OZMUN, KIRK COMPANY. MR. SCHLEH was engaged in the manufacture of humidifiers for oil burning equipment and showed Agents where the copper had been used in these machines. MR. SCHLEH was apparently straightforward in his answer and, after an examination of the signs in question, stated positively that these signs had been made with tin shears of the straight knife type. To demonstrate his point, MR. SCHLEH cut a piece of copper on "Unishear Little Midget Power Cutter" and showed that, if the signs in question had been made by any mechanical device other than shears, same would not have carried the shear marks at the curves in the design. MR. SCHLEH stated positively that he had never made any article of the kind and had never, until recently, used tin plated copper.

The above Agents, as stated, proceeded to the W. J. HAAS AND SON TIN SHOP, 162 South Wabasha, and at this establishment, which is next to FARWELL, OZMUN, KIRK COMPANY in size, large quantities of 24 ounce tin plated copper were observed. MR. WILLIAM HAAS, the proprietor, accompanied Agents throughout the building and assembled all employees who disclaimed any knowledge concerning the construction of the signs in question. MR. HAAS appeared very willing to cooperate and advised that he was positive the signs were not constructed either in his plant or by persons in his employ due to the fact that a careful check was made of the amount of copper in stock and that same was used in the large sheets for the construction of containers for milk, or lactic acid. MR. HAAS further indicated, after careful examination of the signs, that same were cut with hand shears and not by die or power machine.

This Agent made the following investigation and interviewed, first, the PEGLOW SIGN COMPANY at 1058 University Avenue. MR. A. PEGLOW, proprietor, advised that he had never made any sign on a copper base. He escorted Agent through the shop and no copper of any kind was observed. After an examination of the SHELL SIGN, MR. PEGLOW stated that, in his opinion, this sign was not made by a regular sign painter due to the fact that the lettering and finishing did not reflect the work of a professional.

At the SCHULTZ-HAGLUND COMPANY, a tin shop, MR. HAGLUND was interviewed and advised that he had never used copper, particularly tin plated copper in his establishment and maintained no paint shop; that the signs in question had not been constructed by his concern.

The RESTAURANT CHINA COMPANY, West 7th Street, near seven corners, was visited by this Agent together with Agents Marshall and Wood, this concern dealing in equipment for restaurants and hotels and also maintaining a tin shop. MR. D. E. BODINE, manager of the tin shop, was interviewed. He advised that in this establishment he had used no copper for many months and had carried none in stock; that the signs in question were not made up by that concern.

The UNIVERSAL SIGN COMPANY at Aurora and Dale, whose name was suggested by MR. W. J. HANS as being a doubtful establishment was visited and MR. I. BUCKHOLZ, manager, was interviewed. No copper was observed on the premises and MR. BUCKHOLZ stated positively that he had never made any signs of any kind on a copper base.

At the SUPERIOR PRODUCTS COMPANY, 511 Chestnut Street, Agents ascertained that this concern was engaged in the manufacture of milk cans only and used no copper. A tour was made of the factory and no copper was observed.

At the STAPLE ROOFING COMPANY, on East 7th Street, MR. A. ANDERSON was interviewed and advised that in the construction of a conduit and drain work he used only sheet iron and carried no copper of any kind in stock and had used none for some years.

The following investigation was made by this Agent alone:

At the VENNIE BROTHERS GARAGE, 171 West University Avenue, RAY VENNIE, the proprietor, was interviewed and stated positively that he had not made the SHELL SIGNS in question. No copper or sheet metal of any kind was observed in his garage.

At the EMERSON GARAGE, 183 West University, MR. H. EMERSON was interviewed and stated that the signs had not been made up by his establishment and that he had not carried copper or copper plate in any form and did not use such material in the operation of his garage.

At the G. & L. GARAGE, 216 University Avenue, MR. F. J. GOLDSCHMIDT was interviewed and advised that the SHELL SIGNS could not have been made at his establishment and that he had never carried any copper, either plain or plated, in the garage. Examination of the garage by Agent reflected only the usual tool bench, crane jack, and other customary equipment.

At TONY AND JACK'S BODY SHOP, 254 University, TONY LAFEVER was interviewed and stated that the signs in question had not been made up in his shop and that he had never had occasion to use copper or copper plate in his business; that the only articles of copper used by the garage were the copper gaskets which are purchased from automobile wholesale concerns.

The above investigation on University Avenue was made for the purpose of eliminating all garages, sign shops, and tin shops in this locality, it being borne in mind that the payoff car, when placed for use by WALTER MAGEE, was left at 960 University Avenue. In none of the establishments visited by Agent was the nature of the investigation made known, all persons contacted being first asked if they made signs on copper, or used copper on tin in their businesses.

The following investigation was made by this Agent, together with Special Agent Nicholson:

At FARWELL, OZMUN, KIRK AND COMPANY, wholesale hardware, MR. BURBANK and MR. MARZOLF were again contacted, particularly with the idea of obtaining some information concerning the paint used on the signs. MR. BURBANK was of the opinion that pertinent information might be obtained through CHARLIE ROSSBO, a sign painter on 6th street, near ROSABEL. MR. BURBANK advised that the ROSSBO establishment had an excellent reputation and had been in the business for a long time; that MR. ROSSBO might possibly be able to tell from an examination of the sign what painter had painted it. Concerning the paint used, MR. BURBANK advised that it was a usual sign paint, had no gloss, and was carried extensively in sign painting shops and could be purchased anywhere where paints of any kind were stocked.

At the ROSSBO SIGN SHOP, 236 East 6th Street, CHARLIE ROSSBO was interviewed and advised that the SHELL SIGN was not made by a sign painter; that the paint used was regular sign painting paint; that the yellow on the orange colored base was what is known as chrome yellow, medium. Agents were further advised that, due to the construction of the letters forming the word, "SHELL", this sign was not made by a regular sign painter; that regardless of the necessity for speed, no sign painter ever finished a letter, particularly at the base and top, in such a sloppy manner. It is noted in this connection that the letters "h" and "l" on the sign apparently indicate the work of an amateur who, however, had available a dagger point brush and painter's equipment. Agents were further advised that if the sign had been painted by any legitimate sign painter in St. Paul, MR. ROSSBO, through his experience and knowledge of the lettering employed by other concerns, he is in a position to state positively who had made same.

Again returning to the University district, with the idea of completing all garages, tin shops, and paint shops in the in the west area, Agent NICHOLSON and this Agent visited the wall paper and Paint shop at

207 West University. F.H. BOLDT advised that the sign paints used on the SHELL SIGN were not carried in stock in this store and had never been sold.

At the FRED NELSON ROOFING AND PAINT SHOP, 385 University, FRED NELSON was contacted and advised that he had never used paint similar to that employed in the painting of the signs and had made no signs on copper.

At the CAPITOL WELDING and MANUFACTURING COMPANY, 381 University Avenue, Agents were advised that no work was ever done by this establishment on copper.

At the PHILLIPS PAINT SHOP, 386 Rice Street, MR. PHILLIPS indicated that no signs were ever painted by this establishment, their work being entirely the refinishing of automobiles. No copper was carried in stock, according to MR. PHILLIPS' statement, and none was observed.

At the EAGLE AUTO PAINTING COMPANY, 750 Selby, MR. P.J. KERRIGAN advised that no work was done on signs, no copper was carried in stock, and none was observed.

At the HANSON AUTO PAINTING COMPANY, 1083 University Avenue, MR. H.P. HANSON indicated to Agents that no signs were ever painted by this establishment.

At the LATOFF AUTO PAINTING COMPANY, 899 University Avenue, Agents were advised that no signs were made and no paint of the type used and no copper was ever carried in stock and none was observed.

At the BARRY CHEVROLET COMPANY, paint shop, 35 South Victoria, Agents were advised that this establishment paints only automobiles and does not do sign work of any kind.

At the WESTLUND AUTO PAINTING COMPANY, 93 East Annapolis, Agents were advised that this concern paints only automobiles and does no sign work.

At the EAST SIDE AUTO PAINTING SHOP, 788 East Jenke, Agents were advised that no sign work was done and no copper used or carried in stock.

At the PEARL BROTHERS GARAGE, corner of Gomo and Maryland, MR. JOE PEARL stated that no sign painting was done in this establishment. This concern was previously visited by Agents in connection with film lenses and a thorough examination made of the premises at which time no copper or sheet metal was observed.

In connection with all of the above concerns, examination of the premises and apparent employment of those found on the premises would indicate that the signs could not have been painted in those establishments. At the various automobile painting shops, Agents were advised that the paints used on the SHELL SIGN were not such as would be generally in use at an automobile painting concern in that they would not be suitable for flat work and carried no gloss for a finish.

This Agent, together with Agent Nicholson, proceeded to White Bear, Minnesota, it being borne in mind that a Post Office Box had been rented by E.V. DAVIS, who has subsequently been identified as VOLNEY DAVIS, at that place.

PETER'S GARAGE, at White Bear, was visited and Agents were advised that no sign work was ever done by this establishment; that the only sign painters in White Bear were WILLIAM LUDTKE and J.O. MICHAUD.

MR. WILLIAM LUDTKE was contacted at his home in White Bear and the signs exhibited to him and he stated positively that same had not been made by a regular sign painter and were not made by MR. MICHAUD or himself.

MR. MICHAUD was not located for interview.

On March 14, 1934, the following concerns were visited by Special Agent Woods:

BAKO PROCESS, 240 West 5th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

O.H. JOHNSON was shown sample of shell sign and stated that he never does that kind of painting and did not paint any shell signs. Johnson is the painter at the above address.

MAHLE AUTO BODY, 570 East 8th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Adolph Palms, painter at the above address advised that he did not paint the particular shell sign; that he has never done that kind of work, his particular job being painting auto bodies.

MITCHELL & HECK CO., 205 West 5th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

F.L. Schofield and A.J. Sorensen, painters at the above address advised after seeing the painted shell sign that they did not paint it and that their work is chiefly confined to auto body painting although they have done occasional small jobs of sign painting.

ST. PAUL AUTO PARTS, 479 South Wabasha Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Carl John, painter, advised that he did not paint any shell signs, and could not identify the one exhibited to him as having been painted by anyone he was acquainted with.

It would appear, from facts developed to date in connection with this investigation that the material used in the SHELL SIGNS was scrap rather than new copper, due to the fact that the copper in the sign is very much discolored and, according to expert information furnished to this Agent, the oxidation of the copper would not have taken place to the extent present in these signs in fewer than several months' time. Apparently the copper used in the sign was a piece of scrap copper salvaged from some equipment in previous use and was not purchased new. It further appears that there are several hundred sign painters in St. Paul, of various degrees of expertness, who are now out of work and maintaining no shops.

Further investigation is being made in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

E.N. Notestein, Special Agent.

ENH:TC

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

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

Continuation of investigation at Edgerton, Wisconsin.

On March 10, 1934, this agent submitted a memorandum showing that at Edgerton, Wisconsin, it was found that the local fire siren was blown three blasts on Sunday morning at 9:03 a.m., January 28, 1934; that the local town whistle located on the waterworks building blows its whistle at 7 and 8:00 a.m., and that this whistle has a tone which might be confused as a siren; that the town of Edgerton is located near Lake Koshkonong where a great deal of fishing through the ice has taken place this winter and where game wardens reported difficulty with persons using too many lines in such fishing; where the local town siren blows at six o'clock in the evening, and where a German Lutheran church is located which rings its bell at sundown. At a local drygoods store it was found that an Arrow shirt of the exact style, description, and material as furnished the victim could be purchased.

Special Agent H. E. Reinecke and this agent proceeded to a point four miles north of Edgerton, Wisconsin, on Lake Koshkonong at 7:30 in the morning where it was found that the before referred to town steam whistle could be heard only faintly from this distance, thus possibly eliminating homes located on the lake.

M. J. JALSBERG, clerk, Anderson & Farman Company, clothiers, was again interviewed and he stated a size 15 $\frac{1}{2}$, sleeve length 33, Arrow shirt of the exact texture and description as the shirt furnished MR. BREMER was in stock at his store during January, 1934. Agent was shown a sock similar to the sock furnished MR. BREMER by the kidnapers and upon close examination it was found to be manufactured by the Forest City Knitting Company, Rockford, Illinois, and of a little different design and color than the socks furnished MR. BREMER.

Reverend J. C. Spillman, Pastor of the German Lutheran church, located at Edgerton, was interviewed and he stated that the bell of his church was rung at approximately 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 27, 1934, in accordance with the regular custom to ring the bell at sundown. He also stated that he had noticed that a Northwest Airways plane generally passes either over or near Edgerton at approximately 5:30 p.m., going north.

Agent learned that DR. F. C. MEYERS, a dentist, was a reliable citizen and interested in law enforcement. DR. MEYERS was contacted and he accompanied agent to various houses situated on Lake Koshkonong where persons of questionable character reside. These houses were all eliminated because of their structure, lack of the modern conveniences which are said to be in the hideout, and distance from the town of Edgerton.

One place, which appeared to have some of the elements necessary, was entered and examined. It was the home of FRED BRODECK. This home was found to lack the toilet facilities in the basement and otherwise did not answer the requirements of the hideout.

The home of CHARLES BROWN, located 3/4 mile from the town of Edgerton, was also examined under pretext that agent [REDACTED]

The inside of this house in no way answers the description given by MR. BREMER for the inside of the hideout.

Several of the houses located in or near Edgerton were eliminated by DR. MEYERS, who had examined the inside of these homes on other occasions.

Information was obtained that the home of ELVIN AMUNDSON, 210 Stoughton Road, answered the description of the place for which agent was searching. This home was entered and examined by agent under the pretext that [REDACTED]

The basement was found to have three rooms, one of them being a bathroom, a kitchen, and a furnace room. However, none of the rooms were papered and lacked toilet facilities. The AMUNDSONS are considered reliable people.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. H. Reinecke:

Special Agent H. H. Reinecke contacted the only stores in Edgerton handling wallpaper. These stores do not carry Sears, Roebuck & Co. samples and they stated they were certain local wallpaper hangers did not carry such samples but that wallpaper from such a company would either be purchased at a company store, wherever there might be one, or by mail order.

Agent Reinecke secured the names of all local paper hangers (CHARLES SWIFT, WILL MAVES, ARCHIE DAVIS, FRED CLARK and EARNEST KAUFMAN) and interviewed them. None carry Sears, Roebuck & Co. samples. Some have not hung any wallpaper purchased from this company. Others had had a few jobs where the home owner had so purchased his wallpaper, but none of these recognized the specimen agent displayed to them.

Agent Reinecke interviewed ALBERT C. SCHUMACHER, Edgerton, Wisconsin, who reads all water meters in all homes having city water within the city limits. These meters are all in the basements and he has therefore had access to practically every cellar in the town. He stated that the only basement such as this agent described to him might be found in the home of ELVIN AMUNDSON, 210 Stoughton Road, and in the apartment building of DR. MEYER, a dentist. MR. AMUNDSON is a local cement contractor of good repute. He has a kitchen, dining room, and toilet in his basement. Also a garage. The toilet watercloset is of porcelain. There are some steps on the outside into the basement. Inquiry disclosed MR. AMUNDSON has constantly lived in this house and that no strangers or persons of questionable character have been therein. This basement has a hot water furnace, the walls are painted and not papered, according to SCHUMACHER, and he is certain there are no bedrooms.

DR. MEYER is a dentist of unquestionable integrity. Besides, according to SCHUMACHER, there is only a small basement apartment in DR. MEYER'S building, which is occupied by the building janitor.

No further investigation was conducted at Edgerton, Wisconsin, in view of the above.

R. D. BROWN,
Special Agent.

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9 - St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

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

In following the route of the Northwest Airways, Inc., from Chicago, Illinois, into Madison, Wisconsin, today, I covered the following towns with reference to location and the necessary sounds necessary in this investigation.

Allen Grove, Wisconsin.

This town has no railroad within a distance of six miles.

Darien, Wisconsin.

Siren blows only occasionally for test. No church bells on Saturday nights during winter months. No fire on 1-28-34.

Delevan, Wisconsin.

No siren. Steam whistle blows daily, except Sundays, at 7:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. Had no fire on 1-28-34 and whistle did not blow that date. Is located near lake where ice fishing is available but is considerably off the air routes.

Sharon, Wisconsin.

No town siren or other whistles during January or February, 1934.
No Saturday church bells.

Clinton, Wisconsin.

Siren at 12:00 noon daily except Sundays. No fire on 1-28-34. German Lutheran church located this town but does not ring Saturday bell. Airplane of Northwest Airways passes almost daily about 5:25 p.m. and Sunday flying from Janesville airport sometimes heard. Not situated in close vicinity of a lake. No home having living quarters in basement.

Avalon, Wisconsin.

No siren in this town and no fire on 1-28-34. No church bells on Saturdays.

Indian Ford, Wisconsin.

Not located on railroad and has population of only 150.

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Milton, Wisconsin.

Siren blows daily at 12:00 noon except Sundays. Siren at Milton Junction located one mile west, blows at 8:00 p.m. daily. Factory whistle at Milton blows at 8:00 a.m. and at 4:00 p.m. Agent checked these two towns for sounding of the sirens on 1-28-34 and neither of them were blown for fire purposes on that date. No church bells can be heard on Saturday afternoons in either of these two towns. Agent was advised at the Milton Post Office that a siren blows at 8:00 a.m. daily at Edgerton, Wisconsin, and at no other time.

Edgerton, Wisconsin.

This place is located 75 miles southeast of Portage, Wisconsin, and has a population of 2,900. It is on the C. M. & St. P. and Pacific Railroad, having two passenger trains through Edgerton in the morning and two in the evening. The freight activity on this line is said to have been rather heavy during January, 1934, because of marketing of Wisconsin tobacco grown in this section and necessitated considerable switching of locomotives and freight cars. Ordinary switching is said not to be heavy.

Edgerton is located on the Rock River and five miles via highway from Lake Keshkonong and about three miles in a straight line.

HARRY PALPRESS, Chief of the Edgerton Fire Department, was interviewed and he stated a letter had been received from the St. Paul Division office requesting information as to whether or not there had been a fire in his town on 1-28-34. He advised there had been no fire in Edgerton on that date but the town siren blew three short blasts about nine o'clock on that date due to a report that some young people were caught on an ice flow at the lake. He stated the town siren is sounded regularly at 8:00 p.m., daily and at no other time and was thus blown during the months of January and February of this year. He further stated a steam whistle, located at the local water plant, is blown 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.; that the whistle of the Auto-Trailer Corp., a steam whistle, blows daily at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon and at 5:00 p.m. He stated the tone of the local town siren is rather weak and this was confirmed by agent who heard this siren at 8:00 p.m. on this date; it could be confused with a steam whistle because of its weak tone. Agent was advised the town steam whistle is very shrill in tone and might be confused with the sound of a siren. The time of blowing of whistles will be carefully checked.

E. A. MEYER, Secretary of the Edgerton Fire Department, was interviewed at which time his records were examined which show that the siren blew at 9:03 a.m. on 1-28-34.

As a result of inquiries of several citizens, agent confirmed the report that the German Lutheran Church in Edgerton rings its bell regularly at 10:00 a.m. on 1-28-34, the bell was rung at 10:00 a.m.

approximately 5:30 p.m. on Saturday nights. Agent was further advised that three other church bells ring on Sunday; a Catholic church, a Methodist church, and a Congregational church. Time of ringing of these bells will be checked.

As a result of inquiries, agent learned the airplane of the Northwest Airways passes over or near Edgerton at approximately 5:30 p.m., daily; that it sometimes can be heard from a distance of five to ten miles and sometimes passes directly over the town at a low altitude. Agent was informed by citizens that on some Sunday afternoons, airplanes from the Janesville, Wisconsin, airport cruise over Edgerton.

ROBERT GRAY, Game Warden, Wisconsin Bureau of Conservation, residing at Milton, Wisconsin, was interviewed and stated there has been a great deal of fishing through the ice on Lake Koshkonong this winter; that some days as many as 2,000 people would be fishing through the ice on this lake; that a great number of small pike fish have been caught and this fish is similar to perch as to quality of meat; that he has had considerable difficulty with persons using more than the limit of five lines at the same time; that some arrests have been made in this connection. However, he was unable to recall any instance of having called at any home to warn or complain of anyone using too many lines in fishing through the ice.

GRAY appears to be an efficient officer and one worthy of trust. He stated many Chicago people have cottages on the lake and some of them are questionable characters; that many of the cottages have running water and toilet facilities, also electric lights from the main power line. He volunteered to accompany agent on a tour of inspection of the cottages along the lake and of homes located in and near Edgerton. Agent recalls that GRAY assisted agents of the Division in searching this section of the State when the "hideout" where WILLIAM HAMM, JR., was being searched for. He appears worthy of considerable confidence.

At Anderson & Farman Company, clothiers, agent interviewed M. J. JALBERG, clerk, and was shown a line of Arrow shirts made by Cluett-Peabody Company of the exact design, material, and shade of the shirt furnished MR. BREMER. MR. JALBERG was unable to locate a size 15 1/2, sleeve length 33, but stated he believed this size had been in stock. He was unable to recall persons who had purchased this type of shirt and upon being shown photographs of suspects in this case, stated none of them looked familiar to him.

The same inquiries were made of C. S. FARMAN, ROBERT FARMAN, and MR. SOL ANDERSON. None could recall details of or the persons to whom the sale of the socks and shirt was made. C. S. FARMAN stated the photograph of Subject KARPIS looked familiar to him but he was unable to state where or when he had seen the likeness. ROBERT FARMAN made the same comment concerning Subject HARRY CAMPBELL.

MR. ANDERSON was unable to recall whether or not a size 15 1/2, sleeve length 33", Arrow shirt of the before mentioned description was in stock during January and the early part of February but volunteered to attempt to check his records as to this on Monday, March 12th.

An exhaustive investigation will be conducted by this agent and Agent Reinecke in an effort to locate the "hideout" in Edgerton and vicinity.

R. D. BROWN,
Special Agent.

Madison, Wisconsin,
March 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

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

Continued checking towns on this date along Northwest Airways route from Beloit, Wisconsin, to Madison, Wisconsin, with the following results:

Beloit, Wis.

No stationery fire siren and no factory or institution siren. Numerous factories with whistles and many church bells. Considerable number of trains and great deal of switching. Spent considerable time here in effort to determine if certain sections of city (or South Beloit, Ill.) would offer anywhere near proper combination of noises, without results.

Afton, Wis.

No siren, church bells, whistles. Branch line railroad and no switching.

Hanover, Wis.

No siren, one church bell but not rung Saturday p.m., no whistle. On branch line railroad with but few trains and little switching.

Footville, Wis.

No siren. Whistle on Pet Milk Company factory blows at 7:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. Two church bells but none rung on Saturday. One combination freight and passenger train a day only.

Orfordville, Wis.

Noon siren and for fires. Two churches but no Saturday p.m. bell. No whistle for two years. Few trains. No fire or sounding of siren 1-28-34.

Magnolia, Wis.

Considerably off main highways. No siren, or switching, or bells, or whistles.

Evansville, Wis.

Siren for fires only and these very infrequent. Several church bells but none on Saturday p.m. Whistle blows twice in morning, twice at noon, once at quitting time in p.m.

Union, Wis.

No siren, church, or whistle. Very small community.

Brooklyn, Wis.

Siren for fires only, one Methodist Episcopal Church with no Saturday p.m. bell. No whistles. Very little switching. Few trains. Not on main highway.

Oregon, Wis.

Short siren blasts by fire department daily, except Sunday, at 7:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 6:00 p.m. Long blast for fires. Three church bells but none rung on Saturday p.m. No whistles. Had no fire 1-28-34.

Syene, Wis.

Advised at Oregon that this is railroad siding only. No residents. No siren, church, or whistle.

Madison, Wis.

No fire department or factory sirens. One suburb has siren used for fires only. Numerous whistles and church bells, of course.

In connection with this city being the one victim heard the street cars in about an hour prior to his arrival at the hideout, agent noted that buses were used rather than street cars and made inquiry relative thereto. It was ascertained that about January 1, 1934, buses replaced the street car

system with the exception that during the morning, noon, and evening rush hours, a few street cars are still operated on the line, thus making it possible for a victim to have heard them in Madison. This is set out to clear up this point, if same has not already been reported.

H. H. HEINECKE,
Special Agent.

Assistant United States Attorney George A. Heisey, St. Paul, Minnesota, informed this office that Mrs. Heisey, at a bridge party on March 10, 1934, had learned that EDWARD BREMER had received an anonymous letter stating that if any of the gang were ever convicted of kidnaping MR. BREMER, or if he testified in court, they would kidnap his little daughter.

Special Agent R. L. Walls interviewed MRS. BREMER and she advised that she had no knowledge of the receipt of an anonymous note by her husband containing information that if any of the gang were convicted of kidnaping him, or if he testified in court, they would take his little daughter and he would never see her again. MRS. BREMER, however, did state that her husband informed her the gang told him they would kidnap his daughter if any of the gang were caught. MRS. BREMER explained she opens all mail which comes to her home, whether it be addressed to her, her husband, or MR. BREMER'S father; that should any such message or threat have been received through the mails, she undoubtedly would have seen it.

Inspector W. A. Rorer interviewed EDWARD BREMER, who stated that he had received no note or communication from anyone since his abduction, threatening any of his family; and that had he received any such communication, undoubtedly Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry would have known of it.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ST. PAUL, MINN.

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

March 19, 1934.

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

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Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30. 1934

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. M. Dunn dated 3-6-34 at Dallas, Texas, regarding certain information received from Harry Hall by Mr. Barr.

For your information, Lawrence Barton alias Larry O'Keefe alias Larry Barton alias DeVol alias Barker, who is now serving a life sentence in the Minnesota State Penitentiary at Stillwater, Minnesota, was interviewed by Special Agent in Charge Warner Hanni after Mr. Hanni had received a mysterious telephone call to the effect that Mr. Barton at the Stillwater Penitentiary desired to see him. He was immediately interviewed by Mr. Hanni in view of the fact that Lawrence Barton was a known associate of the Karpis-Barker gang.

When interviewed by Mr. Hanni, Lawrence Barton stated that he had been attempting for three months to get in touch with Mr. Hanni and wondered why Mr. Hanni had not visited him earlier. In that connection, Mr. Hanni's first information that Barton wished to see him came about forty minutes prior to the interview. Barton talked in general terms regarding his association with the Barkers and stated that there were eight men in the Hann and Bremer kidnappings and that there were two finger men in the Twin Cities and that two members of the gang had never been fingerprinted or photographed. He intimated that he had been double crossed by the Karpis-Barker gang and had \$15,000 stolen from him by them after he was committed to the penitentiary and that he was very desirous of helping himself and also getting revenge. He furnished no specific information valuable enough to report but he will be interviewed again by Mr. Hanni on March 19th.

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Lawrence Barton is known as a very desperate criminal and as to whether or not he will furnish this office with any definite information can not be determined at this date. However, it is thought that he will be interviewed frequently until he furnishes the desired information or it definitely appears to be futile. It is therefore requested that the proposed interview with Harry Hull, now serving a sentence at the Texas State Penitentiary, be expedited in order that this office will have all the information Hull has in his possession.

A copy of this letter is also being directed to the Kansas City office with the request that at Lansing, Kansas, they obtain the photographs of Jess Boyle and Bill Scott, furnishing this office with two copies of each.

Commenting upon the information secured from Hull by Barr, it is noted that reference is made to Verne Sankey. This is undoubtedly wrong. The information that they resided at Cleveland and Marshall Avenue in St. Paul in an apartment is correct; and in that connection, it is desired to learn whether they were connected with a Doc Pfeiffer, a dentist having an office across the street. He has been mentioned by Eddie LaRue as a member of this gang. He has never been fingerprinted or photographed.

It is also true that this gang robbed the bank in Minneapolis as stated by Mr. Barr in his letter to Chief of Police William J. Meehan of Minneapolis on January 23, 1934.

In connection with the bank robbery for which Lawrence Barton is serving life and Hankins is also serving life, for your information it is commonly rumored in the Twin Cities that Fred Barker, Karpis and others actually committed the robbery and that those serving time for same were not implicated.

Very truly yours,

W. A. BOKER,
Inspector.

CCM:HVS
Cc Division ✓
Dallas
2- Kansas City

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

March 19, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

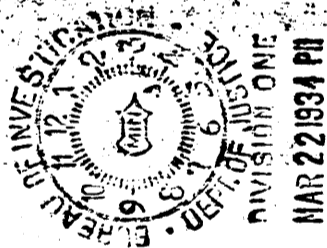
Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al. EDWARD GEORGE
BREMER - Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. V-30.

It is respectfully requested that you conduct investigation at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the purpose of establishing the location of telephone having exchange number Marquette 3083. Please ascertain name of person or establishment listed under this number and check all long distance calls, outgoing and incoming, during the period December 20, 1933, to March 15, 1934, inclusive.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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

March 19, 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.

Transmitted herewith is a specimen of the handwriting
of Mrs. G. E. Barker, mother of Arthur R. Barker and Fred
Barker. It is requested that this letter be photostated and
the original and the letter of transmittal dated September 15,
1929, from the Warden to M. F. Amrine be returned to the
Kansas City office. This office desires at least two of the
photostatic copies of the letter by Mrs. Barker.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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

FILE NO. **7-32**

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/19/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/14, 15/34	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: Investigation is being conducted within a radius of about sixty miles of Chicago, Illinois, in the hope of locating the hideout house in which Bremer was held. Inquiries in many towns in Illinois and Indiana without results.			
REFERENCE: Telephone call from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, March 13, 1934, to Chicago Office.			
DETAILS: On March 13, 1934, this office received a telephone call from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, informing that it would be advisable to conduct inquiries within a radius of several miles of Chicago, Illinois, bearing in mind principal railroads and noises which Bremer heard during his captivity, in the hope of locating the hideout house. It is remembered that Bremer heard many trains during his confinement, some of which appeared to be early morning and late afternoon trains, believed to be going to and from Chicago, Illinois, taking people to and from work. It is also remembered that Bremer heard several trains which appeared to be through trains. With this thought in mind the investigating Agents set out herein furnished themselves with maps of the railroads and towns and suburbs within a radius of about sixty miles of Chicago, and this territory is now being investigated for the location of the hideout house.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. A. Quinn</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1343 MAR 22 1934 A M BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: FILE	
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This report discloses investigation in many towns in Illinois and Indiana, and the information secured is being set out in the form of memoranda furnished by each investigating Agent.

HIDEOUT

On March 15, 1934, Special Agent G. J. Gress conducted the following investigation with regard to the hideout:

At Whiting Indiana.

W. J. Moore, Postmaster, was interviewed. He stated that Whiting does not have a siren other than those used by the Fire and Police Departments. Further, that he knew of no towns in the vicinity of Whiting, Indiana that possessed a siren, other than for uses above stated, adding that he had resided in this vicinity for 35 years and was well acquainted with all surrounding territory. The sirens used by the Fire and Police Departments are used only for fires and police emergency calls.

John Dudzik, merchant, 2058 Indianapolis Boulevard, stated that he knew of no sirens in Whiting other than those used by the Fire and Police Departments for fires and police work.

At Hammond, Indiana.

George Clemens, Postmaster, and Otto Rabe, Assistant Postmaster, were jointly interviewed, both stating that there were no sirens in Hammond other than those used by the Police Department for police work, the Fire Department for fires, and ambulances of hospitals on rush calls. Mr. Rabe stated, however, that he was quite certain that a siren was blown each morning around seven or eight o'clock and also a whistle of some sort around the same time. Further, that there were two churches which rang bells on Sunday morning in Munster, Indiana. Mr. Rabe stated further that the P.C.W. Railroad and the P.C.C. and St. Louis Railroad also go through this town, further adding that contact should be had with Mr. Ed Bennett, Town Marshal and Water Commissioner, who was very reliable and well informed as to the surrounding country.

At Munster, Indiana.

Agent inquired of a filling station attendant as to a siren. The attendant stated that Munster had a siren but that same was blown only in case of a fire for the Volunteer Fire Department and blown regularly at six o'clock on each Saturday evening for testing purposes.

Interview was then had with Mr. Ed. Bennett, who stated, as did the above filling station attendant, that the Munster siren was blown only in case of a fire in the town and on Saturday evenings at six P.M. for testing purposes; that the last fire occurred on January 14, 1934.

As to church bells, Mr. Bennett advised that there were no ringing of bells on Saturday evening, although the Catholic Church rang their bell once on Sunday morning. Mr. Bennett added that he was well acquainted with the conditions in all surrounding territory and knew of no town that possessed any of the elements mentioned by Agent which would be found in this vicinity, adding that the Council President of Munster, Indiana had received a circular letter from the Division office at Chicago or St. Paul with regard to the above mentioned things and that he has since this time attempted to think of some locality which would fit such a description as set forth in the letter but was unable to do so.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent V. W. Peterson on March 15, 1934 for the purpose of attempting to locate the hideout:

At Glenview, Illinois.

Emily M. Cole, Postmistress, upon interview, advised that Glenview is a town with a population of 1500 people. It is situated approximately fifteen miles from Chicago. The main line of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway passes through the town. A large number of trains which pass through Glenview are used

by commuters. It is very seldom that any switching occurs in the immediate vicinity of Glenview. The Fire Department has a stationary siren which is sounded each day at twelve o'clock noon with the exception of Sundays and holidays. Occasionally the siren located in Morton Grove, Illinois, which also sounds at noon, can be heard. No other siren is audible in Glenview and no factory whistles can be heard. There are eight churches located in Glenview. The church bells are rung on Sunday only. There is an airport located near Glenview and occasionally planes fly over Glenview. Emily M. Cole stated that she had noticed no suspicious characters in Glenview during the past several months.

R. R. Wixon, Assistant Postmaster, was interviewed. He was contacted by the writer in the summer of 1933 in connection with the Factor kidnaping case and appeared to be a reliable informant. Mr. Wixon was shown the photographs of Harry Campbell, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker, but he was unable to remember having seen said individuals in Glenview. The information which he provided, with reference to the sounding of the siren at noon and the ringing of church bells, corroborated the information supplied by Emily M. Cole. He also stated it is impossible to hear any factory whistle in Glenview.

R. D. Danielson was interviewed in the Municipal Building, Glenview, in the absence of Mr. Waterhouse, the City Manager. He stated that the only church in Glenview which is equipped with bells is the Methodist church. The bells of said church ring only on Sundays. Mr. Danielson advised that only a volunteer Fire Department exists in Glenview.

It may be stated that the house in which John Factor was taken immediately after his kidnaping by members of the Touhy gang is located only a few doors from the home of the Chief of Police of Glenview, Illinois. This might indicate a connection between police officials in Glenview and the gangster element and consequently it was deemed inadvisable to contact police officials. According to the information furnished by the individuals mentioned above, the sounds heard by Edward G. Bremer during his captivity cannot be heard in Glenview. The writer personally drove through all streets in Glenview, but was unable to locate a house answering the description given by Bremer.

William H. Kuffeldt, 2131 Glenview, John Dwight, 1814 Grove, and Albert Henke, 1946 Dewes, were interviewed. Each individual mentioned is a paper hanger. Exhibits of the wall paper which covered the wall in the room in which Bremer was held captive were shown to the above named men with negative results.

At Golf, Illinois.

Golf, Illinois is a small village of about 120 people. There are no stores or other places of business located in Golf. A post office is not situated in Golf and the mail is delivered by a rural carrier working out of the Morton Grove, Illinois Post Office. The writer drove through all streets in Golf and failed to note a house which answered the description of the hideout, as described by Bremer. The homes are modern in every respect and the inhabitants of the village appear to be of considerable wealth. It was determined that S.J. Nelson reads the water meters in Golf. Mr. Nelson was absent from home but his wife was questioned, without disclosing the nature of the inquiry or the writer's identity. She stated that all occupants of the homes in Golf own same; that she is acquainted with all residents of the village; that no strangers have been in the locality recently; that only one family resides in each house in the village; that no homes or flats are rented; that there is no siren in the village; that the only siren which can be heard is that of the Glenview, Illinois Fire Department which sounds at noon each day and that no factory whistles are audible.

At Morton Grove, Illinois.

Lillian M. Dilg, Postmistress, upon interview, stated that Morton Grove is a town with a population of 1,974; that there is a stationary siren located in Morton Grove which sounds each day, except Sundays and holidays, at twelve o'clock noon; that when the wind is favorable the siren of Niles, Illinois as well as the siren of Park Ridge, Illinois can be heard each day at noon; that no factory whistle is audible in Morton Grove; that the Stielow Brothers Green House, whistle of Niles Center, Illinois can be heard at seven o'clock each morning; that there are two churches in Morton Grove; namely, St. Martha's Catholic Church and the Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church; that the Catholic Church is not equipped with bells; that the Lutheran Church has a bell

which rings each Saturday evening and four times each Sunday; that the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway passes through the edge of Morton Grove; that the Curtis Airport is located four miles north of Morton Grove; that approximately two planes fly over Morton Grove each day; that the number of planes flying over Morton Grove depends on the season of the year and that during the winter months very few planes fly from the Curtis Airport. Lillian M. Dilg advised that she has resided in Morton Grove her entire lifetime; that she is well acquainted with the various residence buildings in the city; that there are only about two buildings in Morton Grove the basements of which are used for living quarters; that there have been no strangers in said buildings; that she has not seen a large Buick being driven by strangers and that she has not observed any suspicious characters in the vicinity of Morton Grove. Photographs of Harry Campbell, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker were exhibited to Lillian M. Dilg, but she was unable to identify same.

William Schiller, Water Department, upon interview, stated that he reads all meters in Morton Grove. A description of the house in which Bremer was held captive was furnished Mr. Schiller, without disclosing the purpose of the inquiry. He stated that he is positive that a house of that description is not located in Morton Grove.

Albert Arnold, 8546 Ferris, and Harold Schlotterbeck, 8510 School, were interviewed and exhibits of the wall paper which was in the hideout house were shown to them. They were unable to identify same however, and stated that they have not placed wall paper of that description in houses located in Morton Grove. The above named individuals are wall paper hangers.

The writer drove through all streets in Morton Grove but was unable to locate a house answering the description of the hideout.

At Niles Center, Illinois.

Herman Meyer, Postmaster, Niles Center, Illinois, upon interview, advised that the only siren located in Niles Center is on the Niles Center State Bank; that this siren is sounded only on very infrequent occasions, when it is accidentally discharged; that there are several churches located in Niles Center; that the bell of the Catholic Church is rung each day at six P.M.; that the only whistle

that can be heard is that of the Stielow Brothers Greenhouse; that said whistle is heard at seven A.M.; noon, and about ten thirty P.M. and that with the exception of the bank siren, which is seldom sounded, only the siren of Morton Grove, which is sounded at noon each day, is heard in Niles Center. Mr. Meyer advised that Robert E. Bowman, Captain of Police, Niles Center, Illinois, is a reliable informant and is well acquainted with conditions in the locality.

Robert E. Bowman, Captain, Police Department, and the writer drove through all streets of Niles Center, without locating any houses or residence buildings answering the description of the hideout, as furnished by the victim. There are several three and four flat apartment buildings in the city which have basement flats. Captain Bowman claimed to know the larger number of the occupants of the basement flats and stated that no strangers or other suspicious characters have been living in the basement flats of the Niles Center apartment buildings. All basement flats observed were level with the street and it would not be necessary to walk down several steps to enter same. Most of the basement flats are occupied by janitors of the apartment buildings, according to Captain Bowman. The purpose of the instant inquiry was not divulged to Captain Bowman, the interview with him being made under suitable pretext. He was shown photographs of Harry Campbell, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker. Captain Bowman stated that he saw an individual resembling Harry Campbell about two weeks ago. This man was not traveling in an automobile according to Captain Bowman. He has not seen him subsequent to that time and could provide no information which might aid in locating him. Captain Bowman was also questioned concerning a large dark colored Buick Sedan. He stated that he did not observe a car of that description in the vicinity of Niles Center during January or February, 1934.

John P. Ziegele, Water Department, advised, when interviewed, that he reads all water meters in Niles Center. A complete description of the residence building in which Bremer was held captive was provided to Ziegele. He stated that he is unable to remember having seen a place answering this description in Niles Center.

It was determined that the only two places of business that sell wall paper are the Niles Center Mercantile Company and Lloyd's wall paper and paint store. Upon being shown exhibits of the wall paper involved in this case, Mrs. L. Lloyd, 8106 Lincoln and George Busscher, Niles Center Mercantile, 8045 Lincoln, advised that they have never sold paper of that description. The following paper hangers were also interviewed with negative results: Harry Brunger, 5226 Galitz; Fred Rydell, 4856 Elm and Albert V. Geard, 8429 Monticello, Niles Center, Illinois.

HIDEOUT

On March 14, 1934, the following investigation with regard to the hideout was conducted by Special Agent R. D. Brown:

At Summit, Illinois

This point is located fifteen miles southwest of the Chicago Loop District and has a population of 6,500 and is located on a branch of the Santa Fe Railroad. After making casual inquiries as to the existence of the necessary sounds in this case, Agent interviewed Chief of Police A. Botz, who informed that it would be impossible to locate the local Water Meter Reader until the following day. Chief Botz was made to understand that Agent was searching for a house of such construction as would answer the description of the house in which Victim was held, in connection with a case in which an escaped federal prisoner was being sought.

Chief Botz advised the local town fire siren is sounded daily, including Sundays, at 12:00 Noon; that it has a very shrill tone; that a German Lutheran Church is located in this town, which regularly rings its bell at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday evenings; that the Eagle-Picher Lead Company and the Argo Starch Company both blow loud whistles at 7:00 A.M., 8:00 A.M., 12:00 Noon, 1:00 P.M., 3:30 P.M. and at 5:00 P.M.; that the train activity of the branch line of the Santa Fe Railroad, operating through Summit is freight business only, the passenger traffic being handled on another line. Chief Botz accompanied Agent in a tour of inspection of all houses in Summit and none were located which would in any way resemble the description of the hideout in this case.

Summit is located only four miles from the Chicago Municipal Airport and motors of planes landing, taking off and circling the field can be heard almost constantly. Because of the above described facts concerning this point, no further concerted effort was made to locate the hideout.

At Stickney, Illinois

As a result of local inquiries and an interview with Chief of Police Louis Marek, Agent learned this town has no churches and none are located within hearing distance; that it has no factories but factory whistles can be heard from a distance when weather conditions are right. The town has no siren and had no fire on January 28, 1934. The population of Stickney is 2,000. Agent examined the outside appearance of all houses and could locate none in any manner answering the description of the hideout. Because of these facts, no further investigation was made at this town.

At Forest View, Illinois

As a result of local inquiries, Agent learned this suburb has a population of but 125. It has no siren, no town hall, no factories, no police department and is not situated within hearing distance of railroads. Because of the small number of houses, Agent examined each one of them for outward appearance.

Suburb of McCook, Illinois

This suburb consists of but a small settlement of a group of houses situated around Stinson Airport where flying is done daily and where anyone residing within two miles of this point would hear the constant drone of airplane engines. It has no siren and no churches and none situated within hearing distance.

Agent conferred with Operations Manager M. Strine, Stinson Field, who advised the only airports within the Chicago area having winter activity of any note are Stinson Airport, Elmhurst Airport, Harlem Airport and Municipal Airport; that these airports have considerable Sunday activity and some activity nearly every day of the week. He stated that the suburbs of La Grange, Brookfield, Lyons and Congress Park are suburbs located in such a way that none of the established airlines fly near enough to them for sounds of motors to be distinguished; that all other suburbs should hear airplane traffic daily. He further stated there has been considerable fishing through the ice from the Des Plaines River this winter but same is not unlawful in any way. McCook is located on a branch line of the Monon Railroad which handles freight only. Two large stone quarries are located near the town and blasting can be heard continually throughout the day. No other investigation appeared desirable.

At Hodgkins, Illinois

This town has a population of but 300. A fire siren is blown in case of fire only and no other siren can be heard from this point except on rare days when weather is ideal. The town has one Catholic and one Methodist church, neither of which ring bells on Saturday evenings. It is located but a quarter of a mile from a large stone quarry where blasting is heard almost hourly throughout the day.

Because of the small population, Agent examined from the outside, each residence for a place answering the description of the hideout, without success. No whistles can be heard from this point. No further investigation was deemed necessary to eliminate this town as the place having the hideout.

The following Chicago Suburbs were covered by Special Agent R. B. Brown on March 15, 1934 in an effort to locate the hideout in this case:

At Justice Park, Illinois.

This place has a population of but 500; has no post office, no fire department, police force or town hall. Agent conducted the inquiries through gasoline station attendants and store clerks as to available sounds. No siren is located here and the nearest town having a siren is located five miles north and same is not heard except when wind conditions are ideal. There are no factories located here, but the sound of whistles can sometimes be heard from the Argo Factory, located four miles north. The nearest railroad is located one and one-half miles northwest and can usually be heard. It has no churches other than a Catholic church which does not ring its bell. Point is therefore eliminated.

At Spring Forest, Illinois.

Spring Forest has a population of 800; is located approximately 30 miles from Chicago Loop District; is ideally situated as to the necessary railroad noises, being on the A.T. and S.F. Railroad. Inquiries which were properly substantiated, resulted in learning that this town has a siren which blows only in case of fire and not daily; that this siren did not sound on January 28, 1934; that no factory whistles are located within the town, but under good weather conditions whistles can be heard from Summit, Illinois, about four miles away. Agent examined from the outside, several houses which are properly situated, but none in any way favored the description thought to fit the hideout. Because of the above investigation, no further effort was made to locate the hideout in this town.

At Lemont, Illinois.

This town is ideally located as to railroad noises, being on a main line of the A.T. and S.F. Railroad, having commuters' train service. Lemont has a population of 2,500 and is located about 36 miles from downtown Chicago and on Illinois Highway Number 44.

The Pastor of the German Lutheran Church, Reverend Peiper, was interviewed and stated that during January, 1934, the bell attached to his church did not ring on Saturdays.

Fire Chief, Donald Pfifer, stated no fires were reported on January 28, 1934 and the siren did not sound, to his knowledge.

Riley Sierzuchula, Water Meter reader, was interviewed, and he stated that the three Catholic Churches located in Lemont all ring their bells daily at 6:00 A.M., 12:00 noon, and at 5:00 P.M.; that the Protestant churches ring bells on Sundays only.

Because of the excellent location of Lemont as to railroad noises and due to its location on the Des Plaines River, where there has been considerable fishing through the ice, Agent, accompanied by Sierzuchula, examined the outside appearance of several houses thought to be equipped similar to the described equipment of the hideout. All houses were eliminated due to location and outward appearance and the described interior furnished by the Water Meter reader.

At Lockport, Illinois.

This town has a population of approximately 3,500 and is located 40 miles from downtown Chicago. It is situated exactly as is Lemont as to railroads and river location.

Fire Chief, William Clark, was interviewed, and he stated a siren located at a near-by gravel pit is blown at irregular intervals throughout each day; that it has a weak tone and cannot be heard from a great distance; that it often is sounded as often as once each hour. He also stated the Texaco Oil Company plant has a siren which is sounded only in case of fire, but that he has checked the records of this plant and has learned that the siren was not sounded on January 28, 1934; that the Texaco plant's steam whistle is sounded daily except Sundays at 7:00 A.M., 12:00 noon, and 5:30 P.M. He further stated that a German Lutheran Church is located in Lockport but does not ring its bell on Saturdays. This was substantiated by Reverend Peiper, the Pastor.

Clarence Johnson, Water Meter Department, who reads all water meters in Lockport, was interviewed, and he accompanied Agent on a tour of the town. All houses were illuminated due to failure to contain the necessary design and fixtures.

At Romeo, Illinois.

This town is located only four miles north of Lockport and is situated exactly as is Lockport as to railroads and highways. This place was found to have no siren, no church which rings bells on Saturdays, no factory whistles other than those sometimes heard from Rockport. Its population is but 133 and Agent learned none of the homes are constructed or fitted similar to the hideout.

Investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. G. Ryan, on March 14 and 15, 1934, at the following towns, relative to the hideout:

At Chicago Ridge, Illinois.

Assistant Postmaster W. J. Paulus advised that there is no town siren which blows regularly in the morning or at noon; that there are no churches located in Chicago Ridge and that no church bells are heard; also that there is no fire department. He advised that there is a siren on the Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, just south of town, which blows four times a day and a whistle on the Matke Car factory just north of town which also blows four times a day.

Inquiry at the cemetery disclosed that the siren is blown daily at 9:00 A.M., 12:00 noon and 1 and 4 P.M., but no other times.

At the car factory it was learned that the whistle there blows at 7:30 and 11:30 A.M., 12 noon, and 4:00 P.M.

Chicago Ridge is a town of 269 population, containing 50 to 60 houses, none of which according to Mr. Paulus have basement living accommodations. A tour of the town and vicinity by Agent disclosed no house which would bear inspection.

At Evergreen Park, Illinois.

It was ascertained through Postmaster Roy A. Stott, that there is a siren located here, but that it blows only in case of fire; that there are no factories within 7 miles and no factory whistles are heard; that the only church with a bell is the Christian Reform Church, which bell rings on Sunday only and then in the morning, afternoon and evening; that no bells, sirens, or whistles are heard from neighboring towns. Mr. Stott claimed to be familiar with practically every house in the town and advised that the town of Evergreen Park is built on reclaimed swamp land, for which reason basements there are not suitable for living quarters; that he knows of no house in the locality with an outside basement entrance or in which people could live.

At Oak Lawn, Illinois.

It was ascertained through Postmaster John J. Matejka that no stationary siren was located there prior to March 1, 1934; that before that time the only siren was on a fire truck; that no siren can be heard from any neighboring town; that there are no factories located in the town or nearby and no factory whistles are heard; that there is no Saturday evening church bell; that there are five churches, three of which ring bells on Sunday morning and one on Sunday evening. Mr. Matejka, when questioned concerning basement houses, advised that Oak Lawn like Evergreen Park, was built on a swamp and no basements there are liveable. He stated that he is familiar with practically every house in Oak Lawn and knew of none that would answer the description of the hideout house.

At Orland Park, Illinois.

It was determined through A. J. Toller, Postmaster, that there is a siren here, which blows regularly at noon and for fires and also blows on fire meeting nights; that there are three churches here, the Lutheran, which rings the bell at 8:00 P.M. on Saturdays and on Sunday morning; the Catholic, which rings the bell at 7:00 A.M. each day and on Sunday several times, and the Methodist, which rings the bell Sunday mornings only; that there are no factories within 12 miles of the town, consequently no factory whistles are heard.

Lloyd Cowan, mail carrier, who delivers both the town and rural mail, advised that he is familiar with every house in the locality and knows of no house with basement quarters or in which any strangers have been living.

John Helenkance, Fire Chief, advised that there was no fire in Orland Park in the proximity of January 28th. No sounds are heard from neighboring towns.

At Palos Park, Illinois.

It was determined through Postmaster F. D. Saunders that no siren is located here; there are no factories or whistles nearby and no church bells; and no such sounds are heard from neighboring towns. Mr. Saunders claimed to know of no strangers having been in the community or of any houses with basement living quarters.

At Worth, Illinois.

It was learned through Postmaster C. C. Tobey that no siren is located here; that the factory whistle from the car foundry at Chicago Ridge can be heard at times only and that there is only one church, Methodist, here which rings its bell on Sunday morning only. He advised that there are less than 100 houses in and around Worth and that he is acquainted with all inhabitants and knows of no house with basement living quarters which are approached by outside steps or otherwise.

