

Edward T. Cowan, rural mail carrier, residing on 131st Street, fourth house north of U. S. 45, Palos Park, Illinois, telephone Palos Park 130J2, called at the Chicago Division office on Mar. 20, 1934, and related to Special Agent E. R. McIntire that he knew of a house in Palos Park that would fit the description of the place sought. The information furnished by Mr. Cowan at the time of this interview is similar to that given to the above agents, and may be summarized as follows:

That there is a house located on Harlem Avenue north of 135th Street, owned by Frank Ahern, proprietor of the Beverly Gardens, which was formerly operated as a road house; that this house is estimated to be about 600 feet back from the concrete road; that he does not know whether the house is occupied at this time, but that some time ago two CWA workers went into the woods to cut timber and two men in a 1933 Buick parked near the house drove them away with guns; that there is a siren on the town hall at Orland Park, which is near Palos Park, but that this siren is sounded at noon; that one or two trucks go by each week selling fish, perch and fresh herring, caught in Lake Michigan; that the house is situated near the Orland Park Lake; that there are three churches in Palos Park, though he does not know if they are equipped with bells, or if any bells are rung at 6 P. M. on Saturday; that no children live near the house.

Special Agents Melvin and Brennan accompanied Cowan to 135th and Harlem Avenue where he pointed out the house in question. Examination revealed it to be a remodeled farmhouse, and is entered from the front by climbing a stairway leading to a large enclosed pavilion. Joseph McCue, who is now living on the premises stated that he is employed by Frank Ahern as caretaker, and has been living there for the past month; that prior to that time the house was vacant and had no furniture therein; that during the month of January persons believed to be CWA employees working in the vicinity used the house as a shelter, which was unauthorized; that these persons removed the windows from the porch, all the doorknobs, built fires in the garage under the pavilion, and stole the Delco lighting plant which was in the garage, and otherwise damaged the premises. McCue took Special Agents Melvin and Brennan through the house to show them the damage done, at which time it was observed that the house has never been papered, that there is no basement, that the garage has no flooring, and that it would not in any manner answer the description given by the victim of the place where he was held.

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Investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. C. Ryan on March 21, 1934, at the following places, relative to the hideout:

- Andrew, Illinois,
- Beecher, Illinois,
- Goodnow, Illinois,
- Grant Park, Illinois,
- Manteo, Illinois,
- Momence, Illinois,
- Peotone, Illinois,
- Wilton Center, Illinois

At Andrew, Illinois it was determined that this is a town consisting only of a general store and a few frame dwellings, situated on a freight line of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad. H. J. Gorman, acting postmaster at Peotone, Illinois, advised that this town is on a rural route out of Peotone. He stated that no siren or factory whistles are heard here, and that no churches are located anywhere in the vicinity. Mr. Gorman stated that he is familiar with every house in the vicinity of Andrew, through his duties as town assessor, which position he has filled for five years. He advised that no houses there in any way resemble the description of the hideout house.

At Beecher, Illinois, it was ascertained through Miss Louise Rump, postmistress, that the siren here blows only at noon on each Saturday and for fires; that no factories are nearby and no whistles are heard; that there are two churches here which ring their bell at 6 P. M. on Saturdays, namely the Lutheran and Evangelical; that these churches, together with the Congregational church ring their bells several times on Sunday mornings. This town is served by the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad, which has trains that stop here at 6:40 A. M., 7:30 A. M. 11:39 A. M. and 6:40 P. M. There are numerous through trains on this line at all hours of the day. Beecher is a town of 700 population and is eight miles from Goodnow, the closest town to it. Miss Rump advised that she has lived here for 20 years and has been postmistress for 12 years. She stated that there are no houses in the vicinity of Beecher, which would in any way answer the description of the hideout house. It was ascertained from Henry Esch, fire chief, that there was no fire here in the proximity of January 28th.



At Goodenow, Illinois, it was ascertained from Fred Kregel, postmaster, that no siren is located or heard here; that there are no factories and no whistles are heard; that the only church in the vicinity is the German Lutheran, which rings its bell at 4 P. M. on Saturdays and twice on Sunday morning. Goodenow has the same train service as Beecher outlined above, except that stops are made only when there are passengers to be picked up or discharged. This is a town of 100 population and Mr. Kregel advised that there is no house in the vicinity answering the description of the hideout.

At Grant Park, Illinois, it was learned through J. R. Hanlon, postmaster, that the siren here blows only at noon on Saturdays and for fires; that no factories are located here, nor are any whistles heard; that the German Evangelical church here rings its bell at 6 P. M. on Saturday and on Sunday morning, and the Methodist church rings both in the morning and evening on Sunday. He also stated that two German Lutheran churches are located at distances of three and six miles from town, which rings their bell at 6 P. M. on Saturdays, but these churches are removed from 12 to 15 miles from any other town and no sirens or whistles are anywhere near them. Mr. Hanlon further stated that the air mail to St. Louis, Missouri, flies directly overhead each day. This town is also served by the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad, and the train service is the same as that at Beecher. Mr. Hanlon said that he has been a resident of Grant Park for 37 years and is familiar with all of the houses thereabouts but advised that he knows of no house which would answer the description of the hideout.

At Momence, Illinois, it was learned through Lester Cromwell, postmaster, that the siren here blows at noon, daily, and for fires; that there are no factories here and none are heard; that there are five churches here which ring their bells only on Sunday Mornings, but that the bell at St. Patrick's Academy on the outskirts of town rings at 6 A. M. and 6 P. M., daily. This town is served by the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad and has the same service as Beecher, Illinois, noted above. The New York Central also runs a one-coach train, through here, which stops once each way a day. The Kankakee Lines run through this town and it was ascertained that no perch are caught in this river, pike being the only kind caught. Mr. Cromwell claimed to be familiar with practically all houses in town, and advised that he knows of no house which would fit the description of the hideout. It was ascertained from Mitch Centway, fire chief, that there was not a fire in this town on January 23.

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At Peotone, Illinois, it was learned through H. J. Gorman, Acting Postmaster, that the siren here blows only at Saturday, noon, and for fires; that although the Continental Bridge Company is located here, its whistle has not blown for six months; that no other whistles are heard here; that there are four churches here, none of which ring their bell on Saturday night, and all ring bells on Sunday mornings; that this town is served by the Illinois Central Railroad, and only one morning, and one afternoon train stops here, although numerous trains go through. Mr. Gorman advised that he has lived in Peotone for 35 years and has been town assessor for five years; that through his duties as assessor, he is familiar with every house in the vicinity, but he could suggest no house which would answer in any way the description of the hideout house.

At Wilton Center, Illinois, it was ascertained that this town consists of a general store and a few small houses and is situated six miles from the nearest railroad. H. J. Gorman, Acting Postmaster at Peotone, Illinois, advised that this town is on a rural route out of Peotone, that no siren, whistles or churches are located there. Mr. Gorman advised that through his duties as town assessor he is familiar with all houses in or near Wilton Center, but stated that he knows of no house in that vicinity which would answer the description of the hideout.

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FILE NO. 7-82

REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/29/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/15-21/34	REPORT MADE BY: E. 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:**

Further investigation conducted in various towns in Illinois for the purpose of locating the place where victim was held captive, without success.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent E. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, dated March 23, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

**"HIDEOUT"**

Investigation for the purpose of locating the place where victim Bremer was held captive has been made in the towns herein listed, but without success to date.

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HIDEOUT

Investigation was conducted by Special Agent W.C. Ryan, from March 15, to 20, 1934, at the following places relative to the hideout:

ILLINOIS

Alsip	Matteson
Blue Island	Middlebush
Calumet Park	Mokena
Chicago Heights	Monroe
Crestwood	Oak Forest
Crete	Olympia Fields
Dixmoor	Phoenix
Dolton	Posen
East Hazel Crest	Richton Park
Flossmoor	Riverdale
Frankfort	Robbins
Glenwood	South Chicago Heights
Harvey	South Holland
Hazel Crest	Steger
Homewood	Thornton
Markham	Tinley Park

The above listed towns with the exception of Frankfort, Mokena and Monroe, were investigated as a group, inasmuch as these towns are located within close proximity to one another, and sounds from one of these towns might easily be heard in some of the others. During the investigation to determine the factory whistles, bells and sirens located in these towns, it was ascertained that in most instances the water meter readers confined their readings to the houses located within the town limits, since in this particular section, the parties located outside of the town limits and on rural routes paid a yearly amount for water, and no reading of meters was made. It was also ascertained during the investigation for sounds, that all of the gas and electric meter readers for the section in which the above listed towns are located, work out of the Public Service Company of

Northern Illinois Office, in Harvey, Illinois. It was thought therefore that it would be best to obtain the sounds of sirens, whistles, etc., located in each of the above places in order that the meter readers of spots at which likely sounds might be heard, could be interviewed at one time, and questioned as to definite locations.

#### AT ALSIP, ILLINOIS

It was determined that this is a town consisting of 10 or 12 frame shacks, none of which were observed by Agent to contain basements. It is located along the tracks of the B. & O.C.T. Ry., which is used only as a freight line. No churches or sirens are located here, and the Gilbert & Bennett Wire Mill located nearby blows its whistles at 7 and 8 A.M., 12 noon, 12:30 and 4:30 P.M.

#### AT BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS

It was learned through Postmaster F.J. Smith, that no siren is located here, and that no siren is sounded for fire alarms. He ascertained that the following factory whistles are heard from factories in Blue Island:

Libby McNeil & Libby, located south of town, blows a whistle daily at 8:30 A.M., 12 noon and 4:00 P.M.

Chicago Copper & Chemical Company, located north of town, blew its whistles at 4:00 P.M. daily up to 2-9-54, when the shop closed.

The Rock Island Shops, located north of town, near the Chicago Copper & Chemical Company, blows its whistle daily at 9:30 A.M., 8 A.M., noon, 12:30 P.M., 4 and 4:30 P.M.