All of the above towns are located on the Wabash Railroad, which has passenger trains running at approximately 6:00, 6:30, 7:00 A.M., 12 noon, 3:50, 5:45 and 6:30 P.M., which stop at each of these towns and a through train at 10:30 A.M. which does not stop. All of these towns are somewhat close to each other and were inspected as a group as to sounds, but at no place did the desired sounds or even close to them, coincide. These towns are, as a group, located approximately 10 miles from any other towns and would only hear sounds among themselves. At all these places a complete tour was made of each town and vicinity for possible hideout houses but none were observed which would hold any possibility.

Investigation was made at the following places by Special Agent John E. Brannan on March 14 and 15, 1934, with respect to the hideout:

At Elmhurst, Illinois.

Interviewed Gus Weber and George Fisher, Chief and Secretary of the Fire Department who advised that two sirens are operated simultaneously, blown at 8:00 P.M. only, except in case of fire. No factory whistles in Elmhurst. Two Lutheran and one Catholic Church, all ring bells at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday. No siren from other community heard here.

At Hinsdale, Illinois.

Postmistress and Chief of Fire Department were interviewed. Advised that a school siren is blown at 8:30 A.M. and noon; whistle blown at 8:00 P.M. from City Hall - no whistle in A.M. No other sirens from other communities heard here.

At Western Springs, Illinois.

Postmaster interviewed and advised that there is a siren of the volunteer fire department which is blown in case of fire or meeting of fire department at 8:00 P.M. - not blown in A.M. on schedule. No morning sirens heard here.

At Berkeley, Illinois.

Members of the volunteer fire department were interviewed. They advised that a siren is blown at 8:00 P.M. for time signal and test. No siren blown in A.M. Also advised that the siren from Mount Carmel Cemetery, Hillside, can be heard at 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M..

All of the above are residential suburbs of Chicago.

Investigation relative to the hideout was conducted by Special Agent T. G. Melvin at the following towns on March 14 and 15, 1934:

At Cloverdale, Illinois.

Agent interviewed Postmaster Walter Tedralin, who stated that Cloverdale has no siren and no siren can be heard from nearby towns with the exception of the Wheaton, Illinois siren which blows only when there is a fire in Wheaton; that the day must be clear and the wind from the south, the siren not being a very loud one. Mr. Tedralin also stated that no factory whistles can be heard in Cloverdale.

At Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Agent interviewed Roy D. Benson, Postmaster, who stated that the only siren heard in Glen Ellyn is the one located in that town which blows only at 6:00 P.M. daily and for fires; that no factory whistles are heard in Glen Ellyn and no church bells with the exception of the Lutheran church, which rings only on Sunday morning.

At Lombard, Illinois.

Agent interviewed Postmaster John Murphy, who stated that the only siren that can be heard in Lombard is the fire siren located there which is heard only at 6:00 P.M. daily and during a fire; that there are no factory whistles in Lombard and none can be heard from nearby towns.

At Villa Park, Illinois.

Agent interviewed George Fanslow, Assistant Postmaster, who advised that the only siren that can be heard in Villa Park is the fire siren which is heard only at 6:00 P.M. daily and during a fire; that a factory whistle located in Villa Park is the only one that can be heard and then at 8:00 A.M., 12 noon, and 5:00 P.M.; that the Lutheran Church is the only church having a bell and this is heard at 6:00 A.M. or 7:00 P.M. on Saturday and 9:30 or 10:30 A.M. on Sunday.

At West Chicago, Illinois.

Agent interviewed Postmaster W. J. Brennan, who stated that the only siren that can be heard in West Chicago is the town fire siren which blows only when there is a fire; that he was not certain about the factory whistles and Agent interviewed Mark W. Eidielberger, Superintendent of the Lindsey Light Company plant at West Chicago.

Mr. Eidelberger stated that the whistle of the Lindsey Light Company plant blows at 8:00 A.M., noon, and 4:30 P.M. daily, with the exception of Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The only other whistle is that on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad engine house which E. M. Fish, Foreman, advised is heard at 6:00 A.M., 7:45 A.M., 8:00 A.M., 8:20 A.M., 12:00 noon, 12:20 P.M., 1:00 P.M., and 4:00 P.M. daily because he has three shifts working. Mr. Fish also stated that the Lutheran Church bell is heard at 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, after the engine house whistle; that three or four church bells are heard on Sunday morning.

At the Reed, Kardock and Company, pickle works, Agent interviewed G. R. Knowth, Manager, who stated that the plant has no whistle but has a small inside siren which blows at 7:30 A.M., noon and 4:30 P.M. daily. Mr. Knowth stated this siren can not be heard outside the plant and in fact cannot be heard in some parts of the plant itself and for this reason he intends to have a new one installed. Agent had Mr. Knowth blow this siren after 4:30 P.M. and found that it could not be heard except within a radius of 30 feet of the plant. There are no houses close enough to the pickle works to have heard the siren and at the Chicago and Northwestern engine house, which is adjacent to the pickle works, Mr. E. M. Fish stated that he had never heard this siren and in fact stated that he did not know there was such a siren in the vicinity.

At Winfield, Illinois.

Agent interviewed W. B. Daleiden, Postmaster, who stated that the only siren that could be heard was the fire siren which blew only for fires; that no factory whistles could be heard from nearby towns and that there was no factory whistle in Winfield; that the only church bell heard is the Catholic Church, which bell is rung each morning including Sunday; that no bells are rung on Saturday in the P.M.

At Wheaton, Illinois.

Agent interviewed Assistant Postmaster Fred J. Waldman, who stated that there is only one siren that can be heard in Wheaton which is the fire siren and it blows only when there is a fire; that there is one whistle which is heard at 7:30 A.M., 12:30 P.M. and 4:30 P.M.; that no church bells are heard in Wheaton on Saturday afternoons or evenings, although several church bells are heard on Sunday morning.

HIDEOUT

Special Agent H. H. Reinecke, on March 14 and 15, 1934, made investigation at the following cities in an effort to locate the hideout as described by the victim:

Niles, Illinois
Schiller Park, Illinois
Elmwood Park, Illinois
River Grove, Illinois
Franklin Park, Illinois

AT NILES, ILLINOIS

Inquiry of the Chief of Police and the Chief of the Fire Department brought the information that there is an electric siren on the Fire Department of this city, which is sounded every week day noon and for fires. There are two churches, a Methodist-Episcopal and a German Lutheran, although neither rings its bells on Saturday. There is not a single steam whistle in the city, and with reference to both sirens and whistles, there are no factories or other suburbs in the immediate vicinity which have such, which, when sounded, or blown, are heard within the corporate limits of Niles. The Northwestern Railroad has a main line about one and one-half miles from Niles, Illinois, and the Milwaukee Railroad runs through the Eastern part of Illinois, affording sufficient through and suburban railroad traffic to answer the victim's description.

In view of the above information, agent contacted John Alpranti, who is the only water meter reader in Niles, Illinois, and has been in every basement in that village having running water. With Mr. Alpranti agent carefully checked his entire list of water subscribers, and from the description given by agent of the hideout premises, Mr. Alpranti stated that he could not recall a single residence which would appear to be, in any manner, even identical in Niles. He stated that both 7060 and 7058 France Avenue, and 6583 Hartz Road and 6522 Riverview have their basements or semi-basements fixed up for living quarters. He stated, however, that in each of these residences allegedly respectable citizens resided. Agent, however, accompanied by Mr. Alpranti, personally observed these premises, and felt that none of them justified the assumption that they might have been the kidnaping hideout. All of these residences are of the modern type wherein the basement has been fixed into living quarters and so built originally that the owner of the premises might live on the first floor and the lower or basement floor might be rented for income purposes. These basements, according to Mr. Alpranti, are completely modern in every respect, having furnaces which heat not only the basement but the upstairs.

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Mr. Alpranti also suggested that Vick Miller's Roadhouse on Hartz Road might answer the description of the premises desired. This place, according to Mr. Alpranti, is operated by Mrs. Miller, her husband being dead. On the first floor she has a bar and eating establishment and is also believed to maintain prostitutes for any customer desiring one. He said the basement has a bed in it but he does not recall any further details thereof. He said that Mrs. Miller has no children and that there is no man residing with her. Agent, accompanied by Mr. Alpranti on the pretext of Mr. Alpranti reading the water meter, went into this basement, and it is agent's opinion that it in no way answers the description of the hideout. It is a dark, dirty cellar with a ceiling so low that one has to stoop to avoid bumping pipes and other fixtures on the ceiling. The basement is not fixed up in any manner, and the walls are not painted. There is one bed in a corner where a caretaker sleeps.

Niles, Illinois is served by Rural Mail Delivery service out of the Chicago, Illinois, Norwood Park Post Office Station. Inquiry at the Norwood Park Station elicited the information that the carrier in that village has been working only since March 1, 1934, and is unacquainted there.

AT SCHILLER PARK, ILLINOIS

Agent interviewed Chief of Police Bob Christian. Schiller Park is a very small village, and according to the Chief, there are no factories in the village or on the outskirts which have whistles. There is a siren on the Fire Department which is sounded every Friday evening at 7:00 P. M. to call the volunteer fire department to a meeting, and which is also, of course, sounded for all fires. There are two churches, one Catholic and the other Methodist. The Catholic church has no bell, and although the Methodist church has a bell, it is never used.

According to Chief of Police Christian, William Weber is the water meter reader but he is unreliable and associates with all persons of questionable character in the village, and interview with him therefore was not recommended.

Agent carefully described the hideout without divulging what it was to Chief Christian, and he stated that there is nothing answering that description in Schiller Park. As stated above, Schiller Park is very small and Chief Christian claims to be intimately familiar with every resident and dwelling therein. In view of the absence of any of the sounds heard by victim, and the statements made by Chief Christian, no further inquiry was made at Schiller Park.

AT ELMWOOD PARK, ILLINOIS

The Chief of the Fire Department stated that although this village has a siren at the Fire Department, it is sounded for fires only and these average about one a week. There is no whistle in the village except an inside laundry whistle which is not audible one-half block from the laundry. There is no church bell. The Milwaukee Railroad runs through the village, and if there were any other indication that the hideout might be therein, this road would undoubtedly supply sufficient through and sub-urban traffic to answer victim's description.

C. L. Jury, Chief Inspector and water meter reader of the village, was interviewed. He stated there were no such noises as agent was looking for in that village. Nevertheless, feeling that possibly certain sections of the village might hear noises from surrounding villages, agent described the hideout premises to Mr. Jury, and he stated there was nothing even remotely answering that description in Elmwood Park. He said he has been meter reader for eight years and has been in all houses and basements in that village.

For possible future use, it is recorded here that Elmwood Park is served by city mail carrier service out of Chicago, Illinois, Cragin Post Office Station located near Cicero and Grand Avenue in Chicago.

AT RIVER GROVE, ILLINOIS

The Chief of Police advised that although the Fire Department has a siren, it is sounded for fires only and never tested at any other time. There are four church bells in the village, one belonging to a German Lutheran Church, which rings every Saturday afternoon at 6:00 o'clock. There are no whistles whatsoever but sufficient railroad traffic to answer victim's description.

Again feeling that possibly there were sections of this village which might hear the noises from adjacent villages, agent contacted Vic Schalifoux, 2610 Budd Street, the water meter reader of River Grove. With agent he carefully examined the names of each water subscriber as shown by his records. He listed the following addresses as having some semblance of living quarters in the basement:

2510 Webster
2546 Webster
2750 Davidson
2433 Essing
2529 Essing

2455 Budd
2631 Thatcher
2400 First Avenue
2421 First Avenue
6461 River Grove Avenue

Agent discussed each of the occupants of these premises with Mr. Schalfoux, and with one or two exceptions reputed respectable citizens reside therein. Agent, nevertheless, accompanied by Mr. Schalfoux personally and carefully observed each of the residences above mentioned and it is agent's opinion that none of them resemble the hideout sufficient on the outside to warrant further investigation in regard thereto. This statement is made, of course, considering also the absence of even a small portion of the desired noises.

AT FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS.

Jack Straus, Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department, advised that they have an electric siren but that this is sounded only for fires. It is tested at 7:30 A. M. each week day, but it is merely turned on a sufficient length of time to start the motor and see that it operates. Thus, only a slightly audible noise is made and not even heard in immediately adjacent buildings. As a matter of fact, Mr. Straus said that quite frequently he even forgets to make the test regularly each morning. There are two churches in this village but there is no Saturday afternoon bell, and there are no whistles whatsoever, either in the village or the immediate neighborhood. There is sufficient railroad and highway traffic to answer the description supplied by the victim.

Despite the absence of even the material noises described by victim, agent nevertheless contacted Mr. T. P. Stewart, the water meter reader, who stated that he has been in every residence and building in the village which has running water, and after hearing agent describe the premises which were being sought, he stated there was nothing in that village answering the description in any particular.

Agent, in making all of the above investigations, did not openly disclose the reason for the inquiries, and in each instance also ascertained that in not one of the villages was there a siren on January 28, 1934, nor were any of the sirens sounded on that date.

Agent also kept in mind the possibility that some residents on the outskirts of all these villages which are close together might hear sounds from neighboring villages. Agent also examined those premises which lie outside of the villages but still could not be considered country farms by reason of the fact that some of them are supplied with city water from the villages and could easily hear sirens, whistles, trains, bells, etc. from neighboring villages.

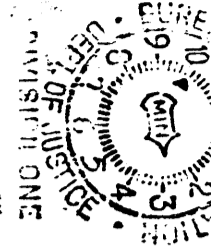
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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1583

MAR 23 1934 AM



Butte, Montana, March 19, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of, and replying to, Division letter, dated March 9, 1934, in regard to sending copies of lists of bank notes used as ransom in kidnapping cases to Mr. W. B. Carroll of the Bureau of Criminal Identification at Great Falls, Montana, I would respectfully state that a copy of all lists has been sent to the Chief of Police at Great Falls and I am writing him asking if a second copy is desired for Mr. Carroll, who works under him in the Criminal Identification Division. I am attaching hereto copy of my letter to Col. Sheridan.

As directed by the Division, I am sending Mr. Carroll the recent kidnapping lists, including one of the small number in the Lindbergh case.

Trusting this will be satisfactory to the Division, I am

Very truly yours,

D. H. Dickason

D. H. DICKASON
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana, March 19, 1934.

Col. Charles L. Sherman,
Chief of Police,
Great Falls, Montana.

Dear Colonel:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Director of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., in which it is stated that Mr. W. B. Carroll of the Bureau of Criminal Identification at Great Falls, Montana, desires that they forward him a list of bank notes used as ransom in kidnapping cases.

I am sending, as instructed by the Division, a copy of list of bank notes, which has recently been issued, to Mr. Carroll, although a copy was sent to your office in each instance in which these have been issued. I am also sending him a copy of the list in the Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr. kidnapping case, which has recently been issued in a very limited number.

Would you kindly advise me if your office desires two copies of each of these lists?

Thanking you in advance for your kindness, and with best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

D. H. DICKASON
Special Agent in Charge

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March 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

During telephonic conversation today, Mr. Rorer advised that the chief activity in the Bremer kidnaping case is in the Chicago district; that he has released Agent Fortenberry; and that all the other Agents are busily engaged on the case at the present time.

Mr. Rorer stated he had directed a letter to the Division suggesting that ~~he~~ stay on duty at the St. Paul Office after 12 o'clock midnight. He stated that so far they have received no calls at night and he didn't believe it necessary to continue this service. I instructed him to use his own judgment in this matter.

I inquired of Mr. Rorer concerning the confidential informant. He advised that they are paying the informant only about \$10 a week, and so far, he has given more information than they expected. Mr. Rorer also advised that Chief Dahill called at the office and left the photograph of Detective Brown. Chief Dahill had sent a police officer to investigate the address previously referred to, though they weren't informed as to the reason therefor. We agreed that even though an identification is effected by showing the photograph to the informant, the information will not be given out, to Chief Dahill or any one else.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Edward

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March 21, 1934.

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

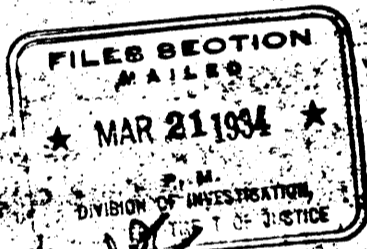
Dear Sir:

In connection with the examination being conducted of the latent prints developed in the case entitled Alvin Karpis, et al, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, you are advised that at present comparisons are being made between these latent prints and the fingerprints of approximately eighty individuals, principally identified as having St. Paul and Minneapolis Police Department numbers listed in your letter dated March 3, 1934. In addition, the following individuals have been added to the list of reported associates of Alvin Karpis and their fingerprints are also being compared with the latent prints:

Louis Cernocky, U.S.M., Chicago, Ill.
Herman Kierdorf, our file #584802
Leo Cellura, our file #711052
Maurice Brown, #19979, SP, Jackson, Mich.
Leota Graham, #1304 S.O., Council Bluffs, Ia.
James Ira Harmon, our file #3441E
Harry Miller, #29955 U.S.P., Leavenworth, Kansas.
Frank Nigro, our file #15221S
Bossie Nigro, our file #137966
Harold Hugh Wright, #6168 S.O., Tulsa, Okla.
Goldie Johnson, our file #745686.

No further identifications have been effected.

Very truly yours,



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Laboratory Report

March 19, 1934.

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

Number: 7-576

Specimens: 1 envelope addressed to Mr. Coy O. Hardwick and postmarked
March 27, 1933. Note enclosed begins "I am going to ask
you of a little favor".

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: March 2, 1934.

Examination requested: Typewriting - Handwriting.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A.Appel.

March 16. The typewriting is dissimilar to that in the extortion
letters. There is nothing about the handwriting which indicates a
connection with the case.

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.

3 - Director.
2 - Agent Rorer, St. Paul.
2 - Laboratory.

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March 21, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

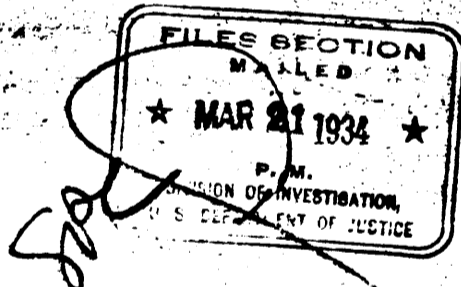
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division March 2, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

Enclosure: #85424



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

REB:MF
7-120.

March 20, 1934.

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

MAR 23 1934

DIVISION ONE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith photographs of four tin cans involved in the above case, which were forwarded to this office with the report of Special Agent H. D. Zimmerman, Detroit, March 19, 1934. The investigation requested of this office was not conducted, in accordance with a teletype message received from the Chicago office advising that the manufacturer of the cans had been located in that district.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY
Special Agent in Charge

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

MAR 23 1934 AM
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

Dear Sir:-

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

Investigation has disclosed that "Big Homer" also
used the name of HOMER WILSON, under which name he was be-
lieved to have been married several years ago in Chicago, Ill.

This will advise you that investigation through
the marriage records of Cook County, Illinois has further dis-
closed that one HOMER WILSON secured a marriage license in the
name of Homer Wilson on October 24, 1927, the license being
Number 1,173,699.

A further search of the record of marriages dis-
closed that on November 2, 1927, Homer Wilson, age 36, residence
7051 Oglesby Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and Margaret Murphy,
age 25, residence 6018 South Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois,
were married by Rev. M. L. Gilmartin, Pastor of St. Anselm's
Roman Catholic Church, at 6054 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago,
Illinois. The returned license issued to the said parties
indicates that the witnesses to this marriage were George Bilton
and Mary Murphy. It has been ascertained, however, that George
Bilton is now deceased.

Proper investigation will go forward on this
matter.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
Special Agent in Charge

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

MAR 22 1934 AM

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
et al. Unknown Subjects.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING - Chicago file 7-52.

Please secure twelve copies of the photograph
of DANNY MORGAN, Winston-Salem, N. C., P.D. No. 3556 and
furnish six copies of same to the Saint Paul Office and six
copies to this office.

The criminal record of Morgan is not known, but
he is described as follows:-

Age;	24 in 1934
Height;	Not known
Weight;	157 pounds
Build;	Slender
Hair;	Black
Eyes;	Blue
Complexion;	Medium
Occupation;	Painter.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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April 3, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Chicago Office dated March 20, 1934, addressed to the Charlotte Office, wherein a request was made to obtain copies of a photograph of one Danny Morgan, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Police Department No. 3556, and to furnish six copies to the St. Paul Office and six copies to the Chicago Office. The letter of the Chicago Office indicates that the criminal record of Morgan is not known.

There has been located in the files of the Identification Unit a record of one Robert E. Willard, No. 9556, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Police Department, who may possibly be identical with the individual referred to above as Danny Morgan. Six copies of the photograph and copies of the criminal record of Willard as reflected by the files of the Identification Unit of the Division are being furnished to the St. Paul Office, as well as your office, with a copy of this letter. Two copies of the photograph and criminal record are also being furnished the Charlotte Office with a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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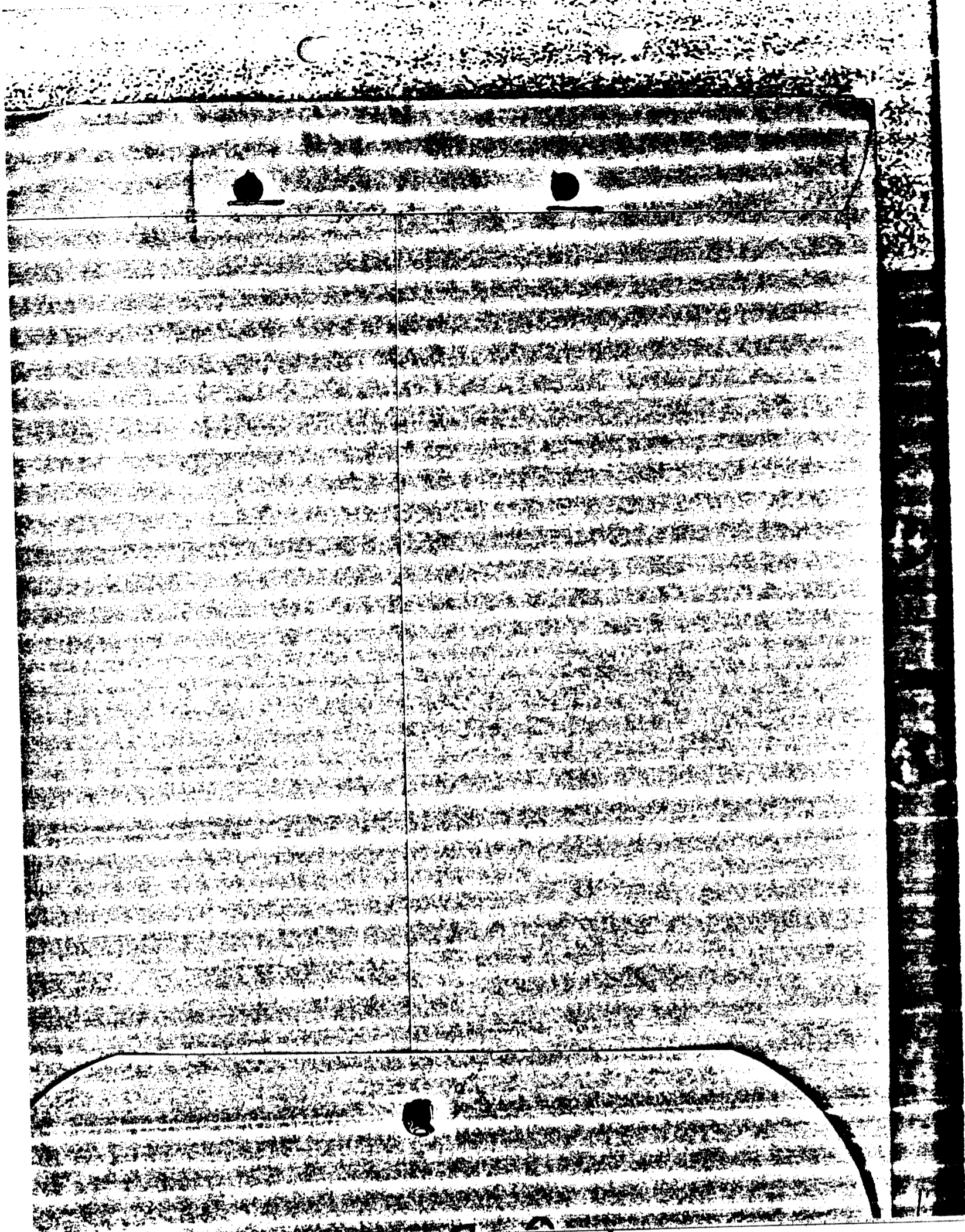
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Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 20, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Major Shuttleworth, Chief Deputy Sheriff,
Ramsey County, St. Paul, Minnesota, has requested me to
obtain a photograph of one MERRY CHAMPLIN or CHAMPLAN, sup-
posed to be a member of the "Purple Gang" of Detroit. He
states that he has been informed that subject has been seen
recently in St. Paul and a photograph is desired for iden-
tification purposes.

If you are able to obtain a photograph of
this person, please inform me and forward same to this office.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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From
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN
 To
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- The Attorney General
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- Assistant to Attorney General Stanley
- Assistant Attorney General Wideman
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- Assistant Solicitor General MacLean
- Mr. Stewart
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- Mr. Brabner Smith
- Mr. Morrison
- Mr. Kiefer
- Mr. Norris
- Mr. Gottshall
- Miss Brookley
- Miss Broomhead

Mr. Hoover 3/12/34
Do you think this is worth looking into?
J. Keenan

- MR. NATHAN
- MR. TOLSON
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March 11, 1934

Mr. Keenan,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

I am a Federal prisoner being removed from Florida to Wheeling, W. Va. I have asked to see you but that seems next to impossible under the circumstances. The reason I wish to consult with you is as follows:

Within thirty-six hours after you have seen me, I will give you information which will cause the arrest of one of the Bremer Kidnappers. I am asking nothing whatever of you until I do produce this man. I merely ask that my trial be postponed until such time as that matter would be cleared up. Will you please advise at once as I do not care to deal with the local department but with your office. I have been advised by the Deputy Marshal to deal with you if possible in this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Wm. P. Ganey

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEEMAN

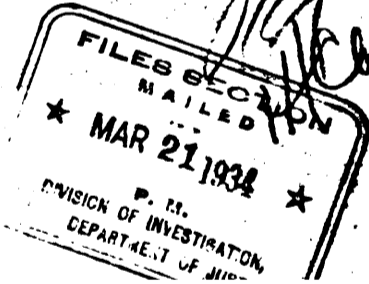
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In reply to your informal memorandum dated March 12, 1934, to which was attached a penciled letter dated March 11, 1934, written on the stationery of the Seaboard Airline Railway, by one William P. Gemp, wherein Gemp indicates that he is in possession of information regarding the Bremer case, please be advised that the Pittsburgh Office of this Division is being instructed to have Gemp interviewed relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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March 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 987,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter dated March 11, 1934, prepared on the stationery of the Seaboard Air-line Railway, addressed to Mr. Keenan, Assistant Attorney General, by William F. Gemp, wherein Gemp indicates that he is in possession of information concerning one of the Bremer kidnapers.

Gemp is apparently the subject of the case entitled William Phillip Gemp, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, who has recently been removed to the Northern District of West Virginia, to stand trial in connection with that case.

You are instructed to have an Agent interview Gemp at the earliest practicable date for the purpose of obtaining all the information in his possession relative to the Bremer case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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cc-Mr. W.A. Rorer,
St. Paul

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 987,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

MAR 23 1934

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

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cc-Mr. V. A. Rorer,
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF PRISONS
WASHINGTON

March 20, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

In re: Lloyd Barker, No. 17243-L.

The Parole Board has requested information in the above-named case with reference to whether or not the investigation conducted by your Division has brought out any facts prejudicial to subject.

Very truly yours,

(SANFORD BATES)

Director,

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Post Office Box 518,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 14, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

I have this date temporarily relieved Special Agent R. C. Coulter from special assignment on the Edward G. Bremer Kidnaping Case, as the United States Attorney at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has requested him to conduct certain investigation in the Charles Boettcher Kidnaping Case at Winnipeg, Manitoba, in order that the evidence may be available for use before the Grand Jury at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on March 20, 1934. Agent Coulter is also under subpoena before the Grand Jury at Sioux Falls on March 20, 1934, and it is expected he will return to duty at St. Paul on March 21, 1934.

Very truly yours,

W.A. ROHRER,
Inspector.

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REFER TO REPORT OF H D ZIMMERMAN DETROIT DATED YESTERDAY
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Post Office Drawer 1457
Saint Louis, Missouri
March 13, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 7, 1934, directed to the Division, in connection with the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, ADOLPH BREMER, SR., Victim, Extortion.

The conditions referred to in this letter were complied with by this office, and at this writing the plant is still being maintained near Joy, Illinois for the purpose of apprehending any party who might call for the package which has been left in the designated spot. It will be noted that the extortion letter in this instance specifically stated that the car should ride past the Black Hawk Hotel in Davenport, Iowa at twelve noon on March 12, 1934. At this time there was observed, parked in front of this hotel, a Ford V-8 Coach, black in color, containing three men and which car bore 1933 Minnesota license plate B-94320. The letter further requested that the car used in this case drive past the Ft. Armstrong Theatre in Rock Island, Illinois, and at the time this car passed said theatre there was observed a Chevrolet Coach, maroon in color, bearing 1933 Minnesota license plate B-59047.

It is requested that your office make the necessary investigation relative to the ownership of these plates, in an effort to ascertain whether the owners of same may have any part in this attempted extortion.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD, Director of Investigation
Special Agent in Charge

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Room 1403
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March 15, 1934.

W. A. Rorer,
Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box #515,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the investigation involving Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al, Edward G. Bremer-Victim, attention is directed to letter of the Chicago office to this office, dated March 7th, requesting photographs of William Weisman.

Under date of March 10th, this office requested the Division to forward six copies of the photograph of Weisman to you and six each to the Chicago, Kansas City and New York City offices.

The letter of the Chicago office referred to, states that Weisman has been mentioned as a suspect in this case. A review of the Kansas City massacre file discloses certain information concerning Weisman. In that file reference is made to letter from this office to the Kansas City office, dated July 21, 1933, copy of which was furnished the St. Paul office; letter from this office to the Kansas City office, dated July 22, 1933, in which the St. Paul office was supplied with the two photostatic copies of the fingerprints of Weisman, and to pages 36 to 39 inclusive of the report of Agent Tracy, dated August 5, 1933. It is suggested that, should you desire any additional information concerning Weisman, the St. Paul agency of the Pinkerton's National Detective Agency be contacted if you deem this action desirable.

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Further reference is made to your letter of February 23rd in this case in which you submitted the names of the distributors of St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers in this district. I am in receipt of a memorandum from Agent Lott covering inquiries made at Rochester, N. Y. and Toronto and Ottawa, Ont., with a view to ascertaining whether St. Paul and Minneapolis papers are handled in these cities. None of such papers is carried in these cities, with the exception of Rochester, N. Y. wherein, at the news stand of Leving & Rickles, it was learned that

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about two years ago the stand began receiving a copy of the Minneapolis Star and that Mike Christie, the boxing promoter of that city, takes this paper. The above inquiry covered four news stands at Rochester, four at Toronto and one at Ottawa.

I am in receipt of a memorandum from Agent Connor covering his investigation at Bridgeport, Conn. Carl Ross, the news stand proprietor at Main & State Streets, Bridgeport, Conn., advised that for the past eight months one George Howard has been a regular subscriber to a St. Paul paper. Ross said that Howard is the only person who buys a St. Paul paper, and that Howard, who has been residing in Bridgeport for the past six or seven years and who is a man over 60, takes the paper every day and settles at the end of the week. He could not identify the photographs of any of the suspects in this case and stated that Howard is absolutely not identical with any of the five.

In response to your letters of March 8th and 9th concerning Dave Berman, please be informed that investigation at the State Prison at Ossining, N. Y. will be conducted at the earliest possible date. At the office of the State Parole Commission, New York City, it was learned that it has no record of any application for executive clemency in its files. In the event the Parole Commission was seriously considering any application on the part of Berman for executive clemency, the main office of that commission at Albany, N. Y. would send the file to its New York City office for appropriate investigation. This has not been done to date and arrangements have been made whereby this office will be notified in the event the New York City office of that commission is requested to perform any investigative work in connection with such an application.

Photographic copies of the fingerprints of the five suspects in this case have been filed with the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department.

Very truly yours,

F. X. WAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Division
cc: File #62-4949.

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Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINN.** FILE NO. **7-45 AG**

REPORT MADE AT: PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-22-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-16-34	REPORT MADE BY: J.E. NUGENT
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
Goggles displayed to Dr. B.G. Adams, formerly Wilmington Optical Company. Unable to advise to whom same were sold. Goggles being returned to Chicago Office.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent T.E. Billings, Chicago, Ill., 3-13-34.

DETAILS: AT WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
At 802 King Street, Agent interviewed Dr. B.G. Adams. Dr. Adams formerly operated under the trade name of the Wilmington Optical Company, but about six or eight months ago dropped that name. He examined the goggles furnished this office by the Chicago Office and informed that he had purchased such a pair of goggles, but was unable to remember for whom they were purchased. He stated that this must have been a special order since he specifically requested a certain kind of lens.

DETAILS: Dr. Adams searched his records and succeeded in locating an invoice from the Chicago Eye Shield Company, billing him for one pair of Cesco Goggles, essentialite lens #6, at a cost of \$3.09. However, this invoice did not contain any notation as to the name of the person for whom they were purchased.

Dr. Adams requested that the address of the Philadelphia Office be left with him and informed that if he were able to recall the name

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of the person for whom these goggles were purchased he would forward the same to the Philadelphia Office. Accordingly, a franked addressed envelope was left with Dr. Adams. As directed in reference report the goggles forwarded to this office are being returned to the Chicago Office.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

DALLAS DIVISION

—oOo—

United States of America

—vs—

Mary O'Dare, et al

—oOo—

THE COURT: Gentlemen of the jury, I wish in the beginning of my charge to call your attention just a moment to my conception of what a court is.

I have never been able to measure the solemnity. Here we pass upon, for instance, in this case, the guilt or innocence of men and women. We cannot conceive of a place that should be more carefully circumscribed with all rules and procedures that tend to down anything that might distract the attention of you and me, who are deeply concerned with being right. To that purpose my life is dedicated.

The clerks and the bailiffs and the marshals join hands with me in that effort, to let everybody have a fair, square hearing, whether they be defendants or their counsel. Whether it be the people speaking through their prosecuting attorneys or whoever it is, that claims the attention of this court of justice. And sometimes in moving forward in concentration of thought toward that goal, it may be that unnecessarily sharp words are spoken.

I wish now to take from your minds and from any who may be of counsel in this case, any sting that may remain because of the court's admonition, and let us not forget where we are. We have churches and we have homes, but there can be no more sacred place than this, dedicated to this purpose.

Now, it is a part of a trial, a legal trial in America, that witnesses shall be introduced. Argument of counsel shall be heard. Witnesses may speak as they may determine, and then finally, and at last, in all of our cases, in all of our courts, except the justice courts, the presiding judge must charge what he conceives to be the law, because it is the oath of the jury that they will decide the case according to the law and evidence. It must be the duty of the court to find the law, that is his business, and he must be sure that he finds that law which is the law for that particular case.

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We have on our statute books three statutes to which I wish to call your attention. The first is a statute which denounces as a national crime, for one to steal an automobile and transport it from one state to another; or for one to receive and conceal an automobile which he knows to have been stolen in one state and passed the boundary of that state into another state. The national government has that sort of jurisdiction because that is called interstate commerce.

Then there is another statute which reads in part as follows, "Whoever shall harbor or conceal any person for whose arrest a warrant or process has been so issued, so as to prevent his discovery and arrest, with notice or knowledge of the fact that a warrant or process has been issued for the arrest of such person, shall be punished, as is in the statute provided."

Then there is another statute which provides that "if two or more persons conspire either to commit any offense against the United States or to defraud the United States in any manner, or for any purpose, and one or more of such parties do any act to effect the object of the conspiracy, each of the parties to such conspiracy shall be punished," as is in the statute provided.

Under these three statutes, gentlemen, and particularly the last two, there has been returned into this court, and we have been hearing evidence under it, indictment No. 8,250, styled United States of America, versus Mary Pitts, et al.

This indictment has one count in it, and not eighty counts. And this indictment charges that on or about May 20, 1933, and continuing until May 23, 1934, in Dallas County, Texas, Mary Pitts, sometimes called Mary O'Dare, Floyd Garland Hamilton, Billie Mace, sometimes called Billie Parker, Mildred Hamilton, sometimes called Mrs. Floyd Hamilton, L. C. Barrow, Mrs. Emma Parker, Mrs. Alice Hamilton Davis, sometimes called Mrs. Steve Davis, Henry Methvin, Mrs. Cumie Barrow, sometimes called Mrs. Henry Barrow, Raymond Hamilton, not now on trial, Steve Davis, S. J. Whatley, sometimes called Baldy Whatley, John Basden, Joe Francis, W. H. Bybee, sometimes called Hilton Bybee, Marie Francis, sometimes called Mrs. Joe Francis, Audrey Fay Barrow, sometimes called Mrs. L. C. Barrow, James Mullens, sometimes called Jimmie LaMonte, Baulah Praytor, William D. Jones, sometimes called Jack Sherman, Blanche Barrow, sometimes called Mrs. Marvin Barrow, Lillian McBride, not now on trial, the cause as to her having been dismissed, and certain other parties whose names I do not stop to read because they are not indicated here for the reason it is alleged that one or two of them are dead, and another one in prison for life; did conspire unlawfully, willfully, knowingly and feloniously conspire, confederate and agree together and with each other, and with divers other persons to commit an offense against the laws of the United States of America, that is to violate -- giving the section -- and that the said defendants whom I have just named, did then and there unlawfully

conspire with each other, and with the said Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, and divers other persons, to harbor and conceal the said Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, for whose arrest a warrant or process had theretofore, on May 20, 1933, been issued by Lee R. Smith, United States Commissioner for the Dallas Division of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, so as to prevent the discovery and arrest of the said Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker. And they, the said defendants - naming them again - then and there well knowing that said warrant or process had been so issued as aforesaid for the apprehension and arrest of said Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker at the time they so unlawfully conspired to harbor and conceal said Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker so as to prevent their discovery and arrest.

Now, that sets out the alleged conspiracy or crime of these defendants now on trial, and other defendants not a trial. And then the indictment proceeds, and that after or subsequent to the formation of said conspiracy, and during the existence thereof, certain of the said persons, within the jurisdiction of this court, and at the several times and places hereinafter alleged in connection with these respective names, did certain overt acts in pursuance of and to effect the object of said conspiracy as follows:

You recall the law which I read to you with reference to the conspiracy is that after the agreement of two or more persons to commit an offense against the United States, and if any one of such persons do any act to effect that conspiracy, then they are all guilty. That is the meaning of the statute.

There then follows eighty alleged overt acts, from one to eighty, I do not stop to read them to you because they have already been read to you. They begin on or about June 8, 1933, when it is alleged that William D. Jones got in an automobile with Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker at Dallas, and rode to Wellington, Texas, for the purpose of assisting Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker in evading arrest.

Second. On or about June 10, 1933, William D. Jones, Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, near Wellington, Texas, kidnaped George T. Corry and Paul Hardy and stole the automobile of the said George T. Corry and used the same, to prevent the arrest of said Barrow and Parker.

And then those overt acts run on through, as I have already said, eighty of such acts.

To this indictment, Mary O'Dare, John Basden, Joe Francis, James Mullen, Blanche Barrow, have entered pleas of guilty. The defendants, Floyd Hamilton, Billie Mace, Mildred Hamilton, L. C. Barrow, Mrs. Emma Parker, Mrs. Alice Hamilton Davis, Henry Methvin, Mrs. Cumie Barrow, Steve Davis, S. J. Whatley, W. H. Bybee, Marie Francis, Audrey Fay Barrow, Joe Chambless, William D. Jones, have entered pleas of not guilty. Of

those on trial five have pleaded guilty and fifteen pleaded not guilty.

I, therefore, instruct you, gentlemen of the jury, that the fifteen whom I have mentioned as having entered pleas of not guilty, are presumed to be innocent of the charge made against them until the government shall have proven their guilt by legal and competent evidence beyond reasonable doubt.

I charge you, gentlemen, that a reasonable doubt, as the words import, means a doubt supported or based upon reason. It does not mean any captious doubt. It does not mean that the people must prove their charges beyond the possibility of a mistake. If such were the measure of the law, most criminals would go unwhipped of justice. Neither does it mean that disinclination that we all have to convict our fellow men, because we stand as jurors and judge, unafraid of our duties, we go forward to do that which we should do under the law, whether it be to convict or acquit, and do that fearlessly. It means, I think I may safely state to you, that if after having heard all of the testimony and the law of the case, and the argument of counsel, you have that abiding conviction with reference to the guilt of these fifteen defendants or any of them, upon which you would act in your own serious private affairs, then you may be said to have no reasonable doubt of the guilt of such defendants.

On the other hand, if your mind hesitates and you vacillate in the sincerity of purpose to ascertain the guilt or innocence of the party, and you are not sure about it to this degree, then the defendants should be given the benefit of that mental condition, because you then have a reasonable doubt, and you should acquit.

You have noticed, gentlemen, I am sure, that there are at least two or three matters that should be explained further to you within the terms of the law.

In the first place, you want to know what a conspiracy is. Does it mean an agreement that the parties sat down and signed with the same formalities that they do a deed to real estate or a contract for the disposition of personal property? No, that is not the nature of the law. The measure of the law is that a conspiracy as commonly understood is a corrupt agreeing together of two or more persons to do by concerted actions, something unlawful, either as a means or as an end.

This unlawful agreeing or conspiracy, as it is sometimes called, or combination may be expressly proven. As, for instance, we heard them agree to do this. Or it may be proven from concerted action in itself unlawful.

If one joins the conspiracy at any time after the formation thereof, he becomes a conspirator, and the acts of the others become his by adoption. For instance, one may come into an unlawful conspiracy, and stay — I will say for illustration — an hour or a day or a week,

or a month, and then drop out. His coming in for an abbreviated time and dropping out before the consummation of the agreement does not relieve him of having been a conspirator.

I charge you also that one may come in at any time and drop out, as I have already said, and take this sort of action, without really knowing the ultimate result of the harvest that his co-conspirator is seeking. It is the participation, either for a long or a short time, it is quite immaterial in the law, that brings this brand of guilt to the citizen.

I charge you, gentlemen, that there need be no express proof of the agreement. The full measure of the law is not if the facts and the circumstances indicate with the requisite lawful certainty the existence of pre-concerted plan.

For the purpose of illustration, and only for that purpose, I call attention, if you find one or two, or half a dozen, or a dozen persons congregating at a certain point, or if you find the flash of a light, automobile light, which directs attention to one person, and that person then given information to other persons, and all those move to a certain place; or if one person receives a letter, advising that another person will be at a certain place, and that the being of that person at that other place is an unlawful being, and that person so receiving that letter gathers around him or her certain spirits who are similarly minded, and take part in this alleged meeting, all of those matters that I illustrate to you tend to show, it being your matter whether they do so or not, this general concert of parties to move forward in a certain direction.

Now, gentlemen, we also come to another interesting part of the law. You have noticed that the second statute to which I call your attention uses the words harbor or conceal. And it makes one guilty who harbors or conceals with notice or knowledge of the existence of a warrant or process for the person or party whom such party harbors or conceals.

The law does not demand that the careful officer who is bent upon getting his quarry, shall go and let the party read the warrant, or let anybody read it. Notice may be brought to one in such manner as one usually gets notice or knowledge, because the statute says "notice or knowledge."

I charge you in this connection that if you find that either one of these defendants on trial who has pleaded not guilty, had no notice or knowledge that Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker were wanted by the United States authorities, then it would be your duty to acquit these parties.

I charge you in this connection that a process or a warrant may be proven, as I have already ruled to you in this case, either by submission of the warrant itself, or the same as any other instrument, the existence of any other paper which has been lost, if you find this to have been lost, may be proven in a court of justice, that is by oral testimony.

In this particular case, the testimony of the United States Commissioner was introduced. The testimony of United States Marshal, Wright. Deputy United States Marshal Becke. Deputy United States Marshal Heit, the young woman who worked in the office, and perhaps others, to the effect that there were such warrants for these two parties. Now, if you believe that testimony, then you would be warranted in finding that there was such a warrant or process in the hands of the United States Officers for those two defendants.

You would then go, of course, next to the fact, namely to ascertain whether or not the parties on trial knew of that, in whatever way.

Now, a great deal has been said in the cause about harboring and concealing. In order to be accurate about it, I call your attention to the fact, gentlemen, that the statute uses the two words, and both words are used in the indictment, but they differ in completion and in the territory they cover. There would have to be some actual physical effort at hiding in order to come within the terms, conceal. The term harbor is somewhat less exacting. That word may mean the furnishing of clothes or transportation or food or information, or any assistance that is of benefit or is calculated to be of benefit to the person wanted, in an effort to keep clear of the United States authorities who want him. Thus, if a person or persons rode with a person so wanted in order to deceive the officers, or changed the wheels on an automobile, or carry the information as to the whereabouts of the officers, or engage in any form of signalling — and I merely use these thoughts as illustrative — such a person would be harboring, within the meaning of this particular word. Harbor means shelter, refuge. The place of a friend, a retreat. It signifies protection. A lodge. To care for, to secret.

If you find that some of the defendants here furnished a map to the wanted parties, to-wit, Barrow and Parker, or had such a map for such furnishing, then I charge you that that would be harboring, because it would furnish or be intended to furnish some place where those particular defendants might be safe.

But, now, there is another corollary of the law that we must not overlook. This charge that is made in this indictment is not that these overt acts in themselves was shelter in the sense that one took another into a house, or a dugout or a cave, or put them away safely. The charge is that they CONSPIRED to harbor and conceal them. Did these people conspire together to conceal Barrow and Parker? Did they do that? And if they did do that, did they do any one of these eighty acts? Any one of the defendants do any one of these eighty acts to carry into effect that agreement? If so, then they are all guilty. Even though only one act — one overt act in pursuance of that understanding, was in fact, done.

I do not mean by the use of the word, one act, to limit the

proof of the United States Officers in this manner.

I wish to say to you in this connection, that one or two of the defendants have testified, who were in the terms of the law, what we call accomplices. I think James Mullen would be in that category.

Now, the careful judge always says to the jury, even in the United States Court, where corroboration of an accomplice is not necessary, and I now say to you that that is the law, and yet with that carefulness that we think should always mark our proceedings, we try to find corroboration, if you can, in the evidence, and if you do not find it for one which is an accomplice, be sure you are right before you convict.

But the government here offers testimony tending to show, whether it does or not is for your determination, that Mullen's statements are as to the car in the Corsicana garage, and as to the defendants at a filling station in Hill County, and as to the proceedings in Collinsworth County, and many other matters, if you find that to be the truth, are testified to by outsiders. And I say, if you find that to be the truth, then that is what the law calls corroboration, and you need have no timidity or hesitancy in finding as true testimony of that sort, even though the giver of it may have been an accomplice.

I love to think, and frequently I say it because if it were not the truth this old world, as well as this old sinful world, would be wholly bereft of any opportunity of regeneration, that truth belongs to anybody who uses it, and the man or woman, regardless of the past life of that man or woman, may come safely to the succor of the truth and tell it. It belongs to him or to her as much as it does to anybody. And you, gentlemen, are for the purpose of seeking that here now. Where is the truth with reference to it?

In this connection, I charge you that you are the exclusive judges of the weight of the testimony and the credibility of the witnesses.

During this charge, the court may have spoken somewhat, at some particular time, as to the weight of some of the testimony. I do not now recall that I did, but if I did do that, I now say to you that while that was within the right of the United States Judge to do, yet I must, and I do, put that duty upon your shoulders. You are the Supreme Court in the determination of this matter, because the law says that every trial judge must charge the jury, and that is what I do now, that you are the exclusive judges of the weight of the testimony and the credibility of the witnesses.

We are not insensible, of course, gentlemen, to such sentiments of family life as actuate all of us, but there is nothing in the law giving the mother, father, sister, brother, friends, any right to break it. If you find these parties guilty, or any of them guilty, that is your matter. The judge, I trust with the proper sense of responsibility,

will try to do his duty, not only by the law, but by society.

Write your verdict upon a form which the clerk will give you, saying, "We the jury, find the defendants, Mary O'Dare, John Basden, Joe Francis, James Mullen, and Blanche Barrow, guilty, as pleaded by them." And, "We further find the defendants Floyd Hamilton, Billie Mace, Mildred Hamilton, L. C. Barrow, Billie Parker, Alice Davis, Henry Methvin, Cunie Barrow, Steve Davis, S. J. Whatley, W. H. Rybee, Marie Francis, Audrey Fay Barrow, Joe Chambless, and William D. Jones, guilty as charged in the indictment," if you so find; or "We further find" these last fifteen defendants I have mentioned to you, "not guilty, as charged in the indictment," if you so find, or, "We further find", either one of these fifteen, "guilty or not guilty", as you may find, letting your verdict speak as to each of the fifteen.

The clerk has prepared a verdict which you will find responsive to these general instructions, and after each name you can write guilty or not guilty as you may find.

Kansas City, Missouri
March 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

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

As requested by Inspector Herer in a communication from the St. Paul Office, Agent A. E. Farland of the Kansas City Division Office called at the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and exhibited a photostat of a basement floor plan of the cellar in which Howard W. Wolverton was held a prisoner when kidnaped to George Kelley Barnes, alias George Kelley.

Barnes stated that the floor plan was incorrect, and at the request of Agent Farland prepared a sketch of the plan of the cellar in question as he remembered it. Agent Farland had prepared a diagram of the basement which, with his explanation relative thereto, is being forwarded to the St. Paul Office.

Should the St. Paul Office deem it material the house in which Wolverton was kept a prisoner can easily be located by referring to the report of Special Agent H. L. Shivers, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 23, 1934, in the case entitled "EDWARD DOLL, with aliases, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT". On Page 25 of this report it will be noted that one of the kidnapers, Edward Doll, stated that Wolverton was held prisoner at the farm home of his brother, Harry Doll, which is located five miles from Lockport, Illinois, between Chicago and Joliet, off Highway 4. Harry Doll, incidentally, received his mail on a rural route served by Lockport.

Respectfully submitted:

H. E. ANDERSEN
SPECIAL AGENT

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Kansas City, Missouri
March 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

IN RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
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On March 2, 1934, convict George Kelly was interviewed at the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, relative to the kidnaping of Wolverton, accompanied by one Ed LaRue, and other aliases, South Bend, Indiana, sometime during the month of January 1932.

Kelly stated that he and Doll had kidnaped Wolverton at night and had taken him to a farmhouse located about seven miles southwest of Aurora, Illinois, where they arrived about 5 A.M. in the morning. That when they snatched Wolverton they blindfolded him and carried him to this farm house. He stated that he believed the man who owned this place was a Swede or some foreigner; that he had a wife and four or five children; that upon arrival at this house Wolverton was placed in the cellar, and that he and Doll were on the floor above, this house being a six room cottage, one story; that they were able to see Wolverton in the cellar at all times through a trap door in the floor of the dining room. Kelly further stated that when they arrived at this farmhouse they told the owner that this man was a witness in a liquor conspiracy case, but later on in the afternoon of the same day the owner of this house purchased a paper and saw a picture of Wolverton and an article in the paper stating that Wolverton had been kidnaped; that the owner immediately instructed them to take this man out of his place. Kelly states that he and Doll placed Wolverton in his (Kelly's) Chrysler Sedan and drove to the outskirts of Chicago, Illinois, Wolverton being blindfolded at the time, and that they released him on the south side of the town, near Cary, Indiana. Before releasing Wolverton they told him which way to go home; that there were trains running from that locality every hour to his home in South Bend.

Kelly further stated that they were holding Wolverton for ransom but that he and Doll did not receive any money; that another mob from Chicago got the money, he understood \$8000.00. Kelly states he knows this crowd but could not, or would not, furnish the names of this mob. Kelly further stated he believed the deal with the Chicago crowd to release Wolverton was made with Wolverton's nephew. Kelly again stated that this locality for hiding Wolverton was picked by Doll; that this man was a friend of Doll's; that he speaks broken English; that the house was a six room frame house, he believed painted white. Kelly drew a plan of this cottage showing the cellar. Copy of the diagram

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furnishing pertinent information is attached to and made a part
of this memorandum.

Respectfully submitted:

A. E. FARLAND
SPECIAL AGENT

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
MARCH 21, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Kindly refer to report of Special Agent J. T. Martin,
Chicago, Illinois, February 12, 1934, with which was attached
photostatic copy of a diagram of a room believed to be that of
the place where Howard A. Nealverton, of South Bend, Indiana, was
held during his short period of captivity while kidnaped.

Pursuant to the lead set out in that report an interview
was had by Special Agent A. E. Farland with George Kelley Barnes
at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and upon
Barnes' statement that the diagram was not accurate, a rough diagram
was prepared by Kelley and Agent Farland and the same has been re-
produced by this office. This diagram, together with a memorandum
of Special Agent A. E. Farland dated March 5, 1934 and a memorandum
by Special Agent H. E. Anderson dated March 21, 1934, is being
transmitted herewith.

It is being left to your discretion whether photostatic
or photographic copies of the diagram prepared at this office,
based upon the information given Agent Farland by Kelley, should
be made and furnished other Division offices. Also please note
that only one copy of the diagram has been made and the Division
is not being furnished with a copy thereof.

Very truly yours,

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March 21, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Further reference is made to the investigation with respect to the 204 Vernon Avenue address at St. Paul, Minnesota, during the course of the Hamm kidnaping investigation. The Division feels that this particular angle has not yet been satisfactorily explained.

Your attention is invited to Pages 30 et seq. of the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, July 3, 1933, submitted in the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased) et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, which reflects the result of an investigation made at St. Paul by Special Agent J. L. Flood. Particular reference should be made to the fifth page following Page 30 of this report, wherein it is noted that Chief of Police Dahill was interviewed with respect to the investigation made by the St. Paul Police Department at the above address and furnished Agent Flood with the names of the two detectives, Ed Fitzgerald and Tom Jensen, who had made the investigation. With further reference to the interview with Chief of Police Dahill, the following quoted paragraph is noted:

"Chief Dahill appeared somewhat reluctant to have Agents interview the Detectives who worked on the case, but this will be done by Agent Hall at a later date in a discreet manner."

The Division desires to be specifically informed whether the interview with Detectives Fitzgerald and Jensen has been conducted, by whom, and when.

On the same page appears the following quoted paragraph:

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"Agent interviewed John Tierney, who advised that the above mentioned beer bottles were given him for examination or latent prints thereon. He suspected that the individuals residing at the Vernon Avenue address possibly had something to do with the William Hamm kidnapping and it occurred to him that Frank Nash possibly was one of the kidnapers. Mr. Tierney furnished Agent with two photostatic copies of three latent fingerprints found on one of the beer bottles which he examined. Mr. Tierney advised that the latent fingerprints, encircled by an ink marking, is the right thumb print of Frank Nash; as to the other two latent fingerprints Mr. Tierney has no other information. Mr. Tierney advised that in order to verify his information relative to the latent right thumb print of Nash, he forwarded to the Bureau two copies of the three fingerprints found on the beer bottle."

It is also noted on this same page that Special Agent Hall assisted Agent Flood during the interview with Chief of Police Dahill and Mr. Tierney and should be familiar with the details and in a position to state whether this matter was followed up.

With reference to the above there appears in the file the following quoted letters:

"June 21, 1933.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith two copies of latent prints obtained in connection with the Hamm kidnapping case.

Kindly have a check made of your files and inform us if you have any record of these prints.

Mr. W. A. Rorer.

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Would appreciate a reply by air mail.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Thos E. Bahill

Thomas E. Bahill,
Chief of Police.

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It does not appear from the Division's file that the above letter was replied to. There appears, however, the following quoted telegram, dated June 23, 1933, addressed to the St. Paul office of the Division:

LATENT FINGERPRINTS SUBMITTED BY STPAUL POLICE IN CONNECTION WITH KIDNAPING IDENTIFIED THROUGH SINGLE FINGERPRINT FILE AS RIGHT THUMB PRINT OF FRANK NASH

HOOPER

There also appears in the Division's file my memorandum, dated June 22, 1933, containing the following quoted paragraphs:

"I talked with Agent Coulter at St. Paul and also gave him this information (the latent fingerprint sent in by the Police Department at St. Paul in connection with the Hamn kidnaping case, appeared to be those of Frank Nash upon first inspection), in order to place the whereabouts of Nash immediately prior to his capture in Hot Springs. Agent Coulter advised that he understood that these prints were taken from beer bottles found in 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, which place was rented by three strange men and two women under fictitious names, and that these individuals had disappeared from that place at 2:55 a. m. on either June 19th or 20th, and that he had the descriptions of these individuals. I instructed that those descriptions be sent by special delivery to Kansas City.

Later, I advised Special Agent in Charge Jones, now at Kansas City, of the instructions issued to the St. Paul office with regard to the descriptions and fingerprints.

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I suggested that an Agent from Kansas City proceed immediately to St. Paul, and secure the facts."

It appears from the file that Special Agent J. L. Flood was sent to St. Paul to conduct the investigation, the results of which are reflected in the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainer, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, July 9, 1933, above referred to.

It is noted at the bottom of the first page of the memorandum dated March 7, 1934, prepared for you by Special Agent Hall that "a latent fingerprint on a beer bottle which, when sent to the Division, was found to be the fingerprint impression of Frank Nash. Telegraphic advice to that effect was received by this office (St. Paul) on June 20th and by the Police Department." The files do not show in what manner the Police Department at St. Paul was advised.

In this connection your attention is invited to the personal and confidential letter dated February 21, 1934, addressed to the Division by Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni, wherein at the bottom of Page 1 he states that, unless specific instructions from the Division have been received by him to inform the St. Paul Police Department of the identification of the fingerprints in question, they were not notified by him but he seems to be certain that telephonic instructions had been received to the effect to notify the St. Paul Police Department of the identification.

From the foregoing it would appear that, after the killing of Frank Nash at Kansas City, Missouri, latent fingerprints of that individual obtained by the St. Paul Police Department at 204 Vernon Avenue were singled out from among a number of other latent prints and forwarded to the Division, as Mr. Tierney explained to Special Agents Flood and Hall, "in order to verify his information", that latent fingerprints of other individuals were withheld although the Division has nothing in its files upon which to base this interpretation, except the reports emanating from the St. Paul office to the effect that members of the Barker-Karpis gang have been receiving the protection of certain police officials at St. Paul.

It is the desire of the Division that this matter be gone into very thoroughly with a view to establishing whether or not there were

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additional latent fingerprints found at the Vernon Avenue address, because it is inconceivable that, from the several beer bottles recovered at that address, three latent prints were developed and all three happened to be the prints of Frank Nash.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,
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Dear Sir:

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

With further reference to [redacted]

[redacted] please be advised that he was interviewed on March 14, 1934, by Special Agent O. G. Hall, at which time he stated that "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt is associating with two men from Buffalo, New York. These are the two men who appeared with "Frisco Dutch" two nights ago at 311 Hennepin Avenue in Minneapolis with a Lincoln Sedan bearing new and clean license plates, the car being very muddy.

He stated that "Frisco Dutch" returned from Milwaukee two days ago and remarked that he had placed a \$500 bet on a race horse at seven to two odd, the horse running at Agua Caliente, Mexico. The horse won. "Frisco Dutch", according to the informant, appears to have plenty of money. The informant suggested that the race tracks would be an excellent place to dispose of the ransom money as a bill could be cashed at every pari mutual machine. This office is considering this and will take whatever steps seem feasible to cause the necessary investigation in cities in which race tracks are located.

Concerning the Kansas City massacre, the informant stated that he had talked to Frankie Barton and that Barton had in general conversation mentioned that one Sam Kemp, who is in the drug business in Kansas City, would probably know a great deal about the Kansas City shooting as Kemp, according to Barton, has many underworld friends and often helps underworld characters and might possibly be associated with them in disposing of stolen property. The informant stated he did not know how correct this information was, but this office is sending a copy of this letter to the Kansas City office for whatever check they desire to make regarding it.

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The informant stated that in Jack's Smoke Shop, 311 Hennepin Avenue, where this mob hangs out, there is one telephone and probably two. He stated that he is almost positive a telephone call was made to "Frisco Dutch" in Milwaukee over one of these telephones. This office is making an immediate check of the toll calls from telephones at 311 Hennepin Avenue.

Yesterday, Tom Banks, Barney Berman, "Kid Can", and other members of the Minneapolis part of the Twin Cities underworld, entered pleas of guilty in Federal Court to charges under the Internal Revenue Act, these charges being the outgrowth of their liquor business. Tom Banks was fined \$2,000.00, Barney Berman was sentenced to a year and a day in the Leavenworth Penitentiary, and "Kid Can" was given a year in the Workhouse. The other defendants, minor members of the gang, received smaller sentences.

It was called to the attention of this office yesterday by Harold Stassen, County Attorney, Dakota County, that the fingerprints and photograph of Tom Banks had not been secured. Mr. Stassen's interest in this was that a few days ago, Agent Hall, while investigating an angle of the Bremer kidnaping case, located a party in Minneapolis who witnessed four men take one Con Althen from his room at the Library Apartments in Minneapolis shortly before he was found dead in Dakota County, just beyond the boundary of Minneapolis. This information was given to Mr. Stassen with the suggestion that he display photographs of one Goldie, Tommy Russell, "Kid Can", and Tom Banks to this person. Mr. Stassen did display photographs and obtained a positive identification of "Kid Can" and Goldie as being two of the four persons taking Althen from his room. However, there is no photograph available of Tommy Russell and Tom Banks. Two days after securing this identification, Stassen received an anonymous letter setting forth that Tom Banks, "Kid Can", Goldie, and Tommy Russell had actually committed the murder in Minneapolis but had dumped the body in Mr. Stassen's county, which has been the established custom here for some time.

This office is also desirous of obtaining a photograph of Tom Banks and particularly want his fingerprints. Consequently, steps were taken immediately to have Banks brought in and photographed and fingerprinted, through the cooperation of the United States Attorney here. In the event these efforts do not produce results, this office intends to request the Division to take the necessary steps to have this done through the United States Marshal's office. The Division will be further advised regarding this.

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In this connection, the informant stated that the underworld thought it was a big joke that Tom Banks had not been given a penitentiary sentence as he was a ring leader of the conspiracy. He stated that the general talk is that "Kid Can" and Barney Berman drew the jail and penitentiary sentences in order to save Tom Banks from going to jail.

The informant was given \$10 to help defray expenses. He will be interviewed again within a few days.

Very truly yours,



W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-19-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2-27 to 3-17-34	REPORT MADE BY: H. E. Hollis
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>News dealers at Tulsa, Oklahoma, Little Rock and Hot Springs, Arkansas handling Minneapolis and St. Paul newspapers contacted but no information of value secured. Specimen of handwriting of Volney Davis secured from Pardon and Parole Attorney, Oklahoma City. Specimens of handwriting Arthur Barker and Harry Campbell other than signatures not available. John Armour, sweet-heart of Fred Barker, has returned to Commerce, Okla. and contact being maintained through an informant. Investigation discloses Dorothy Slayman visited at Kiefer and Sapulpa, Oklahoma during January, 1934 but now reported back in Chicago, Illinois. Carol Tankersley, ex-wife of Herman Barker, not yet located.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Report of Special Agent H. E. Hollis, Oklahoma City, Okla., 3-7-34; letter from Chicago, Illinois office dated 3-2-34.</p>			
DETAILS: <p>The letter of Inspector W. A. Rorer dated February 22, 1934 at St. Paul, Minnesota requests that investigation be made at Bristow, Oklahoma for the purpose of having the Police Department at that point keep a lookout for Karpis and the Barker boys, inasmuch as information had been received that Fred Barker may have been seen in a store at Bristow in December, 1933.</p> <p>Special Agent H. E. Hollis interviewed Chief of Police A. L. ...</p>			
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Randall, Bristow, Oklahoma, who stated that he had never had any information to the effect that Alvin Karpis or the Barker brothers had ever been in Bristow with the exception of one report which came to him about a year ago when he was informed that Fred Barker was seen on the streets in Bristow. Chief Randall investigated this report but failed to substantiate it. Any information received by Chief Randall regarding Karpis or the Barker brothers will be communicated immediately to the Oklahoma City Division office.

Investigation was made at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, and the files of that institution were searched in an effort to secure specimens of handwriting other than signatures of Volney Davis, Arthur "Doc" Barker, and Harry Campbell in accordance with the request contained in the telegram from the St. Paul Division office under date of February 27, 1934; however, no handwriting of these individuals other than signatures was available.

The office of the Pardon and Parole Attorney, State of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, has a record on Volney Davis and Arthur Barker. Five letters written by Davis during the time he was confined in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary were found in the file of Volney Davis. These letters were forwarded to the Division at Washington attached to the letter of Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley under date of February 27, 1934. No specimens of the handwriting of Arthur Barker other than his signature were available at the office of the Pardon and Parole Attorney. Three parole reports purporting to bear the signature of Arthur "Doc" Barker for the months of February and March, 1933 and January, 1934 were obtained and forwarded to the Division with the above mentioned letter. Application for Banishment Parole bearing two signatures of Arthur Barker was obtained from the records of the Pardon and Parole Attorney, together with an Application for Clemency which also bears two signatures of Arthur Barker. These were forwarded to the Division.

This Agent made a thorough search of the records in the Police Department and in the office of the County Attorney at Tulsa, Oklahoma, but no specimens of the handwriting of Harry Campbell appeared in these records.

In connection with the letter of Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones, San Antonio, Texas, February 27, 1934, regarding Johan Armour who is reported to be a sweetheart of Fred Barker, it will be noted in the reference report of this Agent that Sheriff Dee T. Watters, Miami, Oklahoma, through

information is set out in the reference report that the Armour woman was not at Commerce, Oklahoma, her present place of residence. Sheriff Watters advised Agent by telephone at Tulsa, Oklahoma on March 8, 1934 that Johan Armour had returned to Commerce and that no information of value was secured.

An arrangement has been made whereby Armour and any information received by him will be reported immediately. In this same letter of Special Agent in Charge Jones, information is set out that through a confidential source it was learned that Mrs. Chastain at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, mother of Bob Chastain, is for some reason very bitter toward the Barker boys and might be a source of information if properly contacted. It is also stated that Bob Chastain

who is presently confined in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma was a former running mate of the Barker boys.

Officer Lloyd Sellers of the Sapulpa, Oklahoma Police Department was interviewed, and he advised that he is well acquainted with Mrs. Chastain, the mother of Bob Chastain, and that in his opinion she is a reliable person and not at all in sympathy with anyone engaged in law violations. He further stated that he believed she would furnish any information she had regarding the Barker brothers. Accompanied by Officer Lloyd Sellers, Agent interviewed Mrs. Emma Chastain, Sapulpa, Oklahoma. She stated that the report to the effect that her son, Bob Chastain, had associated with the Barker brothers is untrue, and that she personally is not acquainted with Fred or Arthur Barker although she has seen their names in newspapers. Mrs. Chastain also stated that she is not acquainted with Alvin Karpis, and is reasonably sure that her son Bob is not acquainted with him. Mrs. Chastain stated that she is entirely at a loss to understand how her name had ever been associated with the Barker brothers. Officer Lloyd Sellers advised that he had never received any information indicating that Bob Chastain had ever associated with the Barkers or Alvin Karpis.

Regarding the information set out in the above referred to letter of Special Agent in Charge Jones that there is a tourist camp on the Sand Springs road operated by an individual known as "Goggle Eye", which place is occasionally used as a hideout by Oklahoma outlaws including the Barkers and their running mates, it has been ascertained that the tourist camp referred to is operated by one Earl Smith. This Agent is familiar with the location of this tourist camp. It is located approximately two miles southwest of Sand Springs, Oklahoma at the south approach of the Arkansas river bridge. A few months ago, Smith was presented in the state court at Tulsa, Oklahoma on a charge of harboring a fugitive from justice. Investigation by state authorities disclosed that Alton Purdy whose apprehension is being sought had been staying at Smith's tourist camp. Smith was acquitted by a jury on this charge.

Captain George Stewart and Detective Earl Gardner of the Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department are acquainted with Smith and familiar with his activities. These officers advised that in view of the recent trouble of Smith, it is doubtful that any outlaws will stop at his place.

This Agent and Detective Earl Gardner visited Smith's tourist camp but there was no indication that any of the suspects in this case are now stopping there. It is difficult to make any arrangement to secure an informant who will be in a position to watch Smith's tourist camp as there are no residents in the immediate vicinity.

The reference report of this Agent reflects that Post Office Inspector George Hill and Jack Bonham, investigator for the office of the County Attorney, Tulsa, Oklahoma, advised that in their opinion Carol Tankersley alias

Carol Hamilton, ex-wife of Herman Barker, now deceased, would be an excellent source of information regarding Fred and Arthur Barker and other suspects in this case. Information was received from Jack Bonham that Carol Tankersley is residing at 102 South Broadway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Special Agent F. S. Smith of the Oklahoma City office made inquiry at 102 S. Broadway which address is that of a low grade rooming house, and it was ascertained that Carol Tankersley, alias Hamilton, was employed there as a chambermaid until approximately two or three weeks prior to the date of inquiry which was March 8, 1934. Her present address was unknown. Agent Smith was referred to Elizabeth Gideon, Commercial Hotel, 16 1/2 West California, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Elizabeth Gideon was interviewed by Agent Smith, and she stated that she is personally acquainted with Carol Tankersley, alias Hamilton, and that Carol Tankersley left Oklahoma City about three weeks ago for Galveston, Texas. Carol Tankersley advised Elizabeth Gideon that upon her arrival in Galveston she would communicate with her, however, no date she has heard nothing. Elizabeth Gideon advised Agent Smith that upon hearing from Carol Tankersley she would communicate with the Oklahoma City Division office.

Detective Clarence Hurt of the Oklahoma City Police Department stated that Seth Tankersley, the husband of Carol Tankersley, is now serving a sentence in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary for highway robbery.

The letter of Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated February 28, 1934, requests that Detective Gardner of the Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department and Chief of Detectives Jack Bonham (not Bohner) be interviewed inasmuch as it is reported that they have considerable information regarding the activities, relatives and friends of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis. It will be noted that Jack Bonham is now an investigator for the office of the County Attorney at Tulsa, Okla., and the Detective Gardner referred to is Detective Earl Gardner. This Agent is in almost daily contact with Detective Earl Gardner, and considerable information has already been secured from him, which information has been reported. Jack Bonham has also been interviewed.

Informant "A", Hot Springs, Arkansas, was interviewed by Special Agent L. M. Chipman. The informant advised that Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, and Harry Campbell are known to him but he is not acquainted with Arthur "Doc" Barker. He further stated that the first four men named have visited Hot Springs in the past but have not been there within the last twelve months to his knowledge. Without advising the informant the purpose of the inquiry, a photograph of Harry Campbell was exhibited to him and the informant stated that he knows the Government wants Campbell in the instant case. The informant advised that it is the talk of the underworld that Campbell has recently gotten into the "big money". It is the understanding of the informant that Campbell is running with Glen Roy Wright and Tommy Patterson, Oklahoma outlaws, and that they are supposed to come to Hot Springs most any time. Informant stated that he will be able to

obtain Campbell's connections and will report the same at a later date. He further stated that Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis run together and are very likely operating with Campbell. The informant is of the opinion that any of the suspects in this case might drop into Hot Springs to visit the horse races now in progress. The informant will endeavor to obtain some information regarding these men and if they appear in Hot Springs, he will immediately notify the Oklahoma City office. The horse racing season at Hot Springs opened on March 1 and is to continue until March 21, 1934.

Special Agent L. M. Chipman made investigation at Hot Springs, Arkansas with reference to telephone 3400, which telephone number is mentioned on page twenty of the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, February 20, 1934. It was ascertained that telephone number 3400 is that of the Majestic Hotel which is the third largest hotel in Hot Springs. Informant advised that no cooperation could be obtained from the management or employees of the Majestic Hotel as the best business of this hotel and other hotels in Hot Springs comes from gangsters.

Under date of February 20, 1934, the Division addressed a letter to the Cincinnati Division office enclosing photostatic copy of an anonymous letter dated February 13, 1934 at Gentry, Arkansas. The Division instructed that an effort be made to identify the writer of this letter and obtain all information the writer may have in his possession concerning this matter. The Oklahoma City office was instructed by the Division to conduct this investigation.

Special Agent J. Massey Edgar interviewed Mr. A. L. Smith, Attorney and Mayor, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Mr. Smith advised that he is Attorney for Mr. G. C. Feemster who operates a tourist camp and deals in real estate, and in the opinion of Mr. Smith, Mr. Feemster was the writer of the anonymous letter. Information was received that Feemster resides approximately one and one-half miles from Gentry, Arkansas.

G. C. Feemster was interviewed by Agent Edgar, and he stated that on June 24, 1933 he sold a tract of land located near Gentry to persons furnishing him the names of Louis A. Wiliford and R. A. Williams. He ascertained that the correct names of these men were Gene Johnson and Glen Roy Wright respectively. Mr. Feemster stated that shortly before he sold the above tract of land to Johnson and Wright, Johnson had killed a police officer at McPherson, Kansas. Officers from the states of Kansas and Oklahoma made a raid on the place purchased by Johnson and Wright, and during the raid Gene Johnson was killed and Wright escaped. Mr. Feemster also stated that he has become well acquainted with the families of Glen Roy Wright and Gene Johnson, and that as a result of conversations had in his presence he concluded Wright may have participated in the Bremer kidnaping. Mr. Feemster referred to one conversation which he had with a brother of Wright whose first name he does not recall. The brother of Wright was reading an account of the Bremer kidnaping in a newspaper, and the newspaper article made reference to Glen Roy Wright and Harry Campbell as being connected with the kidnaping. Mr. Feemster asked the brother of Wright whether Glen Roy Wright and Harry Campbell were implicated, and the brother merely stated, "They might have

been. Mr. Feenster further advised that Harry Campbell was not present at the time he made the sale of the tract of land to Glen Roy Wright and Gene Johnson but that he saw Harry Campbell in Gentry, Arkansas the same day. Harry Campbell and Glen Roy Wright, according to Mr. Feenster, ran around together. Any further information received by Mr. Feenster will be communicated to the Oklahoma City Division office.

The report of Special Agent F. B. Dunn, Dallas, Texas, dated 2-28-34, sets out information to the effect that there is an outlaw hideout owned by a former army chaplain located in Oklahoma between Stillwater and Coffeyville, Kansas, and that the location of this hideout is known to Sheriff H. B. Lowrey. Sheriff H. B. Lowrey and Deputy Sheriff E. A. Haverfield, Nowata, Oklahoma, were interviewed and they stated that they have no information that there is such a hideout, and, further, that they are not acquainted with anybody in the vicinity of Nowata who was formerly an army chaplain. There is, however, at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma an individual known as Tom Hill who is an associate and harborer of outlaws. Tom Hill does not live on a farm, but has a home in the town of South Coffeyville. According to Sheriff Lowrey, at one time practically all of the notorious outlaws in this section of the country stopped at the home of Tom Hill; however, this place has been raided on numerous occasions and it is now doubtful if any outlaws would stop there. It is reported that Tom Hill has a secret room in his house so that if officers raided the house during the time outlaws were staying there, they could be easily hidden. During the raids on the Tom Hill home, efforts have been made by the officers to locate this secret room without success. Sheriff Lowrey further stated that Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Glen Roy Wright are frequently referred to as members of the "Tommy Hill gang".

Sheriff Lowrey maintains a very close watch on the home of Tom Hill and has informants at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma who will advise him in the event any of the suspects in this case appear at the Hill home.

Inspector W. A. Rorer forwarded to the Oklahoma City Division office under date of February 23, 1934, a list of the foreign news stands handling the five Minneapolis and St. Paul newspapers, with the request that the news dealers located in the territory covered by the Oklahoma City office be covered and investigation be made to ascertain whether any individual or individuals are regularly purchasing Minneapolis or St. Paul newspapers.

Special Agent L. M. Chipman made inquiries of the various news dealers at Little Rock and Hot Springs, Arkansas and photographs of the suspects in this case were exhibited, but no information was obtained.

Special Agent Paul Hansen conducted an investigation at Stevenson's News Stand, 108 North Broadway, Oklahoma City; no information was obtained and the photographs of the suspects in this case were not identified.

Investigation at Tulsa, Oklahoma was made by this Agent. It was ascertained that the news stand at the Central Drug Company, Third and South Boulder, is the only news agency in Tulsa handling St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers. This agency handles only the Sunday St. Paul and Minneapolis papers. Photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang were exhibited there but no identification was made.

Special Agent J. Massey Edgar of this office is conducting an investigation at Fort Smith, Arkansas among the various news dealers there handling out of town papers.

In a letter from the Chicago Division office dated March 2, 1934, it is stated that information was secured from the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, Illinois, that Mrs. Emily Newbold, 2840 N. Francisco, Chicago, Illinois, the sister of Alvin Karpis, made a long distance telephone call on January 18, 1934 from Chicago telephone Belmont 7899 to Sapulpa, Oklahoma, the call being directed to Dorothy Slayman, in care of Mrs. Ralph Piper, 1314 S. Main Street, telephone No. 1043 M.

Inquiry was made at the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Sapulpa, Oklahoma. It was ascertained that telephone No. 1043 M is listed in the name of E. S. Hilligross, 1409 S. Main Street. Mrs. E. S. Hilligross was interviewed at the above address and she stated that she is not acquainted with Dorothy Slayman, but that about the middle of January, 1934, a long distance telephone call was received at her residence for Dorothy Slayman, and the call was placed in care of Mrs. Ralph Piper. Mrs. Ralph Piper at that time was residing in a house on the rear of the premises at 1314 S. Main Street and Dorothy Slayman was visiting Mrs. Piper. Dorothy Slayman answered this call, however, Mrs. Hilligross stated that after the conversation was completed, Dorothy Slayman did not make any statement as to who called or the purpose of the call, but she did state that it would be necessary for her to return to Chicago immediately.

Investigation was made at 1314 S. Main Street, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, where Mrs. Piper, mother-in-law of Mrs. Ralph Piper, was interviewed. Agent did not disclose his identity to Mrs. Piper. She stated that her son, Ralph Piper, recently married Juanita Antone and that in January, 1934, her son and his wife resided in a little house at the rear of her home. Mrs. Piper stated that she is not personally acquainted with Dorothy Slayman but that she knows Dorothy was visiting Mrs. Ralph Piper about the middle of January, 1934, however, she remained in Sapulpa but a few days when she returned to Chicago, stating that she had been called back to work. An effort was made to obtain information from Mrs. Piper as to the present location of her son, Ralph Piper, and his wife, but she was very indefinite, stating that she did not know exactly where they were but that she believed they were located somewhere in the vicinity of Okmulgee as her son was employed by a pipe line company the name of which she does not know.

Sheriff Willie Strange, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, when interviewed stated that as a result of investigation made by him, he learned that Dorothy Slayman had

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been visiting at Kiefer and Sapulpa, Oklahoma for a few days during January, 1934 but that she has now returned to Chicago. Sheriff Strange has an informant at Kiefer, Oklahoma from whom he received this information.

The services of a confidential informant who will be referred to as [redacted] are utilized during the course of this investigation. He knows several of the suspects.

[redacted] did not observe Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Doc Barker, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, or Glen Roy Wright. He stated that from various conversations thereabouts he was unable to obtain any information to the effect that the Barkers, Karpis, or Davis have been seen around there for a considerable period of time. He did, he said, hear information to the effect that probably Glen Roy Wright and Harry Campbell had been passing through that vicinity within the past several months, but nothing to the effect that they were there recently.

Since the dictation of this report, Glen Roy Wright has been taken into custody. He had nine \$20.00 counterfeit bills on his person when arrested.

All of the monies found in possession of the several persons arrested near Mannford, Oklahoma on March 15 were checked against the list containing the ransom bills in this case with negative results. Special Agent H. E. Hollis who was present at the time Glen Roy Wright and others were arrested near Mannford will submit particulars connected therewith, together with his interview with Glen Roy Wright which was unproductive of any results. Glen Roy Wright would give practically no information as to where he has been, nor would he furnish any information as to the possible whereabouts of Harry Campbell.

Reference is made to the letter from the Chicago office dated March 2, 1934 to this office relative to a telegraphic message alleged to have been telephoned by Mrs. Margaret Lee, 6144 North Washatenaw Avenue, Chicago, February 17, 1934 to some unknown party in Hot Springs, which telegram was signed "Marge". Special Agent R. M. Butterworth conducted the following investigation at Hot Springs in connection with this matter:

Agent interviewed E. L. Schmalbach, manager of the Postal telegraph Company at Hot Springs, Arkansas, who, after examination of his files, stated that he has no copy of a telegram sent from Chicago, Illinois, signed "Marge", on February 17, 1934 to anyone in Hot Springs. He said that all copies of telegrams received at Hot Springs are retained in the office files at Hot Springs.

Agent interviewed Mr. M. E. Nobles, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Hot Springs, Arkansas, who stated that all copies of telegrams

received at Hot Springs are sent to the Company's auditing office at Dallas, Texas. He sent a telegram to the Dallas Auditing office of the Company, requesting information concerning a telegram sent from Chicago, Illinois on February 17, 1934 signed "Marge" by Mrs. Margaret Lee, 4144 North Washatenaw Avenue, Chicago, Illinois to an unknown party in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and received the following telegram in reply:

"S YS NO RECORD F M CHGO FEB. 17 SCD MARGE OR MRS. MARGARET LEE.
SIGNED R A G DAL 17"

He stated that he had also sent a similar telegram to Chicago, Illinois and had received the following telegram in reply:

"S YS UNLOCATE MSG FEB 17 SCD MARGE. SIGNED DESK 9 RAG CHICAGO 17."

Mr. Nobles gave Agent the two telegrams quoted above which are in the Oklahoma City office files. He said that if the slip showing the telephonic message from Mrs. Lee can be secured from the Illinois Bell Telephone Company and presented to the Western Union Telegraph Company at Chicago, Illinois, that the Company may be able to furnish a copy of the telegram sent to an unknown party at Hot Springs, Arkansas by Mrs. Lee on February 17, 1934.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Hot Springs, Arkansas will again contact informant "A" for such further information regarding this matter as he may have secured.

SAN ANTONIO OFFICE at Galveston, Texas is requested to make inquiry at the Post Office, General Delivery, to determine whether Carol Tankerley, alias Carol Hamilton, ex-wife of Herman Barker, is receiving mail there. If so, an effort should be made to contact Carol Tankerley inasmuch as it is reported that she would be an excellent source of information regarding the Barker brothers and other suspects in this case.

CHICAGO OFFICE will note that Dorothy Slayman, wife of Alvin Karpis, has returned to Chicago, Illinois. Information was previously furnished to the Chicago office that Dorothy Slayman is believed to be living in an apartment house in the 900 block, Buena Terrace.

CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago will contact the Illinois Telephone Company and endeavor to secure the slip made out for the telephonic message to the telegraph company on February 17, 1934 by Mrs. Margaret Lee, and present this slip to the proper telegraph company in Chicago, Illinois in order to secure a copy of the telegram sent to Hot Springs, Arkansas on February 17, 1934 to an unknown party by Mrs. Lee.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
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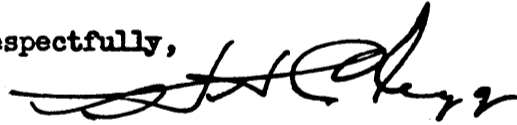
Mr. Fay telephoned from New York. The individual by the name of [redacted] who has called at the Division on two previous occasions, was in to see him last night at about eleven o'clock. He first had a woman call and ask Mr. Fay if he knew anyone by the name of [redacted] and Mr. Fay informed her that if she knew anyone by such name to have him communicate with Mr. Fay at once [redacted] did and came in at the time indicated. [redacted] advised Mr. Fay that the prisoner in whom he was interested was Leon Kramer, who is now serving a sentence in the Dannemora, New York, Prison under the name of Miller; that Kramer was convicted in June, 1926, on a charge of first degree robbery and sentenced to serve 40 years in the penitentiary. He escaped last year and was apprehended in September, 1933, and returned in solitary confinement where he is now confined at the Dannemora institution. [redacted] indicated that during the past week Kramer had indicated that he would talk and he specifically requested that Mr. Harold Nathan, of this Division, be the individual to talk with him. Mr. Fay stated that he explained that Mr. Nathan was tied up in another section of the country on an important matter and they then agreed to talk with anyone that was sent from this Division. However, it was requested that the party calling use the utmost discretion and call in the guise of an attorney. Although they feel that Warden Murphy is trustworthy, the Warden has a brother serving as his secretary, and the brother is also an attorney and a New York politician and they do not trust him - thus the need for discretion. Mr. Fay made arrangements to obtain from the New York City Police Department, without disclosing the purpose, the photograph, fingerprints and criminal record of Leon Kramer, but Fay believes that he is a member of the "Candy Kid" Whittemore gang, Whittemore having been sentenced to serve a death penalty at Baltimore for murder a few years ago. Kramer has never been known to talk before and it is believed that he could furnish information concerning crime conditions generally that would be very enlightening.

Arrangements were made whereby Mr. Fay could communicate with the informant by addressing him under the fictitious name of [redacted] and forwarding a telegram to [redacted] Mr. Fay stated that if the Division would prepare a list of the queries desired to be made of Kramer arrangements would be made to interview him at an early date. I have requested Mr. Newby to prepare a letter to the New York office setting forth the inquiries which he desires made of Kramer, in addition to any information which Kramer might agree to volunteer.

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 3/24/34 J.E.H.

Respectfully,



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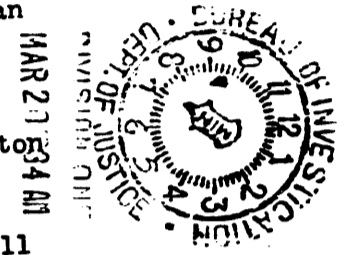
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_____ Stenographic Pool
_____ Secretary



- _____ Correct
_____ Re-write
_____ Re-date
_____ See Me

*Have you sent letter
to Day re question
to ask the prisoner?
Please update today if ok*

H. H. CLEGG

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

March 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. V. THAM
Mr. TOLSON
Mr. CLEGG
Mr. COWLEY
Mr. EDWARDS
Mr. Egan
Mr. QUINN
Mr. LESTER
CHIEF CLERK
Mr. MURPHY

During telephonic conversation today, Agent [redacted] in Charge Fay at New York stated that the informant who had previously called at the Division in connection with the Bremer case, called to see him, Mr. Fay, last night. Mr. Fay stated he talked to Mr. Clegg relative to the matter this morning. [redacted] is desirous of being interviewed now. Mr. Fay is submitting a letter to the Division giving the details.

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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.

MAR 23 1934

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.,
Edward G. Bremer - Victim.
Kidnaping.

With reference to the contact which you have established through [redacted] with one Leon Kramer, it is suggested that he be questioned very thoroughly, and in a discreet manner, with a view to obtaining detailed information regarding the tie-up between the St. Paul, Chicago, and New York City gangs. It is known to the Division that certain members of the old Kenting-Holden-Nash gang frequented New York City, but the Division has never received any information indicating that members of the so-called Barker-Karpis gang have any connections in New York City. An effort should be made to develop this information through an interview with Kramer.

The Division is also desirous of ascertaining, possibly through Kramer, the authenticity of rumors to the effect that Bernard Phillips, with aliases, subject of Identification Order #1196, is dead. Kramer may also have information concerning the whereabouts of William Weissman.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc Mr. W. A. Rorer,

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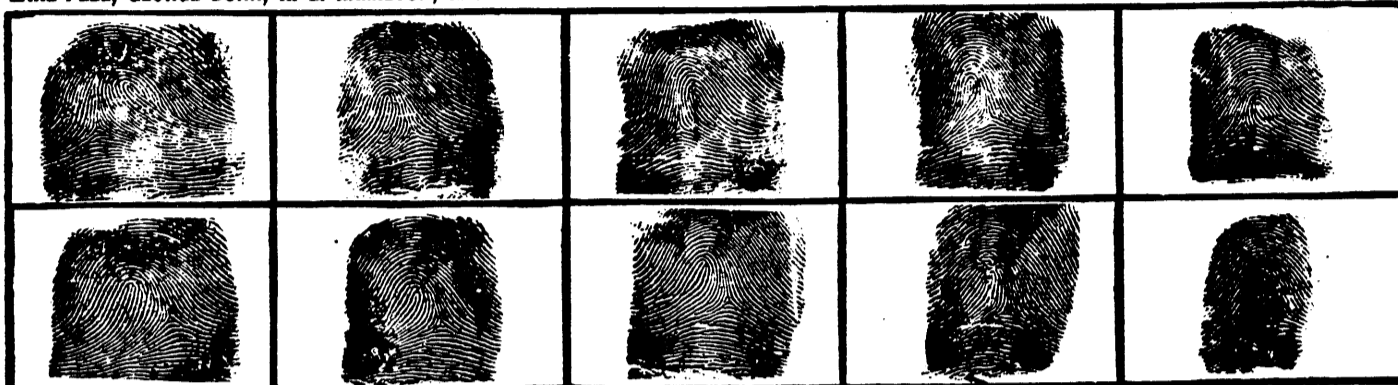
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**ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
A. CARTER, RAYMOND HADLEY, GEORGE HALLER, ALVIN KARPIS,
EARL PEEL, GEORGE DUNN, R. E. HAMILTON, RAY HUNTER.**

KIDNAPING



DESCRIPTION

Age, 25 years (1934); Height, 5 feet,
9-3/4 inches; Weight, 130 pounds;
Build, slender; Hair, brown; Eyes,
blue; Complexion, fair;
Marks, 1 inch cut scar lower knuckle
left index finger.

RELATIVES:

Mr. John Karpis, father, 2842 North
Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
Mrs. Anna Karpis, mother, 2842 North
Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
Mrs. Emily Newbold, sister, 2840 North
Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
Mrs. Robert (Clara) VeNute, sister,
1829 West Erie Street, Chicago,
Illinois.
Mrs. Albert (Amelia) Grooms, sister,
1234 North Monroe Street,
Topeka, Kansas.

Photograph taken May 19, 1930.



Alvin Karpis

As A. Karpis, #1609, arrested Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931; charge, burglary;
sentenced September 11, 1931, 4 years, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma; Paroled.

CRIMINAL RECORD

As Alvin Karpis, #7071, received State
Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas,
February 25, 1926; crime, burglary-2nd
degree; sentence, 10 years; escaped March
9, 1929; returned March 25, 1930.

As Raymond Hadley, #17902, arrested
Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri,
March 23, 1930; charge, larceny-auto and
safe blower; released to State Industrial
Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, as an
escape.

As Alvin Karpis, #1539, received State
Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, May 19, 1930 -
transferred from State Industrial Reformatory;
crime, burglary-2nd degree; sentence, 5 to 10
years.

As George Haller, #8008, arrested Police
Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931;
charge, investigation-burglary; delivered
Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Alvin Karpis is wanted for questioning in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on
January 17, 1934.
Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Division
of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.
If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or
the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Division of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.
(over) Issued by: J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.

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

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March 21, 1934.

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Mr. A. R. Gars,
General Delivery,
Reno, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

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

Attached hereto are three photographs each of Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, and Fred Barker, principal suspects in this case.

In view of the information received that these persons are probably at Reno, Nevada, at the present time, it is requested that you conduct a very thorough and exhaustive investigation in an effort to locate these persons, covering every possible lead. It is believed that you should frequent such places as might be frequented by these persons--gambling establishments and places of that nature.

You are requested to make a thorough check of all apartment rentals and removals, all telephone and other utilities service.

For your information, Mr. Clegg of the Division has advised that one or more agents will be assigned from the San Francisco office to assist you in this investigation. At such time as other agents are assigned to this case, you should furnish them with a copy of the photograph of each of the principal suspects.

You are instructed to keep this office and the Division notified of any developments.

Very truly yours,

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

March 21, 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.

The St. Paul Division office is in receipt of a telegram dated March 20, 1934, from the Salt Lake City Division office which sets forth information as follows:

Alvin Karpis is reported to have been in Reno, Nevada, three weeks ago with an Auburn Sedan, license number unknown, motor No. 1587, which in November, 1933, bore California license No. 7-E-5768 registered to William B. Lehman, William Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, California, which car was sold October 9, 1933, and is described as having six wire wheels, spares in fender wells, and a 12-cylinder, VV type motor. No record of California registration for 1934.

Photograph of Alvin Karpis has been positively identified as that of person who resided in Reno, Nevada, with a woman from November 2 to December 2, 1933, and he formerly resided at Reno alone from November, 1932, to February 7, 1933, under the name of E. L. Burns, as well as E. L. Burns.

Photograph of Fred Barker has been identified as E. E. Davis alias F. S. Blackburn alias J. E. Blackburn alias F. S. Blackburn, who with a woman stayed in Reno, Nevada, from October 9, 1933, to December 2, 1933, and who on January 11, 1933, purchased at Reno, Nevada, a Buick Sedan model 52-57, motor No. 2797348, bearing Nevada 1933 license No. 1428, paying for same with new \$500 bills, and who in October, 1933, had a Buick Sedan, motor No. 2368090, bearing Ohio license 287835 and entered California on November 17, 1933, under the name of F. S. Blackburn, giving as his address, General Delivery, Los Angeles, California, and returned to Reno, Nevada, November 27, 1933.

Photograph of Harry Campbell has been partially identified as George L. Martin, who, with a woman, lived in Reno from October 3 to December 20, 1933, and was driving Buick sedan, motor No. 12-49308, bearing

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This 1933 license No. C-23771, which car entered California on October 25, 1933, and was registered under the name of T. S. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, and was issued California permit No. 124983. No record of California registration for 1934.

Photograph of Arthur E. Barker has been partially identified as H. J. Harvey, who on January 9, 1933, was issued Nevada license No. 1225 on a Pontiac Sedan, motor No. 225160, purchased at Reno, Nevada, with new \$200 bills.

In this wire, the Salt Lake City Division office requested that there be obtained description and ownership of Ford V8 bearing 1933 Minnesota license B-673-569 and Dodge Sedan bearing 1933 Illinois license No. 1-237051, which cars were in the possession of these parties or their associates at Reno, Nevada, in September and November, 1933.

The St. Paul Division office has made a check of records at the Minnesota State Auto Bureau, which records disclose that 1933 Minnesota license No. B-673-569 was issued for a 1933 Deluxe Ford Coupe, motor No. 228420, to E. V. Davis, Box 52, Lakeville, Minnesota, under date of October 9, 1933; that this car, prior to registration in Minnesota, was registered for 1933 in the State of Illinois under No. 1-246-802 in the name of E. V. Davis, Box 822, Graylake, Illinois, same having been registered under date of July 31, 1933. In addition to this registration, the State Auto Records reflect that 1934 Minnesota license B-45372 was issued under date of January 11, 1934, to E. V. Davis, Box 254 White Bear Lake, Minnesota, on a 1933 Chevrolet Sedan, motor No. 2-554-674, serial 1-CA03-23077; that this car was registered for 1933 in the State of Illinois under date of April 17, 1933, to E. V. Davis, 2408 South Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, number of registration being 774257.

It is respectfully requested that the Chicago Division office conduct appropriate investigation at Graylake, Illinois, and also at 2408 South Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, with a view to obtaining information to assist in locating the hideout and ascertaining the present whereabouts of suspects involved.

The St. Louis Division office, which is being furnished with a copy of this letter, should conduct appropriate investigation with respect to 1933 Illinois license 1-237-051, hereinbefore mentioned.

Copies of this letter are also being furnished to the Cincinnati, Detroit, Kansas City, Los Angeles, and San Francisco Division offices, for their information and guidance.

Very truly yours,

W. A. BOKER,
Inspector.

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Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
March 21, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

Please refer to letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer to this office, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, March 12, 1934, relative to certain ballistic exhibits which had been obtained from the St. Paul Police Department in connection with the shooting of Roy McCord on January 15, 1934, which exhibits were furnished the Kansas City office for comparison with the ballistic exhibits in the Kansas City massacre case.

Please be advised that a comparison has been made of the ballistic evidence received with that of the ballistic evidence in the massacre case by Merle A. Gill, Forensic Ballistician of Kansas City, Missouri, in whose possession the Kansas City ballistic evidence is maintained. Mr. Gill reports that all of the fired exhibits in the McCord case have been compared with similar evidence in the massacre case and no identification was obtained to indicate that the weapons used in the McCord case were involved in the Kansas City case. Mr. Gill states that in addition to comparing the McCord exhibits with the Kansas City massacre case, he also compared them with the following cases wherein machine guns were used by the bandits, but no identification was made:

South St. Paul, Minnesota
Chicago, Illinois
Grand Haven, Michigan
North Kansas City, Missouri
Kansas City, Missouri
Kansas City, Missouri

Slaying of police officer.
Slaying of police officer.
Bank robbery.
Bank robbery.
Slaying of Detective Carpenter.
Slaying of Jimmie Howard.

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The ballistic evidence received from St. Paul, under date of March 12, 1934, is being returned under separate cover to the St. Paul office in order that the same may be returned by that office to the St. Paul Police Department.

Very truly yours,

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

MCS:B

cc - Division

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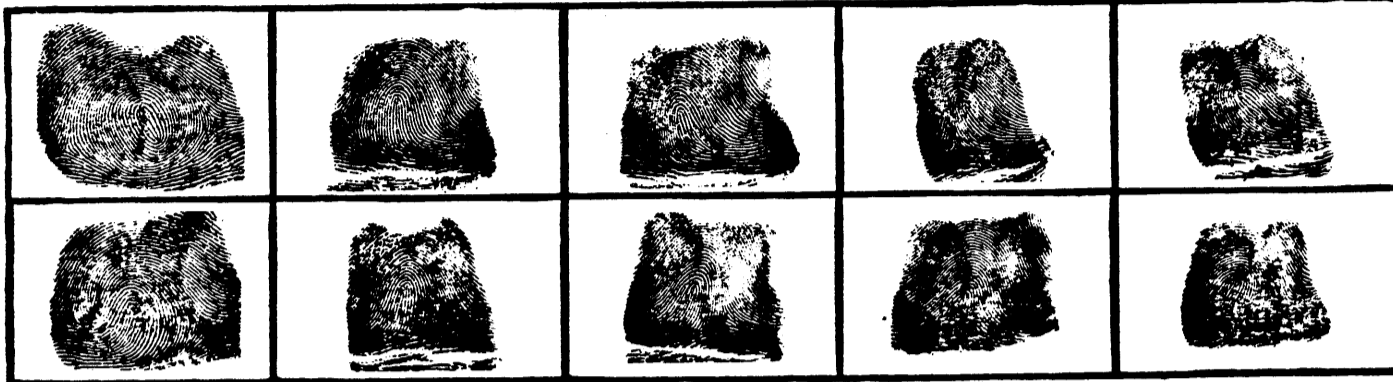
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**ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
DOCK BARKER, BOB BARKER, CLAUD DALE.**

KIDNAPING



DESCRIPTION

Age, 34 years (1934); Height, 5 feet, 3 3/4 inches; Weight, 119 pounds; Build, short; Hair, black; Eyes, brown; Complexion, medium; Marks, flesh colored moles - one on left cheek, two on right cheek.

RELATIVES:

George E. Barker, father, P. O. Box 174, Neosho, Missouri.
Mrs. Kate Barker, mother, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Lloyd Barker, #17243, brother, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.
Fred Barker, brother, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Edna Barker, wife, Lindsey, Oklahoma.
Frank Barker, brother, Granite, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Jennie Branson, sister, Route #1, Box #69, Madill, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Carol Hamilton, sister, Route #1, Box 108, Sapulpa, Oklahoma.
Burt Barker, brother, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Photograph taken February 19, 1922.



Doc Barker

CRIMINAL RECORD

As Arthur Barker, #841, arrested Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, July 4, 1918; charge, larceny of United States property - auto; delivered United States Courts; escaped.
As Doc Barker, #1740, arrested Police Department, Joplin, Missouri, February 19, 1920; charge, jail breaking - escaped from County Jail, Tulsa, Oklahoma; returned to Tulsa, Oklahoma.
As Claud Dale, #822, arrested Police Department, Muskogee, Oklahoma, January 15, 1921; charge, attempted bank burglary; turned over to Wagoner County, Oklahoma.
As Bob Barker, #11059, received State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, January 30, 1921, for safekeeping; charge, robbery; discharged June 11, 1921 on order of Court.
As Dock Barker, #11906, received State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, February 10, 1922; crime, murder; sentence, life; paroled September 10, 1932.

RECORDED
Arthur R. Barker is wanted for questioning in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934.
Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.
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MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FOUR
EQUIPMENT SECTION

Re: VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases,
Kidnaping.

There are transmitted herewith data for Identification Order No. 1221 to be issued relative to the above subject.

Kindly verify the fingerprint classification, and use the best available photograph appearing in the files of the Identification Unit.

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CLASSIFICATION:

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WANTED:
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,
Roy Green, Earl Stachteck

KIDNAPING

DESCRIPTION
Age, 30 years (1934)
Height, 5 feet, 8 1/2 inches
Weight, 125 pounds
Build, slender
Hair, light chestnut
Eyes, blue
Complexion, fair
Scar, vertical cut scar 1/2 inch above eyebrow.

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CRIMINAL RECORD
As Volney Davis, #1025, arrested
Police Department, Tulsa, Okla-
homa, February 8, 1919; charge,
grand larceny; turned over to
Tulsa County.
As Volney Davis, alias V. E. Davis,
#9849, received State Peniten-
tiary, McAlester, Oklahoma,
September 28, 1919, from Tulsa
County; crime, grand larceny;
sentence, three years.
As Volney Davis, #12808, received
State Penitentiary, McAlester,
Oklahoma, February 8, 1923,
from Tulsa, Oklahoma; crime,
murder; sentence, life; escaped
January 8, 1925; returned Jan-
uary 25, 1925; November 1, 1932,
granted leave of absence to
July 1, 1933; leave of absence
extended to July 1, 1934.

RELATIVES
Rodney E. Davis, father,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Bertha E. Williams, sister,
2508 East 8th Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Beula Porter, sister,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Volney Davis is wanted for questioning in connection with the kidnaping of
Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934.

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criminal record to the nearest office of the Division of Investigation, U. S.
Department of Justice.

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**MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FOUR
EQUIPMENT SECTION**

**Re: ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
Kidnaping**

There are transmitted herewith data for Identification Order No. 1819 to be issued relative to the above subject.

Kindly verify the fingerprint classification, and use the best available photograph appearing in the files of the Identification Unit.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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WANTED:
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases
Dock Barker, Bob Barker, Claud Dale

KIDNAPING

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DESCRIPTION

Age, 34 years (1934)
Height, 5 feet, 3 1/2 inches
Weight, 119 pounds
Build, short
Hair, black
Eyes, brown
Complexion, medium
Marks, flesh colored moles - one
on left cheek, two on right cheek.