There is a Lutheran church here which rings at 5 P.M. on Saturdays and several times on Sunday morning, and there is located within two blocks of this church a Methodist church, which rings its bell twice on Sunday morning and once on Sunday evening. There are also three Catholic churches here, which ring several times each Sunday morning.



This town is served by the Rock Island Railroad, which runs numerous suburban trains in the morning and evening. Mr. Smith could recall no houses which might answer the description of the Bremer hideout, and a later interview with Anthony Price, gas and electric meter reader, of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, developed that he also could recall no house to answer the description of the hideout.

#### AT CALUMET PARK, ILLINOIS

It was determined through David O. Pointer, mail carrier #2835, that this town is served through the Chicago, Illinois post office. Mr. Pointer advised that he delivers mail throughout the entire town of Calumet Park. He could recall no house which in any way answered the description of the hideout. He advised that no daily siren or fire siren is blown here. There are six factories located in a group directly north of town, all of which blow whistles at 8 A.M., several times around noon, and at 3:30 and 4 P.M.

There is no suburban train service, the only transportation being by the Illinois Electric cars. He said that no churches are located within a mile of town.

#### AT CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

It was learned through B.E. Comilson, postmaster, that the siren here blows only for fires and that it has not blown for at least six months. There are four factories located close to each other in the eastern part of town, all of which blow whistles in the morning, several times at noon, and in the evening.

There is a Lutheran church which rings its bell at 8 P.M. on Saturdays and several times on Sunday mornings, but located nearby is a Catholic church, which bell rings at 8 A.M., noon and 8 P.M. daily, as well as on Sunday mornings. The Evangelical church, also in the same vicinity, rings its bell at 8 A.M. on Saturday and several times on Sunday morning, and in the same neighborhood there is a Hospital Chapel, which rings its bell at 8 A.M., noon, 5 and 8 P.M. daily.

The Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad runs through town, there being two morning trains and two afternoon trains.

Mr. Comilsen, who was formerly Chief of Police of Chicago Heights, advised that he knew of no house in the vicinity of the town which would in any way answer the description of the hideout. He advised that the only party in town upon whom he would cast any suspicion who might be involved in any sort of criminal activity was one [redacted]

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[redacted] He advised that this party had formerly had some connection with the Capone interests, and if a hideout of any kind was being sought, his residence might possibly be used as such a place. Agent accompanied Mr. Comilsen, and viewed the premises of [redacted] and it was ascertained that this house is situated on a corner in a very respectable residential section of the town, and is built upon a hill. It was noted that the basement of this house contained nothing but very small basement windows, but it could not be ascertained from the street as to whether there was any outside entrance to the basement. Subsequently Agent discussed this house with Ora Farrar, gas and electric meter reader of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, who advised that the entrance to the basement of [redacted] house is located in the rear of the house, and that between the steps to the basement and the garage, a distance of approximately 25 ft. is entirely cemented; that in order to get to this basement, it would be necessary to walk across at least 20 to 25 ft. of cemented ground. He also advised that he had only been in one room of this basement, but from his observation the floor of this basement was completely concrete. He also said that there were to his knowledge no dogs in this house, or any of the houses nearby, although there were children in the house.

AT CRESTWOOD, ILLINOIS

It was determined that this is a sparsely settled town, consisting of approximately 10 to 15 frame houses. There is no post office located there, and no church or factory was observed in the proximity of this town. None of the houses located there appeared to in any way answer the description of the hideout house, inasmuch as practically all of the houses contained no basement. Inquiry of the post master at

Robbiss and Midlothian, Illinois, which are the adjoining towns, developed that neither of these parties, who are familiar with most of the houses in Crestwood, could recall any house thereabout which would answer the description of the hideout. Both also stated that the town has no facilities whatsoever, and that no siren is located there.

#### AT CRETE, ILLINOIS

It was determined through John Gleason, post master, that there is a siren located here, which blows each night at 8 P.M., and blows also for fires. It was further determined that no factories are located in or near Crete, and Mr. Gleason stated that the nearest factory would be at Chicago Heights, which is a distance of 4 miles from the town, and that whistles from these factories cannot be heard at Crete. It was also determined that there are 4 churches at Crete, one of which is the Trinity Lutheran Church, which rings its bell at 8 P.M. on Saturday and also several times Sunday morning, but that the other 3 churches, which are in the close proximity of this church also ring their bell several times on Sunday morning. This town is served by the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad, which according to Mr. Gleason has only about 4 trains a day which stop at Crete, and that there is no regular suburban service, and no fluctuations of trains in the morning or evening hours. Mr. Gleason, and Miss Edna Heckt, post office clerk, both advised they were thoroughly familiar with the houses in and about Crete, but could think of no house which would answer in any way the description of the hideout house.

#### AT DIXMOOR, ILLINOIS

It was ascertained through Miss Helen Rodman, assistant to the postmaster at Midlothian, Illinois, which town adjoins Dixmoor, that this town has no siren which blows daily, nor does it have a fire siren; that there are no churches located in Dixmoor, and the closest church is located in Midlothian, the bell of which rings only on special occasions, such as Easter Sunday, and does not ring regularly every week; that the only factory which could be heard there, would be the factory of Libby McNeill and Libby, which is located at the south end of Blue Island, Illinois, and the whistle of this factory blows at 8:30 A.M., noon and 4 P.M. There is no suburban train service to

Dixmoor, the closest being at Midlothian, which has regular suburban service, with quite a number of trains in the morning and a number in the evening. Miss Rodman stated that the mail for Dixmoor is handled out of her office, and that she was familiar with most of the houses in Dixmoor, but knew of none which would answer the description of the hideout house. Agent drove through the various streets in Dixmoor, but could observe no house which would bear inspection as the hideout house.

#### AT DOLTON, ILLINOIS

It was determined through Miss H. Robins, assistant to the post master, that the siren here blows only for fires; that the only factory whistle heard here is the whistle from the found house of the C. & E.I. Railroad, which blows at 7 A.M., noon, 3:30 P.M. and 11 P.M. There are two churches in this town, only one of which has a bell, which is the German Evangelical Church, which bell rings at 6 P.M. on Saturday, and 9, 10 and 11 A.M. on Sunday morning. The only passenger railway service is over the C. & E.I. Railroad, which trains have only two morning trains which stop, and 2 evening trains, and that there are but a few trains during the day. There are four freight lines running through this town, and movement of freight trains could be constantly heard. Miss Robins could recall no house in Dolton or vicinity which in any way answers the description of the hideout. Inquiry at the fire department here determined that there was no fire on January 28, 1934, or near that date.

#### AT EAST HAZEL CREST, ILLINOIS

It was ascertained through Mr. E. Cory, post master at Hazel Crest, Illinois, that the town of East Hazel Crest is covered by the Hazel Crest Post Office. Mr. Cory advised that no siren of any kind is located in East Hazel Crest; that there are no factories there, and that there are no churches; that this is merely a poor residential section. This town is situated on the Illinois Central Line, and is served by the electric trains of the Illinois Central Railroad. No steam passenger trains stop there, or nearby. Mr. Cory, who is also in the real estate business, advised that he has at one time or another been in practically every house in East Hazel Crest, and could recall no house which would in any way answer the description of the hideout.

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AT FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS

It was determined through Mrs. E. Echols, post mistress, that the siren here blows only for fires; that there are no factories located in or near the town, nor any factory whistles ever heard there. There are two churches located at Flossmoor, neither of which ever ring their bells, and that no church bells are heard from any neighboring town. The only trains which stop in or near Flossmoor are the Illinois Central electric trains, which trains cannot be heard over approximately a distance of 2 or 3 blocks as they are exceedingly quiet. Mrs. Echols advised that she was familiar with practically every house in Flossmoor, and could suggest no house which would in any way answer the description of the hideout house. It had been previously determined through the circular letter inquiry at Flossmoor that there had been a fire here on the morning of January 28, 1934, but no inquiry was made relative to this inasmuch as no other necessary sounds whatsoever can be heard at Flossmoor.

AT FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS

It was ascertained through Mrs. Amelia K. Finck, post mistress, that the siren in this town blows each day at noon, and for fires; that there are no factories in or near this town, the closest being at Joliet, Illinois, a distance of approximately 15 miles. There are two churches, the Evangelical church, which rings its bell at 2 P.M. on Saturday and 3 times on Sunday morning, and the Methodist Episcopal, which rings its bell but once. There are no passenger trains which serve this town, the closest being the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Railroad, which is approximately 5 miles distant from Frankfort. This is a very small town, and Mrs. Finck advised that she is familiar with practically every house in the vicinity from the fact that she had taken the census of the town in the year 1930, but she knew of no house thereabout which would answer in any way the description of the hideout house. It was also ascertained by inquiry at the fire department that there was no fire in this town on January 28, 1934, or any date close to that.

AT GLENWOOD, ILLINOIS

It was determined through Miss Mary F. Robins, post mistress, that no siren is located in or near this town, the closest siren being at Thornton, Illinois, a distance of approximately 5 miles, which according to Miss Robins can be heard only on rare occasions.

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She advised that no factories are located in or near Glenwood, and that the Glenwood Manual Training School located on the northwest outskirts of the town, has a whistle which blows at the following times:

8 A.M., 8:25, 8:55, 11:25, 11:55,  
5:25 P.M. and 5:55 P.M.

that this is the only whistle which can be heard at Glenwood. She stated that there are 3 churches there, none of which ring their bell on Saturday night, but that two of these churches ring their bell several times Sunday morning.

#### AT HARVEY, ILLINOIS

It was determined through George F. Sutton, post master, that there is no stationary siren located in the town, and that no siren outside of that contained on the fire truck, is blown at the time of a fire; that the closest siren to town is at Phoenix, Illinois, which siren blows only for fires. Mr. Sutton ascertained through telephonic communication with the various factories at Harvey, that the following factories have whistles which blow at the times indicated:

George M. Clark & Company, located south east of town at 7:55 A.M., 8, 12 noon, 12:40 P.M. and 3:40 P.M.