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RELATIVES

George E. Barker, father,
P. O. Box 174, Neosho, Missouri.
Mrs. Kate Barker, mother
Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Lloyd Barker, #17243, brother,
U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.
Fred Barker, brother,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Edna Barker, wife,
Lindsey, Oklahoma
Frank Barker, brother,
Granite, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Jennie Branson, sister,
Route #1, Box #69, Madill, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Carol Hamilton, sister,
Route #1, Box 108, Sayulpa, Oklahoma.
Burt Barker, brother,
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

CRIMINAL RECORD

As Arthur Barker, #841, arrested
Police Department, Tulsa, Okla-
homa, July 24, 1918; charge,
larceny of United States pro-
perty - auto; delivered United
States Courts; escaped.

As Doc Barker, #1740, arrested
Police Department, Joplin,
Missouri, February 19, 1920;
charge, jail breaking - escaped
from County Jail, Tulsa, Okla-
homa; returned to Tulsa, Okla-
homa.

As Claud Dale, #822, arrested
Police Department, Muskogee,
Oklahoma, January 18, 1921;
charge, attempted bank burglary
turned over to Wagoner County,
Oklahoma.

As Bob Barker, #11059, received
State Penitentiary, McAlester,
Oklahoma, January 30, 1921,
for safekeeping; charge, robber
discharged June 11, 1921 on ord
of Court.

As Dock Barker, #11906, received
State Penitentiary, McAlester,
Oklahoma, February 19, 1922;
crime, murder; sentence, life;
paroled September 10, 1932.

Arthur R. Barker is wanted in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer
at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal
record to the nearest office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of
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MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FOUR
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Re: **HARRY CAMPBELL, with alias,**
Kidnaping

There are transmitted herewith data for Identification Order No. 1222 to be issued relative to the above subject.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

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WANTED:

HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,
Dave Campbell

KIDNAPING

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DESCRIPTION (Place photo here)
Age, 30 years (1932) (Place date (?) on photo)
Height, 5 feet, 5 inches (Place signature here)
Weight, 135 to 140 pounds
Build, medium
Hair, brown
Eyes, blue
Complexion, ruddy - medium
Marks, scar corner left eye,
vaccination scar upper left arm,
lame in right leg.
Teeth, decayed

RELATIVES

George Campbell, father,
818 South Rockford Avenue,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Lissa Campbell, mother,
818 South Rockford Avenue,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Mickey Rhein Smith Campbell, wife,
123 East Crawford Street,
Pampa, Texas.
Pearl Campbell and Laura Campbell, sisters,
818 South Rockford Avenue,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Howard McNeil, sister,
Wichita Falls, Texas.
Jack Campbell, brother,
Ranger, Texas.
Clrell Campbell, brother, address unknown

CRIMINAL RECORD

As Harry Campbell, #---, arrested
Police Department, Tulsa, Okla-
homa, December 25, 1930; charge
investigation; fined \$10.00
and costs.
As Harry Campbell, #11056, re-
ceived State Penitentiary,
McAlester, Oklahoma, January
20, 1931, from Lincoln County,
Oklahoma; crime, bank robbery -
held for safe keeping.
As Harry Campbell, #9420, arrested
Sheriff's Office, Tulsa, Okla-
homa, April 29, 1932; charge,
burglary; released on bond;
case pending.

Harry Campbell is wanted for questioning in connection with the kidnaping of
Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal
record to the nearest office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of
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MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FOUR
EQUIPMENT SECTION

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
Kidnaping

There are transmitted herewith data for Identification
Order No. 1215 to be issued relative to the above subject.

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Identification Unit.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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WANTED:

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
A. Carter, Raymond Hadley, George Haller, Alvin Karpis,
Earl Peel, George Duan, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Hunter

KIDNAPING

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DESCRIPTION

Age, 26 years (1934)
Height, 5 feet, 9 1/2 inches
Weight, 130 pounds
Build, slender
Hair, brown
Eyes, blue
Complexion, fair
Marks, 1 inch cut near lower
knuckle left index finger

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RELATIVES

Mr. John Karpis, father,
2842 North Francisco Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.
Mrs. Anna Karpis, mother,
2842 North Francisco Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.
Mrs. Emily Newbold, sister,
2840 North Francisco Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.
Mrs. Robert (Clara) VeNute, sister,
1329 West Erie Street,
Chicago, Illinois.
Mrs. Albert (Anelia) Grooms, sister,
1234 North Monroe Street,
Topeka, Kansas.

CRIMINAL RECORD

As Alvin Karpis, #7071, received
State Industrial Reformatory,
Hutchinson, Kansas, February
29, 1926; crime, burglary-3rd
degree; sentence, 10 years;
escaped March 9, 1929; returns
March 25, 1930.

As Raymond Hadley, #17902, ar-
rested Police Department,
Kansas City, Missouri, March
23, 1930; charge, larceny-auto
and safe blower; released to
State Industrial Reformatory,
Hutchinson, Kansas, as an
escape.

As Alvin Karpis, #1539, received
State Penitentiary, Lansing,
Kansas, May 19, 1930 - trans-
ferred from State Industrial
Reformatory; crime, burglary-
2nd degree; sentence, 5 to 10
years.

As George Haller, #2008, arrested
Police Department, Tulsa, Okla-
homa, June 10, 1931; charge,
investigation-burglary; de-
livered Police Department,
Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

As A. Karpis, #1609, arrested
Police Department, Okmulgee,
Oklahoma, June 10, 1931;
charge, burglary; sentenced
September 11, 1931, 6 years,
State Penitentiary, McAlester,
Oklahoma; paroled.

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Alvin Karpis is wanted in connection with the kidnaping of Edward
G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934.

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or criminal record to the nearest office of the Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice.

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**MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FOUR
EQUIPMENT SECTION**

**Re: FRED BAKER, with aliases,
KIDNAPING**

There are transmitted herewith data for Identification Order No. 1220 to be issued relative to the above subject.

Kindly verify the fingerprint classification, and use the best available photograph appearing in the files of the Identification Unit.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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WANTED:
FRED BARKER, with aliases,
J. Darrows, F. G. Ward, Ted Murphy

KIDNAPING

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DESCRIPTION	(Place photo here)	CRIMINAL RECORD
Age, 32 years (1924)	(Place date (?) on photo)	As Fred Barker, #3804, arrested Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 8, 1923; charge vagrancy; sentence, 30 days city jail.
Height, 5 feet, 4 inches	(Place signature here)	As Fred Barker, #4079, received State Reformatory, Granite, Oklahoma, June 28, 1923; crime, conjoint robbery; sentence, 5 years.
Weight, 180 pounds		As J. Darrows, #295, arrested Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, December 19, 1925; charge, investigation - bank robbery; released.
Build, slender		As Fred Barker, #3575, arrested Police Department, Little Rock, Arkansas, May 28, 1926; charge, fugitive from justice; released on bond at Fort Smith, Arkansas bond forfeited.
Hair, sandy red		As F. G. Ward, #---, arrested Police Department, Ponca City, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 25, 1926; charge, burglary; delivered Winfield, Kansas.
Eyes, blue		As Ted Murphy, #---, arrested Police Department, Winfield, Kansas, November 8, 1926; charge, burglary and larceny; sentence, 5 to 10 years, State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas.
Complexion, medium fair		As Fred Barker, #9836, received State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, March 12, 1927; crime, burglary-2nd degree; sentence, 5 to 10 years.
Teeth, lower front gold; 8 upper front gold.		
Scars, vaccination scar upper left arm; one gunshot inner wrist; one gunshot palm left hand.		
<u>RELATIVES</u>		
George E. Barker, father, P.O. Box 174, Neosho, Missouri.		
Mrs. Kate Barker, mother, Tulsa, Oklahoma.		
Lloyd Barker, #17243, brother, U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.		
Arthur Barker, brother, Tulsa, Oklahoma.		
Frank Barker, brother, Granite, Oklahoma.		
Burt Barker, brother, Muskogee, Oklahoma.		
Mrs. Jennie Branson, sister, Route #1, Box #69, Madill, Oklahoma.		
Mrs. Carol Hamilton, sister, Route #1, Box 108, Sapulpa, Oklahoma.		

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CRIMINAL RECORD - continued

As Fred Barker, #3204, arrested Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931; charge, investigation-burglary, car theft and fugitive; delivered Sheriff's Office, Claremore, Oklahoma, July 13, 1931; charge, burglary; escaped from County Jail, Claremore, Oklahoma, August 10, 1931.

Fred Barker is wanted for questioning in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934.

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P. O. Box 618,
St. Paul, Minnesota.



March 21, 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.

It is requested that Mr. Harrison Nash, 3459 South Kinnick-
innic Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, be interviewed to determine
positively whether or not the 1933 Wisconsin license plates
176876 for his 1931 Ford two-door sedan, engine No. A-4611278,
were in his possession during the first week in February and
whether or not the automobile bearing these plates also was in
his possession during the first week in February.

It is noted that information furnished from the Motor
Vehicle Division, Department of State, Madison, Wisconsin,
reflects that the license number as indicated above is registered
under the name of Harrison Nash at Milwaukee, and it will be
remembered that the above license number is the same as that
reported by a St. Paul bus driver as being carried by a Ford
Sedan which followed the bus and the payoff car on the night of
February 6th when the ransom was paid.

In replying, kindly refer to serial 787 of the St. Paul
file in this case.

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March 7, 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.

With reference to personal and confidential letter from the Division addressed to me under date of March 3, 1934, concerning a news article which appeared in the St. Paul Pioneer-Press Dispatch on February 11, 1934, under the heading "Car Clue Links Hamm, Bremer Kidnap Cases", I am attaching hereto a memorandum submitted to me by Special Agent O. G. Hall.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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This is a very important matter. It reflects conditions in St. Paul & also the connection between the Hamm & Bremer cases & possibly the K.C. massacre.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 7, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER:

Concerning the news clipping in The St. Paul Pioneer-Press Dispatch of 2-11-34 captioned "Car Clue Links Hamm, Bremer Kidnap Cases", please be advised that my recollection of that article and the circumstances surrounding the story are as follows:

On June 15, 1933, Mr. Hamm was kidnaped. He was released on June 19th on payment of \$100,000.00 ransom. On June 17th, the Kansas City massacre occurred. On my return to this office on June 23rd, I was assigned to the Kansas City massacre case. Other agents had done some work on the case, including Agent R. C. Coulter who, as shown on page 30 of the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated 7-3-33 at Kansas City, Missouri, was advised on 6-20-33 by J. Glen Harrison, Assistant Editor of the Dispatch Pioneer-Press, that through confidential sources he had received information regarding 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, and the suspicious actions of its occupants. The occupants left there on Thursday, June 15, 1933, and returned 11:30 p.m. 6-18-33. They left the house and did not return until 2:00 a.m., 6-20-33. This it will be noted corresponded with the period of Mr. Hamm's abduction. Mr. Harrison reported the matter at 11:30 p.m., 6-19-33 to TOM DAHILL, St. Paul Police Chief, and the following morning to MIKE KINKEAD, County Attorney, St. Paul, but told Mr. Coulter he did not believe they were making any investigation to speak of and hence told this office.

What happened was that the Assistant Safety Commissioner went to the house (although as far as can be learned, he had never before made such investigations) and reported to the Police Department that there was nothing to the information given by Mr. Harrison.

MR. THOMPSON, reporter of the paper, then made an investigation, interviewing the landlord, neighbors, storekeepers, and others and learned that among other automobiles at that address had been one bearing license 1933, Missouri, 157309. This car was an Essex Terraplane Sedan which, according to the records of the Missouri license bureau, was issued to A. CARTER. This car was found at the Roberts Motor Company, St. Paul, by the St. Paul Police. The newspapers also received information that the car had been seen at Balsam Lake, Wisconsin, on June 20, 1933.

In that connection, the records of the Roberts Motor Company showed the car to have been transferred on June 10, 1934. This was evidently a false recording. Roberts Motor Company was reputed to be a Leon Gleckman garage.

On my return to St. Paul, I investigated the whole matter as the Police Department on June 20th or 21st searched the house and found a latent fingerprint on a beer bottle which, when sent to the Division, was found to be the fingerprint impression of Frank Nash. Telegraphic advice to that effect was received by this office on June 20th and by the Police Department.

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The newspapers got this information, probably from the police, and already the press had carried stories that Bailey, Floyd, et al, were involved in the Kansas City massacre. Quite naturally, I presume, it was assumed that there was some connection between the occupants of 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, and the Kansas City massacre, KARPIS, the BARKERS, and their gang are known to the Twin Cities newspapers for the reasons that prior to June, 1933, they had been discovered in a house in West St. Paul by a neighbor who had notified the police. The police are said to have "tipped them off" to leave. This created a major scandal and was played on by Mayor Mahoney in his election campaign of two years ago.

After I made my investigation in St. Paul, I went to Balsam Lake and a filling station attendant there identified KARPIS' photograph as being likeness of man there on June 20, 1933, in the Essex car registered to A. CARTER. My St. Paul investigation established that KARPIS, the two BARKER boys, and PAULA HARMON or WINNIE WILLIAMS had been at 204 Vernon Avenue. I knew they associated with Frank Nash because I had worked on the KEATING-HOLDEN case.

The newspapers a day or two after June 20th carried editorials severely criticizing the police for their laxity with regard to 204 Vernon Avenue. They also carried stories regarding KARPIS and BARKER and alleged another police "tip off". Confidential information received later was to the effect that TOM BROWN, member of the St. Paul Police Department, Kidnap Squad, had tipped off the occupants at 204 Vernon Avenue to leave.

The above, I think, will show how the newspapers knew, as a result of their own inquiries and the first confidential information they received, that NASH, KARPIS (A. CARTER), BAILEY, etc., were associated and the reasons for their surmises.

I do not know what happened in Kansas City after June 17th but I recall that "A. CARTER" was identified as VERNON MILLER, which my investigation disputed, and it now has been established that "A. CARTER" was ALVIN KARPIS. I do recall a news article with a Kansas City date line stating that VERNON MILLER had used the name "A. CARTER".

I have been informed by Special Agent R. L. Nalls that THOMPSON, the St. Paul Pioneer-Press Dispatch reporter, had told MR. NATHAN that he had checked the Essex car to "A. CARTER".

As to the connection between the above and the BREMER case, please be advised that one of the cars at 204 Vernon Avenue was traded at Roberts Motor Company on 6-10-33 for a car that was used by a couple at 628 Grand Avenue in St. Paul under the name of HERGSTROM in January, 1934. This car was sold to one of the renters of Post Office boxes at White Bear Lake,

Minnesota, mentioned previously herein as the gang who shot McCORD. This information the newspapers secured as indicated and I have not any doubt that a certain member on the St. Paul Police Department gave them what they could not get through ordinary inquiries. It will be remembered that the McCORD shooting was a police matter, it having occurred prior to the BREMER kidnaping.

I believe, and investigation conducted tends to establish it, that the persons occupying 204 Vernon Avenue in June, 1933, later in January, 1934, lived at 628 Grand Avenue.

At the present time, I am bringing in every one connected with any of these deals and attempting to identify "C. W. DAVIS."

McCORD, mentioned above, was shot shortly before the BREMER kidnaping by unknown persons in St. Paul. In that connection, confidential information received by me is that KARPIS and one of the BARKERS did the shooting. McCORD'S companion at the time of the shooting got the license number of the gunman's car and gave it to the police. They traced it to a DAVIS, after a transfer, at White Bear Lake where DAVIS and others had a Post Office box.

From this the newspapers, I presume, reached the conclusion as reflected by the article mentioned to me by you.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,
Special Agent.

OGH:HVS
3 - Division
1 - St. Paul

1000 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

March 21, 1934

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

Re: VERNON S. MILLER with aliases
(Deceased), et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONERS

Dear Sir:

There are attached to this letter two copies of the photographs of George Zeigler alias Fred G. Coetz, and copies of this man's fingerprints are being forwarded to the St. Paul office with a copy of this letter.

Zeigler is described as follows:

Age - - - - - 39
Height - - - - - 5'8" or 9"
Weight - - - - - About 175 lb.
Build - - - - - Medium
Color of hair - Sandy brown
Color of eyes - Blue
Complexion - - Florid
Race - - - - - White
Nationality - - Scandinavian or Dutch
Residence - - - 2141 Dundas Ave., Berwyn, Ill.

This man is referred to in the Chicago office letter of the same date, in which fingerprints were sent to the Division.

For the information of the St. Paul office, it will be noted that James George Zeigler alias G. E. Johnson alias A. E. and Johnson alias Fred G. Coetz was shot to death on March 30, 1934, in Chicago, Illinois. This man bore Chicago Police No. 98378, having been arrested on June 5, 1925 in Chicago for attempted rape and was wanted for murder and robbery which occurred in 1925 in Chicago. This man is apparently identical with the George Zeigler described by Arthur Johnson alias "Red" Price in a number of reports in the above entitled case and in the case entitled "Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al.; Edward George Bremer - Victim - kidnaping".

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In addition to the photographs enclosed to the Division, two photographs each of this individual, that is, a Chicago Police photograph of Goetz and a photograph taken of this man following his death, are enclosed to the St. Paul and the Kansas City offices. Other photographs will be distributed to interested offices at the time that a report concerning this matter is submitted, at which time undeveloped leads will be set forth.

When found dead, this man had a one thousand dollar bill in his possession and Special Agent W. Carter Baum found steel saws saved in a belt which he carried in the car with him. He also had gause in his satchel, which contained riding breeches, hunting boots and woolen socks. This man is a possible suspect in both the Kansas City massacre and in the kidnaping of victim Bremer.

Very truly yours,

M. H. MURVIE
Special Agent in Charge

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Encs.

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3-23-1934.

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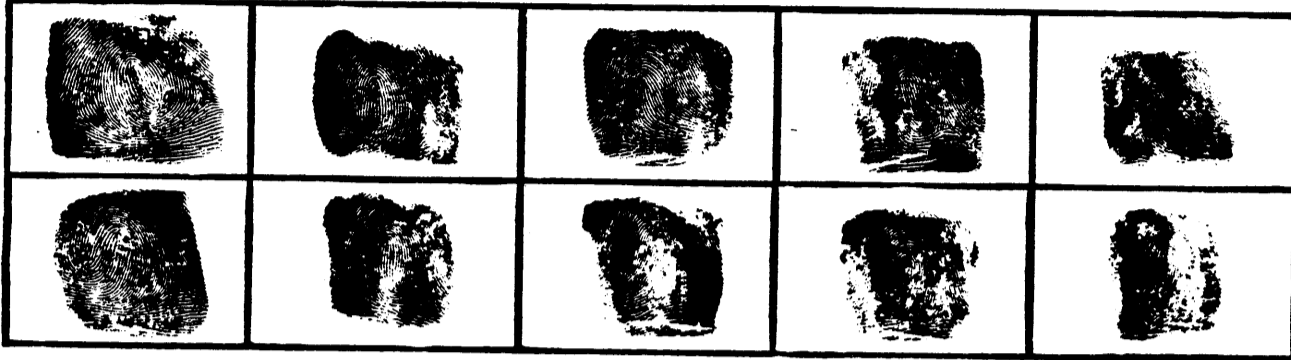
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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WANTED

FRED BARKER, with aliases,
J. DARROWS, F. G. WARD, TED MURPHY.

KIDNAPING



DESCRIPTION

Age, 32 years (1934); Height, 5 feet, 4 inches; Weight, 120 pounds; Build, slender; Hair, sandy red; Eyes, blue; Complexion, medium fair; Teeth, lower front gold; 2 upper front gold; Scars, vaccination scar upper left arm; one gunshot inner wrist; one gunshot palm left hand.

RELATIVES:

George E. Barker, father, P. O. Box 174, Neosho, Missouri.
Mrs. Kate Barker, mother, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Lloyd Barker, #17243, brother, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.
Arthur Barker, brother, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Frank Barker, brother, Granite, Oklahoma.
Burt Barker, brother, Muskogee, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Jennie Branson, sister, Route #1, Box #69, Madill, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Carol Hamilton, sister, Route #1, Box 108, Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

Photograph taken March 12, 1927.



CRIMINAL RECORD

As Fred Barker, #3204, arrested Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 5, 1922; charge vagrancy; sentence, 30 days city jail.
As Fred Barker, #4079, received State Reformatory, Granite, Oklahoma, June 28, 1923; crime, conjoint robbery; sentence, 5 years.
As J. Darrows, #263, arrested Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, December 19, 1925; charge, investigation - bank robbery; released.
As Fred Barker, #3575, arrested Police Department, Little Rock, Arkansas, May 28, 1926; charge, fugitive from justice; released on bond at Fort Smith, Arkansas; bond forfeited.
As F. G. Ward, #---, arrested Police Department, Ponca City, Oklahoma, July 25, 1926; charge, burglary; delivered Winfield, Kansas.
As Ted Murphy, #---, arrested Police Department, Winfield, Kansas, November 6, 1926; charge, burglary and larceny; sentence, 5 to 10 years, State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas.
As Fred Barker, #9836, received State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, March 12, 1927; crime, burglary-2nd degree; sentence, 5 to 10 years.
As Fred Barker, #3204, arrested Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931; charge, investigation-burglary, car theft and fugitive; delivered Sheriff's Office, Claremore, Oklahoma, July 13, 1931; charge, burglary; escaped from County Jail, Claremore, Oklahoma, August 16, 1931.

Fred Barker is wanted for questioning in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on August 17, 1934.
Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Division of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.
(over) Issued by: J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

March 22, 1934.

MR. NATHAN	—
MR. TOLSON	—
MR. GLEGG	✓
MR. COWLEY	—
MR. EDWARDS	—
MR. SOAN	—
MR. QUINN	—
MR. LESTER	✓
MR. LOCKE	—
MR. ROSEN	—

Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker have been definitely identified by the United States Division of Investigation, Department of Justice, as two of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer in St. Paul, Minnesota, on the morning of January 17, 1934. Mr. Bremer was released by the kidnapers on February 7, 1934 in the vicinity of Rochester, Minnesota, after they had been paid \$200,000 ransom.

Both Barker and Karpis are among the leaders of a notorious gang of criminals frequently referred to as the Barker-Karpis gang, who have operated extensively through-out the middle west. They both have lengthy criminal records and the identity of the members of their gang is likewise known. The Division of Investigation connected these individuals with the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer several weeks ago.

An intensive investigation will be continued for the purpose of locating the individuals responsible for this offense. The descriptions and criminal records of Barker and Karpis:

ARTHUR R. BARKER

Description:

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

As Arthur Barker, #841, Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, arrested July 14, 1918; charge larceny of United States property - auto; delivered United States Courts.

As Doc Barker, #1740, Police Department, Joplin, Missouri, arrested February 19, 1920; charge jail breaking - escaped from county jail, Tulsa, Oklahoma; returned to Tulsa, Oklahoma. **RECORDED**

As Claud Dale, #822, Police Department, Muskogee, Oklahoma, arrested January 15, 1921, charge attempted bank burglary; turned over to Wagoner County, Oklahoma. **INDEXED**

As Bob Barker, #11059, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, received January 30, 1921, safekeeping for robbery; discharged June 11, 1921, on order of Court.

As Dock Barker, #11906, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, received February 19, 1922, charge murder; life sentence. Paroled September 10, 1932.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

March 22, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

In response to your letter of March 15, 1934, regarding the fingerprint record of John Gordon, St. Paul, Minnesota, Police Department No. 2805, as the Division requested, there are transmitted herewith two photostatic copies of the fingerprints of John Gordon to be entered in the single fingerprint file and compared with the latent prints developed in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
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Chicago, Illinois
March 21, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

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

I am transmitting herewith, photographs of Mrs. Katherine Barker with aliases, the mother of Arthur R. and Fred Barker, Theodore Bentz and Edward Bentz.

It is respectfully requested that you cause fifteen additional copies to be made of the picture of Mrs. Barker and also of the picture of Theodore Bentz; further that ten additional copies be made of the picture of Edward Bentz, and forward same to this office.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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March 28, 1934.

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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:

In response to the request contained in your letter dated March 21, 1934, there are returned herewith fifteen copies of the photograph of Mrs. Katherine Barker, and ten copies each of the photographs of Theodore and Edward Bonta.

A supply of these photographs is also being furnished to the offices designated below.

Very truly yours,

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cc-Portland
W. A. Rorer, St. Paul

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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
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SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG

BREMER KIDNAPPING

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503-A U. S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah,
March 21, 1934

AIR MAIL

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Inspector,
P.O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al
Edward G. Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping
S.L. File 7-27

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my telegram addressed to the St. Paul Division Office dated March 20, 1934, and to our long-distance telephone conversation this morning relating thereto.

Special Agent A. R. Gere is at Reno at the present time and I have instructed him to remain there (his Reno address is care of the Golden Hotel, telephone 5111) and cover all local angles of this investigation and also to make a search of the records of the State Vehicle Registration Bureau at Carson City, Nevada, for the purpose of obtaining additional information relating to the automobiles in question.

Regarding your inquiry as to the desirability of having an Agent operate under cover at Reno, I believe that this would prove very profitable, not only in this case but in important cases involving fugitives. It is impossible for an Agent who has previously contacted local police officers at Reno, or who is known at Reno, to obtain any results at any of the gambling establishments due to the close association of the Law Enforcement Authorities with the underworld element. Persistent rumors and reports have been received that important fugitives are at Reno and I am confident that, based on my previous investigations there, certain officers in Reno would immediately "tip off" any fugitives there. This information has also come to me from other law enforcement officers who have gone to Reno and requested the assistance of the local officers there in the apprehension of fugitives.

7-576-1445

For your confidential information I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter dated February 6, 1934, written by me at Reno, Nevada, and addressed to the Special Agent in Charge of the Salt Lake City Division Office, which will give you a true picture of conditions in Reno. I am also sending a copy of this letter under personal and confidential cover to the Director for his information.

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In the event that the Division designates an Agent to proceed to Reno under cover, the information contained in this letter may be revealed to him to aid him in his investigation there. It is requested that the name of [REDACTED] be held in strict confidence. However, [REDACTED] may be contacted by an Agent operating under cover there without fear of having him disclose the identity of this agent. [REDACTED] has a very accurate picture of conditions in Reno, his assistance in the past has been most helpful and he has always been cooperative in furnishing confidential information to the writer.

Very truly yours,

LOUIS D. WINE, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

LDW:EM

cc: Division ✓

COPY

Reno, Nevada,
February 6, 1934

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Room 503-- Post Office and Court House,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

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On February 3, 1934 I called upon [redacted] I have had a confidential friendship with this man for a number of years and have found him a man of high type, a valuable source of information and one who could be implicitly trusted.

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He told me in confidence that Reno is wide open, that unlicensed liquor and narcotics are being distributed freely, that the [redacted] is directly in league with the local racketeers and their associates, that he derives an income of about \$10,000 a year from this source, that the local organization is paying protection and that the "highest local, State and Federal officials" are a party to this situation, close their eyes to illegal acts since the vote of the underworld controls the elections.

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He further stated that the [redacted] who covers the Bank Club and other notorious gambling establishments, is thoroughly unreliable and directly under the orders of the gambling establishment owners, that this town has a fast "tip off" system, the "interests" of which, according to [redacted] is the head, employ spys and informants, pay tribute to [redacted] and others, that it would be futile to get anyone apprehended in this town who had any money if the Police Department were called upon to assist, since the gambling element is affording protection to anyone with money why may be a potential source of revenue, no questions of course, being asked as to the source of this money whether it be derived from a bank robbery or kidnaping.

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[redacted] related that recently two very prominent local attorneys were arrested in Reno on bench warrants based on Federal indictments returned in New York City charging them with using the mails to defraud which charge grew out of a far-reaching and colossal organization to victimize persons in Reno and elsewhere on a horse-racing scheme, that when he heard these men had been arrested and released on \$15,000. bond each, he went to the Federal Judge, United States Attorney, Clerk of the Federal Court, Marshal and others, that he was not permitted to see the bench warrant, or indictment, and that these officials declined to give him any information as to the arrest or allow him to see the arrest records or any public records whatever which were withheld from him [redacted]

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[REDACTED] He explained that he cited this instance for the purpose of showing how far-reaching the element in Reno will go to protect their associates.

While my relations are very friendly with the local police and the Chief has always expressed his willingness to cooperate I have felt for sometime, based on definite information I have obtained from indirect sources which are thoroughly reliable that conditions here were far from satisfactory from a law-enforcement standpoint.

I am giving you this information, for your guidance, and for the guidance of the Division, should it be necessary to make an investigation here of some importance with a view to locating some fugitives of importance such as kidnapers; since little help may be expected from the local authorities in such cases, and it would only serve to put such fugitives on notice that they were being sought here.

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[REDACTED] relates to me further that the [REDACTED] is said to be honest, but not very alert mentally, that [REDACTED] are all old men and political appointees, that the [REDACTED] is willing, but is susceptible to flattery, accepts presents from resort owners and has a close friendship with them which may preclude his full cooperation.

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It is impossible for me to make any investigations at these resorts since I am too well known and I have seen instances where I have been pointed out to persons in Reno affiliated with the underworld. On one occasion recently at the Golden Hotel, several of [REDACTED] associates came into the Golden Hotel, [REDACTED] and in a secretive manner, pointed me out to [REDACTED] himself. Of course, I do not know the reason for this, other than to acquaint [REDACTED] with my identity.

However, the only way we can operate, is to keep the good will of the local law enforcement authorities, and do the best we can under the circumstances. I would strongly recommend, in important fugitive cases, that the Division authorize and direct Agents who are wholly unknown to operate here under cover, using the type of man who could mingle at the gambling tables and with the underworld without possibility of being detected. The Lake Tahoe area which is in both Nevada and California and is about 25 miles West of Reno is a favorite spot for Eastern gangsters during the summer months and a resort on the California side known as Brockaway is said to be a notorious place where these fugitives are free and are unmolested and that the owner of this resort has a submachine gun mounted under the counter in the rear of his bar.

I am giving you this information in order that you and the Division may be informed of the local situation here, and know you will treat my informant's report with the confidence it merits.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Louis D. Wine
Special Agent

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U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

503-A U. S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah
March 21, 1934

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AIR MAIL

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al
Edward G. Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping
S.L. File 7-27

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed Division copy of day letter dated March 20, copy of letter to W. A. Rorer, Inspector, St. Paul, Minn., and a copy of a personal and confidential letter written by the writer from Reno, Nevada, February 6, 1934, to the Special Agent in Charge of the Salt Lake City Division Office.

Special Agent A. R. Gere is at the present time at Reno and has obtained considerable valuable information relating to the activities of the subjects in this investigation, synopsis of Mr. Gere's report will be found incorporated in Division copy of telegram dated March 20.

It has been found in the past that the local authorities at Reno are in close league with the underworld and inclined not to make any effort to locate any fugitives of more or less importance who may be operating there and who are possessed of considerable funds which they may spend at the gambling establishments. The writer has positive information that the Reno police have not only failed to respect confidences but positive instances have been known where the Reno authorities have immediately "tipped off" persons under investigation.

This information relating to conditions at Reno is being submitted for your confidential information and guidance should it be necessary to detail any Special Agents to Reno to operate under cover there.

Reno Police are in partnership

file out to Salt Lake City of this.

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Very truly yours,

Louis D. Wine

LOUIS D. WINE, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Room 5034, U. S. Court House & Post Office Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the personal and confidential letter from the Salt Lake City office dated March 21, 1934, signed by Acting Special Agent in Charge Louis D. Wine.

It is noted that the writer states he has "positive information that the Reno police have not only failed to respect confidences but positive instances have been known where the Reno authorities have immediately "tipped off" persons under investigation."

It is requested that Agent Wine prepare a memorandum setting out in detail all the information he has in his possession concerning the failure of the Police Department at Reno, Nevada to respect confidences and cite instances known to him where the Reno authorities have "tipped off" persons under investigation.

It is also requested that you advise the Division of any information you have concerning these matters.

Very truly yours,

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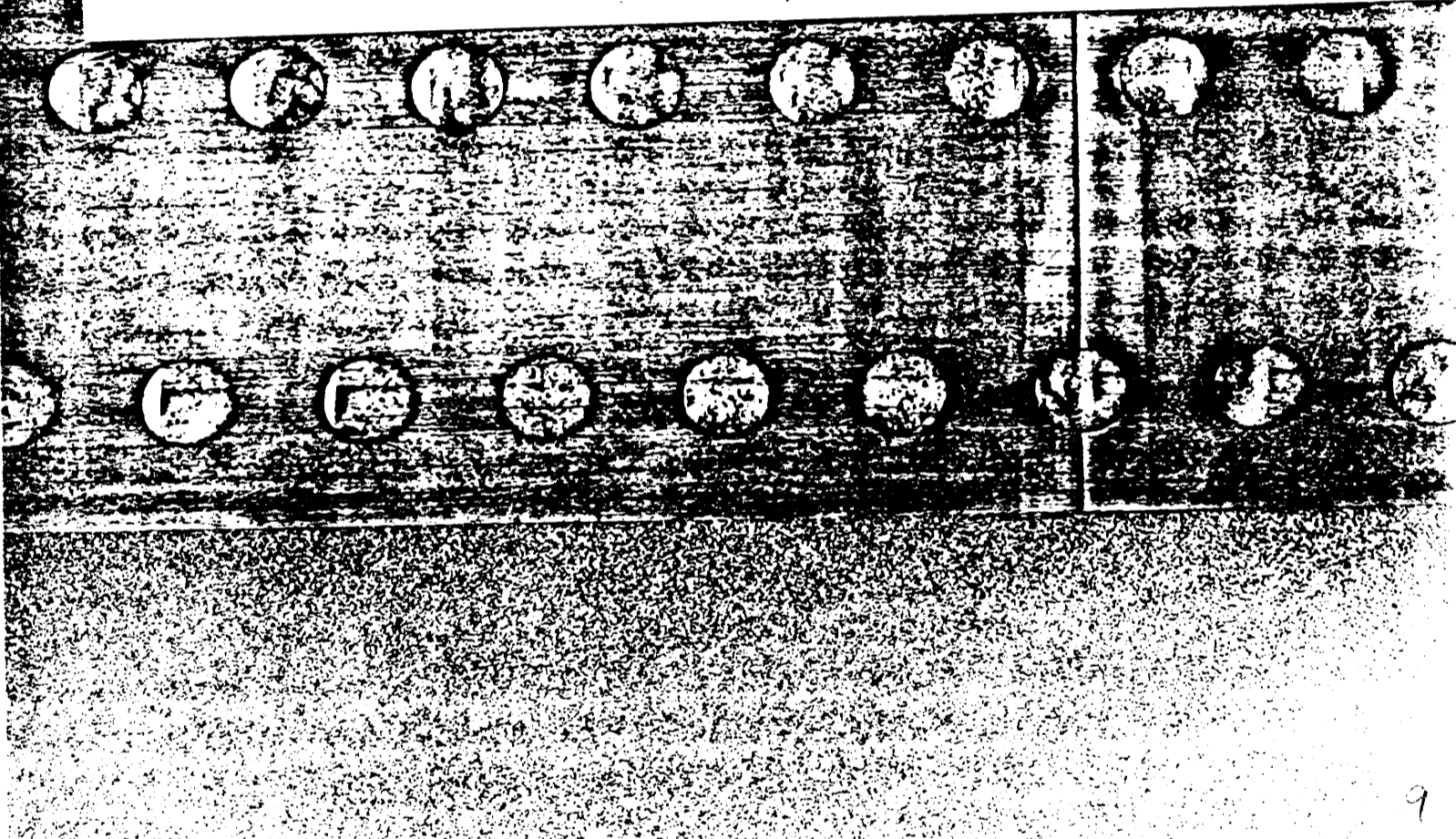
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318 Hewes Building
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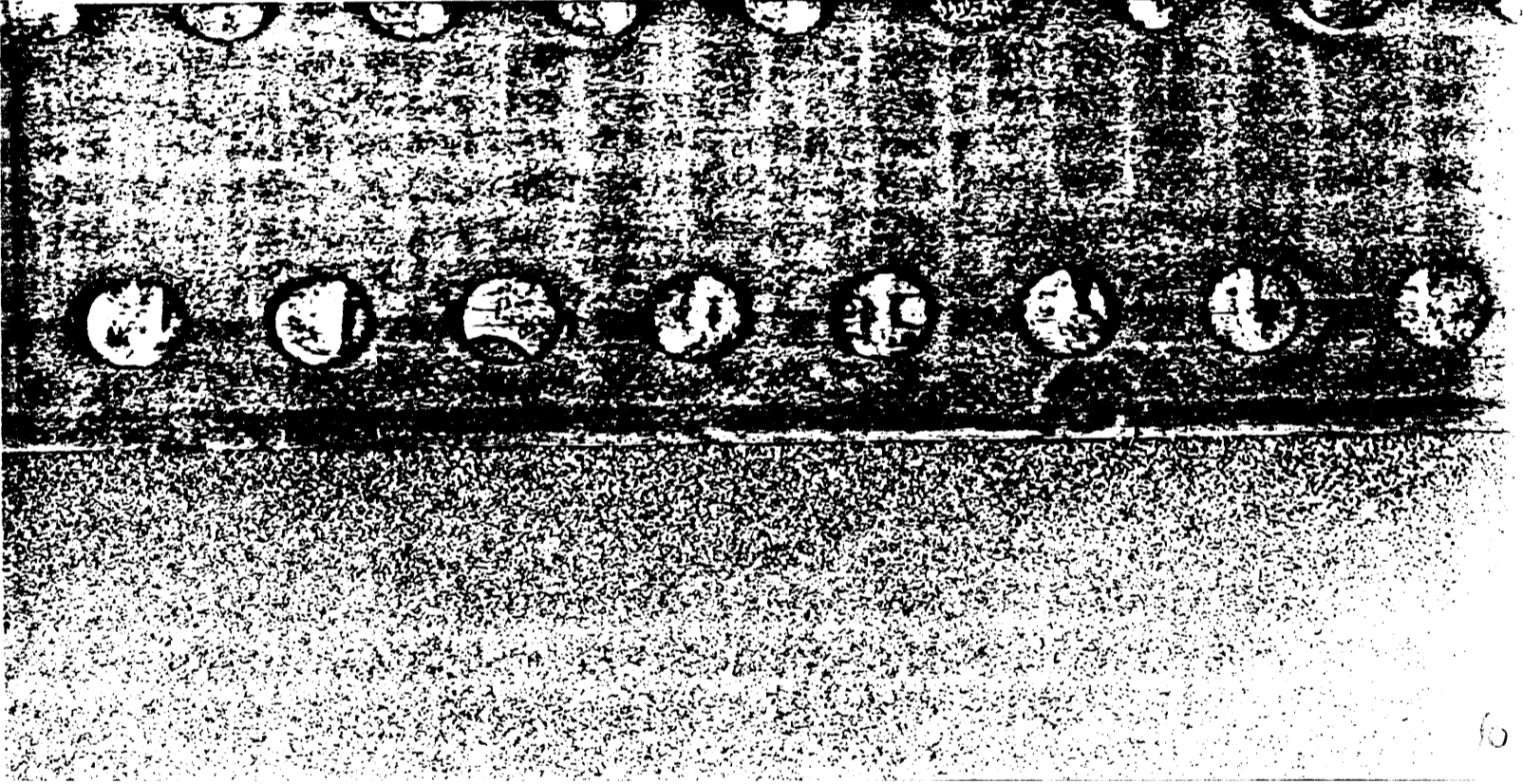
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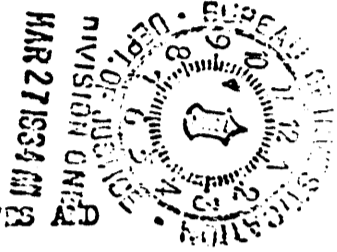
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Salt Lake City, Utah.
March 22, 1934.

W.A. RORER
INSPECTOR,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
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ST. PAUL, MINN.



BRKID GERES REPORT BEING FORWARDED FORTHWITH AIRMAIL.

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin,

Sunday, March 4th, 1934.

Handwritten initials/signature

Homer S. Cummings, Esq.,
Attorney General of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Attorney General:

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover has the writer formal applica-
tion, duly attested, and, late today, Special Agent McKee
called personally upon me at my home here. Agent McKee said
he came to "find out what I knew of the Bremer case."

I told Agent McKee that, as personal undercover investi-
gator for the late Mayor Anton J. Cermak of Chicago, assigned
specifically to gangs, racketeers, kidnapers and criminals,
I had invaluable contacts with men on the wanted list, and
others I strongly suspected of having a hand in the Bremer
kidnapping.

I told Agent McKee that I could go directly to certain
ST. PAUL and KANSAS CITY spots and POINT OUT men who at least
KNEW who the Bremer snatchers were. But I would have to gain
this information myself in my own way and through my own con-
tacts.

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Agent McKee spent quite a time at my DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
me that my formal application might take months (certainly not
few months) and perhaps YEARS, before it would be acted upon.

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This indeed discouraging! Hence, I beg to ask:

WILL YOU CONSIDER ABRIDGING THE REGULAR ROUTINE REGULATION GOVERNING SUCH APPLICATIONS----AND SWEAR ME IN OR APPOINT ME AS A TRULY SPECIAL AGENT--FOR SAY SIXTY TO NINETY DAYS--AND ASSIGN ME TO THE BREMER KIDNAPING CASE SPECIFICALLY AND GANGS AND RACKETEERS GENERALLY?

Mr. Attorney General, I am a QUALIFIED, veteran newspaper and special investigator. I know my way around. I KNOW St. Paul and I KNOW Kansas City--and I will turn in, within 60 to 90 days, a written report on the Bremer case, so you can mark it FINISHED AND FILED.

I beg to advise that I aim to remain in Milwaukee only for the balance of the month of March. I aim to make a move to better myself on April 1. I am, as you know, employed by a local (Hearst) newspaper.

I BEG TO ASK THAT YOU GIVE ME A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE ON THE BREMER CASE. I ONLY ASK WHAT ANY MAN WOULD ASK-- A CHANCE TO QUALIFY FOR A PERMANENT, DEFINITE APPOINTMENT. IN INTERIM, GIVE ME THE TRIAL PERIOD TO WORK PRIVATELY AND INDEPENDENT UNDER COVER--IN MY OWN WAY--IN ST. PAUL, KANSAS CITY, DES MOINES AND CHICAGO.

In this investigation, I promise faithfully to turn in a lot of valuable information and evidence on OTHER Cases.

Please WIRE answer.

In all sincerity and respect,

836 North 14th Street, (Signed) Kenneth L. Eagon.
Apt. 57,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

PS Have car and if can get on job this week (without trip to Wash.) in K.C. and St. P. - have certain result getting sure-fire contacts.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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

Dear Sir:

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

There is transmitted herewith a supply of photographs of the following named individuals whose names have been frequently mentioned in connection with the above entitled investigation:

Ed Bentz	Tommy Carroll
Mrs. Ed Bentz	Curly Clause
Ted Bentz	Paula Harmon
Mrs. Kate Barker	

Each photograph bears the names by which the individuals are best known to the Division. Each photograph also contains a brief description.

There is also being transmitted herewith an additional supply of photographs of Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, Karpis, Campbell and Davis.

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Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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

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March 26, 1934.

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

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

It is requested that each office of the Division be immediately furnished with photographs of the following:

- Arthur R. Barker
- Fred Barker
- Alvin Karpis
- Harry Campbell
- Volney Davis
- Ed Bentz
- Ted Bentz
- Tommy Carroll
- Curly Clause
- Paul Harmon
- Mrs. Kate Barker

Each office should be furnished with five photographs of each of the above persons with the exception of Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, Oklahoma City, San Antonio, El Paso, Dallas, Kansas City, Detroit, New York, and Jacksonville, which offices should be furnished with ten photographs of each of the above persons.

Very truly yours,
W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 26, 1934

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

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

I have received a memorandum of
March 22 in reference to the Bremer
matter which I think is very interesting.

William Stanley

William Stanley,
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.



March 26, 1934

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Dear Sir:

In connection with a matter under investigation by this office, it has become necessary to determine the disposition of several pairs of welders' goggles described as follows:

'Brown shell frames (shaped to be worn over glasses) with two lenses in each eye. The word "CELOG M-L" appears on the inside of the left eye rim and the words "PAT. PEND." appear on the inside of the right eye rim."

I am informed that you purchased a pair of such goggles from the Commercial Gas Company or the Smith Welding Equipment Corporation of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Will you advise me whether you have this pair of goggles in your possession at this time? If not, please inform me as to their present location or what disposition has been made of them and the date or approximate date if known. In the event the goggles were lost or stolen, please give the peculiar features by which you could identify them.

Your reply may be written on the reverse of this sheet, and for your convenience a self-addressed envelope is enclosed. It requires no postage.

I shall appreciate your prompt reply.

Very truly yours,

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W.A. RORER,
Inspector.

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

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to Division letter dated
March 2, 1934 in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G.
BREMER, VICTIM, KIDNAPING, with which were transmitted copies of
a letter dated February 19, 1934 from Mr. I. L. Doherty of Killdeer,
North Dakota.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

March 25, 1934.

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I telephoned Mr. Rorer and told him to make further investigation concerning the leak relative to the identification of Karpis and Barker by fingerprints on the oil cans and the flash-lights.

He stated the only logical step he can now think of taking was to interview the Minneapolis Tribune official and he would have Special Agent Hall, who has a contact there, conduct this interview. It had been withheld as an indication of its confidential character and I suggested that he have this man interviewed without disclosing to him that we had any definite lead wherein his name was mentioned.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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Edward J. Finnegan

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

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March 26, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

In confirmation of my telegram of the 26th instant, reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. E. Gere dated 3-22-34 at Salt Lake City wherein it is shown that the Barkers and Karpis at different times resided at the Hilland Apartments, the Belmont Apartments, and the Elvada Apartments. It is requested that all telephone calls from the first two mentioned apartments be thoroughly checked with a view toward determining any call which has been made to or from persons involved in this case. It is noted that the telephone angle of the Elvada Apartments has been covered. It is also requested that the telephone calls from the business and private telephones of William J. Graham be thoroughly checked for the past two years and efforts be made to ascertain his present address in San Francisco in order that the San Francisco office may immediately conduct a thorough investigation. It is highly probable that the Barkers and Karpis will contact or remain in communication with Graham.

All offices receiving copies of this letter should cover hotels, garages, and apartments in all cities in their respective districts which appear to them to be probable locations of any of the members of this gang. The Los Angeles office is particularly requested to conduct an immediate, thorough investigation at Phoenix, Arizona. The San Francisco office should make similar investigation at Sacramento and Oakland, California.

The Division, in a separate letter, is being requested to furnish the Portland office with the necessary photographs.

The attention of the Salt Lake City office is invited to the report of Agent J. V. Murphy, dated March 23, 1934, at San Antonio, wherein Sheriff Henry Hall, who was formerly an active member of the Karpis-Barker mob, emphasizes the close association of this mob with William J. Graham of Reno. It is noted on page 2 of this report that according to Hall, Graham has

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previously handled "hot" money which this mob got from bank robberies. With this in mind, the Salt Lake City office should exert every effort toward determining whether Graham is exchanging any of the ransom money in this case, particularly through his own business houses or through any other gambling house or bank in Reno.

In connection with the report of Special Agent Gere dated 5-22-34 at Salt Lake City, the Salt Lake City office is referred to a statement of

A few weeks ago, this office requested investigation to determine whether a medical prescription had been issued by Dr. Kilb, who had issued same to Mr. Jones, and which medicine was found in an abandoned apartment in St. Paul, the occupants of which are believed to have been the Barkers and Karpis. The investigation at that time failed to produce satisfactory results and now, in view of the information concerning [redacted] it is suggested that Dr. Kilb be again interviewed and he be discreetly informed that this Division has information concerning the aforementioned [redacted]

with a view toward securing his cooperation. The aforementioned prescription was issued for a venereal disease and it is believed that one or more of the members of this mob are afflicted with venereal diseases and when at Reno, will undoubtedly contact Dr. Kilb. He is a potential source of valuable information concerning this mob, and every effort should be made to secure Dr. Kilb's cooperation.

The information secured by Special Agent Gere at Reno appears to be the most valuable information the Division has yet obtained concerning the recent contacts and whereabouts of this mob, in view of which it is requested that each apartment house in Reno be presently covered, as well as gasoline service stations, garages, gambling and liquor "joints". Until further advised, at least two agents should remain in Reno, Nevada, and when the apparent cooperation of individuals is obtained, arrangements should be made for these two agents to be immediately notified in Reno. It appears highly probable that this mob will return to Reno, if it is not already there.

With reference to the last paragraph on page 7 of the report of Agent Gere, please refresh the memory of Mrs. Elva Pedersen by going over all the Post Offices in Minnesota, if necessary, and particularly ascertaining whether the address could have been at White Bear Lake, Minnesota. This is of particular significance because of the fact that the address to which the articles were furnished was probably the address at the time of the kidnaping.

WAR:HW
Cc Division
3 each: San Francisco,
Los Angeles, Portland,
Chicago, Oklahoma City.

Very truly yours,

W. A.
Langer

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ENCLOSURE



ALVIN KARPIS
Age: 25
Height: 5' 9"
Weight: 130
Build: Slender
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue
Complexion: Fair



ARTHUR R. BARKER
Age: 34
Height: 5' 2"
Weight: 110
Build: Short
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Complexion: Medium

Photographs
Karpis + Barker

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

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
803-a United States Court House & Post Office,
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:-

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. S. Gere, Salt Lake City, dated March 22, 1934, in which it is noted that several identifications have been made of subjects in this case. The report fails to reflect that photographs of any women were shown to the parties interviewed, which women may have been in association with the group identified as living in Reno.

The photographs believed to pertain to this case have been drawn from the file in this office and are being forwarded to you, with the request they be shown to the parties previously interested in order to ascertain if they can be recognized as the women in company with the men mentioned in the reference report.

Photographs of the following persons are being enclosed, and it is respectfully requested that when these pictures have served their purpose, they be returned to the Chicago Office:-

Dorothy Slayman,
Jewell Johnson,
Paula Harmon,
Dorothy Dodd,
Bertha Engler,

Jo Ann Armour
Billie Fitch
Leta Graham
Eina Snyder
Lillian Holman.

Very truly yours,

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St. Paul, Dallas, St. Louis,
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Kansas City, Los Angeles,
San Francisco.
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M. J. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge, INVESTIGATION
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March 22, 1934.

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RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

On the morning of January 17, 1934, Mr. Edward G. Bremer was kidnaped in St. Paul, Minnesota shortly after he had delivered his daughter at a school which she attended and where he had driven her in his automobile that morning. Mr. Bremer is President of the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul, Minnesota and his family is a prominent one in that State.

Following the payment of \$200,000 ransom, Mr. Bremer was released by the kidnapers on February 7, 1934 in the vicinity of Rochester, Minnesota and he returned to his home during the night of the same day. As a result of investigation conducted by the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker have been definitely connected with the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer.

Both Barker and Karpis are among the leaders of a notorious gang of criminals frequently referred to as the Barker-Karpis gang, who have operated extensively through-out the middle west. They both have lengthy criminal records and the identity of the members of their gang is likewise known. The Division of Investigation of this Department connected these individuals with the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer several weeks ago. However, it has been found unwise heretofore to issue any statement until certain investigations could be completed which were at that time under way.

An intensive investigation will be continued for the purpose of locating the individuals responsible for this offense. The descriptions and criminal records of Barker and Karpis are set forth as follows:

ARTHUR R. BARKER

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

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Criminal Records:

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ALVIN KARPIS

Descriptions

Age	25
Height	5' 9-3/4"
Weight	130
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair

Criminal Records:

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 22, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to your letter of March 18, 1934
containing a request that certain inquiries and arrangements be
made with the Pardon and Parole Attorney at Oklahoma City in
respect to Arthur "Doc" Barker.