Austin Company, located east of town, at 8 A.M., 12 noon, 1 P.M. and 4 P.M.

Engle Shepard Company, located northwest of town, at 7 A.M., 7:50, 8, 11, 12 noon and 3 P.M. and 4 P.M.

Allied Steel, located east of town, at 7 A.M., 12 noon, 12:50 P.M., 3 and 4 P.M.

Buda Company, located east of town, at 7 A.M., 12 noon, 1 P.M., and 4 P.M.

He also ascertained that only 3 churches in Harvey contain bells, all of which are Catholic churches. He ascertained that each of these churches ring their bell each morning several times, and that one of these churches rings its bell at 6 A.M., 12 noon and 6 P.M. daily, and that all of them ring numerous times on Sunday morning. He advised that the only suburban train service here is over the I.C. Electric trains, and that there is but one steam train in the morning, and one in the evening over the Grand Trunk Railroad, which stop at Harvey; that all other trains passing through Harvey are freight trains, and that these are numerous and can be heard constantly in all sections of the town. He also stated that regular mail route goes directly over Harvey, and that these planes can be heard at regular intervals daily. He advised that he knew of no section of the city in which a house answering in any way the description of the hideout house, might be located, or that he knew of no house answering that description. Subsequent interviews with Theodore Friedholm, Melvin Wolf and Arnold Carroll, meter readers of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, developed that none of these parties knew of any houses located in or near Harvey, which would in any way fit the description of the hideout house.

**AT HAZEL CREST, ILLINOIS**

Interview with post master E. Cory, disclosed that the siren located in this town blows each Thursday night at 8 P.M. for Firemen's meeting, and for fires, but does not blow regularly each day. He advised that no factories are located in or near Hazel Crest, and that ordinarily no whistles could be heard from neighboring towns. He also stated that there is only one church bell which rings in town; that this bell rings on Sunday at 9 A.M. and 7 P.M. only. The only railroad transportation in this town is over the Illinois Central electric trains, and no steam passenger trains can be heard stopping and starting anywhere in the vicinity. Mr. Cory, who is also in the real estate business, advised that he is familiar with practically every house in Hazel Crest, and knew of no house which would answer in any way the description of the hideout house.

**AT HOMEWOOD, ILLINOIS**

It was determined through T.G. Turney, post master, that the siren located here blows each Saturday at noon, and on one Thursday evening during the month for Firemen's meeting; that the only whistle heard in Homewood is that of the Illinois Central Car shops located northeast of town, which whistle blows twice in the morning, twice at noon and once each evening; that there are two church bells which ring,

the Community Church ringing its bell at 8 P.M. on Saturday, and several times Sunday morning, and the Lutheran Church, which rings its bell on several occasions Sunday morning; that the only suburban trains which run through Homewood are the Illinois Central electric trains, and that the passenger steam trains do not stop anywhere in the vicinity of Homewood. He advised that he knew of no house which would answer in any way the description of the hideout house. Subsequent interview with Anthony E. Price, gas and electric meter reader of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, disclosed that Mr. Price, who reads the meters at Homewood knew of no house located there, which would in any way answer the description of the hideout house.

AT MARKHAM, ILLINOIS,

It was observed by Agent that this town consists of approximately 10 or 15 frame dwellings, only a few of which contain basements of any kind; that none of these in any way appeared to be worthy of inspection as the hideout house. There is no church located at this town, nor is there any siren or factory whistle. Previous interview with post master E. Cory at Hazel Crest, Illinois disclosed that his office handles the mail for Markham, and that in his real estate operations, Mr. Cory has had occasion to visit at one time or another each house in Markham, and he advised that he knew of no house which would in any way answer the description of the hideout house.

AT MATTESON, ILLINOIS

Mr. E.F. Brook, post master, advised that there is a siren here which blows only in case of fire, and that it is also blown each Tuesday night at 7 P.M. for a tryout. He stated that no factories are located in or near this town, and that no whistles are heard there. He ascertained that there are two churches at Matteson which ring their bells, both of which are Lutheran churches, and that both of these churches ring their bell at 6 P.M. on Saturday and at 10:30 and 11 A.M. on Sunday. He advised that the only rail transportation is the I.C. Electric trains, and that no steam passenger trains stop anywhere in the vicinity. Mr. Brook stated that he has been post master for approximately 20 years, and that he is familiar with practically every house in the vicinity of Matteson, and that he knows

of no house which would answer the description of the hideout house.

AT MIDLOTHIAN, ILLINOIS

Miss Helen Rodman, assistant to the post master, was interviewed and she advised that there is a siren located here, but that it does not blow daily; that it blows only for fires, and that there have been no fires at Midlothian for approximately 5 or 6 months. She advised that there are no factories at Midlothian, and no factory whistles which are heard there ordinarily, except that occasionally one factory whistle possibly from Blue Island, is heard in the morning. She stated that there is only one church bell at Midlothian, and that this rings only on special feasts, such as Easter. She further stated that an airplane beacon light is located on the outskirts of town, and that regular passenger and mail planes are heard daily flying directly overhead. It was ascertained that this town is served by the Rock Island Railroad, which runs numerous commuting trains in the morning and evening hours. Miss Rodman advised that she is familiar with the appearance of practically every house in Midlothian, and that she knew of no house which would fit the description of the hideout house.

AT MOKENA, ILLINOIS

It was ascertained through Simon Hohenstein, post master, that a siren located in this town blows each day at noon, and for fires; he advised that there are no factories located in or near Mokena, and that the town is so far removed from any neighboring towns that no factory whistles of any kind are heard there. He advised that the Lutheran Church there rings its bell at 6 P.M. on Saturday and on Sunday morning, and that the Evangelical and Catholic Churches, which are close by, also ring their bells on Sunday morning. This town is served by Rock Island Railroad, and has numerous commuting trains in the morning and afternoon hours. Mr. Hohenstein stated that he was thoroughly familiar with all the houses located at or near Mokena, but he could suggest no house which would in any way answer the description of the hideout house.

AT MONEE, ILLINOIS

It was determined through Lucinda Gorman, post mistress, that no siren is located at this town, and that none is heard from any adjoining town; that there is a bell which is rung in case of fire. She stated that no factories are located at or near Monee, and that no factory whistles are heard there from any neighboring towns; that the

bell of the Evangelical Church there rings at 2 P.M. on Saturday and several times Sunday morning, but that no other church bell is heard there. She stated that there are no regular suburban trains which stop at Monee; that only two trains a day stop there, and there is no large number of trains in the morning and afternoon hours. She advised that she knew of no house in the vicinity of Monee which would answer the description of the hideout house.

AT OAK FOREST, ILLINOIS

It was learned of F.S. Lyman, post master, that no siren is located in this town, but that the noon day siren from Tinley Park, Illinois, is ordinarily heard there. He stated that no factories are located at Oak Forest, but that there is a whistle which blows daily at the Cook County Institution, which is located here. He stated that this whistle blows daily at 8:35 A.M., 8:20, 11, 11:20 A.M., and 3:50 P.M. and 4:20 P.M., but that no other whistles are located closer than at least 7 miles from town. He advised that the Lutheran Church rings its bell only on Sunday morning, at which time the Catholic Church bell also rings, and that the Catholic Church rings its bell regularly at 6:45 A.M. each morning. This town is served by the Rock Island Railroad, which has numerous commuting trains in the morning and late afternoon hours. When questioned concerning a house which might answer the description of the hideout, Mr. Lyman accompanied Agent, and pointed out several houses located on the outskirts of Oak Forest, but explained that all of these houses have been occupied by the parties now residing in them for the past several years, and that to his knowledge, no strangers have been to these houses. The houses did not appear to answer sufficiently the description of the hideout house to warrant inspection of the houses, inasmuch as several of them had no basements and none of them were observed to have a basement entrance or even a trap door entrance to the basement.

AT OLYMPIA FIELDS

This town was observed to consist of approximately 5 brick dwellings and a golf clubhouse. The dwellings in this town are all situated within 200 yards of the Illinois Central electric railroad



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tracks, and none of them appeared to answer the description of the hideout house. Subsequent inquiry of post master E.F. Brook at Matteson, Illinois, determined that Mr. Brook is familiar with each of the houses located at Olympia Fields, and he advised that all of these houses are occupied by reputable people, and that none of them would answer the description of the hideout house. He also said that no churches or factories are located at Olympia Fields.

#### AT PHOENIX, ILLINOIS

This place was ascertained to be a suburban settlement of Harvey, Illinois, and a general view of the houses located there disclosed none that would fit the description of the hideout house. George F. Sutton, post master at Harvey, Illinois, whose office covers Phoenix, advised that he knew of no houses there, which would answer the description of the hideout house, and stated that there is a siren located there which blows only for fires, that numerous of the factory whistles located in Harvey would be heard at Phoenix, and that there would be whistles blowing in that vicinity almost constantly. He stated that he knew of no churches located in Phoenix; that the churches at Harvey served the people there.

#### AT POSEN, ILLINOIS

Agent was advised by Miss Anna Jankowski, post mistress, that the siren located here blows only for fires. She advised that to her knowledge this siren has not blown in 6 months; that she was sure it has not blown this year. She stated that the only factory whistle heard here is that of the Libby McNeill and Libby plant located in Blue Island, just north of Posen, and as had been previously ascertained this whistle blows at 8:30 A.M., noon and 4 P.M. She stated that the Catholic Church bell is the only bell which rings there, and that this rings at 8 A.M., noon and 6 P.M. every day and twice on Sunday morning. This town is served by the Rock Island Railroad, which has numerous commuting trains running morning and evening; that Miss Jankowski advised that she knew of no house in Posen that would answer the description of the hideout house. Subsequent interview with Anthony E. Price, meter reader of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, who reads all the gas and electric meters in Posen, developed that Mr. Price knew of no house in Posen which would in any way answer the description of the hideout house.

AT RICHTON PARK, ILLINOIS

It was determined through Mrs. Veronica Scheidt, post mistress, that no siren is located here, and that the fire siren which blows from Matteson is occasionally heard. She stated that no factories are located closer than 5 miles, and that no factory whistles are ordinarily heard there. She stated that the Lutheran Church in town rings its bell at 6 P.M. on Saturday and at 7 and 9:30 A.M. on Sunday, and that the Catholic Church there rings once on Sunday morning. This town is served by the Illinois Central Railroad, and that only about 2 steam trains stop there a day. The town of Richton Park is a very small settlement and is located along the I.C. Railroad track. Mrs. Scheidt stated that she is familiar with every house in the vicinity, and advised that she knew of none which would answer the description of the hideout house, stating further that there had been no strangers in the vicinity during recent months.

AT RIVERDALE, ILLINOIS

It was ascertained through Harry Van Witzenburg, acting superintendent of the Riverdale substation post office department, that the siren in this town blows only in case of fire, and on Saturday noon as a test. He stated that factories located here are the Acme Steel Company and the Riverdale Lumber Company. It was ascertained that whistles on these factories blow twice each morning, twice at noon and twice in the evening. It was also determined that there are two Lutheran Churches and one Catholic Church located here; that the Lutheran Churches each ring their bell at 5 P.M. on Saturday, and 8:30 and 10 A.M. on Sunday; that the Catholic Church bell rings daily at 8 A.M., and on Sunday at 8 and 10 A.M. This town is served by the Illinois Central Electric trains, numerous of which run in morning and evening hours, and constantly throughout the day. Mr. Witzenburg also advised that the regular passenger and mail planes fly directly over Riverdale daily. He also stated he knew of no house in the vicinity of Riverdale which would answer the description of the hideout house. Inquiry was made of the rural and local carriers at the station, but none of them could recall any house in Riverdale answering the description of the hideout. Inquiry was made at the fire department of Riverdale, and it was ascertained that there was no fire there on January 28, 1934.

AT ROBBINS, ILLINOIS

Inquiry here through post master L.P. Thomas disclosed that the siren located here blows only for fires, but that the siren from Midlothian, which also blows only for fires, can be heard here. The only fire whistle heard is that of Libby McNeill & Libby at Blue Island, which blows in the morning, noon and evening hours. Two Baptist Churches are located here which ring their bells on Wednesday night and on Sunday mornings and evenings. The town is on the Rock Island Railroad, and has numerous suburban trains in the morning and evening hours, but this is entirely a Negro settlement, and Mr. Thomas advised that none of the houses here, to his knowledge, contain any basement or lower floors which are even level with the ground level. He knew of no houses in the vicinity which might in any way answer the description of the hideout house.

SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

It was determined that this is a suburban settlement of Chicago Heights, and no fire siren of any kind was located here. The numerous factory whistles from Chicago Heights are heard here constantly and can be heard at all hours throughout the day. Agent drove throughout this settlement and could locate no house answering the description of the hideout house, and inquiry of postmaster B.E. Comilsen at Chicago Heights, which office serves this town, disclosed that he knew of no houses which would in any way fit the description of the hideout. This town is served by the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad, and has no suburban passenger service.

AT SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS

It was determined through R.L. Gibson, post master, that the siren located in this town blows only for fires, and at 5 P.M. each Saturday for a test; that the only whistle here is located on a laundry just north of town, and it was determined that this blows only at noon, and 12:45 P.M. daily, and is a very weak whistle which can be heard only very close to the laundry. There are two churches here which ring their bell at 5 P.M. on Saturday, being the First Reformed Church, and the First Christ Reformed Church. These churches it was ascertained also ring their bells on Sunday at 8 and 9 A.M. and at 1:15 and 1:30 P.M. The town is served by the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad and has practically no suburban service.

only two trains a day stopping here. Mr. Gibson claimed that he is familiar with practically all the houses in South Holland, and he knew of none which would answer in any way the description of the hideout. The houses in the vicinity of the laundry were viewed by Agent, and none of these appeared in any way to fit the hideout description.

AT STEGER, ILLINOIS

It was determined through Anton Wolff, assistant post master that there is no siren located here, but that there is a horn which resembles the fog horn on a boat, which blows in the event of fire. There are no factories located here which blow whistles, and the only whistles heard are the morning, noon and evening whistles from the various factories at Chicago Heights. It was determined that the Catholic Church bell rings each evening here at 6 P.M., and that the Lutheran Church rings its bell at 5 P.M. each Saturday evening; that the Catholic, Lutheran and Congregational Church, all ring their bells at numerous times on Sunday. This town is served by the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad, and there are two trains which stop here in the morning, and one in the evening, and there are 3 or 4 through trains which go through each day. Mr. Wolff stated that he knew of no houses in the vicinity of Steger, which would in any way answer the description of the hideout house. A subsequent interview with Melvin Wolf, gas and electric meter reader of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, who reads the meters at Steger, disclosed that he knew of no house in the vicinity of Steger which would in any way answer the description of the hideout.

AT THORNTON, ILLINOIS

It was determined through Theodore Wadett, post master, that a siren here blows at 9 P.M. each night and for fires; that there are no factories here, but a whistle is heard from Harvey, which is approximately 5 miles from Thornton; that the church bells here are the Lutheran Church, and one other, the bell on the Lutheran Church ringing at 5 P.M. each Saturday, and the bells on both churches ring several times on Sunday morning. This town is served by the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad, and has only two morning and one afternoon train stopping here. Mr. Wadett advised that he is familiar with all the houses at Thornton, and could suggest no house which would answer in any way the description of the hideout. Agent drove about in town, and around the vicinity of the town, but could discover no houses which appeared to bear inspection.

AT TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS

Through C. Andres, post master, it was determined that the siren blows here each day at noon. He advised that he is a member of the fire department, and that he knows for a fact that there were no fires at Tinley Park since the first of January, 1934. He stated that no factories are located in or near Tinley Park, but that on very clear days sometimes a whistle is heard from either Harvey or Blue Island, at noon. He stated that the whistles on the Cook County Institution located in Oak Forest, can be heard at Tinley Park. It had been previously ascertained that this whistle blows 4 times each morning and twice each afternoon. He stated that there are two churches located here, the Methodist Church, which rings its bell at 9:30 A.M. Sunday, and the Lutheran Church, which rings its bell at 7 P.M. on Saturday and 7:30 A.M. and 10 A.M. on Sunday. He advised that the town is served by the Rock Island Railroad, which runs numerous commuting trains in the morning and afternoon hours. He also stated that the regular mail and passenger airplane routes go directly over town, and that planes are heard at regular intervals every day. He advised that he is familiar with practically all the houses in the vicinity of Tinley Park, but knew of none which would answer the description of the hideout house. Subsequent interview had with George Dunsing, gas and electric meter reader, Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, disclosed that Mr. Dunsing knew of no houses in the vicinity of Tinley Park, which might in any way answer the description of the hideout house.

In connection with the above group of towns, an interview was had with Ray Manson, gas and electric meter reader of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, who reads the meters in all houses located on rural routes out of the above list of towns. He was questioned particularly with reference to a Chicken Dinner and Sandwich Road House, located at 183rd Street and Crawford Avenue, which is situated between Tinley Park and Homewood, Illinois. It had been ascertained by Agent that a Lutheran Church is located at the intersection of Crawford and 163rd Street, and that the bell of this church rings at 5 P.M. on Saturday evening, and also several times on Sunday morning; that approximately 200 yards from this church there is located a school, and at this point could be heard the whistle



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from the Cook County Institution located at Oak Forest. Mr. Manson advised that this place is operated by one W.H. LeRoy, and that the electric meter had been taken out of this place in June, 1935. He stated that as he recalled, this place did not contain a sufficient basement in which a meter could be placed, for which reason the meter was placed in the summer kitchen in the rear. He stated that he had noticed no suspicious circumstances about this place while traveling his route. A further observation of this place by Agent disclosed that it contains very narrow basement windows, and no outside basement entrance could be seen, and Mr. Manson could recall no outside entrance to the basement. Mr. Manson was also questioned relative to any houses answering the description of the hideout house located on any of the rural routes out of the above mentioned towns. He advised that he could recall no houses which would fit the description, and stated that he knew of no strange parties in basements or lower floors of houses on his route. He also viewed the pictures of the suspects in this case, and stated that they did not resemble anyone whom he had seen on his route at any time.

One of the other meter readers, Anthony Price, advised that he has within the past year read meters in all of the above listed towns, and that he could not recall any house which would fit the description of the hideout house. He also viewed the pictures of the suspects in this case, but stated that none of the pictures appeared to be of persons he had seen at any time. The meter reader interviewed also claimed to be familiar with the houses in the vicinity of Chicago Ridge, Evergreen Park, Oak Lawn, Orland Park, Palos Park and Worth, which places had been previously reported by Agent, and they advised that they knew of no houses in the vicinity of these places which would fit the description of the hideout house.

HIDEOUT

On March 19, 20, 21, 1934, Special Agent H. H. Reinecke made investigation regarding the following places with reference to the hideout:

- Crystal Lake, Illinois
- Terra Cotta, Illinois
- McHenry, Illinois
- Ringwood, Illinois
- Glenwood, Illinois
- Johnsberg, Illinois
- Pistakee Bay, Illinois
- Belleville, Illinois
- Volo, Illinois
- Woodstock, Illinois
- Harvard, Illinois
- Hebron, Illinois
- Elgin, Illinois
- Hampshire, Illinois
- Burlington, Illinois
- Plato Center, Illinois
- Arlington Heights, Illinois
- Dehsenville, Illinois

At Crystal Lake, Illinois.