Please be advised that contact has been made with
the Pardon and Parole Attorney's office and it is learned that
no one in authority is in that office at the present time and
will not be until the latter part of the present week, or the
first of the ensuing week. You will be promptly advised when
the arrangements mentioned in your letter can be effected.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Rorer - St. Paul

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Post Office Box 4807,
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Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota



Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to letter dated February 21, 1934, from the New York office to the St. Paul office, copies of which were furnished to the Jacksonville office with a copy of a letter dated February 19, 1934, from the St. Paul office to the New York office, which letters relate to a wall paper design which is the best possible conception of the paper in the room of victim Bremer's confinement during his abduction.

With the aforementioned copy of letter dated February 21, 1934, to the Jacksonville office there was attached the original wall paper sketch and it was requested that Mr. Robert Griffin, Vice-President of the United Wall Paper Manufacturing Company, Inc., Jersey City, New Jersey, be contacted at his winter residence, 8001 Fleming Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, for the purpose of having him endeavor to identify this pattern.

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On March 19, 1934, Resident Agent Roger L. Main, Miami, Florida, presented this wall paper sketch to Mr. Griffin at above address in Miami Beach, Florida. Triplicate copies of Agent Main's memorandum are being enclosed. One copy of the memorandum is also being furnished the New York office and two copies to the Division. Your attention is particularly invited to the last paragraph on page 1 of the enclosed memorandum in regard to Mr. Griffin's statement to the effect that the rooms of the large building at a resort known as Lawsonia, Wisconsin, which is about twenty or thirty miles from Dehkost, were covered with wall paper of a design somewhat similar to that on the rough sketch prepared by victim Bremer. I am returning herewith the original wall paper sketch.

Very truly yours,

2 Enclosures
cc Division (Enclosure)
New York (Enclosure)
Jax #7-34

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

March 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE R. A. ALT:

RE: - ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
 EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim
 Kidnaping - Jax File No. 7-24

Mr. Robert Griffin, Vice President of the United Wall Paper Manufacturing Company, Inc., Jersey City, N. J. was today interviewed at his winter home 3001 Flamingo Drive, Miami Beach, Fla. Mr. Griffin made a very careful examination of the rough drawing of the wall paper design, which is Victim Bremer's conception of the wall paper in the room in which he was detained at the time he was in the hands of his kidnapers. Mr. Griffin stated that he did not recognize the design and it was not a product of his company. He stated that it was his opinion that it was a domestic one and was produced in the United States. He believed that the paper could be identified by one of the wall paper manufacturing companies in the United States if photostatic copies of the drawing were made and same exhibited to each of them and that this could be quickly accomplished as there were only about thirty-five concerns in the United States that manufactured wall paper. He further stated that the names of the manufacturers could be obtained from the office of his company, United Wall Paper Manufacturing Company, Inc., Jersey City, N. J.

Mr. Griffin also stated that if Victim Bremer could furnish the width between the seams of the wall paper he observed in the room it might be an aid in determining the origin of the paper as all wall paper manufactured in England is twenty-two inches wide; that manufactured in Germany twenty-two and twenty-four inches wide and in the United States it is manufactured from eighteen to twenty-four inches wide.

Mr. Griffin further advised that last summer he and Mrs. Griffin spent sometime at a resort known as Lawsonia, Wisconsin, which is about twenty-five or thirty miles from Oshkosh, Wisconsin; that this resort was formerly a large estate with beautiful grounds and was situated in the center of a dense woods; that there was one very large main building and numerous well constructed and comfortable cottages on the premises and the rooms of the large building were covered with wall paper of designs somewhat similar to the rough sketch prepared by Victim Bremer and the rooms in the cottages were also reported to him as being papered, but he did not see in any of them. He stated that this resort would be an ideal hide-out during the winter months, as it is very unlikely anyone would visit the place or be around it, except the caretaker, and when his office in Jersey City informed him that inquiry had been made at his company for identification of a specimen of wall paper and the type of the design of the paper related to him by correspondence, he immediately thought of Lawsonia, Wisconsin, as the possible place of concealment of Bremer by his kidnapers. Mr. Griffin further stated that the present Manager of the Nautilus Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla., was interested in this resort and could likely supply the name of the caretaker there in the winter time.

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Mr. Griffin, of course, stated that there probably was nothing in the investigation of this matter that suggested Lawsonia, Wisconsin, as being the place where Bremer was confined and the very idea of this location may appear ridiculous, but nevertheless he could not help but think of it when the unusual design of wall paper covering the walls of the room in which Bremer was held prisoner was described and brought to his attention for identification.

Mr. Griffin offered his services to the Division in this or any other matter in which it was thought they would be helpful. He stated that he is leaving Miami Beach, Florida, on March 22, 1934, for Jersey City and can then be contacted at his office at the United Wall Paper Manufacturing Co., Inc.

I endeavored to contact Mr. Hayes of the Maritima Hotel today concerning Lawsonia, Wisconsin, and the name of the caretaker there. I was unable to do so. I will try again tomorrow and obtain the name of the caretaker and forward it to you so that information will be available in case the Division considers Mr. Griffin's hunch of sufficient importance to look into.

Roger L. Main,
Special Agent.

Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 23, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent K. R. Melstire, dated March 22, 1934, Chicago, Illinois.

The investigation conducted by Special Agent George J. Gross, which is set out on page 7 thereof, is highly unsatisfactory in that he apparently confined his investigation to the determination of whether a siren was located in the cities covered. It should be apparent to Agent Gross that such investigation is inadequate. The St. Paul office has previously circularized all of these cities in connection with the noises with the proper results. Please instruct Agent Gross or any other Agent, who may be conducting likewise investigations, to go more thoroughly into this matter by interviewing water and electric meter readers, chiefs of police, postmasters and mail carriers, filling stations and various other possible sources.

Very truly yours,

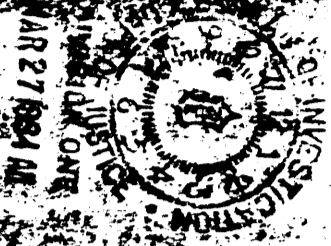
W. A. RORER
St. Paul Division

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

March 24, 1934

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



Dear Sir:

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

Please refer to page 7 of the report of Special Agent J.L. Madala, dated 3-10-34, at Chicago, Illinois, wherein is set out a list of the telephone calls made from LOUIS'S CRYSTAL B. BILROD, operated by LOUIS CENOCKY. It is noted that on January 18, 1934, two telephone calls were made to telephone, "McHenry 3E7", and another call was made to the same telephone at 9:24 A.M., on January 19, 1934.

Please conduct an immediate investigation to establish the identity of the McHenry telephone number and conduct the necessary investigation.

It is further noted that a call was made to McHenry on January 29, 1934. This is the date on which KARPIS purchased flashlights at St. Paul and it is probable that this was the date on which the kidnapers expected to effect the transfer of the ransom.

Very truly yours,

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CC Division

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

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

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

Dear Sir:-

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

Reference is made to your letter of March 1, 1934, in which you enclosed two photographs of the gasoline cans which were found in the vicinity of Portage, Wisconsin.

In this letter you requested that these photographs be returned to the Saint Paul Office when they had served their purpose in this district.

In accordance therewith, the photographs in question are being returned to you herewith.

Very truly yours,

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CC:Division
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M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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

March 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 709,
Portland, Oregon.

MAR 27 1934 AM
DIVISION ONE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

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

For your information, I am attaching a copy of report of Special Agent A.R. Care, dated 3-22-34, at Salt Lake City.

Please conduct any investigation in your territory which seems appropriate, in view of the contents of the above report.

Very truly yours,

E.A. ROYER, INSPECTOR.

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CC Division ✓
CC Salt Lake City

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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Agent Benn dated March 9th, in the matter of Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al. Edward G. Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping, and particularly to pages 19 and 20, wherein is set forth information with respect to Harry Schneiweiss or Shneiweis. His name is also mentioned in Division letter dated February 12, 1934.

It is noted that Attorney at Law Bernard Shonberg of Chicago, on November 20, 1933, sent a telegram to Schneiweiss, 240 W. 48th Street, New York City. There is no number 240 on this street. The President Hotel is #234 and the next number is 244. On January 8, 1934, Shonberg called Schneiweiss at New York City at telephone Riverside 9-2013. This telephone is a non-public one and is listed in the name of Irene Drucker, 240 W. 98th Street, New York City, apartment 2A. It is believed that the telegram of November 20th was sent to this address.

With reference to the location of M. J. Murphy at Phoenix, Arizona, attention is directed to page 13 of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 28, 1933, in the case of Richard Tallman Galatas with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. 1201, et al. From this report it is noted that in February, 1933, the leading New York City racketeers were in Hot Springs, Arkansas. They had just come from Hollywood. On February 21, 1933, [redacted] sent the following telegram from the Arlington Hotel to Ben Feingold, San Carlos Hotel, Phoenix.

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Inspector Rorer

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"Kutlow" is Benjamin Kutlowitz, called "Eddy" and goes under the name of Kutlow. With him in Hot Springs were Louis Buchalter called "Lepke", the leading New York City racketeer, and Abe Zwickman called "Longie", leading New Jersey racketeer, together with other Eastern gangsters and racketeers.

It is believed desirable that the Los Angeles office look into the identity of Feingold.

Very truly yours,

F. L. FAY
Special Agent in Charge

CC: Division ✓
Kansas City
Chicago
Los Angeles

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

March 26, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1487
St. Louis, Missouri

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

Dear Sir:

Please refer to my letter of March 24, 1934,
directed to Mr. F. W. Ward, Sheriff, Danville, Illinois,
copy of which was furnished your office.

It is not known what information the Sheriff's
office at Danville has in regard to this case, but in a
telephonic conversation with Mr. William Ryan, he sug-
gested that he would like to have photographs of Alvin
Karpis and Arthur Barker, and any other known suspects
in this case. You will observe that we have made no
mention of other suspects since the disclosure by Atto-
ney General Cummings mentions only Alvin Karpis and
Arthur Barker. It is believed advisable that you inter-
view Mr. William Ryan, securing from him all available
information without disclosing the identity of other
suspects in this case.

Very truly yours,

M. E. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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

March 25, 1934.

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



Dear Sir:

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

Please refer to my letter to you dated 3-14-34, requesting certain investigation regarding sale of socks by National Bellas Hess, Inc., at Kansas City, Missouri. I have read the memorandum of Special Agent R.B. Donaldson, dated 3-22-34, at Kansas City, which is to be incorporated in a report from your office, and desire that additional check be made at the above company.

It is, therefore, requested that names of firms shown to be retailers of shirts and underwear involved in this matter be checked against the names appearing on the sales record of National Bellas Hess, Inc.. If it is found that any such dealers made purchases from this company, leads should be set out to have them interviewed to ascertain if they purchased this style sock and to have photographs of suspects herein displayed.

A letter from the Chicago Division Office to the Division, dated 2-17-34, gives a list of underwear dealers and the list of shirt dealers is reflected in report of Special Agent W.C. Jamison, dated at Chicago, Illinois, 2-22-34.

Very truly yours,

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CC Division
St. Louis
Chicago

W.A. RORER

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Des Moines, Ia.
March 23, 1934



Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Alvin Karpis, et al
with aliases. Edward G.
Bremer - Victim, Kidnapping.
K.C. File 27-57

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 23, 1934, enclosing a photostatic copy of an anonymous letter post-marked at Des Moines, Ia. February 28, 1934.

The writer of this letter has written numerous letters to Mr. Park Findley, Chief, Iowa Bureau of Investigation. It was on the basis of one of these letters that Mr. Findley, shortly after Edward Bremer was released, announced that the hide out used was at Creston, Iowa, on highway #60 West of town. I pointed out to Mr. Findley that highway #69 did not enter Iowa from Missouri, and that its continuation #65 was some 35 miles east of Creston. The next day he received a letter saying that the Federal Agents were trying to take all the credit; that he made a mistake in his first letter that he meant to say it was near Mt. Ayr, Ia. on Highway #169. Effort was made to have me make an investigation with State Agents at Mt. Ayr, but I declined as there was no definite information, and it appeared rather peculiar that the writer of an anonymous letter should detect his own mistakes, after I had discussed this matter with Mr. Findley. I wanted to make sure of my belief as to the writer of this letter, so I told Mr. Findley that I had definite information that the hide out was in Des Moines. The result was another anonymous letter saying that the house used was that of Kenneth Scudlifer's in Des Moines, Ia. It was suggested that I conduct such investigation as was necessary and to raid these places. I then became too busy. The result seems to be this letter to Mr. Hoover.

Scudlifer and Dickerson are liquor dealers and gamblers in Des Moines, but not of any particular importance. So far as I can ascertain they had nothing to do with the kidnapping of Jim Sheridan in 1930.

I call your particular attention to the last five lines of this letter, "of course you can depend on Mr. Findley, Division of State Investigation, Des Moines". As a precautionary measure I will check this information, but I do not believe it is worthy of much time.

Very truly yours,

cc-Kansas City
Division

O.C. Dewey, Special

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TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
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NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

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

WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WELLS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

R. E. VETTERLI
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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 SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
 MARCH 22, 1934



BERKID AUBURN CALIFORNIA COMPANY HERE ADVISES THAT ON FEBRUARY NINTH LAST
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 AUBURN COMPANY THERE NEW TWELVE CYLINDER AUBURN MOTOR BB FIFTEEN TWO
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Edward J. Brennan

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MAR 27 1934

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

March 23, 1934

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

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

Listed below you will find information pertaining to nine cars which it is believed had been used in various localities by members of the Barker-Karpis gang and a tracing of which in all probability will prove of value in leading to the apprehension of the desired subjects. It is reasonable to assume that several of the cars may still be in the possession of members of this gang and registered in one of the several States under one of the numerous aliases known to be used by this mob. Every Division office is being furnished with copies of this letter for investigative attention and same should be handled promptly.

* Auburn Sedan, motor No. 82-1227. This car is a 1933, 12-cylinder Auburn Sedan, blue body with gray hood and canvas top, six wire wheels, was purchased at San Francisco, California, October 9, 1933, by one William B. Lohman. The car was registered for 1933 in California under No. 7-B-5762 in the name of William B. Lohman, William Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, California. Volney Davis has been positively identified as one of the purchasers of this car and Arthur Barker is believed to be another purchaser. This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of Alvin Karpis at Reno, Nevada, about three weeks ago.

* Buick Sedan, motor No. 2,797,868. This car was purchased at Reno, Nevada, on January 11, 1933, by R. E. Davis, who has been identified as Fred Barker with aliases of F. G. Blackburn, J. E. Blackburn and T. C. Blackburn. This car was paid for with new \$500 bills and was licensed in Nevada for 1933 under number 1422.

* Buick Sedan, motor No. 2,858,690, bearing California license 85783, was taken into California, November 17, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, by Fred Barker who was then using the alias of T. G. Blackburn and gave as his address General Delivery, Los Angeles, California. The car returned to Reno, Nevada, November 27, 1933.

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Ford V8, motor No. 1,849,808, bearing Ohio 1933 license No. C-25771, entered California on October 25, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, and the car was registered under the name of T. G. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. California permit No. 124005 was obtained at this time. George L. Martin, who has been partially identified as being Harry Campbell, was residing in Reno, Nevada, from October 6 to December 29, 1933, and was seen driving this particular car.

Ford Sedan, motor No. 225160, was purchased at Reno, Nevada, with new \$500 bills by one E. J. Harvey who has been partially identified as Arthur Barker. Nevada license number 1233 was issued covering this car on January 9, 1933.

Ford V8 Deluxe Coupe, motor No. 228420, was registered on October 3, 1933, in the State of Minnesota under No. B-473589 to E. V. Davis, Box 82, Lakeville, Minnesota. Prior to this registration, under date of July 31, 1933, the car was registered in the State of Illinois under No. 1-246602 to E. V. Davis, Box 322, Grayslake, Illinois. This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of suspects in this case at Reno, Nevada, in September and November, 1933. E. V. Davis has been identified at Lakeville, Minnesota, as being Volney Davis.

Chevrolet Sedan, motor No. 2554674, serial No. 1-CA023077, was registered January 11, 1934, in the State of Minnesota under No. B-45372 to E. V. Davis, Box 254, White Bear Lake, Minnesota. This car was registered for 1933 in the State of Illinois under No. 774207 to E. V. Davis, 2408 Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Plymouth Sedan, motor No. 81821, changed to 8181, serial No. 175709, was registered for 1933 in the State of Nevada by Alvin Karpis who gave the name of E. L. Barnes, 591 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. This is a fictitious address. This car was registered in the State of Minnesota for the year 1932 under No. B-158081 to E. L. Barnes, 591 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Ford V8 Deluxe Coupe, motor No. 12-304794, was registered in the State of Minnesota for the year 1934 under No. B-75053 to E. L. Murrey, Box 345, White Bear, Minnesota. It is believed that E. L. Murrey is an alias for Alvin Karpis.

Graham-Paige Sedan, motor No. 1024021, chassis No. 10181986, purchased from the Graham-Paige Agency, San Francisco, by E. L. Barnes,

who paid cash and traded in seven-passenger Plymouth Sedan, motor No. FB-31821, bearing 1933 Nevada license No. 7983. 1933 California license S-H-8661, was issued for this Graham-Paige Sedan to E. L. Burns, 279 California Street, San Francisco, California. An out-of-State permit was obtained on the Plymouth Sedan during February, 1933, by E. L. Burns, who gave as his address Ridgeway Apartments, Reno, Nevada.

For the convenience of all offices concerned, there are being set forth the correct names and known aliases of the suspects who may be in possession of the cars above mentioned or who may attempt to register other cars:

Fred Barker with aliases: V. Darrows, W. S. Ward, Ted Murphy, E. E. Davis, J. E. Blackburn, T. C. Blackburn, and A. S. Hunter.

Arthur Barker with aliases: "Doc" Barker, Claude Dale, Bob Barker, E. L. Murray, H. J. Murray, and A. S. Hunter.

Alvin Karpis with aliases: Raymond Hadley, George Mallon, Alvin Karpis, George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Karpis, A. Carter, E. L. Burns, E. L. Burns, J. J. Burns, William Lehman, William S. Lehman, and E. L. Burns.

Harry Campbell with aliases: T. C. Blackburn and George L. Martin.

Volney Davis, with aliases: E. V. Davis, J. E. Lockwood, S. E. Lockwood, and S. E. Moore.

A thorough and complete check should be made by each field office at the State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus located in their respective districts in order to ascertain whether any of the automobiles above listed are presently registered. The motor numbers, as well as the correct names of mentioned suspects with all aliases, should be checked against the State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau records since the same check may disclose other cars which are being used by these gangsters. Arrangements should be made to have a flash card prepared for each automobile and each suspect, with aliases, to be left with the State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus so that the Division can be promptly advised should an attempt be made to register any of the automobiles above listed, or should any of the suspects try to register any other cars.

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Very truly yours,

S. A. BORN,
Inspector.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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April 2, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

There was forwarded to you a day or so ago a memorandum prepared in the Washington Field Office, calling upon automobile license registration bureaus in Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Maryland and Richmond, Virginia, for a check of certain automobiles listed, as well as a request that the files at these registration bureaus be flagged for the names of the five suspects in the Bremer case. This information of course, prepared in this form is calculated to make known generally the names of all five suspects, although the Department has released information relative to only two of them. There is attached hereto a copy of a letter addressed to the Salt Lake City Office by Mr. Rorer, indicating that copies of the same letter were sent to all field offices and included in the letter was a request that similar action be taken by each field office. This, of course, will make it possible for a large number of individuals to know the names of all five of the suspects. There would probably be some publicity resulting from this, and I thought you would be interested in knowing that such a request has been made, particularly if it does result in undesirable publicity.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

FORM NO. 1
 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINN.** **St. Louis** FILE NO. **7-45**

REPORT MADE AT: St. Louis, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-27-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-20-34	REPORT MADE BY: J. M. BAKER																								
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. Edward G. Bremer - Victim.		CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping																									
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>S. N. Tiffan of Federated Metals Corp., St. Louis, Mo., interviewed and furnished agent with full information regarding whereabouts of Stonewall J. Smith during the months of May and June, 1933, as shown by the route sheets of this company.</p>																											
REFERENCE: <p>Letter from Dallas Division Office, dated 3-17-34.</p>																											
DETAILS: <p>At St. Louis, Mo.</p> <p>Agent interviewed S. N. Tiffan, Asst. Manager of the Federated Metals Corp., 4041 Park Ave., St. Louis, who produced the route sheets showing the whereabouts of Stonewall J. Smith during May and June, 1933 as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>May 1, 1933</td> <td>Beaumont, Texas</td> <td>Edson Hotel</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 2 "</td> <td>" " "</td> <td>" " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 3 "</td> <td>Houston, Texas</td> <td>San Jacinto Hotel</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 4 "</td> <td>" " "</td> <td>" " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 5 "</td> <td>" " "</td> <td>" " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 6 "</td> <td>" " "</td> <td>" " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 7 "</td> <td>" " "</td> <td>" " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 8 "</td> <td>" " "</td> <td>" " "</td> </tr> </table> <p>(Probably worked Galveston while in Houston)</p>				May 1, 1933	Beaumont, Texas	Edson Hotel	" 2 "	" " "	" " "	" 3 "	Houston, Texas	San Jacinto Hotel	" 4 "	" " "	" " "	" 5 "	" " "	" " "	" 6 "	" " "	" " "	" 7 "	" " "	" " "	" 8 "	" " "	" " "
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16	Fort Worth, Tex.	Westbrook Hotel
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18	Dallas, Tex.	Hilton Hotel
19	"	"
20	"	"
21	Farmersville, Tex.	Box 405
22	Muskogee, Okla.	Bever's Hotel
23	Tulsa, Okla.	Bliss Hotel
24	"	"
25	"	"
26	"	"
27	"	"
28	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Huckins Hotel
29	"	"

(Made notation in route sheet here that he would probably go to oil fields at Newoka and Seminole and get to Oklahoma City about Tuesday night, 4-30-35)

30	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Huckins Hotel
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June 1, 1935	"	"
2	Ponca City, Okla.	Jens-Marie Hotel
3	Wichita, Kansas	Allis Hotel
4	"	"
5	"	"
6	"	"
7	"	"
8	Salina, Kansas	Lamar Hotel
9	Emporia, Kansas	Broadview Hotel
10	Ottawa, Kansas	North Amer. Hotel
11	Ft. Scott, Kansas	Goodlander Hotel
	(Stated here he was really at Emporia, Kansas)	
12	Chanute, Kansas	Icega Inn Hotel
13	Joplin, Mo.	Connor Hotel
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15	Coffeyville, Kansas	Dale Hotel
16	Bartelsville, Okla.	Maire Hotel

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22	Muskogee, Okla.	Sovers Hotel
23	Texarkana, Ark.	Eria Hotel
24	Farmersville, Tex.	Box 405
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26	Dallas, Tex.	Hilton Hotel
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29	Beaumont, Tex.	Edison Hotel
30	Dallas, Tex.	Hilton Hotel

Mr. Tiffan stated that Stonewall J. Smith has been working for the Federated Metals Corp. for about eight years and that his record is good with this company. He states that Smith has never been in any kind of trouble, to his knowledge, and states farther that Smith does not drink or run after women, but has a weakness for playing poker. Mr. Tiffan stated that Smith associates mostly with the traveling men of the territory in which he works. He further stated that there were several Stonewall J. Smiths in the territory covered by this Stonewall J. Smith, and that the mail and telegrams sent to him had been received by other parties with the same name in that section of the country.

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P.O. Box 7725
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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March 26, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith copy of report of Special Agent
Cere, Salt Lake City, dated March 26, 1934, received at this office
4:15 afternoon, via air mail, which calls for certain investigation
at Toledo, Ohio.

We have ascertained from the Auto Registry Division,
Columbus, Ohio, that T. C. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood Avenue,
Toledo, Ohio, secured 1933 license plates C-25771, September 28, 1933,
for Ford 1933 Model 8 cylinder sedan, motor 18-493080 and also secur-
ed 1933 license plates C-25783, September 28, 1933, for Buick 1933
Sedan, motor 2858090, serial 2703083.

Please refer to lead indicated by the Cincinnati Office
and conduct the necessary inquiry.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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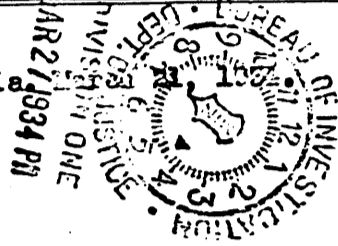
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 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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BREKID MRS. WILLIAM LOEMAN CHICAGO ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. T. C. BLACKBURN FOUR TWO FOURTEEN NORTH LOCKWOOD BOULEVARD TOLEDO OHIO LIVED AT WILLIAM TAYLOR HOTEL OCTOBER TWENTY FIVE TO OCTOBER TWENTY SEVEN LAST YEAR NINETEEN THIRTY THREE BUICK SEDAN MOTOR DP SIX FIVE EIGHT FOUR SIX BEARING NINETEEN THIRTY THREE ILLINOIS LICENSE TWELVE THREE SEVEN NAUGHT FIVE ONE ISSUED TO WILLIAM LOEMAN THREE FOUR FIVE THREE WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO WAS TURNED IN ON AUSTIN SEDAN LOEMAN BELIEVED TO BE ARTHUR BERGER INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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REPORT MADE AT: PHILADELPHIA	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-28-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-27-34	REPORT MADE BY: A. SCHROEDER	MAR 28 1934 AM
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Flash Notices placed with and information requested of Departments of Motor Vehicles, Pennsylvania and Delaware.				
REFERENCE: Letter from St. Paul Office, 3-23-34 Telegram " " " " 3-28-34				
DETAILS: <u>AT PHILADELPHIA</u> The Departments of Motor Vehicles of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of Delaware have been requested by letter to furnish this office all information pertaining to the cars listed in reference letter and telegram, and also to place Flash Notices for these cars and the individuals mentioned.				
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DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES				
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>A. Schroeder acting</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1458		RECORDED AND SERIALIZED: MAR 28 1934	
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Los Angeles, Calif. March 23, 1934

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

BREKID DESCRIPTION ABOVE AS FOLLOWS FOUR DOOR SEDAN PAINTED YANKEE BLUE WHICH IS LIGHT BLUE AND PRODUCT MADE BY MURPHY VARNICH COMPANY YOUR CITY WHO CAN FURNISH COLOR SPECIMEN STOP TOP IS KHAKI COLORED CANVAS WHICH EXTENDS DOWN TO BODY LINE ON SIDES AND BACK STOP WHEELS ARE CREAM COLORED WITH TWO EXTRA MOUNTED IN FRONT FLEET WHEELS STOP SEVEN WINDOWS THREE EACH SIDE THAT IS TWO DOORS AND QUARTER WINDOWS EACH SIDE AND ONE QUARTER WINDOW IN REAR STOP ACCESSORIES WERE STANDARD NO SPECIFIC DETAIL NOTED IN RECORDS HERE STOP IT IS STATED NUMEROUS SIMILAR JOBS MARKETED COAST AREA

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Chicago, Illinois
March 25, 1934

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

Dear Sir:-

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

Reference is made to the memorandum of Special Agent H. E. Anderson, dated March 8, 1934, in connection with the Eddie Doll Case, for the attention of Assistant Director Nathan.

The second paragraph on the second page of the memorandum referred to states that Doll suggested that photographs of all the escapes from the State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois for the last five years be secured and exhibited to him for the purpose of identifying one "white" Anderson, a suspect named by Doll in the Bremer Case.

Accordingly, photographs and fingerprint cards on the following escapes from the Joliet Penitentiary, who have not been returned, were secured and same cover the period from 1929 to date:

7759-D James E. White	4492-E Ross Castle
2363-E Wm. L. Johnston	5437-E George Nelson
1350-E William Irwin	2422-E Edw. Schreiber
6940-D Tony Sansone	6659-E Phil McGee
7671-D Jos. Jablonski	2855-E Harris Bailey

These photographs and fingerprint cards, with the exception of a fingerprint card on Harris Bailey, which was not furnished this office, are being transmitted herewith for Agent Anderson's assistance in again interviewing DOLL.

Very truly yours,

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CC: Division, St. Paul,
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M. E. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. DRAWER 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri.

March 23, 1934.

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

MAR 27 1934 AM
DIVISION ONE
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
Edward George Bremer - Victim.

Reference is made to your letter of March 13, 1934 and the report of Special Agent G. E. Weeks, New York City, dated March 15, 1934, with reference to the identification of the cap identified as having been worn by subject Karpis at the time he purchased the flashlights in St. Paul.

Please be advised that upon receipt of the mentioned cap the same was exhibited by Special Agent E. L. Dauron of this office to Mr. H. J. Rubenstein of the Mound City Cap Mfg. Co., 518 North 6th St., St. Louis.

Mr. Rubenstein, after closely examining this cap, stated that the same was not a product of his company, this decision being based upon the fact that the cap in question carried a union label on the inside of the band, the lining was of material not used in the lining of his caps, and the two lapels on the front of the cap were held together by a round string, whereas his products, and especially the two lapels, are held together with a flat shoestring. Mr. Rubenstein exhibited to the agent several products of his company which appear to be similar to the cap in question, except as to the union label, the lining, and the string holding the two front lapels together. The lining in the caps manufactured by the Mound City Cap Mfg. Co. are of smooth wool in various mixtures of colors and usually are checked.

The mentioned cap is being returned under separate cover to the St. Paul Division Office.

Very truly yours,

F. F. YEARSLEY, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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MARCH 24, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the letter of March 19, 1934, from Inspector W. A. Rorer addressed from St. Paul, Minnesota, to the San Antonio Division Office.

Special Agent Andersen secured from the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, two photographs of Jess Doyle, Register number 9845, bearing description and fingerprint classification. Same are enclosed herewith.

With reference to Bill Scott mentioned in the letter of reference, Agent Andersen was unable to determine which Bill Scott might be desired since there is a record of numerous parties of that name at the Kansas State Penitentiary.

Jess Doyle was known to be related in some manner, probably through marriage, to Wick Karns and Tommie Hill, of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, and through that source appropriate investigation might be made looking toward his location in the event same is desired.

If more definite information can be secured relative to the Scott whose photograph is desired this office will endeavor to secure same.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-27**

REPORT MADE AT: Salt Lake City, Utah	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-22-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-18-21-34	REPORT MADE BY: A. R. GERR
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Photograph of subject Alvin Karpis positively identified as residing at Reno, Nevada, Nov. 18, 1932, to February 7, 1933, and from Nov. 2, 1933, to Dec. 2, 1933, and driving Auburn Sedan, Motor No. BB-1527, bearing California (1933) License No. 7 H 57-62, which was registered to Wm. B. Lohman, Wm. Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, Calif., and purchased May Oct. 9, 1933. Subject Alvin Karpis used names E.L. Burns and R.L. Burns at Reno, Nevada. Photograph of subject Fred Barker positively identified as having purchased Buick Sedan, model 32-87, Motor No. 2797868, Serial No. 2647365, at Reno, Nevada, on January 11, 1933, bearing Nevada 1933 License No. 1-488, under name R. E. Davis. Subject Fred Barker also identified as F. C. Blackburn, alias J. E. Blackburn, alias T. C. Blackburn, residing at Reno, Nevada, from October 6, 1933, to December 2, 1933, and having his possession at that time Buick Sedan, motor No. 2858090, bearing Ohio License No. C 25-783, which entered California No. 17, 1933, under name T. C. Blackburn. Photograph of subject Harry Campbell partially identified as George L. Martin, who resided Reno, Nevada, from October 6, 1933, to December 20, 1933, and having his possession Ford V-8 Sedan, Motor 18-493080, bearing Ohio 1933 license No. C 25-771, which entered California, Oct. 25, 1933, under name T. C. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio, and issued California Permit No. 124983. Photograph Arthur R. Barker partially identified as H.J. Harvey, who on January 9, 1933, purchased Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 885160, at Reno, Nevada, and obtained Nevada 1933 License No. 1283. Above subjects or associates also had their possession at Reno, Nevada, Ford V-8 Sedan, on Nov. 18, 1933, bearing Minnesota 1933 License No. B/33-473-569, and on Sept. 30, 1933, had a Dodge Sedan, bearing Illinois 1933 license No. 1-237-051. Subject Alvin Karpis seen at Reno, Nev., with Auburn Sedan about March 1st, 1934.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Louis D. Wine</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 9-576-1459	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 28 1934
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REFERENCE: Letters from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minn.,
March 6 and March 12, 1934, and letter from SAC San
Francisco, Calif., March 12, 1934.

DETAILS:

AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Upon receipt of first letter of reference, the Secretary
of State, Carson City, Nevada, was requested to furnish information
concerning persons who obtained Nevada 1932 License No. 1-488, and
Nevada 1933 License No. 1-283, and reply was received stating that 1932
License No. 1-488 was issued to J. C. Games, 201 Keystone Street, Reno,
Nevada, for a Chevrolet Coupe, Motor No. 4590587, and that Nevada 1934
License No. 2-281 was issued for the same automobile. (Note: Erroneous
information as to 1934 plates); also that Nevada 1933 License No. 1-283
was issued to E. J. Harvey, Hotel Anderson, Reno, Nevada, for Pontiac
Sedan, Motor No. 885160.

AT RENO, NEVADA

Considerable time was spent in locating J. C. Games and
ascertaining the data relative to his Chevrolet Coupe bearing Nevada
1932 License No. 1-488, only to later find that the data in Inspector
Rorer's letter of March 6, 1934, was erroneous as to the year 1932,
and should have read "1933", and this report will therefore not reflect
the steps taken in investigating Nevada 1932 License No. 1-488.

From Deputy U. S. Marshal George E. Turpin, residence,
345 Elm Street, and J. E. Kirkley, Chief of Police, it was ascertained
that Wm. J. (Bill) Graham, residence, 548 California Street, a resident
of Reno, Nevada, for 14 years, and J. C. McKay, residence, South
Virginia Road, about one mile south of the Reno City limits, were
formerly principal owners of the Rex Saloon and gambling club, now
closed, also principal owners, with Jack Sullivan and Ray Kendall, of
the Bank Club gambling hall, and also own the controlling interest in
the Riverside Security Co., owners of the red-light district "corral",
Reno, Nevada, and that during the summer months they operate the
"Calneva" gambling, dining and dancing joint and saloon, Lake Tahoe,
California, near Reno; that Bill Graham and J. C. McKay are under
\$10,000. bond in Federal Court for their appearance at New York City
on a charge of using the mails to defraud; that they both went to
New York about the last of February, 1934, and J. C. McKay remained
in New York, and Bill Graham returned about March 10th, and is now in
San Francisco, Calif. visiting his mother, Mrs. Graham; that Rose Barnett
has never been connected with the ownership of any gambling license or
gambling club in Reno; that the Crystal Inn and Log Cabin at Lake Tahoe,
Calif., is a rendezvous for racketeers, bank bandits, and "big-shot" bunco

men, and that during the summer months is a popular place for such persons; that Carl Beckdolf, Constable, Tahoe City, Calif., would be a good party to furnish information as to the habits of Lake Tahoe. Wm. J. (Bill) Graham is undoubtedly the "Graham" referred to in letter of reference, who is acquainted with Governor Fred B. Balzar of Nevada, and who is understood to have been closely associated with Governor Balzar, who died on even date, March 21, 1934.

From Deputy Assessor Chas. J. Galt it was ascertained that Nevada 1933 license No. 1-285 was issued to H.J. Harvey, Hotel Anderson, Reno, Nevada, for a new 1933 model Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 885160, Serial No. 770178, name of party from whom purchased not shown; license issued January 9, 1933.

Inquiry of Mrs. Rose Morgan, proprietress of the Hotel Anderson, 218 Sierra Street, Mrs. Jessie Green, maid, and Edith Brewster, Clerk, developed that no one named H. J. Harvey was known at that hotel, and no record found in the hotel register.

From H. R. Wilson, Sales Manager, Scott Motor Co., South Virginia and Ryland Streets, residence, 1029 Riverside, it was ascertained that on January 7, 1933, H. J. Harvey, giving fictitious address as Hotel Anderson, Reno, Nevada, and not found at that address when attempting to notify him that automobile was ready for delivery, purchased Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 885160, Serial No. 770178, brown mohair upholstery, dark blue body, six wire wheels, two spares in fender-wells, for \$890., which he paid with two brand-new \$500. bills, which were pronounced genuine at the bank before delivery of the automobile; that H.J. Harvey was accompanied at different times by three other men, all of whom seemed to be suspicious characters; that one of the other men under the name of R. E. Davis, on January 11, 1933, purchased a Buick Sedan, model 52-87 (1932) model, Motor No. 2797868, Serial No. 2547365, Body No. 5257, for \$1390., having been allowed a discount of \$700. on account of the car being a 1932 model, and having been used as a demonstrator, but that the car looked practically new; grey whipcord upholstery, dark green body; six wire wheels, two spares in fender-wells; that payment for the Buick Sedan was also made with brand-new \$500. bills, and that R. E. Davis also gave a \$100. bill in payment for 10 gallons of gas; that R. E. Davis and H.J. Harvey, seemed to have an unlimited amount of money, and were suspicioned of being underworld characters; that another associate of these men (later identified as Alvin Karpis) had also attempted to purchase an automobile, but it had been impossible to make delivery; that one of the men was believed to have rented automobiles from Paul A. Walters, 320 South Virginia Street; that they had done most of their drinking at the Town House, and that Charley Rennie at that place was probably acquainted with them.

Upon obtaining the foregoing information, it was

ascertained from Deputy Assessor Chas. J. Galt that on January 11, 1933, R. E. Davis, Hotel Anderson, Reno, Nevada, had obtained Nevada 1933 (not 1932) License No. 1-488, for Buick Sedan, 1932 model, 32-37, Motor No. 2797868, 5-passenger, Serial No. 2647365.

No information as to R. E. Davis could be obtained at the Hotel Anderson.

Paul A. Walters, rent car service, 300 South Virginia St., residence, Apt. #6, Sunnyside Apartments, 239 Flint Street, stated that a man giving the name of R.L. Burnes, and address as the Hotel Anderson, Reno, Nevada, had rented automobiles on five different occasions from Nov. 20, 1932, to Nov. 25, 1932, and on each occasion had made a deposit of a \$50. bill; that R.L. Burnes had also signed some of the contract forms as E.L. Burnes, but that it was not noticed at the time that he had given the different initials; that R.L. (or E.L.) Burnes did not talk much; that he was accompanied at different times by three or four men, who had an Imperial Chrysler, a Pontiac Sedan, an Auburn Sedan, and a Ford Sedan; that about October, 1933, R. L. Burnes (later identified as subject Alvin Karpis) had a new Dodge Sedan, bearing Illinois license plates, which he desired to sell to him (Walters) but decided to make a trip to San Francisco, Calif., and upon his return a few days later had a new Auburn Sedan; that R.L. Burnes was supposed to have had his tonsils removed at Los Angeles, Calif., in January, 1933; that R.L. Burnes was at the Elvada Apartments, Reno, in February 1933; that R.L. Burnes was about 26 or 27 years of age, height, about 5 ft. 10 in. or 11 in.; weight, about 155 lbs.; tall, slim, frail, delicate looking, light hair, blue eyes, complexion, light; uneducated; that R.L. Burnes and his companions did their drinking at the Town House and the Rex Saloon (owned by Bill Graham and partners).

G. W. Smith, owner of the Elvada Apartments, 328 Flint St., stated that E.L. Burns first rented an apartment while he was alone on Dec. 23, 1932, and remained until Feb. 7, 1933; that he had numerous men visitors at his apartment during that time; that when he first came he had an automobile (make unknown) with an Illinois license plate, and that when he returned from California in January, 1933, he had a Graham Paige, blue color, with California license plates; that he had Apartment No. 5 the first time, and that on November 2, 1933, E.L. Burns and alleged wife, rented Apartment No. 9 and remained one month; that E.L. Burns paid his rent with \$100. bills; that E.L. Burns and his wife had friends, two married couples, living at the

Hiland Apartments, who had two automobiles with Ohio license, and that one of the couples moved from the Hiland Apartments to the Belmont Apartments, and that the maid at the Belmont Apartments asked him if E.L. Burns was a doctor, as the other couple had called E.L. Burns "Doc"; that E.L. Burns was about 27 or 28 years of age, height, about 5 ft. 3 in.; weight, 140 to 145 lbs; dark brown hair, blue eyes; light, pale complexion; looked anemic, and looked like he took dope; face drawn down on one side and talked out of corner of mouth, never opened mouth wide; that E.L. Burns left behind him two felt hats size 6 7/8, inside of one of which was the name "L.F. Dolly"; that E.L. Burns when renting the apartment, No. 9, on November 2, 1933, wanted to know how soon he could get a telephone connected in his apartment as he was looking for several long-distance telephone calls; that it was not known for sure whether he had a telephone installed at that time, but it was presumed that he did.

Mrs. L. L. Rowan, proprietress of the Hiland Apartments, 234 West Liberty St., stated that on October 6, 1933, F. C. Blackburn and wife, rented Apartment No. 240, paying \$50. for one month's rent with a \$100. bill; that F. C. Blackburn had a Buick Sedan with Ohio 1933 License No. C 25-783, and claimed to be from Ohio; that they left a few days before their month's rent was up, and took with them about \$20. worth of linen belonging to the apartment; that she found they had moved to the Belmont Apartments and went to the Belmont Apartments and found them living in Apartment No. 8, and recovered the linen; that on the same day that F. C. Blackburn and his wife arrived at the apartments, Oct. 8, 1933, their friends, George L. Martin and wife, rented Apartment No. 240-A, paying the rent with \$100. bills; that Geo. L. Martin and wife remained until Dec. 20, 1933; that one day Mrs. Martin told her that she was from Oklahoma, and later she told Mrs. Rowan that her husband told her to tell Mrs. Rowan to never mention that they were from Oklahoma; that George L. Martin had an automobile, make forgotten, bearing Ohio License No. C 25-771, which was a smaller car than F. C. Blackburn owned, and that Mrs. Martin remarked about their not having as nice a car as the Blackburns and their friends, the Burns, at the Elvada Apartments; that Mrs. Martin was about 5 ft. 5 in. height, age, about 25 years, weight, about 100 lbs, or less, jet black straight hair, parted in the middle, and combed straight; dark brown eyes; claimed to have trace of Indian blood, feet highly arched, and beautiful hands and feet; that Mrs. Martin said her father was a Methodist preacher in Oklahoma before he died, and had a small country church, near Tulsa, Okla., and between Tulsa and Oklahoma City; that she met her husband, George L. Martin, in Ohio and married him in Ohio; that she had 1/16 Indian blood thru her mother; that Mrs. F. C. Blackburn was short and fat, age about 35, height, about 5 ft. 2 in.; weight about 130; Polish or Slav

race; reddish hair, probably changed from dark brown; hazel eyes; large mouth, face pimpled, not good looking; that Mrs. Martin called Mrs. Blackburn "Pauline";

At the Belmont Apartments, 400 Belmont Road, the staff, Miss Emma Wray, residence No. 3 Granite Apts., 315 1/2 Granite St., stated that J. E. Blackburn and wife registered on Nov. 2, 1933, and remained just one month in Apartment No. 8, leaving no forwarding address. A tracing of the signature of J. E. Blackburn was obtained from the apartment register.

From Frank B. Cochran, Pres. Air Service Co., 241 South Virginia Street, Residence, 701 Marsh Ave., it was ascertained from his records that on Sept. 30, 1933, he repaired Dodge Sedan, 6 cylinders, mileage, 4051 miles, bearing Illinois 1933 License No. 1-237-051; that on October 28, 1933, and again on November 27, 1933, he repaired a Buick Sedan, having six wire wheels, and bearing Ohio License plates (1933) No. C 25-783; that on Nov. 18, 1933, he repaired Ford V-8 Sedan, bearing Minnesota (1933) License Plates No. B 33-473-569; that on November 25, 1933, he had repaired Auburn Sedan, 12 cylinders, V-type, 1933 model, six wire wheels, bearing California (1933) License No. 7 H 57-62; that the Buick Sedan in question, bearing Ohio (1933) License plates No. C 25-783 was a model 91, 1933 model, with a built-in trunk on the rear, six wire wheels; that these automobiles were repaired for several men who associated together and apparently had plenty of money; that they always paid in cash, and no record was made of their names or addresses, and it was not remembered if any of them had given any names.

From D. E. Haddock, District Sales Supervisor, Bell Telephone Co. of Nevada, it was ascertained that no record could be found of a telephone having been installed in Apartment No. 8 at the Elvada Apartments, 328 Flint St., on November 2, 1933, or thereafter, but that a telephone was installed in Apartment No. 8, Elvada Apartments, 328 Flint St., on January 5, 1933, and disconnected on Feb. 23, 1933, because party left without notice, which was installed under the name of E. I. Burns, previous address, 3010 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill., local reference, Louis Marymont, Town House, Reno, Nevada; and that no long-distance telephone charges were charged to that telephone during the period from January 5 to February 23, 1933.

Frank B. Cochran, residence, 701 Marsh Ave., identified the photograph of Subject Alvin Karpis as the owner of the Auburn Sedan, bearing California 1933 License No. 7 H 57-62, and also

identified the photograph of subject Fred Barker as the owner of the Buick Sedan bearing Ohio (1933) license plates No. C 25-783, and partially identified the photograph of subject Harry Campbell as the owner of a Ford V-8 Sedan (probably George L. Martin).

H. E. Wilson, Sales Manager, Scott Motor Co., South Virginia Street and Ryland Street, residence, 1029 Riverside, and Ray J. Root, salesman, Scott Motor Co., residence, 321 East Taylor Street, readily identified the photograph of subject Fred Barker, as R. E. Davis, who purchased the Buick Sedan in question on January 11, 1933, and also identified the photograph of subject Alvin Karpis as E. L. Burns, who attempted to purchase an Oldsmobile Sedan about January 10, 1933; and partially identified the photograph of subject Arthur R. Barker as H. J. Harvey who purchased the Pontiac Sedan in question on January 7, 1933.

E. W. Smith, Elvada Apartments, 528 Flint St., and his wife both identified the photograph of subject Alvin Karpis as E. L. Burns, who resided at those apartments alone from Dec. 23, 1932, to Feb. 7, 1933, and with his alleged wife from Nov. 2, 1933, to Dec. 2, 1933.

Mrs. L. L. Rowan, owner Miland Apartments, 254 East Liberty Street, identified the photograph of subject Fred Barker as F. C. Blackburn, who with his alleged wife resided in Apartment No. 240 from Oct. 6, 1933, to about Nov. 2, 1933, and also partially identified the photograph of subject Harry Campbell, as George L. Martin, who with his alleged wife occupied Apt. #240 from Oct. 6, 1933, to Dec. 20, 1933.

Miss Emma Wray, maid, Belmont Apartments, 400 Belmont Road, readily identified the photograph of subject Fred Barker as J. E. Blackburn, who with his alleged wife resided in Apt. #8 from Nov. 2, 1933, to Dec. 2, 1933.

Mrs. Elva (Andras Chris) Pedersen, owner of the Belmont Apartments, residence Apt. #17, Belmont Apartments, 400 Belmont Road, readily identified the photograph of subject Fred Barker as J. E. Blackburn, who with his wife occupied Apt. No. 8 from Nov. 2, 1933, to December 2, 1933, and stated that when J. E. Blackburn and his wife left they left behind them a radio and a man's leather coat, and that in a day or two she received a letter from Mrs. Blackburn requesting that the radio and leather coat be forwarded to some place in Minnesota, care General Delivery, to which address the articles were forwarded; that

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she cannot locate the letter and believes it to have been destroyed, and cannot remember the place in Minnesota to which the articles were forwarded. Mrs. Pederson gave the following description of Mrs. J. E. Blackburn; age, about 25; height about 5 feet, weight, 100 lbs. or less, dark brown hair, "frizzy"; dark eyes, brunette, slender build, homely. It will be noted this description differs from that furnished by Mrs. Rowan at the Hiland Apartments.

Ray J. Root, salesman, Scott Motor Co. stated that he saw subject Alvin Karpis (known to him as E. L. Burns or E.L. Burns) in Reno about three weeks ago in an Auburn Sedan, believed to have California license plates, and that subject Alvin Karpis waved his hand upon seeing him, but that he did not stop to talk with him.

Sales slips bearing the signature of H.J. Harvey and R. Davis were obtained from the Scott Motor Co., H.R. Wilson, Sales Manager. Original auto rental contracts bearing the signatures of R.L. Burnes and E. L. Burnes were obtained from Paul A. Walters, 300 South Virginia Street. Original registration of "E.L. Burnes & Wife", Nov. 2, 1933, at the Elvada Apartments and inventory at the Elvada Apartments signed "E.L. Burnes" was obtained from C. W. Smith.

From the State Highway Motor Vehicle Department, Sacramento, Calif., it was ascertained that Buick Sedan, Motor No. 2858090, bearing 1933 Ohio license No. C 25-783, entered California on Nov. 17, 1933, and was registered to T.C. Blackburn, General Delivery, Los Angeles, Calif., and that there was no record of a registration of this car in 1934 in California to date; also that Ford Sedan, Motor No. 18-493080, bearing Ohio License No. C 25-771 (1933), registered to T. C. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio, was issued a non-resident Permit, No. 124983, on Oct. 25, 1933, giving California address as San Francisco, Calif., no street address, and that no California registration of this car for 1934 had as yet been filed; also that California 1933 license No. 7 H 57-62 was issued to Wm. B. Lohman, Wm. Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, Calif., sole owner, Auburn Sedan, Motor No. BB-1527, first sold Oct. 9, 1933, and no record of 1934 registration in California to date.

AT CARSON CITY, NEVADA

From the Secretary of State's Office, thru Miss Jean Bonafous, Clerk, it was ascertained that there was not any license

numbered 7985 issued in the State of Nevada for the year 1933, but that Nevada License No. 7985 was issued on December 2, 1932, at Reno, Nevada, to E.L. Burnes, Ridgeway Apts., No. 29, Reno, Nevada, for a new five-passenger (not seven passenger, as stated in letter of reference from SAC Vetterli, San Francisco, Calif., March 12, 1934) Plymouth Sedan, 1932 model P.B., Engine No. P.B. 81821, Serial No. 1757009, which was based upon a Minnesota Registration Card for 1933, without date, Minnesota (1932) license No. B-158081, covering Plymouth Sedan, 4 door, model 1932 P.B. Motor No. 8181 (changed with pen to 81821), Serial No. 1757009, previous No. N. 10, issued to E.L. Burnes, 591 West 7th St., St. Paul, Minn., resident of Ramsey Co., and signed by Mike Helm, Secretary of State, which was endorsed on the back "Entered California, Station No. 3, Nov. 27, 1932, Permit No. 152574, Clerk No. 12".

Search of the records of the Motor Vehicle Dept. Secretary of State's Office, did not reveal any registration of the following automobiles; for the years 1932, 1933 and 1934; other than as heretofore reported:

Auburn Sedan, Motor No. BB 1527

Buick Sedan, Motor No. 2797868

Buick Sedan, Motor No. 2858090

Ford V-8 Sedan, Motor No. 18-183080

Graham Paige Sedan, Motor No. 1024081

Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 885160

Or any automobiles registered under the following names, other than as heretofore reported herein:

E.L. Burnes, E.L. Burns, R.L. Burnes, R.L. Burns, Wm. B. Lohman, F. C. Blackburn, T.C. Blackburn, J. E. Blackburn, Geo. L. Martin, H.J. Harvey, R. E. Davis (except another party by that name at Reno, Nev., who is apparently not identical with the R.E. Davis in question), Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur E. Barker, and Harry Campbell.

A list of the foregoing automobiles and names was furnished to the Secretary of State with the request that the Salt Lake City Office be immediately notified in the event a registration should occur of any of the automobiles in question or under any of the foregoing names.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE AT SACRAMENTO AND SAN FRANCISCO:
Will ascertain whether any of the automobiles listed above have

been registered during the year 1934, and whether licenses have been issued to any of the names listed above, or other known aliases of the subjects of this case, also obtain data relative to permits issued upon entering California.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE AT SACRAMENTO, CALIF.: Will also obtain all available information relative to Auburn Sedan, Motor No. EB 152V, California (1933) License No. 7N 37-21, obtaining a complete description of this Auburn Sedan, believed to be now in the possession of subject Alvin Karpis.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF.: Will obtain similar information from the records of Los Angeles County.

THE CINCINNATI OFFICE AT COLUMBUS, OHIO: Will obtain complete information relative to the issuance of Ohio 1935 License Nos. C 25-771 and C 25-783, and obtain all available information relative to F. C. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

THE CHICAGO OFFICE AT CHICAGO, ILL.: Will obtain any available information relative to E.L. Burns, 3010 West Madison Street, prior or subsequent to January 5, 1933, and also obtain all information available relative to Dodge Sedan, bearing Illinois (1933) License No. 1-257-051.

THE ST. PAUL OFFICE AT ST. PAUL, MINN.: Will obtain all available information relative to Minnesota (1933) License No. B/33-473-569, on Ford V 8 Sedan; also Minnesota (1932) License No. B-158081, covering Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. B1821, and previous License No. N 10, and all available information concerning E.L. Burnes, 591 West 7th St., St. Paul, Minn., prior or subsequent to December 2, 1932.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE AT TULSA, OKLA.: Will endeavor to ascertain the identity of the alleged wife of Geo. L. Martin (presumably Subject Harry Campbell), whose father was a Methodist preacher prior to his recent death near Tulsa, or between Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

The foregoing offices should be particular to obtain complete descriptions of all automobiles enumerated in this report which may at present be in the possession of any of subjects.

THE SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE AT RENO, NEVADA: Will make further efforts to locate any of subjects in that vicinity.

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

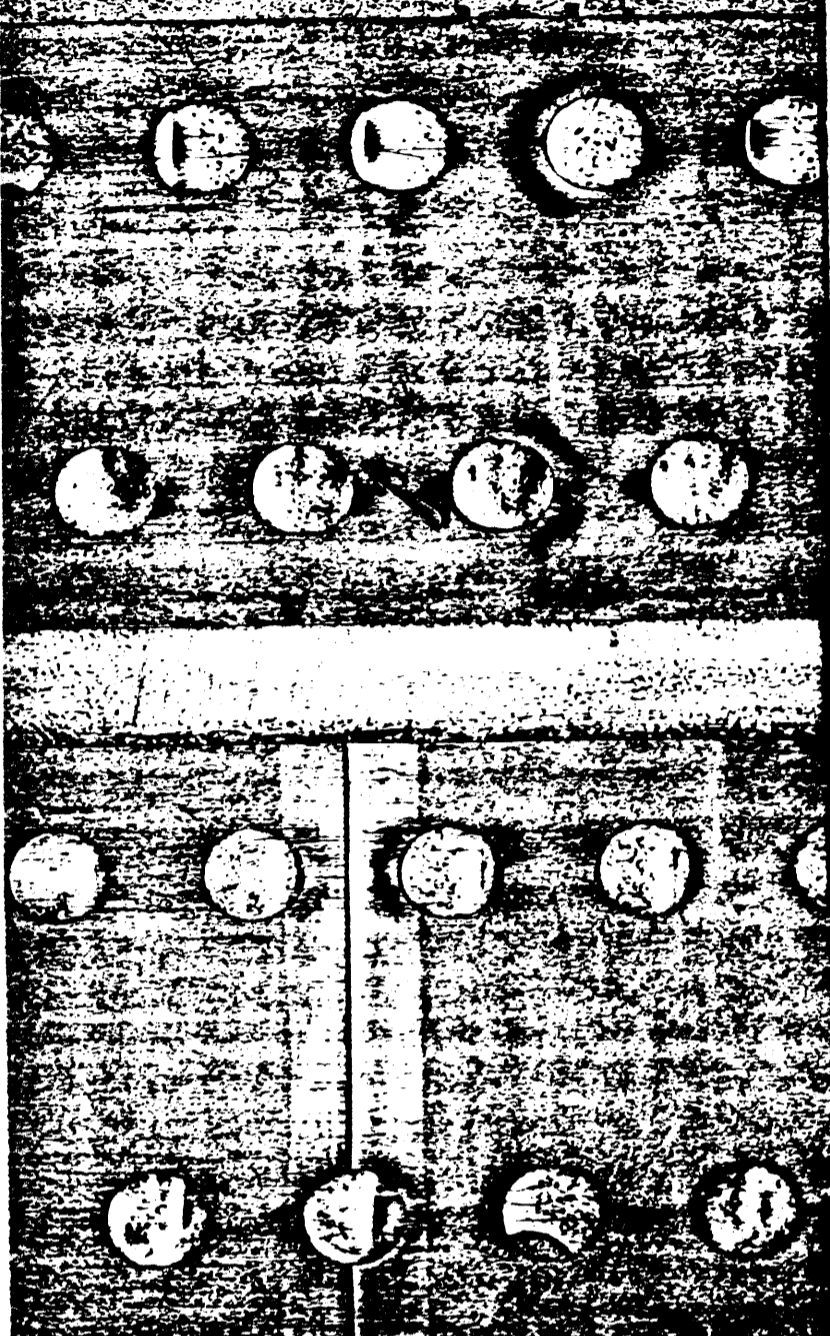


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March 23, 1934

Inspector W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 518,
St. Paul, Minn.

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Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al,
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim,
Kidnaping.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Reference letter Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minn.,
dated March 6, 1934:

Mrs. Martin, Chief Clerk, National Automobile Theft Bureau,
228 Pine St., San Francisco, ascertained by telephone from the California
State Motor Vehicle Division, Sacramento, California, that California
1934 license plates G-N-478, were issued on January 28, 1934, to one
James Rogers, address 154 Eastwood Drive, San Francisco, California, for
Hudson Sedan, Motor No. 30,800 (not No. 800), serial No. 950174, and that
James Rogers is sole owner. Mrs. Martin further stated that there is no
record that said automobile has been stolen.

Inspector Richard Smith, Auto Theft Detail, San Francisco
Police Department, stated that there is no record that said Hudson Sedan
has been reported stolen, and further stated that telegrams had been
received from the Sheriff of Minneapolis, asking information concerning
said automobile, and as to the identity of James Rogers and companions;
that he has ascertained that on January 16, 1934, a person giving the
name of James Rogers, appeared at Vallejo, California, and purchased for
cash, from Ray Hitchcock, Plymouth Auto dealer, 928 Marin St., a 1934
Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. PE-2111, and registered said Plymouth in the
name of James ROGERS, with address of the Plymouth auto dealer, 928
Marin St., Vallejo, California, and that California 1934 license No. B-8-
7662, was issued for said Plymouth Sedan; that on January 22, 1934, the
same person, giving the name of James Rogers, purchased from E. V. McNyle,
sales manager of Earl C. Anthony, Inc., Hudson dealers, 901 Van Ness Ave.,
San Francisco, a Hudson Sedan, Motor No. 8500, serial No. 950174, and as
part payment turned in the said Plymouth Sedan, purchased at Vallejo, and

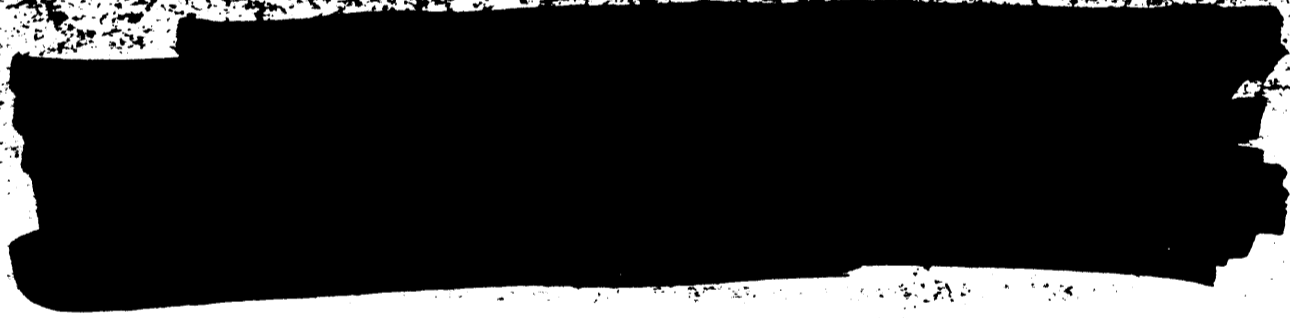
paid the balance of the purchase price in cash; that Rogers, at the time of purchase of the Hudson Sedan, was accompanied by a young man, about 20 years of age; that there was delay in the issuance of the pink certificate of title for the Hudson car, and the young man, who accompanied Rogers at the time of purchase, appeared on February 5, 1934, at the Earl C. Anthony place of business, and requested that the pink certificate, when received, be forwarded to one George Himm, 2900 Clay St., San Francisco.

E. V. Romyle, Sales Manager, Earl C. Anthony, Inc., 501 Van Ness Avenue, stated that on January 22, 1934, a young man, giving the name of James Rogers, called and agreed to purchase a new 1934 Hudson "8" Sedan, Motor No. 20,300, serial No. 950174, color blue-black; paid \$10.00 down, and turned in as part payment, a practically new Plymouth Sedan, purchased on January 18, 1934, from Ray Hitchcock, Plymouth Dealer at Vallejo, Calif., on which an allowance of \$772.00 was made, and paid the balance of \$336.20 by cashier's check, in amount \$300.00, drawn on the Bank of America of Vallejo, and \$36.20 in cash; that the Plymouth Sedan was retained by the Earl C. Anthony Co., Inc.; that delivery of the Hudson "8" Sedan could not be made immediately, and Rogers requested that Romyle call telephone Sansalito 404, and inform his partner John Chase when the car was ready for delivery; that on January 26, 1934, Hudson "8" Sedan was ready for delivery, and he called telephone Sansalito 404, and informed the person answering the telephone, whom he presumed to be John Chase, that the Hudson "8" Sedan was ready for delivery; that Rogers called on January 26, 1934, and drove the Hudson "8" away, and said that he would be back in ten or twelve days and get the pink slip, and have a radio and heater installed, which radio and heater were to be removed from the Plymouth Sedan turned in by Rogers, and placed in the Hudson "8" Sedan; that on January 27, 1934, when Rogers purchased the Hudson Sedan, he was accompanied by a young man, whose name was not mentioned, about 30 years of age; dark complexion; about 5' 10" in height, and who said he had a Plymouth 1933 Coupe, and who talked of turning in the said coupe on the purchase of a new Hudson automobile, but the deal went no further than the conversation; that on January 26, 1934, when Rogers called for delivery of the Hudson "8" Sedan, he was accompanied by a young woman, who, he said, was his wife, and who looked sickly, and who Rogers said had lately undergone an operation, and Rogers was also accompanied by the same young man who was with him on January 22, at the time of the purchase of the automobile, and who parked a 1933 Plymouth Coupe, black color, in front of the office of Earl C. Anthony, Inc.; that at time of purchasing the Hudson on January 22, 1934, Rogers stated that he was only temporarily in the city, and had no permanent address, and asked him, Romyle, if he could furnish an address that could be used; that he, Romyle, gave Rogers permission to use his home address, 154 Eastwood Drive, San Francisco; that Rogers made application for a 1934 California license, and placed thereon his address as 154 Eastwood Drive, San Francisco, this for the purpose of having a place of delivery for the pink slip.

E. V. Romyle further stated that on February 22, 1934, the young man, who on two previous occasions had accompanied Rogers, again called at the Earl C. Anthony place of business, driving the Hudson "S" Sedan, and was accompanied by an old lady, about 60 years of age, and child, four or five years of age, - descriptions not noted, and had the radio and heater installed, which formerly were in the Plymouth Sedan owned by Rogers, and also had the car serviced and purchased skid chains, the total amount of the bill being \$12.40, which was paid in cash by the said young man; that the car registered at time of servicing, on Feb. 22, 1934, mileage of 728 miles; that the pink certificate of title had not arrived, and the said young man gave him, Romyle, directions, when same came, to forward to 2900 Clay St., care of George Hines, which was done, and the said pink certificate was later returned undelivered, and has been turned over to the California State Motor Vehicle Division, San Francisco; that the said young man at the time of servicing, gave an address of Essex Hotel, but said he had checked out that morning; that he does not know the man giving the name of Rogers, or the man who accompanied him, and has no information concerning their identity.

Information was received from W. F. Stanford, Chief of Police, Vallejo, California, that a person giving the name of James Rogers, purchased a Plymouth Sedan from Ray Hitchcock at Vallejo on Jan. 16, 1934, paying therefor \$900.00, of which the sum of \$800.00 was in cashier's check, drawn on an Oriental Branch of the Bank of America; that on January 22, 1934, a young man giving the name of John Turney, address 20 Mary St., San Rafael, California, purchased cashier's check No. 1031036, from the Bank of America, in favor of James Rogers, in amount \$300.00, and paid for same in \$25.00 and \$10.00 bills, and the cashier of the Bank of America at Vallejo, could identify said person, if he ever saw him again, and described him as follows:

Age:	30
Height:	About 5' 9"
Build:	Medium
Weight:	About 140 lbs.
Hair:	Dark
Complexion:	Smooth shaven; fresh rose complexion.
	Hair crested in a gray suit.



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Ralph Kins, 233 Kearny St., San Francisco, in the bail bond business, stated that in the early part of January, a sailor whom he had seen on prior occasions some years previous, whom he, Kins, was a bartender, called at his place of business, accompanied by a young man about 20 years of age; light complexion, about 5' 8" or 9" in height, and the said sailor, whom he only knew by the name of "Joe", asked if he, Kins, would do him a favor, and take the young man to his bank where the young man wanted to purchase a cashier's check; that he took the said young man to the Oriental Branch of the Bank of America, where he, Kins, keeps an account, and asked the young man what name he wanted payable on the cashier's check, and the said young man gave the name of Joe Lucas, and he made a written application for the cashier's check in his own name (Kins's), and handed it to the young man, who handed over \$800.00 in cash, which paid for the cashier's check; that he did not particularly note the denomination of the money, but thinks that some of it was in \$50.00 and \$20.00 bills; that he does not know said young man, and has never seen him before or since; that he does not know where the sailor named "Joe" can be located, and has not seen him since.

George Kins, 2329 Pacific Avenue, employed as a truck driver by the Southern Pacific Company, at the foot of Hyde St., San Francisco, stated that one Ambrose Chase, whom he has known for the past three years, and on occasions plays tennis with, met him about the middle of February, 1934, and said that a letter addressed to James Rogers would be sent to his address at 2990 Clay St., where he, Kins, then lived, in care of him, Kins, and when the letter came, to hand same to him, Ambrose Chase; that he moved from 2990 Clay St. on Feb. 23, 1934, and the said letter, which Ambrose Chase referred to, was not received; that he does not know anyone by the name of James Rogers, and does not know anyone by the name of John Chase.

Ambrose Chase, 525 Market St., residence 3508 Geary St., San Francisco, stated that he has been employed for the past seven years by the Levenson Hardware Company, 525 Market St., as bookkeeper; that from June to the last of November, 1933, he resided at the Bristol Hotel, 23 Eddy St., San Francisco, and during the summer of 1933, while sitting in the lobby of the hotel, a young man came in and sat near him, and engaged in conversation, and the young man said that his name was "Johnny" Rogers; that he later met the said Rogers three or four times, when he would call at his hotel, but knows nothing concerning Rogers, and he never discussed his personal affairs; that Rogers said he had no permanent address, and asked if any mail came, if he could have it delivered at Ambrose Chase's residence, to which he consented; that he did not thereafter see Rogers, and knows nothing concerning him; that he has no brother named John Chase. It was noted that Ambrose Chase was not divulging full information that he may have in this matter.

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Ambrose Chase was again interviewed, and admitted that he did have a brother named John Paul Chase, whom he says he has not seen for several months, nor heard from, nor knows anything about, and further stated that about the middle of February, 1934, he received a telephone call from Rogers asking him to hold any mail that might come in his name; that he did not know how long he would remain at his present address, 4808 Geary St., so he told Rogers to have it sent in care of his friend, George Mims, 2990 Clay St., who would deliver the letter to him, Ambrose Chase; that no arrangements were made with Rogers as to when the letter was to be delivered to Rogers, and that he has not seen nor heard from Rogers since, and knows nothing concerning him.

Charles Chase, residence Corte Madera, California, employed by the Southern Pacific Commissary Department, 807 of Hyde St., San Francisco, stated that he has a brother named John Paul Chase, to whom he has not spoken in over two years, and has no information as to his brother's coming or going, but understands that his brother, John Paul Chase, was in Sausalito in January, 1934; that John Paul Chase had a Plymouth Coupe; that he never saw him with a Hudson Auto, or heard that he had one; that he does not know anyone by the name of Rogers, or anyone answering his description.

George E. Herton, 922 Water Street, Sausalito, California, doing business as "The Oasis", Sausalito, telephone 404, stated that he has known John Chase for the past couple of years; that he, Herton, had been operating a "bootleg joint" at 850 Water St., Sausalito, and on June 25, 1933, purchased the lease on the premises at 922 Water St., with a view to operating a "bootleg joint" at that place; that the lease was taken in the name of one Frank Smith; that he placed Frank Smith and John Chase in charge at 922 Water St.; that Frank Smith was drunk most of the time, and John Chase gave little attention to the business, and would lock up and go for a ride in his Plymouth Coupe; that during September and October, 1933, John Chase lived with him at 807 San Carlos St., Sausalito; that he, Herton, personally took over the business at 922 Water St. in November, 1933, since which time he has seen little of John Chase, but did see him at Sausalito the latter part of January, 1934; that Frank Smith is still employed by him as bartender and cook, and is on shift from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. every day; that he also employs one John Sichel as janitor, who is on shift from 7 A.M. to 3 or 4 P.M. every day; that he has no information of a telephone message from E. V. Murray, Earl C. Anthony, Inc., to John Chase, or other person, on January 26, 1934, as he personally does not appear until 2 P.M., or later, every day; that he does not know anyone by the name of Rogers, or answering the description of Rogers; that he has information that John Chase has a life insurance policy in the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, in which he obtained a loan in the year 1933.

John Sichel, 922 Water St., stated that he is employed by George Herton, and comes on shift at 7:30 A.M.; that he did not answer any telephone on January 26, 1934, or other time, as he does not hear well, and did not take a message for John Chase on that date, or other time; that John Chase was in Herton's place of business the latter part of January, 1934, he cannot

fix the date, and has not seen him since; that John Chase had a 1933 Plymouth Coupe, which he has not seen around for some time; that he knows no one by the name of Rogers, and never noted anyone accompanying Chase, answering the description of Rogers.

Frank Smith, 922 Water St., Sausalito, California, stated that he has no recollection of any telephone call for John Chase on January 26, 1934; that Chase was in the habit of receiving telephone calls at "The Oasis", and he, Smith, would make note of same on a piece of paper, and hand to Chase when he came in; that it is possible that he received a message from E. V. Henzys on January 26, 1934, but he has no recollection of same; that John Chase was in Sausalito the latter part of January, 1934, and he has not seen him since; that he never saw Chase with a Hudson automobile; that John Chase owned a Plymouth Coupe; that he knows no one by the name of Rogers, and never saw anyone answering the description of Rogers in the company of Chase.

M. E. Kanotte, Chief of Police, Town Hall, Sausalito, California, stated that he knows John Chase quite well; that Chase had been a "bootlegger" in San Rafael and Sausalito for some years; that in the Fall of 1933, John Chase was bootlegging at "The Oasis", 922 Water St., Sausalito; that John Chase owned a 1933 Plymouth Coupe, and he never saw him with a Hudson car; that John Chase has three brothers as follows:

Charles Chase, employed by the Southern Pacific Railway Co.,
Frank Chase, employed by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.,
residing at 145 West St., Sausalito, telephone No. 219.
Ambrose Chase, employed by Levenson Hardware Co., San Francisco;

that John Chase had a steady girl named "Sally", reported to reside at 413 Turney St., Sausalito, and employed on the newsstand of the Golden Gate Ferry; that John Chase has no criminal record, as far as known, and was never arrested at Sausalito; that he knows no one by the name of Rogers, or anyone answering the description of Rogers.

W. E. Selmer, Sheriff, Marin County, San Rafael, California, stated that he knows John Chase by sight, who had the reputation of being a "bootlegger", but was never apprehended as far as he knows, and has no criminal record.

Investigation was made at No. 20 Mary St., San Rafael, California, and it was found to be an unoccupied lot; that the numbers jumped from No. 8 to No. 40 Mary St., Sausalito; that No. 40 Mary St. is occupied by a Mrs. Roberts, who operates a dairy, and who has in her employ a young man by the name of Sales Turney, and who has been employed by her for the past 15 years, and bears a good reputation.

Ross Turney, doing business as "Jack's Pool Hall, 413 Fourth St., and the Village Green Tea Room, 1437 Fourth St., San Rafael, California, stated that he and John Chase were partners in the "bootlegging" business in San Rafael and vicinity in 1931, but he has had no business relations with

him since that time, and has seen very little of him; that on occasions, in 1933, John Chase drove up to San Rafael from Sausalito in his 1933 Plymouth Coupe, with a girl named "Sally", last name unknown; that John Chase left this part of the country in the early part of December, 1933, and was gone for some weeks, and returned in the middle of January, 1934; that during his absence John Chase did not communicate with his girl named "Sally", and she called on him to obtain Chase's address, but he could not furnish same; that in the latter part of January, 1934, Chase and "Sally" had been at his place of business at 1457 Fourth St., and stayed for about one-half hour; that he has not seen Chase since, and does not know where he may be found; that he knows no one by the name of Rogers, and knows no one answering the description of Rogers associating with Chase.

Don Wood, Chief of Police, San Anselmo, California, stated that Ross Turney and John Chase were bootlegging in San Anselmo in 1931, but he was unable to get evidence on John Chase; that John Chase was arrested on Feb. 16, 1931 for a "drunk" violation, but was not fingerprinted or photographed; that he knows no one by the name of Rogers, or anyone associating with Chase answering the description of Rogers.

The following is a description of John Chase, furnished by Chief of Police Don Wood:

Age:	32
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	150 lbs.
Eyes:	Dark
Hair:	Black; combed straight back.
Complexion:	Dark.
Build:	Medium
Nose:	Straight.
Parents:	Dead.

Investigation was made at the Essex Hotel, 684 Ellis St., San Francisco, and the register examined from June, 1933 to March 15, 1934, but no registration of suspect Rogers was found therein, or of John Chase.

Investigation was made at the Bristol Hotel, 83 Rddy St., San Francisco, and it was ascertained that Ambrose Chase registered in on May 11, 1933, and checked out on Oct. 11, 1933, and left no forwarding address; that he was very quiet in his manner, and not known to have any friends, and no one was noted calling on him answering the description of Rogers; that no one by the name of James Rogers was registered at the said hotel within the past year.

C. G. Edwards, employee of Earl G. Anthony, Inc., 901 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, stated that when purchaser of Hudson "S" Sedan, giving the name of Rogers, took delivery of the car on January 24, 1934, he was accompanied by a young woman, about 25 years of age, who walked slowly, and was assisted by Rogers; that Rogers was also accompanied by a young man, about 30 years of age, 5' 9" or 10" in height; weight about 160 to 170 lbs.; athletic build; medium complexion; that said young man returned the car on Feb. 23, 1934, to have a radio and heater installed, and was accompanied by an old lady about 60 years of age, and a little boy about four or five years of age, whose further description was not noted; that said young man at time of taking out the car on Feb. 23, 1934, said he was going to Canada, and before returning would travel over ten thousand miles; that the said young man did not give any name, but said that he had just checked out of the Essex Hotel, San Francisco, when asked for an address.

Miss Ruth Ascalena, California State Division of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, stated that 1933 license S-G-8236, for Plymouth Coupe, motor No. PG-27835, serial No. V84719, was issued to John P. Chase, address P.O. Box 412, Sausalito, California, on Dec. 19, 1932, and that William M. Klinger Company, Inc., 916 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, Calif., was the legal owner of said car, which was first bought on Dec. 15, 1932; that 1934 license No. S-G-7691 for said car, was issued on Feb. 1, 1934, to John P. Chase, P.O. Box 412, Sausalito, California, and that William Klinger Company, Inc., was the legal owner of said car.

For information, there is attached hereto, three photostatic copies of Contract of Purchase of a Hudson "S" Sedan by James Rogers on Jan. 22, 1934, showing signature of James Rogers; also three photostatic copies of Bill of Sale for Plymouth Sedan, furnished to Earl G. Anthony, Inc., dated Jan. 24, 1934, showing signature of James Rogers.

It is requested that the San Francisco Division Office be informed whether or not said John P. Chase should be apprehended in case he appears in the San Francisco district.

Further investigation will be made with a view of identifying James Rogers.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Montgomery, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

Incls.

AIR MAIL

✓ c.c. Division.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul**

S. A. FILE NO. **7-41**

REPORT MADE AT: San Antonio, Texas.	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-24-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5-25-34	REPORT MADE BY: C. H. Davis
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases ARTHUR BARKER with aliases UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Coley White absent from Austin, Texas, Jack Schneider (Snyder) indicted Austin, Texas charge swindling 5-14-29. Furnished bond sum of \$1500. Bond forfeited June 3, 1929. Indictment dismissed 1-27-32, Austin Police No. 925.			
REFERENCE: Report of Agent J. F. Murphy, dated San Antonio, Texas, 5-10-34.			
DETAILS: <p>The records of the Austin Police Department reflect that Jack Snyder P.M. No. 925 was arrested by Sheriff's Department, Austin, Texas 4-21-29, charged with Forgery by passing a forged check on the Driskill Hotel at Austin, Texas for sum of \$10 turned to county; forfeited bond.</p> <p>Agent communicated with residence of ex-Sheriff Coley White and was informed by Mrs. White that Mr. White was absent from Austin, Texas. Mrs. White, however, stated that when Jack Snyder's bond was forfeited at Austin, Texas that Mr. White mailed wanted notices to various places for subject and that as she remembered Jack Snyder with his wife was arrested in Chicago in the latter part of 1931 and Mr. White left Austin for Chicago to return Snyder and upon arrival at Chicago Snyder had been released and that Mr. White spent 10 days there endeavoring to locate him.</p> <p>The records of the State District Clerk's office at Austin disclose that Jack Schneider (Snyder) was indicted in the State Court, Indictment #19728 on May 14, 1929, forfeited bond of \$1500 on June 3, 1929 and indictment dismissed upon motion of the States District Attorney's office on January 27, 1932.</p> <p>The records of the Austin Police Department disclose that Jack Snyder was</p>			
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COPIES OF THIS REPORT DESTROYED 3-48 MAR 18 1968		UNITED STATES MAR 29 1934 A BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>[Handwritten initials]</i>	
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arrested at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Police Department #24065, charge investigation on 12-23-32. As Jack Snyder arrested Chicago 3-11-33 P. D. #C-47547 charge robbery by gun and wearing concealed weapons. Furnished bond \$5000. No further disposition shown.

E. B. Mitschke, Superintendent of the Identification Bureau, Austin, Texas, states that after Snyder forfeited his bond at Austin that he saw Snyder and his wife in a cafe here and when he approached to place Snyder under arrest they made their escape.

For the information and use of the St. Paul and Chicago offices photographs of Jack Snyder and his wife are attached.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The Chicago Office: Will check Snyder's arrest there on 3-11-33, No. C-47547, and at Milwaukee, Wisconsin on 12-23-32, Milwaukee P. D. #24065.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

HHC:DSS

Division of Investigation

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

March 26, 1934.

MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	✓
MR. SHIPLEY	✓
MR. EDWARDS	✓
MR. EGAN	✓
MR. JOHNS	✓
MR. LESTER	✓
MR. CLARK	✓
MR. MURPHY	✓

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Edward L. Bremer

Concerning the publicity relative to the identifications in the Bremer case Mr. Rorer telephoned. He interviewed Mr. Richard S. Gilfillan, who is a copy writer for the Minneapolis Tribune. It appears that when the telegraphic flash of the arrests in Oklahoma City was received by the Tribune, Mr. Shipley, apparently Gilfillan's superior, called him into the office where Gilfillan saw the notice of the arrests. Shipley inquired if Gilfillan knew anyone in Tulsa whom they might telephone to get the details and Gilfillan stated that he had a few days before been in Washington at a newspaper guild meeting and had met Mr. Burke, of Tulsa. He was instructed to communicate with Burke. Gilfillan first called his wife to get Burke's first name and then telephoned Burke and received the information that appeared in the Minneapolis paper from Burke. Gilfillan stated that if he were making the investigation relative to the leak he would question the newspaper men in Tulsa. This information was telephoned to Mr. Brantley and he was told to make thorough inquiries and bring this matter to a logical conclusion promptly.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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

March 15, 1934.

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Mr. NATHAN	_____
Mr. TOLSON	_____
Mr. CLEGG	_____
Mr. COWLEY	_____
Mr. EDWARDS	_____
Mr. EGAN	_____
Mr. QUINN	_____
Mr. LESTER	_____
Miss CLARK	_____
Mr. RORER	_____

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

Dear Sir:

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

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In that connection, please be advised that this office has been informed that the Twin Cities have recently been using the Elgin Hotel as a headquarters for their underworld activities.

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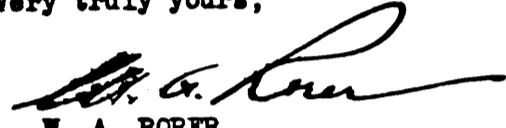
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Because of the unsettled political conditions in the Twin Cities, the informant has been handicapped in securing information. It is believed that he should be given at least another week before dismissing him. He was given \$10.00 by Special Agent [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,



W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

Mr. NATHAN	_____
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Mr. CLEGG	✓
Mr. COWLEY	✓
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

MAR 29 1934

Dear Sir:

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

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[REDACTED]

Thomas Dahill, Chief of Police, St. Paul, at the Division office on March 16, 1934, advised that he had been in Washington and had been furnished the information that [REDACTED]

Thomas Dahill stated that from the description given him, he was convinced that it was Tom Brown, former Chief of Police and present member of the kidnap squad. Thomas Dahill furnished a photograph of Tom Brown and requested that the photograph be displayed in order to determine whether it can be identified as a likeness of the officer [REDACTED]

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Unless otherwise instructed by the Division, after the photograph has been shown to the informant and he can not identify same, Mr. Dahill will be informed that this office has been unable to make a contact with the informant; and he will be likewise told in the event the photograph is identified. It occurs to me that the usefulness of our informant might be jeopardized in the event Mr. Dahill is given any further information regarding this matter. It also appears that in the event Mr. Dahill desires to use this information as a basis for dismissing Mr. Brown, he would not be successful inasmuch as the informant's information [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] in any event, Mr. Dahill has been on the St. Paul Police Department long enough to reach a decision, without the assistance of this Division, as to whether or not Mr. Brown is a trustworthy officer.

Very truly yours,


W. A. RORER,
Inspector.


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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 21, 1934

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MR. NATHAN	_____
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MR. CLEGG	_____
MR. COWLEY	_____
MR. EDWARDS	_____
MR. FOAM	_____
MR. QUINN	_____
MR. LES	_____
MR. LOCKE	_____
MR. RORER	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Mr. Rorer about the attached letter dated March 19, 1934, concerning the Bremer case, and informed him of the inconsistencies appearing in the abstract slip and in the body of the letter about exhibiting the photograph of Tom Brown to informant [redacted]

Mr. Rorer stated that Special Agent Hall, who dictated the letter, dictated at the same time another letter showing that [redacted] had been interviewed. Agent Hall thought it preferable to prepare two letters rather than one, and evidently the abstract slips of the second letter had been attached to the first letter. [redacted]

Mr. Rorer advised that the second letter should have been in the same mail with the first and the abstract slips should be exchanged.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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MARCH 27, 1934.



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box No. 4807,
Jacksonville, Florida.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I. O. 1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
I. O. 1219
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

In connection with efforts to locate Paula Harmon, alias Paula Brannon, alias Mrs. C. P. Harmon, and other aliases, who was a known associate of the Karpis-Barker gang, investigation was made by this office of the arrest by the Sheriff at Council Bluffs, Iowa, during February, 1928, of Mrs. C. P. Harmon together with Leota Graham, Charles P. Harmon (Paula's husband, now deceased) and James Ira Harmon.

Leota Graham, above named, was known to be an associate and friend of Paula Harmon. In an endeavor to locate Leota Graham investigation was made by this office at Ralston, Nebraska, where it was found that, about two years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graham, the parents of Leota Graham, moved to 209 South 24th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, there operating a rooming house, and later moving to Crestview, Florida.

The Postmaster at Ralston advised that on February 28, 1934 a registered package, register No. 6796, had been sent by William Graham of Hammond, Indiana to his father, Charles Graham, at Ralston, Nebraska, this package being forwarded to Mr. Graham at Crestview, Florida. The Postmaster stated that from conversations he had heard, he understood Leota Graham was also living at Crestview, Florida.

Mrs. Charles Rothermund, Ralston, Nebraska, sister of Leota Graham, advised that Leota Graham was operating a tourist camp about three quarters of a mile east of Crestview, Florida, having been at that point for the past two years.

A photostatic copy of a photograph of Leota Graham together with her fingerprints are being transmitted herewith, as well as a photostatic copy of photograph and fingerprints of Paula Harmon. The attached photograph of Paula Harmon, which was taken by the Sheriff's Office at Council Bluffs, Iowa in 1928, is not a very good present likeness of her, as her nose has since been broken in an accident. In the event your investigation tends to indicate Paula Harmon's presence in your District, it is suggested

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that you request the St. Paul Office to furnish a more recent photograph of Paula Harmon.

It is requested that your office endeavor to locate Leta Graham, alias Mrs. Claude Vogel, near Crestview, Florida, in an endeavor to ascertain through her the present whereabouts of Paula Harmon.

When the attached photostatic copies of photographs and fingerprints of Paula Harmon and Leta Graham have served their purpose to the Jacksonville Office they should be returned to the Kansas City Office.

With the copies of this letter designated for the St. Paul Office there is attached a newspaper clipping from the World-Herald, Omaha, Nebraska, for February 27, 1928 relative to the return of Paula Harmon and her associates to Council Bluffs, Iowa from Rock Island, Illinois at that time in connection with the arrests, which are mentioned in letter written over the signature of Special Agent J. L. Flood to the Chicago Office in this connection under date of March 1, 1934.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - St. Paul
Dallas
Chicago
Division

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

BREKID PIERCE ARROW SEDAN INDIANA LICENSE SIX NINE ONE EIGHT REGISTERED MAX NOVELLE
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San Francisco, California
March 22, 1934.

A. R. GENE
GOLDEN HOTEL
RENO, NEVADA.

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

MONTGOMERY ACTING.

Charge: GOVT RATE.
318 Howes Bldg.
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MARCH 23, 1934

F. X. FAY
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
370 LEXINGTON AVENUE, ROOM 1403
NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS REY FRISCH KIDNAPPING ASCERTAIN SUBSTANCE TESTIMONY EXPECTED FROM FRISCH REGARDING GRAMM AND MCKAY CASE ALSO HOW IMPORTANT TESTIMONY CONSIDERED AND WHETHER ANY OTHER PERSON CAN TESTIFY TO SAME FACTS STOP ALSO ADVISE WHETHER FRISCH UNDER FEDERAL SUBPENA FOR APPEARANCE NEW YORK CITY AND DATE.

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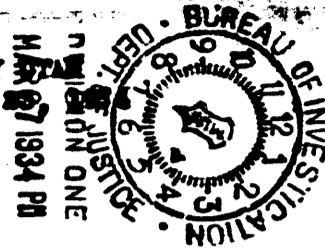
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BRKID PIERCE ARROW SEDAN INDIANA LICENSE SIX NINE ONE EIGHT REGISTERED MAX
NOVELLE HAMMOND INDIANA MOTOR A FIVE NAUGHT SEVENTEEN LEFT RENO NEVADA WEDNESDAY
FOR CALIFORNIA DISCREETLY ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OWNER ETC.

WIRE ACTING

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CC: DIVISION
W. A. ROEHR

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R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

WESTERN UNION

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San Francisco, California. March 21, 1934.

J.E.P. MURN
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
617 FEDERAL BUILDING
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.



BRUNED OBTAIN FROM AUBURN CALIFORNIA COMPANY THREE FOUR FOUR THREE WILSHIRE
BOULEVARD ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING SALE OF AUBURN SEDAN MOTOR BB FIFTEEN
Oct. 19, 1933
TWO SEVEN TO WILLIAM B. LOHMAN THIS CITY/FOR WHICH DODGE SEDAN MOTOR DP
SIX FIVE EIGHT FOUR SIX WAS TURNED IN AND AMOUNT OF BALANCE IF PAID BY CHECK
AND WHAT BANK DEPOSITED IN.

MONTGOMERY ASTING.

✓ C.C. Division

Charge Govt. rate.
316 Howes Building.

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

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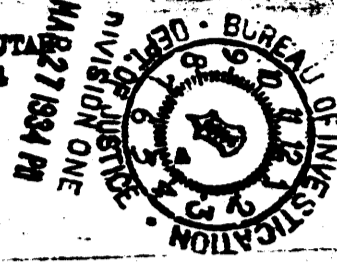
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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
MARCH 23, 1934



W.A. RORER
INSPECTOR
803 POST OFFICE BUILDING
ST. PAUL, MINN.

REKID AGENTS RENO ADVISED INVESTIGATION COMPLETED THERE NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED STOP SUBJECTS BELIEVED NOT NOW AT RENO

WIRE ACTING

LDW EM

CC: DIVISION ✓

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

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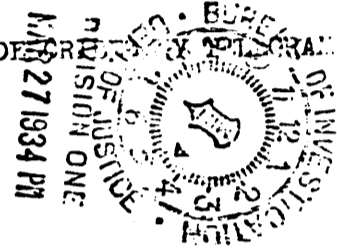
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San Francisco, California.
March 23, 1934.

J.E.P. Dunn,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
617 Federal Building,
Los Angeles, California.

REKID SACRAMENTO REPORTS NO CURRENT PLATES FOR AUBURN DEPT
STOP OUT OF STATE PERMITS BEING CHECKED

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CHARGE-Gov. Rate,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Dept. of Justice,
318 Howe's Bldg.,
San Francisco, Calif.
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THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

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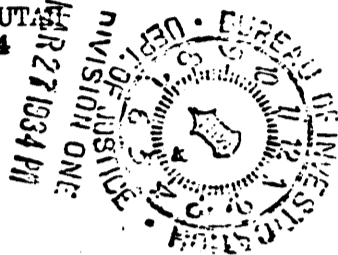
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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
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W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

ERKID GENE RENO REQUESTS YOU SEND HIM AIRMAIL DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF SUBJECTS AND THEIR KNOWN FEMININE ACQUAINTANCES.

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
MARCH 22, 1934.

R. E. VITTELLO
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
318 HUNTER BUILDING
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

BRIND HAVE YOU CHECKED SACRAMENTO FOR POSSIBLE ISSUANCE CURRENTLY
AUGUST SEDAN DESCRIBED YOUR WIFE TWENTY FIRST INSTANT BEING CAR
YEAR 21 SAN FRANCISCO BY LORETT STOP ADVISE

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CHARGE: C.B.G.R.
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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 27, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephone conversation today be-
tween Special Agent R. B. Burruss and myself concerning tele-
phone calls emanating from Emerson 2292, Philadelphia, Pa., to
Washington, D. C.

J. F. Devine, Special Agent, Bell Telephone Company of
Pennsylvania, advised me that Barling 2292 is a private telephone
listed in the name of Mrs. Ida M. Fleming, 441 Baltimore Ave-
nue, which residence is located in a fairly good residential
section of Philadelphia.

Special Agents J. F. McDevitt and A. Schroeder inter-
viewed Benjamin Lee, 216 Hobart Street, mail carrier serving the
Fleming address, who advised that he has been serving mail at
that residence for the last nine years, and that Mrs. Fleming
and her husband reside there. Mr. Fleming, whose first name is
unknown, is approximately sixty years of age and is very feeble,
being afflicted with diabetes. Mrs. Fleming is approximately
fifty-five years of age, and is a quiet, respectable woman. In
addition to Mr. and Mrs. Fleming, there occasionally visit
one of their two daughters (name unknown) who apparently resides
somewhere in Philadelphia. The eldest daughter of the Flemings
recently married William A. Gray, prominent Philadelphia criminal
attorney with offices located in the Girard Trust Building, Phila-
delphia. Gray is quite a prominent figure at the criminal bar at
Philadelphia, and has practiced there for the last thirty-five or
forty years.

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Washington Field Office

March 27, 1934.

The Fleming's at one time actively operated a saloon at 40th and Market Streets in Philadelphia, and it is believed that they probably still own those premises but are not actively engaged in the operation of the saloon which is located there. As far as is known, the saloon bore a fairly good reputation, and one George Hohn (deceased), brother of Mrs. Fleming, formerly tended bar at that place.

Lee advised that to his recollection the mail received by the Fleming's is of nondescript matter, and that no out-of-town mail, to his recollection, has been delivered to that address during the past year. Lee was particularly sure that no mail had come there from Washington, D. C., and that the Fleming's live an ordinary home life, and that there is no indication of unusual activity in the Fleming household.

In addition to this, Lee advised that there is a white lady, who seemingly does housework for the Fleming's, apparently not being employed there steadily but only spasmodically, whose name and address he does not know.

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No further information could be obtained relative to the Fleming's. However, it is suggested that Special Agent Ship, of the Bell Telephone Company, Washington, D. C., be contacted for the purpose of ascertaining whether the call from Emerson 6087 to Baring 2292 was a person-to-person call. In the event that the records of the telephone company reflect that such was a person-to-person call, the name of the party

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should appear on the telephone company's records, and, if requested, further investigation will be conducted by this office relative to this telephone call.

The foregoing information was communicated telephonically to Special Agent R. S. Burruss today by Special Agent A. Schroeder.

Very truly yours,

R. G. HAWKES,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

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March 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to your recent teletype message requesting that the fingerprint classifications of James Wilson and William Jones be furnished the Division. Please be advised that it has been ascertained from Mr. John Tierney, Identification Division, St. Paul Police Department, that James Wilson bears St. Paul Police No. 24156, fingerprint classification $\frac{9}{20} \frac{U}{W} \frac{10}{0} \frac{14}{14}$, and that William Jones bears St. Paul Police Department No. 23003, fingerprint classification amp. $\frac{1}{1} \frac{Aaaa}{Aa} \frac{3}{A}$.

With reference to the letter from the St. Paul Division office dated March 3, 1934, which contained a list of individuals whose fingerprints it was deemed advisable to have checked against the latent prints in this case, will you please advise whether the fingerprints of these individuals have been permanently entered in the fingerprint file or whether they are merely being compared with the latent fingerprints obtained in this case.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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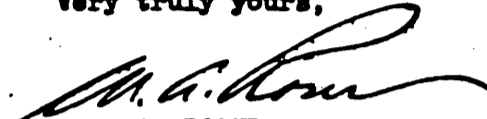
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Mr. Bremer further stated that upon arriving at the hideout on the day of his abduction, it is his recollection that a turn was made to the right, off the highway, when approaching the hideout; that on the day he departed from the hideout, after walking up the basement stairs, he made two turns to the right before entering the car, but stated that he has no recollection of the car itself making any turns prior to entering the highway and that it appeared to him that after entering the car, the car started and proceeded straight ahead, making no noticeable turn.

Very truly yours,


W. A. ROHER,
Inspector.

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Cc Chicago

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ENCLOSURE

Hide-out chart

HIDEOUT OF

Does this house front on

DOOR IN WHICH VICTIM ALWAYS SLEPT

DOOR WITH WIRE CLOTHES HANGERS
ON INSIDE

ELECTRIC LIGHT WITH DROP CORD

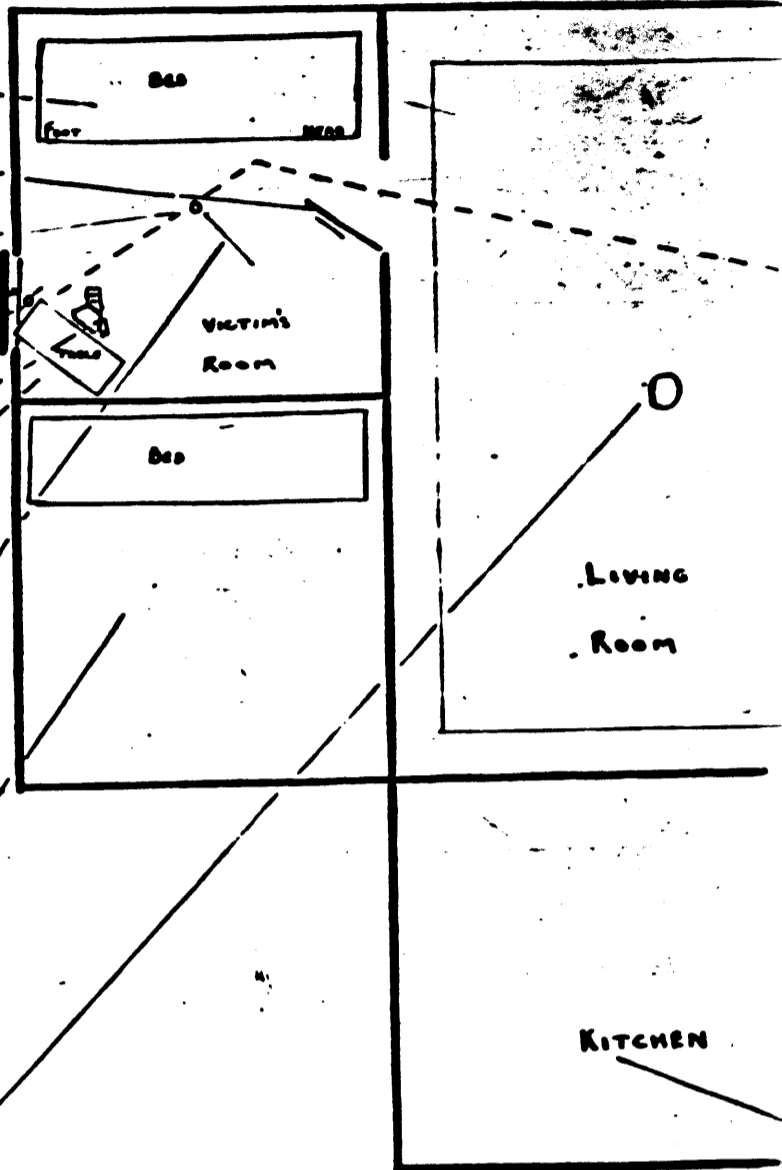
WINDOW BOARDED ON INSIDE

THE HEAVY CURTAIN

SMOKING STAND

STRAIGHT DICK CHAIR

RUG COVERS THIS ROOM



HIGHWAY
P.M. Traffic

ROP CORD TO LIGHT

SEB ROOM LOCATION OF DOOR UNKNOWN

P.M. Traffic

RAILROAD

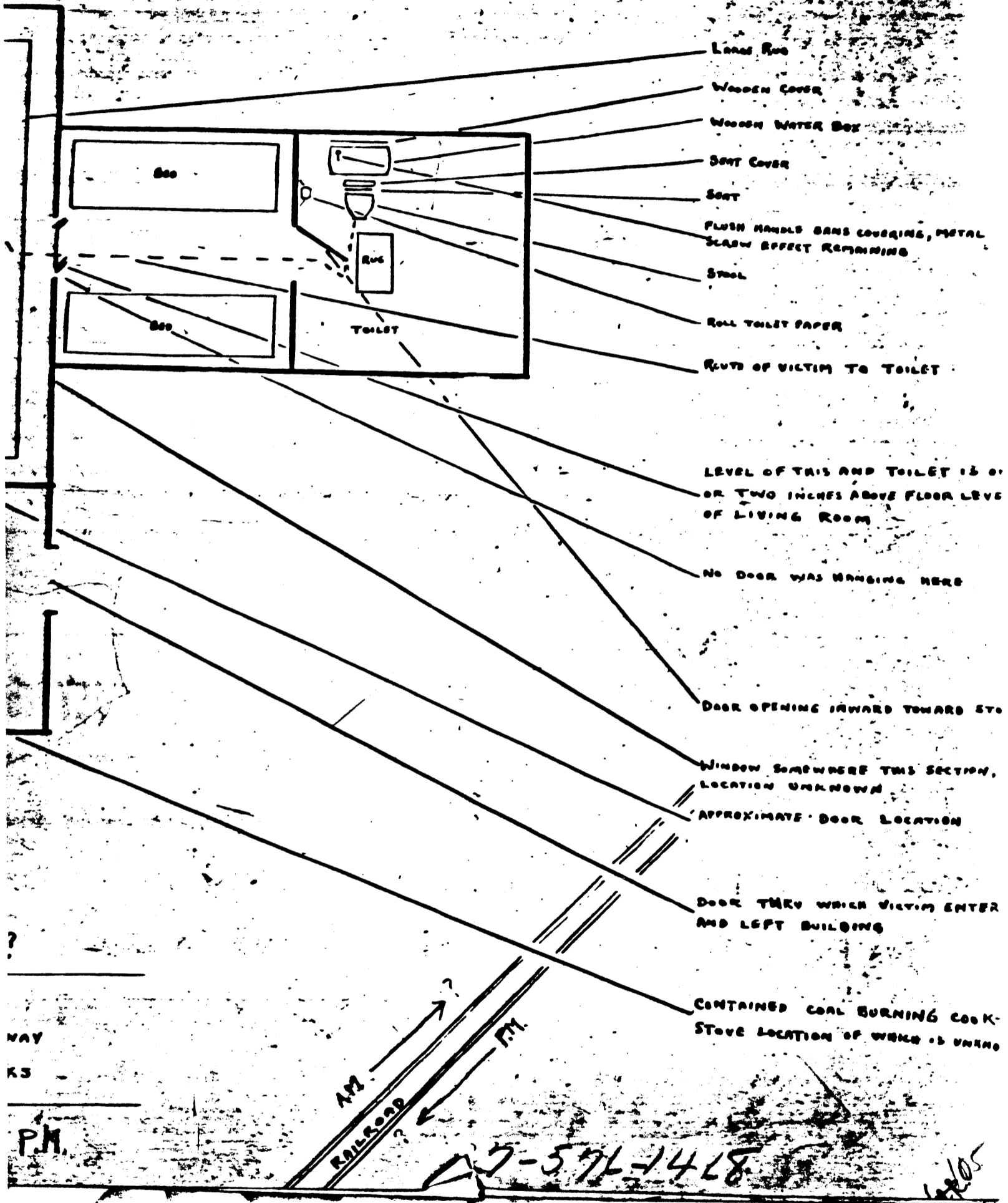
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TWO INCHES TO
SEVEN FEET

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HIGHWAY IS FROM ONE TO TWO BLOCKS DIST.
BUT ONLY HALF DISTANCE AWAY AS RAILROAD

G. DREMER



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April 4, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:

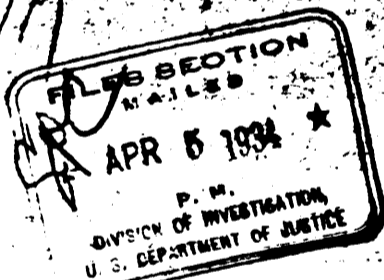
Reference is made to Division letter dated March 19, 1934,
and your reply thereto dated March 27, 1934, relative to a re-interview
with victim Edward George Bremer, for the purpose of ascertaining the
flow of train and automobile traffic in relation to the hideout where
Bremer was held.