Additional inquiry to that previously made was conducted by contacting the following electric light meter readers who work out of the Crystal Lake branch office of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois:

- Lenard Strommenger
- Paul Otto
- Lenard George
- Albert Camm
- Earnest Wienke

These meter readers cover all of the territory in, adjacent to, and between the following towns and villages:

- Arlington Heights, Illinois
- Palatine, Illinois
- Burlington, Illinois
- Fox River Grove, Illinois
- Gary, Indiana
- Crystal Lake, Illinois
- McHenry, Illinois
- Johansberg, Illinois
- East Dundee, Illinois
- West Dundee, Illinois
- Carpentersville, Illinois
- Pingree Grove, Illinois
- Plato Center, Illinois
- Ridgefield, Illinois
- Wauconda, Illinois
- Pistakee Bay, Illinois
- Algonquin, Illinois
- Huntley, Illinois
- Lake Zurich, Illinois

The above meter readers were contacted through Mr. Harold R. Lisenby, Special District Representative of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, at Crystal Lake. Each of these meter readers was given a careful oral description of the hideout as described by the victim, and a careful discussion was had with them with reference to any building or dwelling in which they might have read electric meters which might fit the description. Only one, Albert Casm, could think of a place which might fit the description. He described it as being on Wing Street in Arlington Heights, Illinois. He could not recall the street number but said it was the sixth house from the City Hall and on the same side of the street as the City Hall; that it was a gray frame or stucco house. He stated, however, that this place had had no electric current since before the first of this year in view of the fact that the occupant could not pay his electricity bill and therefore the current had been cut off. Mr. Lisenby and the meter readers stated, however, that quite frequently occupants of dwellings have a method of cutting around the meter and securing current unbeknown to the company. (Investigation made at Arlington Heights with reference to this house is set out hereinafter.)

The address of the Chicago office was left with Mr. Lisenby, and all of the meter readers were instructed that should they, at a later date, recall any premises which might fit the hideout description, they should report the matter to Mr. Lisenby, who in turn volunteered to transmit the information to the Chicago office. It will be noted from the above that these meter readers cover a large portion of McHenry County.

W. H. Bahberg, water meter reader and Police Officer, was also interviewed and given a careful oral description of the hideout but he stated that he could recall no premises in Crystal Lake which would come anywhere near fitting that description.

At Terra Cotta, Illinois.

This is a small community built around the plant of the American Terra Cotta Company, 4 miles north of Crystal Lake. There are only 15 to 20 dwellings, in addition to the plant. The plant has a steam whistle which is blown every week day at 7:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M., 12:30 P.M. and 4:30 P.M. There are no churches or sirens in this community and the only railroad is one mile away and this line runs only two trains daily. There is no water supply or water meter reader, although the electric meters are read by the meter readers out of Crystal Lake above referred to.

At McHenry, Illinois.

This has been previously covered as to noises and other matters, but this Agent contacted Matt Niesen, the water meter reader, who was given a careful and detailed description of the hideout, after which he advised that he could think of no such place in McHenry.

Agent also interviewed the village Marshal who said that he knew all of the dwellings and buildings in McHenry and could recall none which would come anywhere near fitting the description given by Agents.

At Ringwood, Illinois.

This is unincorporated village of a few inhabitants, with only four trains a day, no water supply and a complete absence of all of the noises described by the victim. This information was secured at McHenry and in view of this fact no investigation was made at Ringwood itself. The electric meters here and in the vicinity are read by the meter readers out of Crystal Lake above referred to.

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Glenwood, Johnsberg, Pistakes Bay, Belleville and Yale, all of Illinois, are all small cross roads communities and anywhere from 5 to 10 miles from the nearest railroad. They have no city water supply, no whistles, no sirens and no water meter readers. The electric meters are read by the readers out of Crystal Lake, previously referred to.

At Woodstock, Illinois.

This town has previously been covered as to noises, railroad trains, etc. The Agent contacted the water and light meter reader (the city has its own electrical plant), Ed Comiskey, and he was given a careful description of the hideout and immediately stated that there is nothing in Woodstock which would fit it.

At Harvard, Illinois.

This place has previously been covered as to noises and railroad trains, but this Agent contacted George Nelson, the water meter reader, and he was given a careful description of the hideout after which he stated that, although he had been in every basement of the village many times over a period of two years, that he could recall none that would come anywhere near fitting the description.

At Hebron, Illinois.

The Postmaster advised that this village has a fire department siren which is sounded each week day noon and for fires; however, investigation disclosed that there are no whistles anywhere in the town or vicinity. There are two churches, the Methodist and Presbyterian but there are no bells rung on Saturday. There are only two trains each day passing through the village.

Charles Sams, water meter reader, after being given a description of the hideout, stated positively that there was nothing of that nature in the village of Hebron.

At Elgin, Illinois.

This has previously been covered and reported on as to noises. Agent contacted Mr. C. S. Collins, who is in charge of the electric light and gas meter readers of the Western United Gas and Electric Company, with headquarters in that city. He stated that the meter readers out of his office covered Elgin, South Elgin and Charlotte, Illinois, and all of the rural vicinity.



Mr. Collins kindly arranged for Agent to interview all 13 of the meter readers working out of Elgin. These meter readers were given a careful description of the hideout and the matter carefully gone over with them; however, none of them could recall any dwelling or building which might fit the description. They were instructed by Mr. Collins to keep the description in mind and should any of them, at any time, come across a building which might be of interest in connection with the hideout, to notify Mr. Collins, who would communicate with the Chicago Division office.

At Hampshire, Illinois.

The postmaster and Clarence Klick, water meter reader, both advised that they have a fire department siren which is sounded each week day noon and for fires; that there is no whistle in the village or vicinity except in the summer months when the canning factory is operating. There are four church bells, one being Lutheran, which is sound each Saturday afternoon at 6:00 P.M.; a Catholic bell which rings each day at 7:00 A.M., 12:00 noon and 6:00 P.M..

Mr. Klick was given a careful description of the hideout and he stated that there was nothing in Hampshire which would fit the description.

The Station Agent at the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad was contacted and he stated that there are about twenty trains a day through Hampshire, only 3 of which make stops. There is but one freight each day which does any switching and this for only a few minutes once each day. There are no commuting trains running as far as Hampshire, Illinois, and the trains referred to are main line through trains primarily, passing irregularly during the day and night.

At Burlington, Illinois.

Inquiry developed that there is no siren of any kind, no whistles, no city water supply and no meter reader in Burlington. There are two church bells but neither rings on Saturday afternoon. The Illinois Central Railroad passes through Burlington but it has only a very few trains each day and the only switching is done by an occasional freight which sometimes misses days without doing any switching.

At Plato Center, Illinois.

Agent was advised at Burlington that Plato Center is merely a cross roads community with no siren, whistle, city water supply and no water meter reader, and that the same railroad which passes through Burlington passes through Plato Center.

At Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Agent located the house on Wing Street referred to by electric light meter reader Albert Gamm, previously reported on under Crystal Lake.

This house does not carry a street number, but is located immediately between 210 and 212 Wing Street. It is a small gray stucco house and the basement is only about a foot and a half underground. It is entered by going down three cement steps on the side, near the front, and also can be entered by going down three steps in the rear.

Agent knocked at the basement door with a view of making an interview under pretext with the occupants, but nobody answered. The door opened and Agent entered and made a careful inspection unobserved. The steps from the side, near the front, enter what presumably is a living room, which runs across the entire front. The next two rooms immediately in back of this room are a bed room and a store room, and on the back of the basement there is a store room and a small coal bin. There is no toilet in the basement. The living room and bed room were covered with wall paper but not of the pattern described by the victim. Agent carefully examined under the edges of some of the wall paper where it was peeling off to determine positively that other wall paper had not recently been covered up. As stated previously this place is unoccupied and is apparently merely used for storage purposes. Is very soiled and unkempt. There is no kitchen range, and although there is wire for electricity, the current is apparently cut off because one of two of the lights which were still hanging would not light. There were no dogs which made their appearance while Agent was there.

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Agent interviewed the Chief of Police at Arlington Heights who advised that a family by the name of Anderson lived over the basement in the house on Wing street; that the Anderson's had resided there for about a year and that Mr. Anderson was a poor man and was at present on the relief and CWA rolls.

At Bensenville, Illinois.

Chicago file number 62-1649, entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, Deceased, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner, in the report of Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe dated at Chicago, Illinois on July 31, 1935, page 54 and 55. is contained the information that [redacted] had advised that one, Farmer, operates a "joint" in Bensenville, and that possibly Harvey Bailey and others had been, at one time or another, seen at this place. In view of this, it was deemed advisable to observe these premises and conduct other investigation with a view of finding the hideout.

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Agent located this place, which is at 126 East Green Street. It is a corner brick store building and now contains a saloon with a book making place in the back. Agent entered under the pretense of making a purchase of a drink and noted from the liquor license that it is operated in the name of Elmer Farmer. There is no visible basement in these premises. It is directly across the street from the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific round house and repair yards. On Green Street, towards the main business district of Bensenville, the next building is a large frame hotel and the next building, going in the same direction, is a low brown frame structure with a neon ice cream sign in front, as described by the informant. This building rests directly on the ground and has no basement whatsoever.

Agent contacted Chief of Police, Herman L. Wagner and made inquiry relative to Elmer Farmer. He stated that Elmer and his brother, Jim, operated this saloon and book making shop; that they had resided in Bensenville and vicinity for 15 to 20 years and that their mother previously owned and operated a small hotel in Bensenville. He said that Elmer Farmer had, a number of years ago, been in some trouble over petty thievery and drunkenness, but that in recent years knew of nothing in which the Farmer's had been implicated criminally. He said that he knew where Elmer Farmer resided and that this was a small one floor bungalow with only an unfurnished basement, containing the usual furnace room, coal bin and storage space. Agent carefully went over the hideout description with Chief Wagner, who stated that, although he had been born and reared in Bensenville, he could recall nothing in his village which would fit the description.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO DIVISION OFFICE:

At Crystal Lake, Illinois, within thirty days, will again interview Mr. Harold E. Lisenby, Special District Representative of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois to ascertain if any of the meter readers under his supervision have noted any house fitting the description of the hideout house.

In this matter, reference is made to the memorandum of Agent Reinecke, contained in this report.