It is noted from your reply that the re-interview was con-
ducted by Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, and that the results of this
interview materially changed the diagram originally prepared by you
based upon the information furnished by Mr. Bremer. The Division is
of the opinion that all interviews with Mr. Bremer relative to matters
of importance should be conducted by you, personally, so that all the
information in the possession of Mr. Bremer can be thoroughly developed
to the advantage of the Division.

It is suggested that this procedure be followed hereafter,
and that you conduct all interviews with Mr. Bremer.

Very truly yours,

Director.



U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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March 27, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith three negatives of photographs taken on May 29, 1933, of Mrs. EDWARD W. BENTZ. These photographs of Mrs. Bentz were taken while she was living in the Shelldrake Hotel with Edward Bentz, during the summer of 1933, and it is believed that they are the most recent photographs of this person.

It is suggested that a sufficient number of same be developed from the negatives to furnish ten copies each to the Chicago, St. Paul, Kansas City, Portland and San Francisco offices, and that five copies of each be furnished to the St. Louis and Oklahoma City offices. It is requested that when these negatives have served their purpose they be returned to this office, in order that we may return them to the photographer from whom they were obtained. It is suggested that this matter be given the earliest possible attention.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman
JAY C. NEWMAN,

Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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April 6, 1934

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I. O. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
I. O. 1219; ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in
your letter dated March 27, 1934, there are returned
herewith the three negatives furnished the Division for
the purpose of having copies of the photograph of Mrs.
Edward W. Bents made and distributed to the field offices
of the Division.

Please be advised that copies of this
photograph have been distributed to all field offices,
with other photographs, by Division letter dated April 3,
1934.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. #682544

cc - St. Paul (Mr. Bence)
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Cowley	_____
Mr. Edwards	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Chief Clerk	_____
Mr. Mumford	_____

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

March 26, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the leak of confidential information which resulted in newspaper publicity concerning the fingerprint identification of Arthur Barker.

Special Agent O. G. Hall interviewed Richard S. Gilfillan, copy reader, for the Minneapolis Tribune, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on the night of the 24th instant. Mr. Gilfillan stated that on the morning of the raid in Oklahoma, which resulted in the arrest of Glenn Roy Wright, et al, he was called to the office of Mr. Shipley of the Tribune, where he was shown a dispatch from Sapulpa, Oklahoma, reflecting the arrest of Glenn Roy Wright, et al. Mr. Gilfillan stated that this dispatch made no mention of the fingerprint identification. He stated that on that occasion, Mr. Shipley asked him if he knew anyone at Tulsa, Oklahoma, whereupon he answered that he knew Mr. Burke of the Tulsa News, whose first name he did not know. He stated that he informed Shipley that he had met Burke in December, 1933 in Washington, D. C., while attending the National Newspapermen's Guild, and that he informed Shipley that he could probably obtain Burke's first name from his wife, which he did, and furnished it to Shipley. He stated that he believes that Shipley then telephoned Burke and received the information from Burke concerning the identification, although he stated that he is not even positive that Shipley telephoned Burke.

Mr. Gilfillan stated emphatically that he did not know of the identification until he read the story in his capacity as copy reader for the Tribune. He further states that it is inconceivable to him that any newspaperman in the Twin Cities would hold a story for ten days or any length of time of this nature if he intended to print it at all. He stated that had anyone in the Twin

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Cities been in possession of this information ten days prior to its publication, that several occasions had been presented which would have afforded an opportunity for publication. He stated that when the story broke concerning investigation in the vicinity of Davenport, Iowa, in connection with an extortion letter which had been written to Adolph Bremer, that if anyone in the Twin Cities had had the data concerning the identification, that there would have been an excellent opportunity for publication, particularly since local peace officers in the vicinity of Davenport had furnished full details to the press concerning the particular extortion note which was then being investigated.

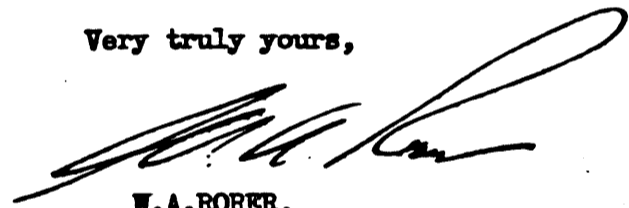
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Mr. Gilfillan stated that in view of the fact that the information reached the press simultaneously with the raid in Oklahoma that it is inconceivable to him that the information should have arisen anywhere other than Oklahoma and in connection with the raid.

He stated, however, that should he have had this information before that he would so state that he had it but would refuse to disclose his source upon confidential grounds and since he had not heard of the story before he would so truthfully state.

Mr. Gilfillan stated that were he investigating to determine the source of this story, he would make an investigation regarding the raid in Oklahoma and also among the newspaper men at Tulsa, who first reported the raid as it would seem to him that the raid and story were co-incident.

Very truly yours,



W.A. RORER,
Inspector.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
MARCH 27, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I. O. 1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
I. O. 1219
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to Division letter dated March 13, 1934 addressed to the Detroit Office in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM, KIDNAPING, with which was enclosed copy of the criminal record of one W. D. Pettyjohn, Division No. 222725. *2-27-31*

In reply to a communication from this office, Mr. J. M. Sanders, Warden of the State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, has advised that the above named individual as W. D. Pettyjohn, their No. 43800, is still incarcerated at that institution, serving a term of five years for a crime of obtaining money by fraudulent checks in Jefferson County, Missouri; it being further stated that this individual will be due for discharge from the Missouri State Penitentiary on June 13, 1936.

Very truly yours,

M. C. Spear

M. C. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - St. Paul
Detroit
Chicago

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Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
803 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Supplementing my teletypewriter message of March 27, 1934,
I am enclosing copies of the criminal records with duplicate copies
of the photographs appearing in the files of the Identification Unit
in the cases of the following persons:

- ALONZO BRISCOE alias Frank Downey
- JOHN McATTEE
- J. R. BRACKETT
- ED BRODIE
- HENRY CHAPMAN
- ALVIN KARPIS
- FRED BARKER

There is attached a copy of the criminal record appearing as
to CHARLES KOTNER. In this instance no photograph is available.

Based upon the information submitted by Mr. Carr, Assistant
Inspector of the St. Paul Police Department the Division has not been
able to identify records of the following persons, requested in his
recent communication:

- WENDE MORRIS
- GRACE GUCKLER

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It should be understood that the Division is not certain that
all of the records are "positive" identifications, since only the names
were furnished for the Division's use in searching its files in these
cases.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

Handwritten initials

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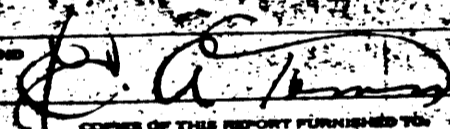
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINN.**

FILE NO. **7-39**

REPORT MADE AT: Pittsburgh, Pa.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-28-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-24-34	REPORT MADE BY: H. A. Bangart
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;">  </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>Camp removed to Northern District of West Virginia from Jacksonville, Florida. 3-12-34, furnished information to the effect that if given an opportunity to visit the Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., and confers with Elmer Boucher, an inmate of this institution, that he will be able to secure from Boucher the name of a participant in the Bremer kidnaping case.</p> </div> </div>			
REFERENCE: Division letter dated March 21, 1934.			
DETAILS: <p>The Division letter of reference advised that William Phillip Camp, subject of National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case under that title, who is presently being held in the County Jail at Wheeling, West Virginia, awaiting trial upon the charge of violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, had on March 11, 1934, corresponded with Assistant Attorney General Keenan, at Washington, D.C., advising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within thirty-six hours after you have seen me, I will give you information which will cause the arrest of one of the Bremer Kidnappers. I am asking nothing whatever of you until I do produce this man. I merely ask that my trial be postponed until such time 			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: Division 3 St. Paul 3 Philadelphia (Information only) 2 Pittsburgh (Pgh. File 26-1936 - 1) 3	7-576-1473 MAR 29 1934 P.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: FILE	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 29 1934 APR 2 1934 JACKETED

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as that matter would be cleared up. Will you please advise at once as I do not care to deal with the local department but with your office. I have been advised by the Deputy Marshal to deal with you if possible in this matter.

AT WHEELING, W. VA.

Records at the office of the United States Marshal at Wheeling, W. Va., disclose that Subject Gemp was removed to the Northern District of West Virginia from Jacksonville, Florida, March 12, 1934.

Gemp was interviewed in the Ohio County Jail at Wheeling relative to the information set forth in the letter of reference, concerning information in his, Gemp's, possession pertaining to the Bremer kidnaping matter, and where he is awaiting disposition of his trial upon the charge of violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act at the June, 1934, Term of Federal Court at Elkins, W. Va., there being a possibility the case may be disposed of at the coming May, 1934, Term of Court at Wheeling, W. Va.

Gemp stated that he entered the Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa., on April 8, 1933, after being sentenced at Pittsburgh, Pa., to serve a term of one year and one day for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act and was, subsequently, assigned to kitchen work in this institution. At a later date he was placed in charge of all the iceboxes in the penitentiary, having full control of the milk, eggs and butter. He stated that a number of the prisoners depended upon him to give them extra milk and in this manner he met a person, then confined in the institution, by the name of Elmer Boucher, Penitentiary Number 936, said Boucher having been sentenced to the institution for some mail offense from Chicago. Boucher was a clerk in the penitentiary in charge of the store-room. Boucher later told Gemp to look out for and take care of a friend of his by the name of Jack Kusick or Jack Kusick, Gemp not knowing the correct spelling of this name. He, Gemp, stated that Kusick was formerly connected with the Al Capone gang in Chicago and was sentenced from Chicago for a term of five years for Income Evasion. Gemp stated that he favored Kusick from time to time in giving him milk and eggs; that when he, Gemp, was to be discharged from the institution, Elmer Boucher told him that his time was about up and that he, Boucher, was going to put Gemp in with the right "guys" when he got out. Gemp asked Boucher what he meant by the "right guys", and Boucher said he would put him in with "guys" who controlled the dope ring in the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia. Gemp informed him that he did not desire to get mixed up with dope and Boucher stated that he was foolish; that the leader of the dope ring was one of the Bremer kidnapers whom he, Boucher, was going to send Gemp to after his release from the institution. Gemp stated that he never secured the name of the alleged leader of the dope ring who was also said to be in on the Bremer kidnaping, as he did not press Boucher for this name.

Gemp also stated that he overheard a conversation in the yard of the penitentiary shortly after the Bremer kidnaping, wherein the name of "Doc Barker" was mentioned as one of the kidnapers; he further stated that Elmer Boucher had told him approximately ten days before the Bremer kidnaping that there was going to be another kidnaping in the Mid-West and a quarter of a million dollars would be demanded by the kidnapers.

Gemp comes forth with the proposition that if he is taken from the Wheeling Jail by Department of Justice Agents on a visit to the Northeastern Penitentiary at Wheeling, Pa., and given an opportunity to confer with Elmer Boucher for a few minutes that he, Gemp, will be able to secure the name and identity of the person who participated in the Bremer kidnaping. Gemp stated that he did not desire to be taken to this institution by a Deputy United States Marshal, as he would not trust a Marshal in this matter; further, that he did not desire to be sent to the institution as a prisoner, he did not state the reason why he did not desire to be sent as a prisoner but appeared to indicate that apparently he is in trouble some way with some of the inmates now confined in the institution. He further stated that Deputy Warden Hunter, at the Northeastern Penitentiary, is not to be trusted and that he, Hunter, extends many favors to Benny Fields, Jack Kusick and Sam Beard whom he, Gemp, states "run" the institution.

The setting out of Undeveloped Leads to the Philadelphia Division Office is being left to the discretion of the Division.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

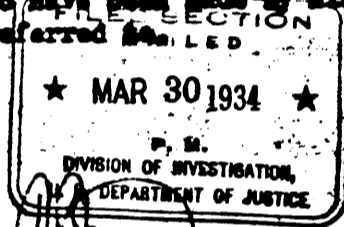
Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. A. Bengert, dated at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 28, 1934, reflecting the results of an interview with one William Phillip Gemp, with reference to the above entitled case, wherein it is noted that if he, Gemp, were permitted to return to Northeastern Penitentiary and confer with Elmer Boucher, Penitentiary #936, he would possibly obtain the name of one of the kidnapers of Bremer.

There are transmitted herewith copies of the abstract of criminal record, as reflected by the files of the Identification Unit of the Division, of Elmer Boucher, #936, United States Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

You are instructed to have an Agent interview Boucher at the earliest practicable date concerning the statements alleged to have been made by him to Gemp, as reflected in the report above referred to.



Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 66157L.

CC Pittsburgh
Mr. Rorer, St. Paul.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 22, 1934.

MR. TOLSON
MR. CLEGG
MR. CONLEY
MR. LADD
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MR. GURNEA
MR. LESTER
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In the absence of instructions as to whether you consider it advisable to prepare a suggested release for the Attorney General to include the names of only Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis, who have been definitely connected with the Edward G. Bremer Kidnaping case or whether you desire to include the names of all five suspects, there have been prepared and are attached hereto ^{the} memoranda ^{one of which is an} to be used as inclosures with the memorandum addressed to the Attorney General.

Instructions are being issued that the Identification Orders in connection with this matter should indicate that the subjects are wanted for questioning in regard to the Bremer Kidnaping.

Respectfully,

H. E. Clegg.

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

March 24, 1934

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al;
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE
BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPERS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City, 3/22/34, on page 2 of which it is noted that the signatures of several parties belonging to the Karpis-Barker gang were secured.

Reference is now made to the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota, 3/22/34, on page 2 of which it is noted that the signatures of C. E. Moore, E. L. Burns and J. H. Lockwood have been secured and are now on file in the St. Paul office.

It is suggested that the signatures now in the possession of the Salt Lake City office be secured and compared with those in the possession of the St. Paul office and also be compared with any other handwriting specimens of the members of the Karpis-Barker gang. If this proves significant, it is advised that photostatic copies of the signatures of members of the Karpis-Barker gang be supplied to each interested office.

Very truly yours,

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Salt Lake City
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E. H. FURVIE
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 815,
St. Paul, Minn.

March 23, 1934.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File 7-38

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your wire of the 22nd inst., re-
flecting investigation indicating that the BARKER brothers and
KARPIS and DAVIS have been in and out of Reno, Nevada during the
past four months. During our telephone conversation, Agent Fine
advised me that Special Agent Cere had completed the investiga-
tion at Reno and probably had left there. In accordance with
telephonic instructions, you should immediately return Agent Cere
to Reno for further exhausted investigation. It is believed that
due to investigative disclosures of so great importance, as
indicated in your wire, an Agent should remain at Reno indefi-
nitely. In view of the fact that no previous investigation had
been made by this Division in Reno, it is very probable that the
BARKERS and KARPIS may return there. All possible efforts should
be made to ascertain whether any of the ransom money has been, or
is being, disposed of at Reno and the Division and this office
should be promptly advised of all developments.

Very truly yours,

W.A. ROHR, Inspector.

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

Attention:
Mr. Eckholdt.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al
Edward George Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping

MAR 27 1934
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Fred G. Zerbst, Warden,
United States Penitentiary,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of letter written over the signature of your Secretary, Mr. E. H. Eckholdt, under date of March 23, 1934, with which was transmitted photostatic copies of a letter and the envelope in which it was received at the penitentiary, addressed to convict Lloyd Barker. I have immediately sent these photostatic copies to our Division at Washington, D.C., in order that they may be promptly examined in our laboratory to ascertain if they are of any value to us in any cases which we have under investigation. I have asked Special Agent H. E. Andersen, who is calling at the penitentiary on March 24th, to request that this letter be not delivered to Barker until noon or thereafter Monday March 26th. This request is made as in the event the letter is found of any value from examination at our laboratory in Washington, D.C., it may become necessary to have the original letter sent to Washington for further examination, and it is realized that after the letter is delivered to Barker, he may destroy the same.

Assuring you that your cooperation in closely watching the incoming and outgoing mail of Lloyd Barker is very greatly appreciated, I am

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEER, Acting
Special Agent in Charge - 26 1934 P.M.

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MAR 27 1934 AM

St. Paul, Minnesota
March 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

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

As requested by Special Agent O. G. Hall, I interviewed MR. H. McKAY at his home at 1748 St. Anthony Avenue, St. Paul.

MR. McKAY advised that he has previously interviewed Special Agent R. C. Coulter of this office concerning JOHN DILLINGER, whom he believes he has seen at various times in the vicinity of his home.

He further stated that he wished to advise at this time that he "feels in his blood" that he saw Subject "DOC" BARKER at the corner of Snelling and University Avenue approximately ten days ago. It may be noted, however, that MR. McKAY'S description of the man he saw on this occasion would not at all correspond to the description of Subject "DOC" BARKER.

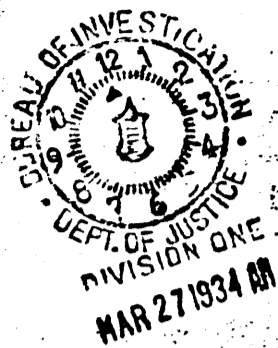
MR. McKAY advised that he feels that he has a natural ability in the apprehension of known fugitives, and he will undoubtedly in the future contact this office concerning various experiences concerning himself and known criminals.

T. J. DODD,
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

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

Dear Sir:

From information gathered by this office to date, it is reasonable to assume that the Barker-Karpis gang was residing in apartments located at 1280 and 1290 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, for a short period during February and March, 1933. The gang was tipped off in some manner and made their departure very hurriedly, leaving behind various articles of clothing and other things, which were removed from apartment No. 102, 1280 Grand Avenue, by the St. Paul Police on the morning of March 4, 1933, the gang having made their get-away during the night of March 3, 1933, or early morning of March 4th.

The clothing and other articles have been turned over to this office by Inspector Tierney of the St. Paul Police Department. Careful examination has been made of the articles, among which has been located a gray shirt, size 14 1/2, having laundry marks "D.G." and "781". The label in the shirt reads as follows: "Broadway Toggery for Dad and Lad, Melrose Park, Illinois."

It is respectfully requested that you have an agent contact the Broadway Toggery, exhibiting photographs of suspects in this case to the employees for possible identification with a view to obtaining any and all information which might point to Melrose Park, Illinois, or vicinity as a possible hideout for the Barker-Karpis gang.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROEHL,
Inspector.

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March 28, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of March 13, 1934, requesting that you indicate which, if any, of the eighty names submitted by the St. Paul, Minnesota, Police Department as possible suspects in the case entitled Alvin^o Karpis, with aliases, et al, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, are such outstanding criminals as to warrant permanent entry of their fingerprints in the single fingerprint file of kidnapers, extortionists, and outstanding gangsters which is maintained in the Division. No response to the Division inquiry has been received.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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New Orleans, La.
March 27, 1934.



MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENTS:

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

Listed below you will find information pertaining to automobiles which it is believed have been used in various localities by members of the Barker-Karpis gang and the location of which will in all probability prove of value in leading to the apprehension of the members of this gang since it is reasonable to assume that several of the cars may still be in their possession and registered in some state under one of the numerous aliases known to have been used by them.

Car #1: AUBURN SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 1527.

This car is a 1933, 12 cylinder Auburn Sedan, blue body with gray hood and canvas top, six wire wheels, was purchased at San Francisco, California, October 9, 1933, by one William B. Lehman. The car was registered for 1933 in California under No. 7-E-5762 in the name of William B. Lehman, William Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, California. Volney Davis has been positively identified as one of the purchasers of this car and Arthur Barker is believed to be another purchaser. This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of Alvin Karpis at Reno, Nevada, about three weeks ago.

Car #2: BUICK SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 2,797,868.

This car was purchased at Reno, Nevada, on January 11, 1933, by R. E. Davis, who has been identified as Fred Barker, with aliases of F. C. Blackburn, J. L. Blackburn, and T. C. Blackburn. This car was paid for with new \$500 bills and was licensed in Nevada for 1933 under number 1438.

Car #3: BUICK SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 2,838,090.

Bearing Ohio license 25783, was taken into California, November 17, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, by Fred Barker, who was then using the alias of T. C. Blackburn and gave as his address General Delivery, Los Angeles, California. The car returned to Reno, Nevada, November 27, 1933.

Car #4: FORD V8, MOTOR NO. 1,289,308.

Bearing Ohio 1933 license No. C-25771, entered California on October 25, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, and the car was registered under the name of T. C. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. California permit No. 12483 was obtained at this time. George L. Martin, who has been partially identified as being Harry Campbell, was residing in Reno, Nevada, from October 8 to December 20, 1933, and was seen driving this particular car.

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Car #5: PONTIAC SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 885180,

Was purchased at Reno, Nevada, with new \$500 bills by one E. J. Murray, who has been partially identified as Arthur Barker. Nevada license number 1288 was issued covering this car on January 9, 1935.

Car #6: FORD VE DE LUXE COUPE, MOTOR NO. 328480,

Was registered on October 9, 1935, in the State of Minnesota under No. B-473562 to E. V. Davis, Box 52, Lakeville, Minnesota. Prior to this registration, under date of July 31, 1935, the car was registered in the State of Illinois under No. 1-248602 to E. V. Davis, Box 322, Graylake, Illinois. This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of suspects in this case at Reno, Nevada, in September and November, 1935. E. V. Davis has been identified at Lakeville, Minn., as being Volney Davis.

Car #7: CHEVROLET SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 8554674, SERIAL NO. 1-04225077,

Was registered January 11, 1934, in the State of Minnesota under No. B-45372 to E. V. Davis, Box 534, White Bear Lake, Minnesota. This car was registered for 1933 in the State of Illinois under No. 774267 to E. V. Davis, 2408 Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Car #8: PLYMOUTH SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 81821, CHANGED TO 8181, SERIAL NO. 175709,

Was registered for 1935 in the State of Nevada by Alvin Karpis, who gave the name of E. L. Burnes, 591 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. This is a fictitious address. This car was registered in the State of Minnesota for the year 1932 under No. B-168031 to E. L. Burnes, 591 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Car #9: FORD V8 DE LUXE COUPE, MOTOR NO. 1E-304794,

Was registered in the State of Minnesota for the year 1934 under No. B-75053 to E. L. Murray, Box 545, White Bear, Minnesota. It is believed that E. L. Murray is an alias for Alvin Karpis.

Car #10: GRAHAM-PAIGE SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 1024021, CHASSIS NO. 10181056,

Purchased from the Graham-Paige Agency, San Francisco, by E. L. Burnes, who paid cash and traded in seven passenger Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. PB-81821, bearing 1933 Nevada license No. 7985. 1933 California license A-H-8661 was issued for this Graham-Paige Sedan to E. L. Burnes, 3879 California Street, San Francisco, California. An out-of-State permit was obtained on the Plymouth Sedan during February 1935, by E. L. Burnes, who gave as his address Ridgeway Apartments, Reno, Nev.

There is being set forth below the correct names and known aliases of the suspects in this case, who may be in possession of the cars above mentioned or who may attempt to register other cars:

FRED BARKER, with aliases: J. Barrows, E. G. King, Red King,
E. L. Davis, J. E. Blackburn, E. G. Blackburn, and
A. E. Hunter.

ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases: "Doc" Barker, Claude Dale, Doc
Barker, E. L. Murray, E. J. Harvey, and A. E. Hunter.

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases: Raymond Hadley, George Haller, Alvin
Karpis, George Dunn, E. E. Hamilton, Ray Karpis,
A. Carter, E. L. Burns, E. L. Burns, J. J. Burns,
William Lehman, William E. Lehman, and E. L. Burns.

HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases: E. G. Blackburn and George L. Martin.

VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases: E. E. Davis, J. E. Lockwood, E. E.
Lockwood, and E. E. Moore.

Appropriate arrangements are being made with the Motor Vehicle Regis-
tration Bureaus at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Jackson, Mississippi, for a cover
on the above described automobiles and Subjects.

Each agent should familiarize himself with the information set forth
above and be constantly on the alert for information concerning automobiles
which might be identical with those described above, or regarding Subjects.

W
E. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

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

March 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG.

The report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, February 27, 1934, rendered in the Bremer case, listed a number of long distance telephone calls made from well known underworld characters at St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota. Among these calls were two calls made to Miss Audrey Billings at Emerson 6087, Washington, D. C. One of the calls was made from the Hollyhocks Inn operated by Jack Phiefer at St. Paul, Minnesota, and the other call was made from the telephone listed in the name of Tom Banks, the alleged leader of the underworld in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The first call was made January 4, 1934, and the second call January 19, 1934. In view of the extortion letter in the Ford case, which bore the postmark of Washington, D. C. December 23, 1933, and in view of the distance involved in the above two long distance telephone calls, the Washington Field Office was requested to make a discreet and confidential investigation with a view to ascertaining the identity of Miss Billings and her associates.

Special Agent Burruss, to whom the case is assigned, telephoned me to advise that preliminary investigation discloses that Emerson 6087 is listed in the name of Arthur S. Whitcomb, second leader of the United States Marine Band, who resides at Foxhall Village. A check of the long distance telephone calls made from Emerson 6087 discloses a long distance call to Thomas Lawley at Atlantic City on December 1, 1933, and on December 30, 1933, to the same individual at Pleasantville, New Jersey. These calls are now being checked by the New York office and Philadelphia office. Mr. Burruss stated that he has not yet established the identity of Audrey Billings but believes she is either related to Mr. Whitcomb or is a roomer in his home. Agent Burruss was instructed to complete his investigation and to report the results to the Division at the earliest practicable date.

Respectfully,

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

Incl. 691380.

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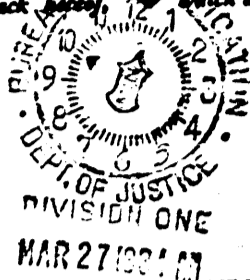
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March 21, 1934

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 1900 Bankers Building
 Chicago, Illinois



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RE BUREAU INFORMATION HERE EMANATING FROM FLOWMAN AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY CHICAGO THAT ED BENTZ POSSIBLE SUSPECT TOGETHER WITH TED BENTZ VERNA BENTZ CHRISTINA DAWSON LEFT CHICAGO MARCH ELEVENTH IN LINCOLN SEDAN TO VISIT MOTHER ON COAST WHO IS NOW REPORTED RESIDING ONE TWO ONE BRODERICK STREET SAN FRANCISCO STOP CONTACT FLOWMAN OBTAINING FULL INFORMATION PARTICULARLY ENDEAVOR TO ASCERTAIN MOTOR NUMBER LINCOLN SEDAN REPORTED PARTY TRAVELING IN CHECKING THROUGH ILLINOIS NINETEEN THIRTY THREE LICENSE EIGHT SIX FIVE ONE THREE THREE AND SEVEN THREE SIX SIX FIVE EIGHT WIRE THIS OFFICE AND SAN FRANCISCO ANY INFORMATION DEVELOPED

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 27, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee of this office dated March 22, 1934, which sets out information which had been furnished to Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, by Michigan State Police Officers, and particular reference is made to page two, paragraph one, wherein it is stated that according to the information obtained by the above officers, one of the present wives or sweethearts of Edward Bentz is one MARIAN FREIDMARK, daughter of an old German woman, who is said to live at 704 Monroe Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

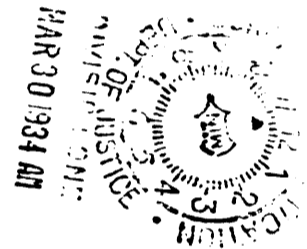
It is desired to correct this statement, by stating that Edward Bentz married VERNA FREIDMARK, and that her mother, Mrs. Emma Freidmark, lives at 704 Monroe Avenue, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to the St. Paul office, in order that this statement may be corrected.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman
JAY C. NEWMAN,

Acting Special Agent in Charge.



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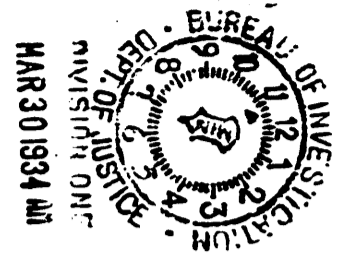
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March 27, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to a letter to recent date from the Kansas City Division Office to the Division, in which it was requested that this office obtain from Tulsa, Oklahoma information as to whether Homer Good and Harold Hugh Wright, alias "Fat" Wright, have criminal records, and if so, that such information be obtained as will enable the Division to identify their records in the Identification Unit.

Please be advised that on September 6, 1933, Good, as Homer Good was arrested by the Sheriff's Office, Tulsa, Oklahoma, No. 10858, for violation of the National Prohibition Act. His description is given as age 40; height five feet, six inches; weight, 168 pounds; build, stocky; eyes, grey; hair, dark; complexion, ruddy; teeth, good.

Wright, under the name of Harold Hugh Wright, with alias of "Fat" Wright, on September 16, 1930 was arrested by the Sheriff's Office at Tulsa, Oklahoma, No. 6168; charge, Harrison Narcotic Act. He was described at that time as age 23; height, five feet, five inches; weight 149 pounds; build, medium; eyes, brown; hair, dark brown; complexion, dark; teeth, good.

Handwritten notes:
H. S. J.
S. P.
P. P.
L. P.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
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DWIGHT BRANTLEY
Special Agent in Charge.

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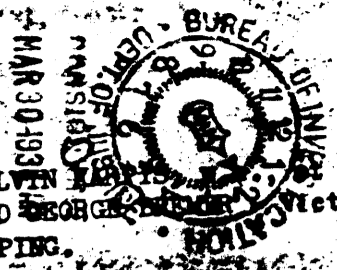
Rorer has requested
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H. H. CLEGG

511 Hurley-Wright Building
Washington, D. C.

March 28, 1934

Re: ALVIN KARPIS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER
KIDNAPING. Victim



Copy of this letter sent to:

- Mr. E. A. Baughman, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,
Guilford Avenue and 21st Street, Baltimore, Maryland.
- Mr. T. McCall Frazier, Director, Division of Motor Vehicles,
Richmond, Virginia.
- Mr. W. A. Van Duser, Director of Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Wash., D. C.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation, this office requests your close cooperation with the view of locating persons who have in their possession the following described automobiles. With respect to each car, there are indicated the names of the persons and other data previously used in the registration of these cars in the several states mentioned, and it is reasonable to assume that the cars may still be in the possession of the persons so listed:

AUBURN SEDAN, MOTOR NO. EB-1527. This car is a 1933, 12-cylinder Auburn Sedan, blue body with gray hood and canvas top, six wire wheels, was purchased at San Francisco, California, October 9, 1933, by one William B. Lohman. The car was registered for 1933 in California under No. 7-H-5762 in the name of William B. Lohman, William Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, California. Volney Davis has been positively identified as one of the purchasers of this car and Arthur Barker is believed to be another purchaser. This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of Alvin Karpis at Reno, Nevada, about three weeks ago.

BUICK SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 2,797,868. This car was purchased at Reno, Nevada, on January 11, 1933, by E. E. Davis, who has been identified as Fred Barker with aliases of F. G. Blackburn, F. E. Blackburn, and T. G. Blackburn. This car was paid for with new \$500 bills and was licensed in Nevada for 1933 under number 1488.



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BUICK SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 2,808,090, bearing Ohio license 25728, was taken into California, November 17, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, by Fred Barker who was then using the alias of T. C. Blackburn and gave as his address General Delivery, Los Angeles, California. The car returned to Reno, Nevada, November 27, 1933.

FORD V8, MOTOR NO. 18-493,090, bearing Ohio 1933 license No. C-25771, entered California on October 25, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, and the car was registered under the name of T. C. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. California permit No. 124983 was obtained at this time. George L. Martin, who has been partially identified as being Harry Campbell, was residing in Reno, Nevada, from October 6 to December 20, 1933, and was seen driving this particular car.

PONTIAC SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 285160, was purchased at Reno, Nevada, with new \$500 bills by one H. J. Harvey who has been partially identified as Arthur Barker. Nevada license number 1283 was issued covering this car on January 9, 1933.

FORD V8 DELUXE COUPE, MOTOR NO. 228420, was registered on October 9, 1933, in the State of Minnesota under No. B-473600 to E. V. Davis, Box 52, Lakeville, Minnesota. Prior to this registration, under date of July 31, 1933, the car was registered in the State of Illinois under No. 1-246602 to E. V. Davis, Box 222, Grayslake, Illinois. This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of suspects in this case at Reno, Nevada, in September and November, 1933. E. V. Davis has been identified at Lakeville, Minnesota, as being Volney Davis.

CHEVROLET SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 2654674, serial No. 1-CA023077, was registered January 11, 1934, in the State of Minnesota under No. B-45372 to E. V. Davis, Box 254, White Bear Lake, Minnesota. This car was registered for 1933 in the State of Illinois under No. 774267 to E. V. Davis, 2408 Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

PLYMOUTH SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 81821, changed to 8181, serial No. 175709, was registered for 1933 in the State of Nevada by Alvin Karpis who gave the name of E. L. Burnes, 591 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. This is a fictitious address. This car was registered in the State of Minnesota for the year 1932 under No. B-158081 to E. L. Burnes, 591 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

FORD V8, DELUXE COUPE, MOTOR NO. 18-304794, was registered in the State of Minnesota for the year 1934 under No. B-75088 to E. L. Murrey, Box 345, White Bear, Minnesota. It is believed that E. L. Murrey is an alias for Alvin Karpis.

GRAHAM-PAIGE SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 1024021, chassis No. 10181956, purchased from the Graham-Paige Agency, San Francisco, by E. L. Burnes, who paid cash and traded in seven-passenger Plymouth Sedan, motor No. PB-81821, bearing 1933 Nevada license No. 7985. 1933 California license 2-N-8661, was issued for this Graham-Paige Sedan to E. L. Burnes, 3870 California Street, San Francisco, California. An out-of-State permit was obtained on the Plymouth Sedan during February, 1933, by E. L. Burnes, who gave as his address Ridgeway Apartments, Reno, Nevada.

There are set forth below the correct names and known aliases of the suspects who may be in possession of the above listed cars or who may attempt to register other cars:

FRED BARKER with aliases: J. Darrows, F. G. Ward, Ted Murphy, R. E. Davis, J. E. Blackburn, T. C. Blackburn, and A. S. Hunter.

ARTHUR BARKER with aliases: "Doc" Barker, Claude Dale, Bob Barker, E. L. Murrey, H. J. Harvey, and A. S. Hunter.

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases: Raymond Hadley, George Haller, Alvin Karpis, George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Karpis, A. Carter, E. L. Burnes, E. L. Burnes, J. J. Burnes, William Lohman, William B. Lohman, and E. L. Burnes.

HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases: T. C. Blackburn and
George L. Martin.

VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases: E. W. Davis, J. E. Lockwood,
S. E. Lockwood, and G. E. Moore.

It is requested that a complete check be made at the earliest possible moment to ascertain whether any of the automobiles above listed are presently registered. In conducting this examination of registrations, it is desired that you use the motor numbers and the correct names and aliases, as indicated above, as there exists the possibility that other cars may be registered in your district under some of the names above referred to.

It is respectfully suggested that you arrange to have a "flash" card prepared for each automobile and each suspect, with aliases, with the notation thereon that this office be immediately advised should any attempt be made to register any of the automobiles above listed, or should any of the persons above referred to try to register any other cars.

This office may be reached during the day by telephone NATIONAL 0185, EXTENSION 257 or 251, and by telephone NATIONAL 4238, and after midnight by telephone NATIONAL 7119.

Very truly yours,

L. B. JENNINGTON, Assistant
Special Agent in Charge

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cc-Division
cc-St. Paul
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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 27, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

Confirming my telephonic conversation with you of Sunday night, March 25th, I beg to inform you that Special Agent N. E. Hollis of this office has informed me that on March 25, 1934, Officer Floyd Sellers of the Sapulpa, Oklahoma Police Department informed him that one [redacted] of Sapulpa had some information regarding Fred Barker.

With Officer Sellers, Agent Hollis interviewed [redacted] at Sapulpa, at which time [redacted]

[redacted] who is a nephew of Fred Barker and resides on a farm approximately four or five miles from Erie, Kansas; that Leon Barker has been on this farm for approximately the last year, and that while [redacted] has never been to the farm, she is well acquainted with Leon Barker as at one time he lived at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and that Fred Barker visited Leon in Sapulpa and also is alleged to have visited him since he has been residing on the farm near Erie, Kansas.

[redacted] that [redacted] had been to the Leon Barker farm on two or three occasions, and that [redacted] in talking with [redacted] learned that Fred Barker had been at the farm of Leon. The last time [redacted] was at the farm of Leon was on January 10, 1934, she said. [redacted] does not have information that Fred Barker was at the farm at that time. According to [redacted] it was on one of the previous trips made by [redacted] to the farm that Fred Barker was there.

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[REDACTED] advised strongly against interviewing [REDACTED] as she
said she would not furnish any information. [REDACTED] expressed the
opinion that Fred Barker frequently visits the farm of [REDACTED]. She is
not sure, but she believes this farm is on Rural Route 2, Erie, Kansas.
Agent Hallis has arranged with [REDACTED] to have her furnish any
additional information received by her.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division
St. Paul
Chicago

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March 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Edward J. Bremer

During telephonic conversation today Mr. Nathan at St. Paul made the suggestion, to which I agreed, that he leave St. Paul some time Thursday afternoon, proceeding to Tulsa, Oklahoma, in regard to the recent publicity situation in that vicinity. He asked what I thought of his suggesting to the A. P. man in Tulsa that if he would give him, Mr. Nathan, the facts in the matter, it would be kept confidential between Mr. Nathan and me. I agreed with this suggestion.

Mr. Nathan stated that the grand jury is in technical session now, and will continue so for about a month and a half; that they meet for about two hours two days a week, and there seemed to be no reason for his remaining in St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
March 28, 1934



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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218
FRED BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219,
Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING

There is being transmitted herewith a clipping from the "Wichita Democrat" a newspaper of Wichita, Kansas, relative to the above captioned case, which clipping is self-explanatory. This clipping was handed to Special Agent H. C. Suran by Deputy United States Marshal Daniel Boone, Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Boone advised he was unable to state the date the clipping had appeared in the above named newspaper. He stated, however, that he had learned that the name of the man referred to in the clipping was Herman Johnson of Brookings, South Dakota.

Mr. Boone stated that in the event it became necessary to the investigation he would then reveal the name of his informant, but he desired that if Johnson should be interviewed, the source of the information be not revealed to Johnson.

A typewritten copy of the newspaper clipping is being attached to each copy of this letter and the same is being transmitted to your office believing that you will desire to have Johnson interviewed at Brookings, South Dakota.

Very truly yours,

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OF BREMER KIDNAPERS

Seldom does a national event of interest occur without repercussion in Wichita. Sighs of relief arose when the announcement was made of the release of Edward Bremer of Minneapolis upon payment of a ransom of two hundred thousand dollars.

Evidently his kidnapers were not the type of killers, else there would be grief today in a certain Wichita home. A prominent young business woman told us of a letter just received from Iowa, which told the story of the adventure of a near relative with the Bremer kidnapers.

The man in question had gone to Minneapolis and was eating breakfast in a restaurant. Near him sat two men, whom he overheard discussing details of the Bremer affair. Evidently, too late they discovered that their conversation had been overheard. Shortly after the man left the restaurant he was seized and dragged into a waiting automobile. He had been shadowed in the meantime. He woke up dazed from the effect of a drug and found himself in Iowa City, robbed and with every mark of identification removed. Shortly after, Bremer was released. It was fortunate for the man in question that he was merely "taken for a ride" and not killed. (Wichita Democrat)

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March 28, 1934

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

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 14, 1934, indicating that Special Agents Gross, Brennan, Melvin, Peterson, Brown and Ryan were proceeding into the territory covered by the Special Agents of the Chicago Office of this Division for the purpose of making investigations in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, Kidnaping.

Although the Division does not desire in any manner to handicap the investigation of this matter, it is believed that for the purpose of avoiding duplication of investigative effort, it might be well for there to be a definite understanding between yourself and the Special Agent in Charge of any territory to which Special Agents assigned to your detail are sent on this case. This understanding should be sufficiently broad as to acquaint the Special Agent in Charge with the purpose of the inquiries being made, as well as the places where they are being made. There should develop a proper coordination between yourself and the office concerned in the handling of such matters as may in the future warrant Special Agents assigned to you entering another field Office territory. In order, however, that the Division may be thoroughly informed as to all developments, and in order that the Division might properly coordinate the information received with the activities of the Special Agents, it is desired that prior to sending any other Agents beyond the scope of the territory now assigned to the St. Paul Office, authorization for such action be obtained. It is further desired that arrangements be made immediately with the Chicago Office, so that that office may be informed as to the investigations being made by the

Special Agents now in that district who are in fact assigned to this matter as a special investigation.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

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DIRECTOR

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MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. CLEGG
MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARD
MR. EGAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. ROBER

HHC/AEK

February 10, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan telephoned. He inquired as to the number of the lists of bills being sent out for banks and peace officers. I told him several thousand lists went out last night and others were going out as rapidly as possible. He stated a newspaper in Minneapolis had telephoned they understood the lists were being broadcast from Washington today. Mr. Nathan said they informed the paper they knew nothing of such lists being broadcast.

Prepare a suggested release.

Mr. Nathan thinks it would be a good idea to give broad publicity to this matter as soon as the lists are sent out because people receiving quantities of money might go to bank tellers and have the money checked and would be able to get the information as to whether the money was the ransom money while they still had recollection as to its source.

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He stated that he would interview young Bremer at 2:00 P.M. today unless he heard to the contrary. I asked Mr. Nathan if he thought Edward Bremer's bitterness toward him was personal. He said that frankly he did not; that any personal dislike advanced was merely a reason which he was offering as to why he did not want to talk. He stated that this background would probably be helpful.

On the occasion of young Bremer's return one of the first inquiries he made of his father, according to the Agent who was present in the house, was as to whether or not the Federal Agents were furnished with the numbers of the bills. Mr. Bremer told him yes and young Bremer appeared to be very resentful of this fact. He stated that they would all be killed and his father's life and other lives would be jeopardized because of that fact and he indicated very definitely that they did not want to help the Federal Agents. Evidently young Bremer has been frightened severely and has made certain definite commitments and statements.

There is a woman who is a teller or secretary in one of the banks [redacted] one of the ten ransom notes written by Bremer was delivered to her and Bremer has talked with her and she has stated that she could not tell because of the dark whether the man was tall or dark, short or thin, as tall as she was or shorter, and that this was because of the darkness. A Special Agent of the

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St. Paul Office has visited the place and found the porch well lighted and the premises were well lighted at night, and her information has been shown to be incorrect.

Young Bremer has also made statements to members of the family and other close friends, which statements have been reported to Mr. Nathan, to the effect that he was not going to talk and not going to help the police and Federal Agents on the case. Mr. Nathan doesn't think it quite proper yet for the Attorney General to make a broadcast about this situation and doesn't think it will do any good and there may be a possibility that young Bremer will relent later. In fact, he had indicated on one occasion that there was a certain bit of information that he would give about gangsters in the Twin Cities and their connections, but he wouldn't talk about that at the present time, and this statement was not made to Division Agents.

Mr. Nathan thinks that this picture will clarify the situation in the minds of Division officials and will clearly show that any excuses, such as the one that has been discussed in the Bremer household, are just excuses advanced to justify to himself the position that he has taken. Mr. Nathan does not think he would talk to any one at the present time and that his hostility is not personal and his excuse that he is bitter because Mr. Nathan doesn't believe him is just further attempted self-justification of his position.

Respectfully,


H. H. CLEGG.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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February 13, 1934.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

There is attached hereto a suggested draft of a release concerning the distribution of circulars showing the numbers of the currency paid as the ransom in the Bremer kidnaping case.

Ransom money

Respectfully,

[Signature]
E. E. Clegg.

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There has been distributed to all banks in the United States a list of the numbers on the currency paid to the kidnapers as the ransom for the return of Mr. Edward G. Bremer of Minneapolis, Minnesota. All the bills paid were either \$5.00 or \$10.00 Federal Reserve notes, United States notes, or National Bank notes. About ninety percent of these notes are Federal Reserve notes and the majority of them were issued by the Federal Reserve Bank, 9th District, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Copies of these numbers have also been placed in the hands of all law enforcement agencies, including police departments and sheriffs' offices, in the United States. A list of these numbers is, therefore, available at your local bank or at your local police department or sheriff's office. It is suggested that anyone receiving a quantity of \$5.00 or \$10.00 bank notes, or should such notes be received under unusual circumstances, should make an immediate check, to determine if they are a part of the notes paid as the ransom, at either the bank or the local police department or sheriff's office. If any of this currency is identified as part of the ransom money, the nearest field office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, should be informed by telephone or telegraph at once. The addresses and telephone numbers of the field offices of this Division are attached to the lists which have been distributed to the banks and law enforcement agencies.

It is believed that the cooperation of the public will be of value in this connection and this cooperation may lead to the identification of the guilty parties. It is obvious, of course, that such action should be taken promptly after receipt of the currency, so that its source might be identified.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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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

With reference to the attached suggested draft of a release concernin_g the distribution of circulars, you are advised that it was Mr. Rorer's opinion that some benefit might be obtained from the release of this information. He recommended that it be done.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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Mr. Quinn advises all lists sent out. Publicity believed of doubtful value, also but little harm could arise therefrom.

Ask Rorer what he thinks. If he wants it released I will send it to A. G.

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J. Z. X.

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Room 1405
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

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March 28, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al
Edward G. Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping

Reference is made to telephone call from Special Agent Burruss of your office on March 27, 1934, requesting that inquiry be made at Atlantic City, N. J., for information concerning one Thomas H. Lawley, to whom telegrams have been addressed from individuals residing at 1713 Surrey Lane, Washington, D. C.

An investigation has been made at Atlantic City and Pleasantville, N. J., by Special Agent Peter J. Nolan, where it was ascertained that Lawley is not known to local or State police. Through inquiry at the Credit Bureau in Atlantic City, it was determined that Lawley is connected with the Lawley Auto Service, Inc., 436 N. North Carolina Avenue. This concern is a New Jersey corporation, organized June 27, 1932, of which Elizabeth Lawley, wife of Thomas H. Lawley, is President and Treasurer, and Thomas H. Lawley is Secretary. In addition to selling parts and equipment, this company has the agency for International Trucks. Prior to the company's organization, Thomas H. Lawley was engaged for about ten years in the operation of a garage at Atlantic City.

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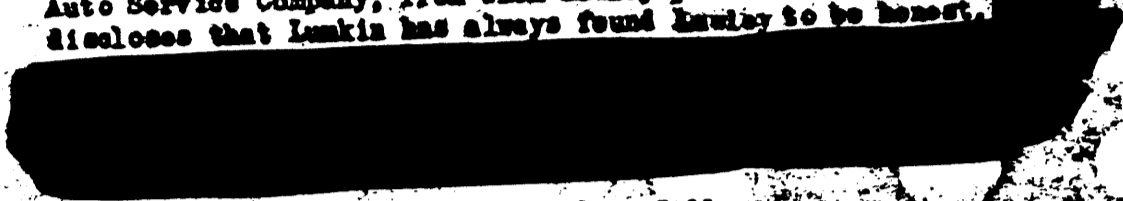
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Lawley resides at 13 Stanton (or Stenton) Place, Pleasantville, New Jersey. The section in which he lives is reported to be a good locality, the homes averaging in value about \$10,000. Lawley is unknown to Postal employees at Pleasantville.

Discreet inquiry through Sam Luskin of the Bryson Auto Service Company, from whom Lawley purchases his materials, discloses that Luskin has always found Lawley to be honest.

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Lawley is described as follows:

Age	28
Height	5' 8"
Weight	175
Hair	black
Eyes	brown
Build	heavy
Complexion	light
Mustache	small mustache
	Wears glasses
	Neat appearance

The substance of the above information was given to Assistant Special Agent in Charge L. R. Pennington, by telephone on March 28, 1934.

Very truly yours,

F. A. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc/St. Paul
cc/Division

THOMAS E. DAHILL,
Chief of Police
B. F. SIMON, M. D.,
Health Officer

OWEN C. DU...
Fire Chief
JOSEPH A. MAC...
Supt. Police and F...

CITY OF SAINT PAUL
Capital of Minnesota
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Tenth and Minnesota Streets
JOHN H. McDONALD, COMMISSIONER
THOMAS G. O'CONNELL, Deputy Commissioner

March 24, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly furnish me with photographs and descriptions
of the following subject's for my file:

- Alonzo Briscoe alias Frank Downey
- Charles Kotner
- John Mattee
- J. R. Brackett
- Ed Brodie
- Winnie Morrass
- Grace Guckler
- Alvin Karpis
- Fred Barker
- Harry Chapman

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Thanking you, I am

Yours truly

Burton A. Carr

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Mr. J. A. Rorer
TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE ST. PAUL

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ST PAUL FOR PHOTOGRAPHS AND DESCRIPTIONS OF FOLLOWING

- ALONZO BRISCOE ALIAS FRANK DOWNEY
- CHARLES KOTNER
- JOHN McATTEE
- J R BRACKETT
- ED BRODIE
- WINTIE MORRASS
- GRACE GUCKLER
- ALVIN KARPIS
- FRED BARKER
- HARRY CHAPMAN

COMPILING NECESSARY DATA AND WILL TRANSMIT TO YOU FOR REFERENCE ST PAUL AUTHORITIES

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

MAR 31 1934

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

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 23, 1934, in the above entitled case, addressed to the Kansas City office of the Division, wherein you make reference to the photostatic copy of a getaway chart, charged to Special Agent H. E. Anderson on February 25, 1934, to be used by him in questioning Eddie Ball, Identification Order No. 1214. This is to advise that the photostatic copy of the getaway chart was turned in to the Division by Special Agent Anderson with his memorandum dated March 5, 1934, addressed to Assistant Director Harold Nathan.

Incidentally, it is noted that a copy of your letter dated March 23, 1934, addressed to the Kansas City office, was not furnished to the St. Paul office, the office of origin in the above entitled case. In order that the office of origin may be kept advised as to all matters concerning a case under its supervision, copies of each and every report and inter-office communications should be furnished that office.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 815,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. E. Jamison, dated March 12, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al; Unknown Subjects, Edward George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

From the information contained in this report, fingerprint records have been found for Frank Guigley, our file #415914, Joe Saitis, our file #72690, Murray Humphries, our file #551932, and Helen Brown, our file #596690. The fingerprints of these individuals have been compared with the latent prints in this case but no identification has been made.

It has not been possible to find fingerprint records referring to Thomas Muckel/Shields alias Muckel Shields, Emmett Ryan, or Charles "Buster" Brown.

Very truly yours

Director

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P. O. Box 515,
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Ave., Room 1408,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING, St. Paul file 9-22.

In confirmation of my teletype message of today, this is to advise you that Acting Special Agent in Charge Jay G. Newman has informed me that upon information which he received from the Salt Lake City office, he learned that William J. Graham arrived at Chicago on the 25th instant enroute to New York by rail and that the New York office was being requested to place Graham under surveillance upon his arrival at New York and keep him under close surveillance during the time he is within the district of the New York office. Mr. Newman advised that you were being requested to place a secret phone in the room of Graham, if possible.

This office has previously received information from convict Henry Hall, who was formerly an associate of the Barker-Karpis gang, that William J. Graham is very close to this gang and in previous years has disposed of stolen securities and money for them. Graham operates several gambling houses, saloons, and houses of prostitution in Reno, Nevada.

Recent investigation by the Salt Lake City office at Reno disclosed that the Barkers and Karpis and also Volney Davis and Harry Campbell have frequented Reno at various times within the past eighteen months. Recently, Ray Fritch of Reno, Nevada, who is a witness in the case pending in the Federal Court at New York against Graham and McKay, mysteriously disappeared from Reno and it is my understanding that the impression exists that the Barkers and Karpis may have been implicated in his disappearance, through their friendship with Graham.