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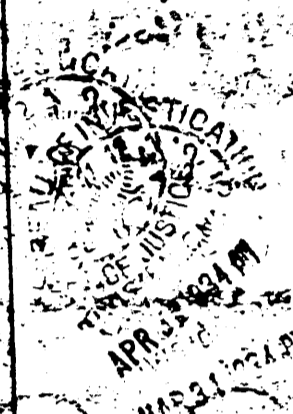
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Photograph of Subject Karpis identified as party who stayed at Louis' place, Fox River Grove, Ill., from latter part of October to first part of Dec., 1933, being joined there later by two men, one of whom answers the description of "Big Homer", the other resembling the photograph and answering the description of Fred Barker. Latter two men were accompanied by two women. Parties had in their possession a 1931 or 1932 model Buick Sedan bearing Nevada, 1933, license, also Graham-Paige Sedan and Plymouth Coupe. Parties in question left Louis' place approximately December 9, 1933. Were seen to make frequent trips in Northwest direction while at Fox River Grove.



**REFERENCE:** Letter from Division to Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minn., 5/19/34.

**DETAILS:** **AT FOX RIVER GROVE, ILLINOIS.**

While conducting investigation at Fox River Grove relative to the hideout, agent interviewed Elmer Kucera, who is employed by his father in operating the Fox River Grove Motor Sales, and is also the town's Fire Chief. The Fox River Grove Motor Sales is located on State Route #19 and is in the same block with Louis Cernocky's place, being separated from the yard of Louis's place by only a small, vacant building. Louis's place, operated by Louis Cernocky, has been previously mentioned in this case as

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having been frequented by "Mother" Barker and associates of Karpis, et al.

Elmer Kucera, upon viewing the photographs of the suspects in this case, stated that he was sure that he had seen Alvin Karpis somewhere but he could not place him at first. When questioned as to whether he had noticed any suspicious persons staying at Louie's place, within recent months, he advised that several months ago, three men and two women, had stayed at Louie's place, who aroused his suspicion; that these parties had in their possession three cars, namely, a Buick Sedan, a Graham-Paige Sedan, and a Plymouth Coupe; that these parties appeared to have a lot of money but that they left taking with them a new battery which he had rented to them while he was re-charging theirs. While discussing these parties, Kucera suddenly stated that he recalled where he had seen the party resembling the photograph of Karpis; that he is sure that the one of the three male parties, above mentioned, who did most of the driving in the three cars, is the same party as the photograph. He advised that he had seen this party on numerous occasions driving the cars and that he was the party who called for the Buick Sedan at the time he put the new battery in it. Agent then questioned Kucera closely as to the visit of these parties, their descriptions, and the cars in their possession, and the following information was secured.

Kucera advised that the party he identifies as Karpis came to Louie's place about the last week in October, 1933; that after he had been there several weeks he was joined by the other two men and the two women. He fixes the date that Karpis arrived as being several weeks before his brother lost his job, which was November 15, 1933, and the arrival of the others as about a week after November 15. He stated that all of these parties then stayed at Louie's place until about December 9, 1933, or shortly thereafter, which date he fixes from the fact that the Town Firemen's dance was held on December 9. He said that he first began to notice the cars in the possession of these parties shortly after the arrival of the two men and the women; that he noticed that the men would drive North on Route #19 almost every day and sometimes several times a day; that they would be gone for several hours on each of these trips, and that although they did not take the same car on every trip, the party he identifies as Karpis nearly always drove. He further advised that during the latter part of November, upon a call from Louie's place, he went to Louie's garage and got the Buick Sedan and brought it to his place and cleaned the generator brushes; that while he was working on this car he noticed that it bore 1933 Nevada license plates and that there was a State of Nevada registration card attached to the steering wheel. He described this car as a 1931 or 1932 model sedan, being one of the largest model Buicks made.

possibly a 90 series, with six wheels, side mounts, having a leatherette trunk on the rear and being equipped with a short wave radio set. He advised that when the Buick was being repaired on this occasion, the largest of the three men, whose description is being set out later, called for the car; that the charge for repairing the generator was only \$1.00, and that in paying this the large man exhibited a very large roll of currency, and appeared to be in a hurry to get the car.

Kucera further stated that during the week preceding December 9, 1933, he again received a call from Louie's place with regard to the Buick Sedan; that on this occasion the battery of the car had run down as a result of the cold weather and that he brought the car to his garage to change the battery. He was out of rental batteries at the time and was compelled to replace the Willard battery which was in the car, with a new U.S.L. battery, in order to recharge their battery. Kucera advised that while he was changing the battery he received two calls from Louie's telling him to hurry with the car and that before he had changed the battery in order to hurry him further, the party, whom he identifies as Karpis, came down to the garage and waited for him to finish and immediately drove the car out of the garage. Kucera said that on this occasion he again noticed the Nevada license and the registration card, but that although he read the name on the registration card both times the car was in the garage, he could not recall the name on it. He further advised that shortly after he had placed the battery in the Buick, possibly during the same week, he received another call from the same parties and brought the Graham-Paige Sedan to the garage; that he found that this car had a broken left front spring but that before he had started to fix it, the party he identifies as Karpis came to the garage and took it out and that shortly thereafter these parties all left Louie's place. Kucera could furnish no better description of the Graham-Paige other than it was dark brown in color and was possibly a 1931 or 1932 model, as it was not the latest model. As to the Plymouth Coupe, Kucera stated that he saw this car the least of the three and that he only recalled that it was dark blue in color but he could furnish no information as to the model. He stated that the cars were always kept in Louie's private garages while these parties were there and that he could furnish no information as to the license plates contained on the Plymouth or Graham Paige. He said that these parties went off without paying him for the battery he placed in the Buick, but that he did not make any inquiry of Louis Carnocky concerning them as he did not think that Louis would tell him if he knew. Kucera stated that he did not have any bill or receipt which would show the exact date the cars were in the garage as they had not made a practice of keeping them. In the event any identifying marks were contained on the battery taken from the Buick, Kucera was questioned as to the disposition he had made of it, and he advised that this battery was sold several weeks ago to a junk dealer along with thirteen other batteries, four of which were Willard batteries.

In discussing the above referred to three men during the interview, Kucera referred to the largest of the three as being "a very big man", to the party he identifies as Karpis, as "a very thin fellow", and to the smallest, as "a real short man". He said that it is his practice almost every evening to drop into Louie's place for a glass of beer before going home; that while the parties, in question, were there, he saw them in Louie's quite frequently; that he was not sure that he could identify a photograph of the "big man" as he saw this man mostly from the rear but that if he could see this man from the rear again he would know him. With reference to the "short man" he said that this man looked a little like the photograph of Fred Barker but he could not identify him as the same individual. He advised that he had seen the two women in Louie's place a number of times with the men and that he is sure he could identify one of them.

Although the names and descriptions of the suspects in this case had not been furnished him at the time, Kucera described the three men as follows:

"The Big man"

Age: 40-45 yrs.  
 Height: 6'2" (maybe taller)  
 Weight: 220-230 lbs.  
 Build: Heavy (well built-not fat)  
 Hair: Dark  
 Complexion: Dark

"The Thin Fellow"

Age: 25 yrs.  
 Height: 5'9 1/2"  
 Weight: 135 lbs.  
 Build: Slim  
 Complexion: Light  
 Had smooth, clear face.  
 Young appearing.

"The Short Man"

Age: 38 yrs.  
 Height: 5'6"  
 Weight: 155 lbs.  
 Build: Medium (not stocky)  
 Hair: Light  
 Complexion: Light

He described the two women as follows:

#1 Age: 25-30 yrs.  
 Height: 5'4"  
 Weight: 90-100 lbs.  
 Build: Slim  
 Hair: Medium blond  
 Complexion: Light  
 (He can identify this woman)

#2 Age: 25-30 yrs.  
 Height: 5'4"  
 Weight: 90-100 lbs.  
 Build: Slim  
 Hair: Dark  
 Complexion: Light

While agent was interviewing Elmer Kucera, his brother, Irving Kucera, came into the garage. When asked by Elmer Kucera if he remembered the parties being at Louie's place with the Buick Sedan bearing Nevada license plates, he stated that he did. He also recalled that he had seen the other cars mentioned by his brother. He was allowed to view the photographs of the suspects in this case without any mention being made to him of the identification made by Elmer Kucera and upon doing so stated that the photograph of Alvin Karpis looked very much like the fellow who used to drive the cars most of the time. He stated that he recalled having looked at the Nevada registration card on the steering wheel of the car, while it was in the garage, but advised that he could not recall the name appearing on it. He also verified his brother's statement as to the time at which these parties were at Louie's place and the description of the cars as given by him. Irving Kucera stated that he had never had an opportunity to view any of the men very closely, having only seen them going in and out of Louie's place and driving by in the cars; that he had never seen either of the women. His description of the men corresponded with that given by Elmer Kucera. Irving Kucera furnished the further information that he had seen the party resembling the photograph of Karpis at Louie's place several times during the Summer of 1933, although Elmer Kucera could not remember having seen him before October. He, Irving, advised that this same party brought a Buick Sedan, of the same model, though not the same car, to the garage during the Summer to have it washed but he could furnish no information as to the license tags contained thereon at that time. He also said that he is sure he saw this same party at the Silver Slipper, taxi dance hall, located on the East side of Harlem Avenue, two blocks South of Ogden Avenue, in Chicago, during the Summer of 1933, but stated that this dance hall has now been closed for several months. He could furnish no information as to the dates during the Summer that he saw the party resembling Karpis.

The above interviews were had on the afternoon of March 26, 1934, and Elmer Kucera stated that in an effort to ascertain the date that the parties left Louie's place, and possibly the names of the parties, he would go to Louie's that night and inquire of Louis Cernocky where he could get in touch with these people to send them a bill for the battery. On the morning of March 27, 1934, Elmer Kucera advised that he had talked to Cernocky, as planned, but that he denied knowing the parties and stated that he could not remember them being at his place. Kucera said that Cernocky appeared unduly friendly and suspicious, when asked about these parties.