Please give this matter very thorough attention.

Very truly yours,

WAR:HVS
Cc Division
Salt Lake City
San Francisco

E. A. KERR,
Inspector.

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

St. Paul FILE NO. **7-50**

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-28-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/22 to 28/34	REPORT MADE BY: G. G. Hall
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

License for Ford Deluxe Coupe, motor No. 328,420, issued to E. V. DAVIS, Box 52, Lakeville, Minnesota, 10-9-33. VOLNEY DAVIS identified as obtaining the registration certificate. KARPIS bought Plymouth Sedan, motor No. 81821, as E. L. BURNS on 10-18-33 at St. Paul, Minnesota. WILLIAM HARR, JR., unable to identify any of the suspects in this case as his abductors. Investigation to locate hideout, place where goggles were purchased, and place where shell signs were manufactured, proceeding. Various data concerning subjects' former residences in this district contained herein.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent G. G. Hall dated 5-22-34 at St. Paul, Minnesota.

DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by the several Special Agents especially assigned to this case:

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

[Signature]

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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In compliance with request contained in wire from Salt Lake City dated 3-20-34, Special Agent E. L. Nalls contacted the State Auto Bureau, St. Paul, Minnesota, for purpose of checking 1933 Minnesota license B-475-569. Mr. WILLIAM SLEDZ of the Auto Bureau advised that this license was issued for a 1933 Deluxe Ford Coupe, motor No. 328420, to E. V. DAVIS, Box 82, Lakeville, Minnesota, under date of October 9, 1933; that this car, prior to registration in Minnesota, was registered for 1933 in the State of Illinois, under No. 1246602, in the name of E. V. DAVIS, Box 822, Grayslake, Illinois, same having been registered under date of July 31, 1933.

MR. SLEDZ further advised that 1934 Minnesota license B-45372 was issued under date of January 11, 1934, to E. V. DAVIS, Box 254, White Bear Lake, Minnesota, on a 1933 Chevrolet Sedan, motor No. 3554574, serial 1CA05-23077; that this car was registered for 1933 in the State of Illinois, April 17, 1933, to E. V. DAVIS, 2408 South Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, license No. 774267.

St. Paul, Minnesota

March 21, 1934

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREKID.

St. Paul file 7-59

With reference to a telegram received from the Salt Lake City office by the St. Paul Division office on March 21, 1934, in which it was stated that certain persons believed to have been members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang, had been observed at Reno, Nevada, with a Ford carrying Minnesota license No. D-473-569, it may be noted that the above license number is registered in the Secretary of State's office at St. Paul to E. V. DAVIS, Box 52, Lakeville, Minnesota.

At Lakeville, Minnesota, MR. H. ZIMMER, the only Post Office clerk present in the Post Office, was interviewed and the Post Office box register examined. It was noted that no application had been filed for this box and no signature obtained but that Box 52 was rented on 10-1-33 to E. V. DAVIS and that the box was paid for in advance for two quarters.

MR. ZIMMER advised that he had not personally rented the box and had no recollection of E. V. DAVIS but that he did recall that during the late fall of 1933, a pair of license plates had been received at the Post Office for E. V. DAVIS and also one letter.

MR. A. L. MALLOHY, the Postmaster, was later interviewed and he stated that he had no recollection concerning this matter inasmuch as he had never been present either when DAVIS had called for mail or at the time the box was rented.

ANNA HARKINS, Post Office clerk, was interviewed and she advised that she had personally rented the box No. 52 on October 1, 1933, to a man giving his name as E. V. DAVIS; that this man was driving a 1933 Ford Coupe, black in color, and that he had on one or two occasions, subsequent to the time the box was rented, called for mail at the Lakeville Post Office. ANNA HARKINS further stated that she had inquired of DAVIS as to where he lived and he had stated, "Down the road a piece"; that she had further inquired why he did not take service from a rural carrier, and he had replied that the box service was more handy for him. ANNA HARKINS further indicated that she had also inquired of DAVIS as to what his occupation was and had received no answer.

ANNA HARKINS also stated that she had been quite curious about MR. DAVIS but had been unable to gain any information from him, which had made her more curious.

The five photographs, including the two BARKERS, ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, and VOLNEY DAVIS, were placed upon a desk in the Post Office, MRS. HARKINS being advised by agent that these photographs might include a likeness of E. V. DAVIS. She examined the photographs carefully, comparing particularly the photograph of "DOC" BARKER and VOLNEY DAVIS and stated positively that

VOLNEY DAVIS was the party who had rented Box 58 at the Lakeville, Minnesota, Post Office on October 1, 1933. Further enlarging upon this statement, ANNA HARKINS advised that DAVIS had a peculiar upper lip, which was noticeable to her, and that this was the point which made her certain in her own mind that the photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS, carrying No. 12808, was in fact the E. V. DAVIS who had used Box 58.

Neither ANNA HARKINS nor the other employees of the Post Office were advised of the nature of this investigation; and when inquiry was made of agent, it was stated that DAVIS was wanted for murder.

Agent was further advised by ANNA HARKINS and MR. ZIMMER that Lakeville does not have a hotel and that the only accommodations available to transients in the town were the rooming houses operated by MRS. G. H. DUNHAM, MRS. JOHN YOUNG, and MRS. J. E. BERNAN.

MRS. DUNHAM, MRS. YOUNG, and MRS. BERNAN were all interviewed at their respective residences, and the photographs of the five suspects exhibited to them, and all stated positively that they had never had a roomer similar in appearance to the photographs of the suspects.

MR. VIC LAURENTSON, Manager of the Lyndale Garage; MR. ALFRED MOES, Manager of the Mosey-Inn Garage, were interviewed relative to Shell signs and Filmolenses and both advised that they had not carried Filmolenses in stock for the past several years and that they had done no painting or work on copper in their concerns. MR. ALFRED MOES stated that there was no painter, sign writer, or finner in the town of Lakeville and that the city had no fire siren and no whistle; that the two railroads serving the town were a Milwaukee branch line with one train each way per day and the Northfield and Southern Railroad, with two trains each way a day.

MR. JOSEPH JOCHUM, blacksmith, was interviewed at his shop and he stated positively that the Shell signs had not been made up by him and that no other place in Lakeville other than the two garages before mentioned could have done the work.

Photographs of the suspects were exhibited at the five eating places in the town, without identification of any kind.

ANNA HARKINS was again interviewed and she advised that after consideration of the matter, she recalled that E. V. DAVIS called for one letter at the Post Office and a set of license plates; that these visits to the Post Office were at two separate times and that he drove on the highway from Minneapolis and

apparently spent no time in the town but immediately returned on that road because she had noted him going by in his car, out the main highway.

The box is still vacant and is still registered in the name of E. V. DAVIS and contains no mail of any kind on this date (March 21st) and none has been received since sometime the latter part of December or first part of January.

E. R. NOTESTEN,
Special Agent.

MUN:HVS 3 - Division
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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. H. Nalls, under dates of March 21 and 27, 1934:

Reference is made to the telegram from the Salt Lake City Office, dated March 21, 1934, which contains information that ALVIN KARPIS, under the name of E.L. BURNES, 591 West Seventh Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, registered, in Nevada, Plymouth Sedan, fictitious motor #8181, correct motor number 81821, serial #175709, for 1933, having Minnesota 1932 license #B158081. The records of the Minnesota State Motor Vehicle Bureau disclose that 1932 Minnesota license B158081 was issued to E.L. BURNES, under date of October 13, 1932, for 1932 Plymouth Sedan, motor number PB8181, serial #1757009. The car was purchased new from AL MORGINS SERVICE COMPANY, St. Paul, Minnesota. The car was not registered in Minnesota for either 1933 or 1934. Contact was had with AL MORGINS, who formerly had a De Soto-Plymouth Agency in St. Paul, at 1000 West Seventh Street, and now operates an auto repair shop at the same address. Upon referring to his records, MR. MORGINS advised that the above described car was sold to E.L. BURNES in a cash transaction on October 12, 1932. MR. MORGINS was unable to furnish any address for E.L. BURNES, advising that he had never seen the person who purchased the car; that, to the best of his recollection, he obtained the car for EVANS AND KIMMEL, who formerly operated at 591 West Seventh Street, St. Paul, Minnesota; that CLARENCE P. KIMMEL had received an order for a seven passenger Plymouth Sedan but had none in stock and requested him to obtain the car; that he did so and turned the car over to MR. KIMMEL who paid him the purchase price; that MR. KIMMEL had requested him to obtain license plates for the car but he refused to do so until he had received payment; that, at the time, he thought this request on the part of MR. KIMMEL was rather unusual but he placed no particular significance to the request. Photographs of members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang, including photograph of ALVIN KARPIS, were exhibited to AL MORGINS but he advised that he was unable to identify them as being those of any persons known to him.

W.L. WHITCOMB, 591 West Seventh Street, was interviewed and advised that EVANS AND KIMMEL formerly rented a show room from him at the address indicated and that MR. KIMMEL could probably be located at the SLAWIK MOTOR COMPANY, near Seven Corners. MR. WHITCOMB also stated that, while EVANS AND KIMMEL were located in his premises, he occupied the adjoining premises operating an auto repair shop. Photographs of the BARKER-KARPIS gang were exhibited to MR. WHITCOMB and he, likewise, was unable to identify same as being those of persons known to him. Inquiry was made at the SLAWIK MOTOR COMPANY and information received that CLARENCE P. KIMMEL had not reported for duty due to illness and could probably be reached at his home, 372 South Osceola Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

MR. CLARENCE P. KIMMEL was interviewed at his home and stated that he could definitely recall the transaction involving the sale of a 1932 Plymouth Seven Passenger Sedan; that a man, who represented himself to be a travelling salesman came to his show room and requested immediate delivery on such a car; that, at the time, this particular model car was no longer being manufactured and it was not possible for him to obtain one from the factory; that he, accordingly, called upon AL MORGINS for assistance in securing such a car; that MORGINS was able to obtain the car from some Minneapolis dealer and did so, turning the car over to him; that the purchaser desired a car equipped with fender wells, but such a car could not be obtained so he took the car obtained from AL MORGINS to the shop of a well fender company in St. Paul and had fender wells put in but never advised the purchaser that he had done so. MR. KIMMEL further stated that he saw the purchaser on only two occasions, the time when he placed the order and also when the deal was finally consummated and delivery made; that it was a cash transaction; that the purchaser furnished his name as E.L. BURNES, stating that he was a travelling salesman and had no St. Paul address. When requested to furnish a description of the purchaser of this car, MR. KIMMEL stated that it would be impossible for him to do so since he had only seen the man on two occasions and had never seen him prior to the time that he ordered the car and has never seen him since delivery of the car was made. Inquiry was made of MR. KIMMEL as to why the license plates were delivered to 591 West Seventh Street and he replied that when the car was sold he was located at this address and that, at the request of E.L. BURNES, he went to the State Capitol at St. Paul, and secured the license plates for him and, since MR. BURNES had no St. Paul address, he used his, KIMMEL'S, business address on the application.

St. Paul, Minnesota
March 24, 1934

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREKID
St. Paul File # 30.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall dated March 15, 1934, page 17, of which contains a memorandum setting out an interview with MR. ROY McCORD pertaining to the shooting of McCORD by unknown individuals on the night of January 12, 1934, or early morning of January 13, 1934.

Agent interviewed MR. H. W. COWIN, who is presently residing at 694 Rondo Avenue. COWIN advised that on the evening of January 12th, 1934, his wife was visiting friends and he went to the Municipal Airport to visit ROY McCORD, who at that time was on duty at the airport as a radio operator. COWIN advised that at approximately 11:00 p.m., he received a telephone call from his wife advising that she had returned home and requested that he return home immediately; that he left the airport and immediately proceeded to his home, at which time he was residing in an apartment house at 562 Holly Avenue, St. Paul; that upon arriving at his apartment, MRS. COWIN informed him that on her way home, as she approached the apartment house building, she noticed an unknown individual standing on the sidewalk, looking into their apartment; that she did not see this individual's face and saw him only from the back; that he appeared to be about average height and rather stout, weighing approximately 175 or 180 pounds and was wearing a light overcoat and light felt hat; that she then saw this individual enter the front door of the apartment building and as she entered the apartment building, she noticed this same individual standing at the door to their apartment, but upon her approach, he immediately went to the back of the hall and left the building through a rear exit.

COWIN stated that upon arriving at the apartment house, he had stopped his car in the alley, leaving the lights on, and had parked his car in such a way that it had blocked the driveway through the alley; that after being in his apartment a few minutes, he heard a horn blow in the alley and realized that someone was attempting to pass his car and desired that his car be moved; that he went into the alley, pulled his car to one side to permit the other car to pass, but that he paid no particular attention to this car; that as the other car passed, he noticed an individual walk toward the back of his car and continue down the alley although he did not know what this individual looked like and was unable to furnish a description of him.

He stated that he then began to look around the vicinity for the person who apparently had been prowling in the vicinity of the apartment house

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and returned to his apartment approximately thirty minutes later to find that McCORD and ROBERT LUENING had arrived at the apartment; that these individuals went with him and they again cruised the vicinity but were unable to see any suspicious characters; that they then parked in his car, backed in from the alley, behind the apartment house; and after being so parked for approximately ten minutes, a Ford Coupe drove past, which COWIN believes did not start in the alley although he was unable to advise where the car came from other than that he was of the opinion that it had driven the full length of the alley; that this car was moving very slowly and they followed it through the alley for a block and a half, when it came out on St. Albans and suddenly stopped. COWIN stated that this car was a 1933 Ford Coupe bearing 1934 Minnesota license No. B-75308 and that it contained three individuals although he did not know whether they were men or women; that as soon as this coupe stopped on St. Albans, he stopped alongside of it and approximately one-half car length to the front and that as soon as his car had stopped, the individuals in the Ford Coupe began shooting. He immediately crouched over, put his car in gear and drove down the street, stopping in a snow bank a half block away. COWIN further stated that after his car stopped in the snow bank, he looked back and saw the Ford Coupe disappear into Portland Avenue but did not see any of the individuals who were in the car and is unable to attribute any reason for the shooting. He stated that he previously had been a fire insurance adjuster and had made several enemies in this business but did not feel that they were in any way connected with the shooting.

D. L. NICHOLSON,
Special Agent.

DLN:HVS

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

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

On March 24, 1934, the photographs of the following individuals were exhibited to WILLIAM HAMM, JR.:

- CHARLIE CLAUSE
- THEODORE BENTZ
- THOMAS CARROLL
- EDWARD BENTZ
- EDWARD McFADDEN
- ALVIN KARPIS
- HARRY CAMPBELL
- VOLNEY DAVIS
- ARTHUR R. BARKER
- FRED BARKER

Group photo of Robert Fischer, James Miller,
and Fred Reardon.

MR. HAMM failed to identify any of the individuals as being his abductors. However, he stated that the photograph of FRED REARDON resembled the individual who approached him on the day of his abduction but that he was unable to make a positive identification. MR. HAMM further stated that he is of the opinion that another photograph containing only two individuals had been exhibited to him at the time of the trial but he was unable to more definitely describe this photograph.

D. L. NICHOLSON,
Special Agent.

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Hamm kidnaping.)

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO INSPECTOR BOERER:

Re: BREKID
St. P. 7-30

While at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in connection with the SANKEY kidnaping case, I had occasion to interview Sheriff Sells and Chief of Police Parsons at Sioux Falls, at which time the robbery of the Security National Bank of Sioux Falls was discussed. These officers informed me that there was some indication that members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang, particularly KARPIS and DOC BARKER as well as TOMMY CARROLL are believed to have been identified by employees at this bank from small photographs they had available.

For your information, I had with me enlarged photographs of the two BARKERS, KARPIS, DAVIS, and CAMPBELL, as well as photographs of TOMMY CARROLL and GURLEY CLOUSE. I took these photographs to the Security National Bank and there, first, exhibited same to MR. CLARK, president of said bank, and he failed to identify any of these subjects. MR. CLARK then called in all employees who had a glimpse at any one of the bandits, and all of them, after careful study of the above named photographs stated that none of them resembles in their opinion, any of the bandits who took part in the holdup of said bank.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

WH:TC

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR BORER:

Re BREKID
St. P. 7-30

The following information was obtained by Special Agent D.L. Nicholas and Special Agent V.W. Peterson as a result of examination of highway maps of Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa:

U.S. Highway #51 is the most direct route straight south of Portage, Wisconsin. From Portage, Wisconsin, to Bloomington, Illinois, by way of Route U.S. #51 is 213 miles. From Portage, Wisconsin, to Mendota, Illinois, by way of U.S. Highway #51 is 157 miles. From Portage, Wisconsin, by way of U.S. Highway #51 to Minonk, Illinois is 185 miles. The following towns are situated on U.S. Highway #51 from Minonk, Illinois, to Bloomington, Illinois:

- Woodford, Illinois;
- Panola, Illinois;
- El Paso, Illinois;
- Kappa, Illinois;
- Hudson, Illinois;
- Normal, Illinois;

Proceeding south from Minonk, Illinois, a distance of thirteen miles on Route #51, thence west on State Route #8 (which is U.S. Highway #24), from El Paso, Illinois, for 34 miles would have brought the subjects of this case to Peoria, Illinois (a total of 232 miles from Portage, Wisconsin, to Peoria, Illinois, by the route indicated).

The following towns are located on U.S. Highway #24 (State highway #8) between El Paso, Illinois, and Peoria, Illinois:

- Eureka, Illinois;
- Gruger, Illinois;
- Washington, Illinois;
- East Peoria, Illinois;

Upon arriving at the junction of U.S. Highway #51 and U.S. Highway #24, at El Paso, Illinois, it would have been possible to have proceeded east on Highway #24 instead of west. If this procedure had been adopted the following towns in the order named would have been passed through between El Paso, which is 198 miles from Portage, Wisconsin, to Chatsworth, Illinois, (238 miles from Portage, Wisconsin):

- Cridley, Illinois;
- Meadows, Illinois;
- Chene, Illinois;
- Weston, Illinois;
- Forrest, Illinois;
- Fairbury, Illinois;
- Chataworth, Illinois;

It would be possible to proceed east on State Route #116 at a point two miles south of Minonk, Illinois, which is 167 miles from Portage, Wisconsin, for twenty-four miles and thus arrive in Pontiac, Illinois. The following towns would have been passed through in the order named between Minonk and Pontiac, Illinois:

- Flaagan, Illinois;
- Graymont, Illinois;

From Portage, Wisconsin, to Lostant, Illinois, by the shortest route, i.e., U.S. Highway #51 is 171 miles. By proceeding nine miles east from Lostant, Illinois, on State Route #17, they would have arrived in Streator, Illinois. Kankakee, Illinois, is 64 miles east of Lostant, Illinois, on State Route #17. By this route, Kankakee, Illinois, is 235 miles from Portage, Wisconsin. The following towns are located on State Route #17, between Lostant, Illinois, and Kankakee, Illinois:

- Streator, Illinois;
- Dwight, Illinois;
- Wilson, Illinois;
- Reddick, Illinois;
- Union Hill, Illinois;
- Kankakee, Illinois;

From Portage, Wisconsin, to La Salle, Illinois, by the shortest route on U.S. Highway #51 is 154 miles. By proceeding east on State Route #7 from La Salle a distance of fifteen miles they would have arrived in Ottawa, Illinois (169 miles from Portage, Wisconsin, 55 miles east on State Route #7 from La Salle, Illinois, the city of Morris, Illinois, is located) (189 miles from Portage, Wisconsin). By proceeding twenty-four miles further east on State Route #7, they would have arrived in Joliet, Illinois (213 miles from Portage, Wisconsin).

Mendota, Illinois, is located 137 miles from Portage, Wisconsin, by the shortest route on U.S. Highway, #51. Proceeding west of Mendota, Illinois, on U.S. Highway #32 for thirty miles would have brought them to Sheffield, Illinois (167 miles from Portage, by the route indicated). At Sheffield,

Illinois, it is possible to proceed northwest on U.S. Highway #34, for a distance of 52 miles arriving in Galesburg, Illinois, passing through Kewanee, Illinois. Galesburg, Illinois, is 219 miles from Portage, Wisconsin; and Kewanee, Illinois, is 180 miles from Portage by this route.

By proceeding sixteen miles on U.S. Highway #34 from Galesburg, Illinois, they would have arrived in Monmouth, Illinois (235 miles from Portage, Wis.).

Another possibility presents itself after arriving at Sheffield, Illinois. They could have proceeded in a northwesterly direction on U.S. Highway #6 for a distance of 51 miles after which they would have arrived in Davenport, Iowa, (218 miles from Portage, Wisconsin, by the route indicated). This would have taken them through the following towns:

- East Moline, Illinois;
- Moline, Illinois;
- Rock Island, Illinois.

From Portage, Wisconsin, to Rochelle, Illinois, is 108 miles if the travel is made on U.S. Highway #31. By proceeding west from Rochelle, Illinois, on U.S. Highway #30, for a distance of 22 miles they would have arrived in Dixon, Illinois, (130 miles from Portage, Wis.). By continuing 44 miles on U.S. Highway #30 they would have arrived in Clinton, Iowa, (174 miles from Portage, Wisconsin, by the route indicated). DeWitt, Iowa, is situated 20 miles straight west of Clinton, Iowa, on U.S. Highway #30. Davenport, Iowa, could be reached from DeWitt, Iowa, by going south on U.S. Highway #61 for a distance of 22 miles.

If they had proceeded east instead of west from Rochelle, Illinois, on U.S. Highway #30 the following possibilities are presented:

Eighteen miles east of Rochelle the town of DeKalb, Illinois, is located. (126 miles from Portage); proceeding east from DeKalb, Illinois, on U.S. Highway #30, they would have passed through the following towns:

- Maple Park, Illinois (154 miles from Portage, Wis.);
- West Chicago, Illinois;
- Wheaton, Illinois;
- Maywood, Illinois;
- Forest Park, Illinois;
- Chicago, Illinois (By route indicated Chicago is 191 miles from Portage.)

From Geneva, Illinois, it would be possible to go south on U.S. Highway #30 for a distance of only nine miles and arrive in Aurora, Illinois, (164 miles from Portage, Wis., to Aurora, Ill.)

Continuing on U.S. Highway #30, they would have arrived in Joliet, Illinois, a distance of 189 miles from Portage, Wis.

From Joliet, Ill., they could have proceeded on U.S. Highway #30 into Chicago Heights, Illinois, and Valparaiso, Indiana, which is 242 miles from Portage, Wisconsin, by the route indicated. Crown Point, Hammond, and Hobart, Indiana, would be readily accessible if the route described above were followed.

By proceeding on Route #51 from Portage, Wisconsin, a distance of approximately 108 miles they would have arrived in Rockford, Illinois. Proceeding west from Rockford, Illinois, a distance of 28 miles on U.S. Highway #20, they would have arrived in Freeport, Illinois. Continuing 21 miles further west on U.S. Highway #20, they would have arrived in Stockton, Illinois, (approximately 150 miles from Portage, Wisconsin). Continuing 32 miles west on U.S. Highway #20, they would have arrived in Galena, Illinois, and continuing eleven miles further, a total distance of 193 miles they would have arrived in Dubuque, Iowa. Twenty-eight miles directly south of Dubuque, Iowa, on U.S. Highway #51, the town of Maquoketa, Iowa, is located. Seventy-one miles west of Dubuque on U.S. Highway #30 the city of Waterloo, Iowa, is situated. Sixty-eight miles southwest of Dubuque, Iowa, on U.S. Route #161, the city of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is located.

From Rockford, Illinois, it would have been possible to have proceeded east on U.S. Highway #30 and thus pass through the following towns after having traveled the distance indicated:

- 14 miles from Rockford, - Belvidere, Ill.;
- 27 miles from Rockford, - Marengo, Ill.;
- 32 miles from Rockford, - Elgin, Ill.; (a total of 152 miles from Portage, Wis.)

It would have been possible to have gone to Aurora, Illinois, from Elgin, Illinois, by going south on U.S. #30 for a distance of twenty-two miles.

Ninety miles east of Rockford, on U.S. Highway #30 is Chicago, Illinois. By going to Chicago, by this route, they would have passed through Addison, Illinois, and Melrose Park, Illinois.

Madison, Wisconsin, is located 32 miles south of Portage, Wisconsin, on route, U.S. Highway #51. By going east on U.S. Highway #12 from Madison, Wisconsin for 35 miles, they would have arrived in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.

Proceeding on U.S.#12, for a distance of 10 miles further, they would have arrived in Whitewater, Wisconsin, and continuing on the same route for twenty miles further they would have arrived in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, is situated seven miles from Elkhorn, on U.S.#12. (Lake Geneva is 104 miles from Portage, Wisconsin, by this route).

Proceeding on U.S.#12 south from Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, it would have been possible to have passed through the following towns:

Genoa City, Wisconsin
Richmond, Illinois;
McHenry, Illinois;
Crystal Lake, Illinois (133 miles from Portage, Wis., by route indicated).

Proceeding southeast on U.S.#12 from Crystal Lake, Illinois, they would have arrived in the following towns:

Barrington, Illinois;
Arlington Heights, Illinois;
Mount Prospect, Illinois;
Des Plaines, Illinois;
Chicago, Illinois, (179 miles from Portage, Wis., by the route indicated).

It would have been possible however to have proceeded straight south on U.S. Highway #430 from Crystal Lake, Illinois, arriving in Elgin, Illinois, which is 13 miles from Crystal Lake. There is also the possibility that they could have proceeded east from Madison, Wisconsin, on U.S. Highway #18, passing through Waukesha, Wisconsin, to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and thence south on U.S.#41, passing through the northern suburbs of Chicago. By the route indicated above, Waukesha, Wisconsin, is located 81 miles from Portage, Wisconsin. The mileage to Chicago from Portage, Wisconsin, by this route is 208 miles.

If they had proceeded west on U.S.#18 from Madison, Wisconsin, a distance of 97 miles, they would have arrived in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, which is located 129 miles from Portage, Wisconsin.

They could also have proceeded by the following route:

West from Madison on U.S.#18 for a distance of 42 miles to Dodgeville, Wisconsin, thence south on U.S.#118 for a distance of 51 miles to Dubuque, Iowa, which would be 125 miles from Portage, Wisconsin, by this route.

They also could have gone west from Dodgeville continuing on U.S.#18 to

Fennimore, Wisconsin, a distance of 34 miles, thence south on U.S. 51, a distance of 38 miles to Dubuque, Iowa. Dubuque, Iowa, would have been reached after traveling 136 miles from Portage by this route.

It would also have been possible to have left Portage, Wisconsin, by way of U.S. Highway #16, through Columbus, Wisconsin; Watertown, Wisconsin; Oconomowoc, Wisconsin; Hartland, Wisconsin; Pewaukee, Wisconsin. At Pewaukee, Wisconsin, it would have been possible to have taken a small road straight south for two miles arriving at Waukesha, Wisconsin, which is situated 65 miles south of Portage, Wisconsin, by the route indicated.

The above information was obtained by Special Agents D.L. Nicholson and V.W. Peterson.

Respectfully submitted,

V.W. Peterson,

Special Agent.

VWP:TC

St. Paul, Minnesota
March 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO INSPECTOR ROHR:

Re: BREKID
St. P. 7-80

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent T.E. Billings, dated 3-13-34, at Chicago, Illinois, setting forth a list of firms which purchased "Cesco" Welders goggles from the Chicago Eye Shield Company, at Chicago, Illinois.

Special Agents D.L. Nicholson and R.B. Donaldson called at the office of the Commercial Gas Company and the Smith Welding and Equipment Corporation, both of which are located at 2619-4th Street S.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. M.E. Krofve, auditor for the Commercial Gas Company and Mr. L.L. McBurney, sales manager, for the latter company, were interviewed. These gentlemen verified the information that their respective companies had sold the "Cesco" goggles in the past but discontinued handling it last fall. The Commercial Gas Company sold to the retail trade and the other company sold to jobbers. From an inspection of 12,000 invoices agents compiled a list of purchasers of this type goggles.

Customers of Commercial Gas Co.

<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Date</u>
**Crane Co.	St. Paul, Minnesota.	9-10-32
* Swift & Co.	So. St. Paul, Minnesota.	2-11-32
* George Brooker	St. Paul, Minnesota.	10-31-32
* William Kuttner	"	"
* John Crosby	"	"
* Michael Duffy	"	"
* Charles Wheaton	"	"
* Charles Frederickson	"	"
* John DeVine	"	"
P. Magnuson	"	12-5-32
Sam Wick	"	1-25-33
Northwest Airways	" (2 pairs)	10-20-32
Capitol Welding Co.	"	10-21-32
* N.W. Bell Telephone Co.	Minneapolis, Minn.	1-21-33
* University of Minnesota	"	2-1-33
* Acme Tag Co.	"	6-1-32
**Burt Baston Chev. Co.	"	"

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Purchaser	Address	Date
J.B. McClusky	Minneapolis, Minn.	11-2-32
* W.H. Barber Oil Co.	Minneapolis, Minn.	11-2-32
Williams Hdw. Co.	Robbingsdale, Minn.	11-10-32
* Hennepin Oil Co.	Onida, South Dakota	10-32
Gustafson Implement Co.	2155 Charles St., La Crosse, Wis.	10-11-32
John Bolberg	Oakes, North Dakota	11-3-32
North American Creameries	Preston, Minn.	11-8-32
Soren Sorenson	Monango, North Dakota	11-10-32
J.C. Alexanderson	Box 472, Thief River Falls, Minn.	11-9-32
Melvin Westby	Bowman, North Dakota	11-15-32
E.N. Rinde	Winona, Minn.	11-19-32
* Nobig & Block	Dent, Minn.	11-26-32
O.H. Voight	Winona, Minn.	11-6-32
Nolan Bros., Inc.	Grand Forks, N.D.	11-7-32
Univ. of N.D. Power Plant Dept.	Valley City, N.D.	11-11-32
Barnes Co., Highway Dept.	Greenwood, Minn.	11-17-32
Athmann Motor Co.	Fergus Falls, Minn.	11-5-32
Bjorkland Mfg. Co.		

Customers of Smith Welding Equipment Corp.

Purchaser	Address	Date
H.L. Barnes	Pringle, S.D.	6-17-31
General Mtr. Equipment Co.	Mitchell, S.D.	6-23-31
Southern Chevrolet Co.	Hot Springs, S.D.	6-30-31
Melvin Sutton	Briston, Ind.	8-4-31
E.L. Stinson	Brady, Mont.	8-19-31
James Supply Co.	Chattanooga, Tenn.	9-12-31
Fargo Motor Supply Co.	Fargo, N.D.	10-22-31
A.J. Christopher	Pembina, N.D.	10-26-31
Tennessee Power Co.	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	11-32
H.C. Pointer	Van Wert, Ohio	11-32
D. Krueger Spnst. Co.	Algona, Wis.	11-32
Ranes Motor Co.	Lisbon, N.D.	11-32
Motor Service Inc.	Minot, N.D.	11-32
Ohio Stone Co.	Montgomery, Ohio	11-32

Agents have personally called upon purchasers in the Twin Cities in an attempt to definitely locate or account for each pair of goggles. Those firms or persons who still possess the goggles have been indicated by an asterisk (*). A double asterisk has been used to indicate that the purchaser returned the goggles.

In a further attempt to trace goggles sold to the Williams Hardware Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Agent Donaldson found this concern to be one of the biggest jobbers of hardware and kindred articles in the Northwest, the sales manager, Mr. Whisby, advised that in the past a few pairs of this type goggles had been purchased and resold. He has no method of way of learning to whom they were sold without making a detailed inspection of each invoice issued in the past two years. About 300 invoices are made daily, most in pencil writing.

Several cash sales were made by the Commercial Gas Company and they have no way of knowing to whom made.

SAM WICK is with the mechanical department of the Great Northern Railway and is in the process of moving from a job at Seattle, Washington, to a new job at Glasgow, Montana. Mrs. WICK agreed to take up the matter of goggles with him in her next letter. She was given proper description and in due time she will be contacted by telephone at Emerson 9347.

Mr. P. MAGNUSON, when interviewed by Agent Donaldson, stated that he recalled purchasing such a pair of goggles but did not have them now and could not recall just what was done with them. They were obtained while he was attending the Steam Fitters' School, a night course given at Mechanics Arts High School several winters past. Claims he did not pursue welding work and then lost track of the goggles. He is employed by the City of St. Paul, as a steamfitter.

M. S. COOPER, is in charge of the stock room and purchases for the Northwest Airways at Holman Airport, St. Paul, Minnesota. He found a purchase record for two pair of Cesco goggles but could not find the goggles or determine what became of them. Up until recently a crew of about 40 mechanics were employed in the shop. Mr. Cooper states that the goggles were probably placed in the shop and have been broken or destroyed. Agents accompanied him in a search of the entire shops and also interrogated the mechanics still employed but without results. There is a possibility that the goggles were sent to branch shops maintained at Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Fargo, Bismarck, and Pembina, North Dakota. In such instances charges are made on the records of property and equipment transferred. No entry or other notation pertaining to goggles was found.

The premises of the Capitl Welding Company at University Avenue, were robbed about January 5, 1934, and among other things a pair of Cesco goggles were stolen. TOM CROFTER and STEPHEN DOODY, who operate this place, inspected the goggles used in instant case and advised that they were not those stolen here.

WILLIAM KUTNER is employed by the Hamm Brewing Company. He states his

Cesco goggles were stolen some two months ago from a job on which he was working. He examined the exhibit in this case and said he was sure this pair was not his.

A mimeograph letter has been sent to the out-of-town purchasers of these goggles.

Very truly yours,

R.B. DONALDSON, SPECIAL AGENT.

RBD:TC

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR HORER:

Re: BREKID
St. P. 7-30

With further reference to investigation to locate the source of SHELL SIGNS, the following listed places, including tin shops, garages, and sign painters, were personally interviewed in the city of South St. Paul, Minnesota, which is a separate incorporated city in Dakota County:

ROBERG SHEET METAL WORKS
1005 North Concord Street;

Mr. ROBERG was interviewed, personally, and stated that he had never done any sign work of any kind although on occasion he does carry considerable sheet copper in stock. This copper was examined by Agent and it was noted that it was 14 ounces, soft rolled sheet copper, whereas the copper used in the signs involved is of 24 to 25 ounce, hard rolled sheet copper. MR. ROBERG stated that the only tin shops in South St. Paul were M. CHARLEBOIS, South St. Paul Sheet Metal Works, and BARTLE BROTHERS.

At the Lamire and Marrier Garage, 332 Concord Street, Agent was advised that no sign works of any kind had ever been done and an inspection of the shop bore out this statement in that there were no sheet metal tools and no painter's equipment.

At the BIRCH WILSON Ford Garage, 330 Concord Street, Agent was advised that this shop had never carried any copper of any kind in stock and had never done any sign work.

BARRIER'S GARAGE, 103 South Concord Street, was contacted and Agent was advised that the signs in question were not made up in this establishment. This garage does repair work only; has no sheet metal of any kind in stock and no painter's equipment.

At JIM'S BLACKSMITH SHOP, North Concord Street, Agent was advised that no sign work of any kind had ever been done at this shop.

At the South St. Paul Sheet Metal Shop, Agent noted that some 14 ounce soft rolled copper was in stock but employees stated that no sign work had ever been done.

At the Grand Avenue Battery and Tire Service Garage, Agent was advised that no sign work had ever been done by this establishment. No copper of any kind, or sheet metal, or other necessary equipment was observed on the premises.

At the Grand View Motors Company, South View Avenue, Agent was informed that the only sign painters in this city were employed by this establishment. These sign painters and other employees of the garage were interviewed and stated positively that the SHELL SIGNS in question had been made up by them and further suggested that the metal work had probably been done by BARTEL BROTHERS SHEET METAL SHOP.

At BARTEL BROTHERS TIN SHOP, South 7th Avenue, MR. BARTEL and other employees of the establishment were interviewed and advised that they had never done any painting of any kind; that they had never worked on tin plated copper and that the signs in question had not been made up in their establishment.

At CHARLEBOIS SHEET METAL AND TIN SHOP, South Concord Street, Agent was advised that the signs in question had not been made up by this concern, that they had never done any work on tin plated copper and carried only a line of 14 ounce soft rolled copper for use in roofing equipment. M. CHARLEBOIS stated positively that the signs had not been made up by his company.

Very truly yours,

W. NOTESTRUM, Special Agent.

ENN:TC

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

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

The following garages, tin shops, and paint shops were visited by this agent in Minneapolis and White Bear, Minnesota, in an effort to locate the source of the Shell signs:

Nelson Sheet Metal Works, 2327 West Broadway. Agent was advised at this establishment that no sign work had ever been done and that the Shell signs in question had not been made up at this establishment.

West Broadway Motor Company, 2318 West Broadway. This garage handles storage and repair work only, and agent was advised that the Shell signs could not have been made up by this concern.

Motor-Aid, 2507 West Broadway. Agent was advised that battery and repair work only is done by this concern.

Norman Auto Body Works & Paint Shop, Minneapolis. It was noted that automobile painting and sign work was done by this establishment but all employees stated that the signs in question had not been made up at this shop.

W. J. Arseneau Garage, 1821 Washington Avenue North. Agent was advised that only repair work was done and that signs were never painted and that the Shell signs could not have been constructed by this establishment.

Henning & Son, sheet metal works, 1415 North Washington Avenue. Agent was advised that work on sheet metal was done exclusively by this shop and that the signs were not made by this establishment.

Stremel Bros., paints, sheet metal, hardware and manufacturing company, 260 Plymouth Avenue. Agent was advised that this was the largest tin shop in North Minneapolis; that no sign work had ever been done although considerable tin plated copper is used in the construction of tanks for lactic acid. MR. STREMEL stated positively that the shop had never carried copper in stock as heavy in weight as that used in the signs and that the signs had not been made up in his shop.

Agent, together with Special Agent O. G. Hall, visited the Wildwood Garage near White Bear Lake, Minnesota, and was advised that no sign work of any kind had ever been done by this garage.

At the Wildwood Motor Inn, near White Bear Lake, agents were advised that this garage had never done any sign work or any work on copper.

At the J. A. Reed Firestone Garage in the town of White Bear, being remembered that this garage was formerly contacted by HARVEY SAILEY, local underworld character, agents were advised positively that the Shell signs were not made up by this concern and that their business is exclusively storage and repairs and they carried no copper of any kind in stock and did no painting.

The above investigation is supplemental to that already made and reported from time to time in connection with the Shell signs involved in this case.

E. H. NOTESTEEN,
Special Agent.

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9 - St. Paul

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. L. Nalls on March 24, 1934. Reference is made to report of Sp. Agt. O.G. Hall dated 3-7-34 at St. Paul:

Agent Nalls obtained from Inspector Charles Tierney, St. Paul, Minnesota, Police Department, all of the articles removed by the St. Paul Police on the morning of March 4, 1933, from apartment 102, 1280 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. This clothing is being kept temporarily at the St. Paul Division office. The clothing was very carefully examined and below is a descriptive list:

White shirt:

Size 15

Label - Arrow

Laundry marks - DG and Grimm

Sunshine Laundry wrapper, 440 E. Second Street, Reno, Nevada.

White shirt:

Size 15

Label - Looksheen Finear Made

Laundry marks - P, HK, DG, and Grimm

Sunshine Laundry wrapper, 440 E. Second St., Reno, Nev.

Blue figured shirt:

Size 14 1/2

Label - Ide

Laundry mark - 75

Sunshine Laundry wrapper, 440 E. Second St., Reno, Nev.

Blue figured shirt:

Size 14 1/2

Label - Aetna, Berwick Cloth

Laundry marks - 751 and E4

Sunshine Laundry wrapper, 440 E. Second St., Reno, Nev.

Grey silk shirt:

Size not shown

Label - George Wing & Co., 627 Jackson St., San Francisco, Calif.

No laundry mark

Tan silk shirt:

Same description as above

White shirt:

Size 15

Label - Washington Shirt Co.

Laundry marks - DG and Grimm

White shirt:
Size 15 1/2
Label - Manhattan
Laundry mark - DG

Blue shirt:
Size 14 1/2
Label - Manhattan
Laundry marks - DG and 751

Grey Oxford cloth shirt:
Size 14 1/2
Label - Broadway Fogger, Melrose Park, Illinois.
Laundry marks - DG and 751

Tan shirt:
Size 15
Label - Manhattan
Laundry mark - DG
Sunshine Laundry wrapper, 440 E. Second St., Reno, Nev.

Tan shirt:
Size 15
Label - Silverlink-Phillip-Jones
Laundry marks - 17 and JD
Sunshine Laundry wrapper, 440 E. Second St., Reno, Nev.

Grey figured shirt:
Size 14 1/2
Label - Astma
Laundry mark - 751
Laundry wrapper, Schwartz Bros., St. Paul, Minn.

White shirt:
Size 15
Label - Arrow
Laundry mark - DG, JD, ABO, Grimm, and 7 E

Pair of black Oxfords, Size 8
Unable to ascertain make

Square shaped silk scarf:
Wide red and brown stripes
No label

Knit pull-over sweater
Yellow, grey, and white mixture.
Label - Baskin, Chicago

12 Neckties of assorted colors and makes, some of which
contain labels as follows:
Burke & Short, Inc., Reno, Nevada.
Bullock's, Los Angeles
Paterson's, Reno
Maurice Rothschild & Co.
Dayton Men's Store, Minneapolis
One tie shows laundry mark WED, 5811. This tie
has label Burke & Short, Inc., Reno.

9 pairs of assorted socks, some of which bear laundry mark V61.

1 Brown leather belt:
Pioneer make
Size 34

1 Brown leather belt:
Unknown make
Buckle with initial "W".

Unionsuit:
Healthnit
No laundry mark

Unionsuit:
Size 40, trunk 66
Make, Hanes
No laundry mark

Unionsuit:
Size 40 - 64
Make, Allen Spring Needle
Laundry mark 88

Unionsuit:
Size 40 - 35
Make, Luxury, The Fort Schuyler Knitting Co., Utica, N. Y.
Laundry mark 75

Unionsuit:
Summer weight
Size 44
Make unknown
Laundry mark DG

Undershirt:
Size 36
Make, Ide
Laundry mark 4

Undershirt:
Size 38
Make, Arrow
Laundry mark DG

Undershirt:
Size 38
Make, Arrow
Laundry mark, 75

Undershirt:
Size unknown
Make, Coopers
Laundry mark, 87

Undershirt:
Size 38
Make, BVD
Laundry mark, KED, DG, and 75

Undershirt:
Size 38
Make, BVD
Laundry mark, KED and DG

6 pairs of shorts:
Laundry marks, 75, DG, Grimm, 87, KED

1 pair pajamas:
Label, Capper & Gapper, Royal Zephyr
Laundry marks, T, DG, 751, and JEM

1 Dark grey Herringbone weave suit:
Label, Richmond Brothers
Laundry marks, 2214, 329, 2
565

1 Grey suit with small stripe:
Label, none
Laundry marks, 014, 3906, 2214
3422

- 1 pair blue pants
Laundry marks, 275, 4918
- 1 sheet of writing paper
Burke Hotel, Carroll, Iowa
- 1 sheet of writing paper
Hotel Tomahawk, Green River, Wyoming.
- 1 Empty container box for Colt .45 automatic pistol,
Government model. Number written on reverse side
of this box in pencil, 159419. This number may be
that of pistol which came in box.
- 1 Partially filled box of cartridges, Western Cartridge
Company, East Alton, Illinois, for .45 automatic,
Lubajoy 230 grain metal case bullet.

Appropriate investigation is now being conducted with respect to the laundry marks appearing on the clothing at both St. Paul and at White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

For the convenience of offices which may be called upon to conduct investigations with reference to the laundry marks, the following list is being submitted containing all laundry marks appearing on the clothing:

DC	JEM
Grinn	2214
P	529
HK	563
75	
751	
E4	
JD	014
AND	5422
WHD	
5811	3805
C	573
ED	4918
BY	
W	

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This office is engaged in preparing a summary report in the
made to date. When the same is completed a copy or copies will be sub-
mitted to every field office.

Only one copy of this report is submitted to offices to which
leads have previously been dispatched by letter, telegram, or otherwise,
because of the stenographic situation in this office, which does not permit
the rewriting of the report in the time permitted.

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MR. TOL
MR. CLE
MR. COV
MR. EDW
MR. EGA
MR. QUI
MR. LES
MR. LUC
MR. ROU



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~~TRAYES~~ HAS BEEN MADE FROM MARCH TEN TO DATE WITH NO RESULTS WHATEVER
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Concerning the prospective publicity relative to the identity of the Bremer kidnapers, I conferred with Mr. Nathan, Mr. Rorer and Mr. Hammi by telephone and with Mr. Cowley relative thereto.

1. As to the advisability of the Attorney General making an announcement that the identity of the gang responsible for the kidnaping is known to this Division and to identify those responsible as the members of the Barker-Karpis gang, Mr. Nathan agreed that it would be O. K. to mention Alvin Karpis and Doc Barker by name but mention the others, against whom we have nothing direct, only in general terms as members of the gang, without naming them. He stated that he thought there should be no mention of the facts as to the method by which these individuals were identified, such as by fingerprints, flashlights or the cap. Mr. Rorer believes that it would be agreeable to give out the information relative to the identity of the parties involved. Mr. Hammi thinks that there would be no harm in disclosing the identity of this gang; in fact, he feels that this information should be broadcast, as the sooner we locate them the better it will be, and, at any rate, the gang is wanted for murder in Kirksville, Missouri. Mr. Cowley believes it will be advisable to disclose the identity of Barker and Karpis but not the others by name. Mr. Clegg believes that it will be advisable to disclose the identity of Barker and Karpis by name and refer to the others generally as members of the gang.

2. Concerning the advisability of the issuance of Identification Orders, Mr. Nathan, Mr. Cowley and Mr. Clegg are in agreement that Identification Orders should be issued for Doc Barker and Alvin Karpis, but not the others, who are merely suspects. Mr. Rorer and Mr. Hammi think it will be satisfactory to issue Identification Orders on the five whose photographs have been furnished to the Special Agents.

3. As to the advisability of announcing that circulars have been distributed to banks and law enforcement officials on which appear the numbers of the ransom notes, Mr. Nathan favors the issuance of such a statement because it would permit citizens to go to the bank or police department in the event they came in possession of money under unusual circumstances. Mr. Rorer is in favor of

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such an announcement. He sees no possible harm in doing this as the newspapers announced it once, but he doubts any value to be obtained from it. Mr. Hanni opposes this because he sees no need for the issuance of such a statement about the money and also because we have pledged ourselves to the family to keep quiet about this matter. Mr. Nathan does not agree with the objection of Mr. Hanni. Mr. Cowley sees no value to making the announcement about the serial numbers of the currency unless the numbers themselves were published in newspapers, which would hardly be expected. Mr. Clegg does not believe that a statement should be issued as to the serial numbers of the money, first, because of its extremely doubtful value and secondly because of the apparent pledge to the Bremer family that we would not disclose that they had obtained the serial numbers, and, thirdly, because the publication of this as an official announcement from the Department, in spite of the fact that the newspapers have speculated that this was done heretofore, might interfere in future kidnaping cases, with plans of a similar nature, while at present we can inform the families of victims in the future that no announcement was given out concerning their service in preserving the serial numbers.

There is attached hereto a memorandum for the Attorney General transmitting a confidential memorandum indicating the identification of Arthur R. (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis as the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer. Mr. Newby is preparing drafts for Identification Orders on all five members of the gang whose photographs have been furnished to Special Agents. There are attached to the memorandum for the Attorney General a number of copies of the photographs of the five individuals believed to be members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Respectfully,


H. H. Clegg

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to your letter of March 21, 1934, addressed to the Chicago Office, and to your letter of March 25, 1934, addressed to the Salt Lake City Office, a carbon copy of which was sent to every field office, and also to the report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City, dated March 22, 1934.

In the last paragraph on page one of your letter dated March 21, 1934, you recite George L. Martin lived with a woman at Reno, and was driving a Ford V-8, motor #18-49308, and in your letter of March 25, 1934, you request that a search and stop be made against Ford V-8, motor #18-49308, whereas it appears from the report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City, dated March 22, 1934, that according to the information he uncovered, the correct motor number is #18,493,080.

In view of the discrepancy in this motor number, I am calling this matter to your attention.

The correct motor number apparently is #18,493,080. If such is the case, I suggest you advise every field office, in order that the stop might be placed against the proper motor number. If, per chance, the correct motor number is that as set forth in your communications, you, of course, may ignore this letter entirely.

I forwarded a wire to you today concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

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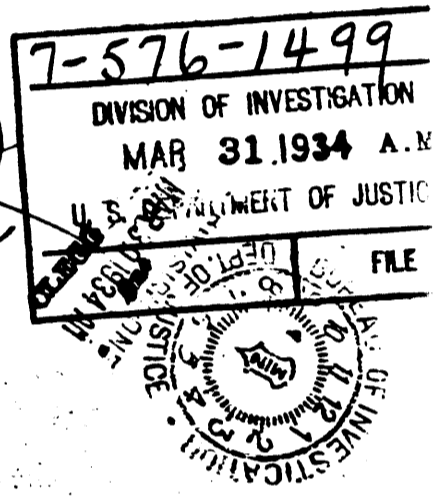


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REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 3/8/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/21/34	REPORT MADE BY K. R. McINTIRE
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219, et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Continued investigation in vicinity of Chicago, Illinois, fails to disclose location of hideout house.

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

DETAILS: This report contains the details of further investigation in towns in the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois, in the hope of locating the hideout house in which Bremer was held. The information secured is being submitted in the form of memoranda submitted by each investigating agent.

HIDEOUT

Investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. G. Melvin on March 21, 1934, relative to the hideout at the following towns:

- Addison, Illinois,
- Kilburn, Illinois,
- LaFox, Illinois,
- Maple Park, Illinois

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AT ADDISON, ILLINOIS

Agent interviewed Louis H. Papenbrok, acting Postmaster, who stated that there is no stationary siren located in Addison, but that on some days when the wind is blowing from the right direction a siren from Itasca, Illinois can be heard at 12 Noon; that sirens at Lombard, Illinois, and Villa Park, Illinois can also be heard at 8 P.M. daily; that there are no whistles in Addison but that they can hear the round house whistle of the C. & N. St. P. and P. Railway at Bensenville at 7 A. M., 3 P. M. and 7 P. M. daily; that only one church has a bell in Addison and this rings on Sunday morning and Saturday afternoon; that no other church bells are heard in Addison.

AT ELBURN, ILLINOIS

Interview was had by agent with Miss Vida Pouley, a clerk in the Post office, who stated that the only stationary siren heard in Elburn is the town fire siren which blows on Saturday at 6 P. M. and for fires; that there is no whistle located in Elburn but that when the wind is blowing from the right direction a whistle can be heard from DeKalb, Ill. which is 14 miles away; that no church bells are rung regularly, the only church bell in town being on an abandoned Catholic church.

AT LA FOX, ILLINOIS

Agent interviewed E. A. Potter, Postmaster, who stated that no sirens are heard in LaFox; that the only whistle heard is at the State School for Boys at St. Charles which blows at 8 A. M., 7 A. M. Noon, and at night; that no church bells are heard in LaFox.

AT MAPLE PARK, ILLINOIS

Interview was had by agent with L. C. Fosson, a Clerk in the Post Office, who stated that the town fire siren blows each day at 12 Noon except Sunday; that the siren did not blow on January 28, 1934; that one whistle is blown at 7 A. M., 12 Noon and 1 P. M. only; that one church bell only rings on Sunday and none on Saturday.

Investigation conducted by Special Agents T. G. Malvin and John E. Brennan on March 21, 1934 at

PALOS PARK, ILLINOIS