During the interview with Elmer Kucera he was exhibited the photograph of Kate "Mother" Barker and advised that he could not

recall ever having seen her at Louie's place. He did state, however, that a woman resembling this photograph, but who appeared to be a much younger woman, had come to his place during the past six weeks on two occasions; that this woman was driving a 1931 or 1932 model Pontiac sedan, blue in color, and was accompanied by a small boy about four years of age; that the second time she came she asked to be directed to Spring Lake, Illinois, and that he directed her to McHenry, Illinois, and advised her to inquire there for the rest of the route. He fixed the date of this woman's first visit as 2/15/34 and her second as 3/5/34. This information will be followed at McHenry and Spring Lake to ascertain if there is any possible connection.

It is of particular interest to note that the description of the largest of the three parties visiting at Louie's place during November and December, 1932, answers substantially the description of Homer Wilson, alias "Big Homer", who is mentioned as a suspect in this case and that in conjunction with the partial identification of Fred Barker, as the smallest of the three parties, the description of this party might possibly fit him.

An effort was made through inquiry at the Post Office, all gasoline stations, grocery stores, barber shops, and the drug store, to ascertain if anyone else could be located, who could identify any of the suspects as parties frequenting Fox River Grove, but no other identifications were made. At the Post Office it was ascertained that none other than the immediate family of Louis Cernocky receive mail through his box. Elmer Kucera advised that he will, by casual inquiry, endeavor to ascertain if any other parties at Fox River Grove recall the parties, in question, being there.

AT CARY, ILLINOIS.

This town is located three-quarters of a mile Northwest of Fox River Grove, and as a result of inquiry at the Post Office, and a canvass of all gasoline filling stations, grocery stores, a barber shop, and a drug store, one party, namely, Louis Zimmerman, proprietor of the Cary Garage, identified the picture of Alvin Karpis as a party he is sure he has seen but he could not recall when or where he has seen him. It is significant to note that for a time Louis Cernocky sent customers from his place to the Cary Garage when their cars were in need of repair. Mr. Zimmerman was positive that the picture of Karpis did not represent anyone sent to the garage by Cernocky.

Through O. E. Glascoe, Western Union operator, whose office



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also handles telegrams sent to and from Fox River Grove, all telegrams sent to and from Fox River Grove and Cary, from November 1, 1933, through the month of February, 1934, were checked for wires sent from Louis's place or to St. Paul or Minneapolis, Minnesota, or any other points which might appear suspicious but none were found from or to Louis's place, or which would in any way appear suspicious. All telegrams sent to St. Paul or Minneapolis during the period were ascertained to have been sent by reliable persons at Cary.

The investigation relative to efforts to locate the hideout in the vicinity of Cary and Fox River Grove will be submitted in a later report.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

CHICAGO OFFICE at Fox River Grove, Illinois, will exhibit photographs of Paula Harmon and other woman associates of suspects, to Elmer Kucera and also ascertain if he has found anyone else who can identify the parties mentioned in this report.

At McHenry, Illinois, will exhibit photograph of Kate Barker to filling station attendants in effort to establish if she is party who inquired for route to Spring Lake, Illinois, on March 5, 1934, as indicated in interview with Elmer Kucera.

At Spring Lake, Illinois, will conduct similar investigation as is requested at McHenry and will further endeavor to ascertain if anyone resembling Kate Barker is or has been located there.

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March 30, 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:

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

Reference is made to Division letter dated March 19,  
1934, setting forth certain observations made at the Division from  
a review of reports submitted in the above entitled case.

There has been forwarded to you, under separate cover,  
a set of topographic maps obtained from the United States Geological  
Survey, Department of the Interior, at Washington, D. C., covering  
the route believed to have been followed by the kidnapers on their  
return from the "hide-out", as outlined in the Division letter above  
referred to, and which route has been tentatively plotted on the maps  
with blue crayon. The maps are numbered serially in the lower right-  
hand corner, from one to twenty-three. The Geological Survey does  
not possess maps covering the route between LaCrosse, Wisconsin and  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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It is believed that a study of these maps and an  
examination of same by both Mr. Bremer and Mr. Hamm will be of  
possible assistance in locating the approximate vicinity of the  
"hide-out" where they were held victims. You will note on the  
reverse side of the map detailed explanations relative to the  
"conventional signs" used on the map to indicate railroads, bridges,  
and the like. A second set of these maps has been forwarded to the  
Chicago Office, and a third set is being retained by the Division.  
All three sets are similarly numbered and marked.

It is further believed that a careful study of these  
maps will indicate cities where concentrated efforts should be  
made to locate the "hide-out", which is considered by the Division  
of primary importance at the present time. Agents assigned to the

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search should not overlook the possibility that the "hide-out" may have been purposely destroyed by fire subsequent to the release of victim, and therefore inquiry should be made concerning such houses which have been destroyed since February 7, 1934.

An extra supply of maps for Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois, has been furnished the Chicago Office for the use of Agents assigned to the investigation within those Counties.

You will note that there has been indicated on the Briggsville quadrangle map, #14, the spot where the four gas cans were located, as determined from the directions set forth in the memorandum of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, February 13, 1934. Kindly advise the Division whether the spot indicated is correct.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC Chicago.

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REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/29/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/29/34	REPORT MADE BY: R. G. GILLESPIE
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases I.O. 1219; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Post Office Inspectors at Milwaukee, Wis. have no information as to status of Post Office holdup case involving Dave Berman; file located in Chief Post Office Inspector's office in Washington, D.C. Photographs and descriptions of Dave Berman's accomplices secured, two of whom are reported still at large.			
REFERENCE: Letter from New York Office to Inspector W. A. Rorer at St. Paul, Minnesota dated March 1, 1934.			
DETAILS: At Milwaukee, Wisconsin.  Mr. R. M. Bates, Post Office Inspector, 232 Federal Building, 517 East Wisconsin Avenue, telephone Broadway 8600, advised Agent that the Milwaukee, Wisconsin Post Office Inspector's Office does not handle investigations in the Western District of Wisconsin; that his office has no file on the Post Office holdup at Superior, Wisconsin on November 2, 1925 involving Dave Berman; that the file in that case could be obtained at the Office of the Chief Post Office Inspector at Washington, D.C.; that he has no information as to prosecutive status of the case.  Mr. Bates stated that he recalled the case and remembers that one of the defendants, "Dutch" Kanner, received a sentence of 25 years in Leavenworth for his part in the crime; that two others under indictment for the crime, and whom he understood had			
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never been apprehended, Charles P. Clouse and Blackie Carter, were tough criminals and had been much sought by the Post Office Inspectors. Mr. Bates located Post Office Department circulars on the Superior, Wisconsin Post Office holdup, showing pictures and descriptions of the participants in that crime, except Robert Henderson. These photographs are on file in this office.

For the information of the St. Paul Office, the descriptions of the participants, other than Berman, in the above mentioned crime, are being set out below, the source of same being the above mentioned circulars:

Name: Charles P. Clouse, alias Curly Clouse,  
alias Paul E. Hanford, alias St. Paul Curly.  
Age: 36 (1926)  
Height: 5 feet 9 1/2 inches  
Weight: 173 pounds  
Complexion: Fair  
Eyes: Blue  
Hair: Blonde, curly  
Born: Fort Dodge, Iowa  
Finger Print Classification:  $\frac{29}{27} \frac{10}{0} \frac{15}{14}$

Name: Ruben B. Lilly, alias Lillie, alias Blackie  
Carter, alias Bob Conway, alias C. P. Conway.  
Age: 40 (1927)  
Height: 5 feet 7 7/8 inches  
Weight: 185 pounds  
Hair: Black - bald in front  
Eyes: Dark Brown  
Complexion: Dark  
Teeth: Said to have gold fillings in upper front.  
Occupation: Railroad switchman  
Scars: Gun shot wound back of left shoulder.  
Peculiarities: Southern accent  
Good Dresser.  
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Name: William Kanner, alias "Dutch" Kanner, alias  
Jack O. Hooper, alias "Dutch" Hooper.  
Age: 37 (1926)  
Height: 5 feet 9 1/2 inches  
Weight: 170 pounds  
Complexion: Sallow  
Hair: Black  
Eyes: Brown  
Born: St. Paul, Minnesota  
Now reported to be serving 25 year term at  
Leavenworth Penitentiary.  
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Letters are herewith being directed to the Division re-  
questing the criminal records of Charles P. Clouse, with aliases,  
and Ruben D. Lilly, with aliases, be forwarded to the St. Paul  
Office.

Since Clouse and Lilly are reported at large, it is  
suggested that if these two men were connected with the Bremer  
kidnaping it would connect up with the investigation of Dave Berman,  
since they were former partners in crime with Berman. It is possible  
they have indirectly contacted Berman.

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KANSAS CITY OFFICE.

At Leavenworth Penitentiary.

Will make investigation to determine who has corresponded  
and visited with William Kanner, and ascertain if Kanner and Dave  
Berman have contacted same people. Copy of reference letter is being  
enclosed for information of Kansas City Office.

ST. PAUL OFFICE.

Will determine through appropriate sources if Clouse and  
Lilly, as described in this report, are known to St. Paul underworld.

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

March 29, 1934

Director,  
 Bureau of Investigation,  
 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.  
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Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate Date Fingerprints forwarded Bureau of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classification.
Charles P. Clouse, alias Curly Clouse, alias Paul G. Hanford, alias St. Paul Curly.			29 10 13 27 0 14
Ruben D. Lilly, alias Lillie, alias Blackie Carter, alias Bob Conway, alias C.P. Conway.			9 A 9 1 A 9

Please send copies of these records to the St. Paul Office.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
 Special Agent in Charge

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April 5, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

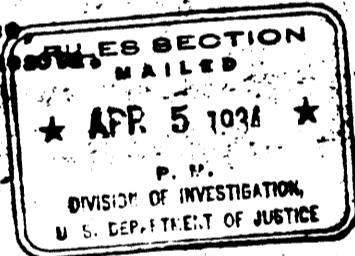
Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.  
1219, et al.;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.

In reply to your communication dated March 29, 1934,  
I am attaching the record revealed through a search of the  
identification files of this Division in the case of the  
following individuals who are possibly identical with the persons  
concerning whom you inquire:

Ruben D. Lilly, our File #122276.  
Paul G. Hanford, our File #125726.

In compliance with your request, copies of the above  
criminal records are being transmitted to Division Office, St.  
Paul, Minnesota.

CC  
Division Office,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.



Very truly yours,

Director.

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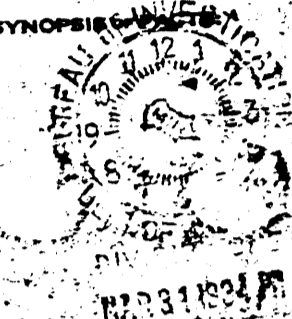
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REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILL.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>March 29, 1934</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/27 &amp; 28/1934</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>K. S. MINTIER</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. 1219 et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS:** William J. Graham and companion, and a woman believed to be wife of companion, left San Francisco, Cal. night of 3/25/34 via Overland Limited, Southern Pacific RR. Woman left train at Reno, Nev. Graham and companion arrived Chicago 5:20 A.M. 3/28/34 and left here 10:45 A.M. same day via New York Central Railroad, en route New York City. Parties contacted by no one in Chicago but Graham made two calls from a pay station and sent a western union telegram. Unable to trace calls or telegram.



**REFERENCE:** Telegram from Salt Lake City office, dated 3/26/34.

**DETAILS:** On March 26, 1934, this office received the following telegram from the Salt Lake City office:

Unknown subjects Roy Frisch victim kidnaping stop victim employee Reno National Bank Reno Nevada disappeared Reno night March twenty second victim principal Government witness against William J. Graham noted underworld character of Reno Nevada and James C. McKay Attorney Reno Nevada under indictment New York City... stop one theory victims disappearance is that he was abducted by hirelings Graham so that he could not testify Graham understood now enroute New York City left San Francisco Southern Pacific train six Sunday night for Reno occupying lower three car eighty four stop believed Graham will depart Ogden Utah seven five night March twenty

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sixth Union Pacific Overland Limited train twenty eight arriving  
Chicago nine twenty Wednesday morning March twenty eighth stop  
Believed to be occupying same accommodations stop Graham age forty  
seven height six feet one weight hundred sixty build slender hair  
reddish brown eyes blue or grey wears horn rimmed glasses sandy  
complexion thin face nervous disposition sporty dresser stop victim  
age forty seven height five feet eight and half weight hundred eighty  
hair light brown straight combed left side hazel eyes rosy cheeks  
ruddy complexion full face pit scars inside right forearm walks erect  
has noticeable swing to body when walking wore dark Oxford grey suit  
light grey hat with wide black band black vic-kid oxford shoes right  
shoulder little lower than left stop endeavor contact Graham prior  
arrival Chicago maintain constant surveillance while there determining  
if he meets person answering victims description and especially for  
purpose learning date and hour he departs Chicago for New York train  
he travels on and accommodations occupied stop furnish train information  
upon which he departs together with space occupied telegraphically to  
New York City office stop am wiring New York to endeavor pick him up  
there".

It was deemed advisable to set out this telegram since it is  
not known what information offices receiving copies of this report received  
with regard to that telegram.

This office also received the following telegram from Salt  
Lake City, dated March 27, 1934:

"Brekid William J. Graham mentioned my wire you last night relative  
disappearance Roy Frisch is believed to be Reno contact of subjects  
in Brekid case stop your Agents should keep this reported connection  
in mind when giving attention to William J. Graham".

In keeping with the suggestion contained in reference telegram,  
it was ascertained that the Overland Limited operated on the Union  
Pacific Railway, stops only at Clinton, Iowa before it stops at Chicago,  
Illinois. Consequently Special Agents A. E. Lockerman and J. J. Waters  
proceeded to Clinton, Iowa, and boarded the Overland Limited, Train No. 23,  
at 5.45 A.M. March 28, 1934, in order to locate party believed to be  
Graham. From the Pullman conductor said Agents ascertained that a woman

occupied lower B, car 84, of said train from San Francisco, California, to Reno, Nevada, where she got off. He stated that a stranger, whose description is no way compared with that of any of the parties mentioned in reference telegram, then took the berth formerly occupied by the woman. The conductor was unable to advise as to a person fitting the description of Graham, but interview with the barber on the said train disclosed that he was able to identify Graham, and he advised that Graham and another man were occupying compartment B of Car 84 on Train 28, known as the Overland Limited, operating via the Union Pacific Railroad. He also stated that the man fitting Graham's description was accompanied by a male companion. He advised that on the night previous he had pressed some clothes for a party and inside the coat he had noticed the name Graham. He stated he also talked to this party, and to his companion, and said the companion advised that he was from Reno, Nevada. It appeared obvious therefore, that Graham was the party referred to by the barber. The Pullman conductor then recalled that the woman above noted, together with Graham and his companion, boarded the said train together at San Francisco, California, and from conversation overheard between Graham's companion and the woman, he gathered that the woman was the wife of Graham's companion.

In the meantime Special Agents W. Carter Baum and J. E. Rice were dispatched to Oak Park, Illinois to observe the train at that point to see whether any persons left said train. They advised that no one left the train at that point.

The above mentioned train arrived at Chicago, Illinois, at the Northwestern Station, at 9.20 A.M. March 28, 1933. Agents A. E. Lockerman and J. J. Waters followed Graham and his companion from the train, and then pointed said parties out to Special Agents W. C. Jamison, T. E. Billings and K. R. McIntire, who had placed themselves in the Northwestern Station for the purpose of keeping Graham under surveillance. It is observed that no one contacted either Graham or his companion in the station, and nothing unusual was done on the part of either Graham or his companion. They took a taxi cab and were immediately followed by Agents McIntire and Billings in one taxi cab, with Agent Jamison in another, to the LaSalle Street Railroad station in Chicago. At this point Graham made a telephone call from a pay station located in the LaSalle Street Station. He then sent a Western Union telegram from said station. Graham and his companion then proceeded to have breakfast in a restaurant in the station, and the remainder of their stay at said station was spent in loafing about the main sitting room, except for the fact that Graham

made another telephone call from a pay station. Agents Jamison, Billings and McIntire separated, and observed all of the actions of Graham, and his companion, and observed that they were not contacted at any time by any one during their short stay at the LaSalle Street Station. Information regarding the telephone calls and the telegram sent by Graham was immediately telephoned to the Chicago office. Efforts were made to trace the telegram without success. It is noted that there is no possibility of tracing a telephone call from a pay station in Chicago.

At about 10.45 A.M. March 28, 1934, Graham and his companion boarded a New York Central Railroad train, and were followed by Special Agents McIntire and Billings. The said Agents learned from the conductor of the train that the accommodations of Graham and his companion were as follows: "Drawing Room A, car 451, which car is named Glen Esk, traveling via the Fifth Avenue Special, New York Central Railroad, the destination of both parties being New York City. The above Agents also learned that said train would arrive at New York City at the Grand Central Station at 8.10 A.M. on the morning of March 29, 1933, eastern standard time.

The best available description of Graham, secured by observation of several Agents mentioned herein, and from the reference telegram, is as follows:

Name:	William J. Graham
Age:	47 years
Height:	6 ft 1 inch
Weight:	160 pounds
Build:	Slender
Hair:	Reddish brown, bushy
Eyes:	Blue or grey
Complexion:	Sandy
Thin face; small chin; wears thick lens tortoise rim glasses; acts nervous; wearing blue suit, dark brown Fedora hat, snap brim turned down slightly in front; dark Oxford Grey overcoat; walks erect; square shoulders.	

The following is the best available description of Graham's companion, as secured by the Agents mentioned herein:

Name:	Unknown
Age:	40-42
Height:	5 ft. 7 inches.
Weight:	165 to 170 pounds
Build:	Stocky
Hair:	Dark brown
Eyes:	Unknown, penetrating glance
Complexion:	Dark, slightly ruddy
Glasses:	None.
Wearing dark blue overcoat, dark green Fedora hat with snap brim, dark suit probably Oxford Gray; very observing, suspicious or nervous; carries dark brown brief case.	

It is to be further observed that the male companion of Graham carried a dark brown brief case which appeared to be well filled with papers; that he keeps the same in his possession at all times, and in no instance was he observed to give it to a porter at the railway stations noted in this report. It is noted also that Graham carries a large black leather non-flexible semi-wardrobe trunk. This is the only baggage either of these parties was observed to be carrying.

It is further noted that Graham's hair is of a bushy nature, and is particularly bushy beneath his hat, at the rear of his head.

The information contained in this report was immediately telephoned to the Salt Lake City office, and also to Inspector W. A. Rorer at St. Paul. A teletype message was immediately sent to New York, containing the essential facts in this report.

It is suggested that Graham's companion may possibly be attorney James C. McKay of Reno, Nev. who is mentioned in reference telegram, though this office has no means of knowing definitely. The second telegram from the Salt Lake City office quoted herein mentions that Graham is believed to be a contact for the subjects of the Bremer case in Reno, Nevada. In this connection the attention of the offices receiving copies of this report is directed to the report of Special Agent F. B. Dunn, Dallas, Tex. March 6, 1934, and the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, San Antonio, Tex. February 23, 1934, both reports submitted in the Bremer case.

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The Salt Lake City, St. Paul and New York offices, which re-  
ceived copies of this report, under the title "Unknown Subjects - Roy  
Frisch, Victim - Kidnaping, are now being furnished with the same report  
under the title of the Bremer case, so that their files may be complete.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
~~Bureau of Investigation~~  
Suite 1 -  
Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
March 29, 1934.



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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Division letter of March 26, 1934, on the above entitled matter, relative to identifications of Homer Good and George Brock, mentioned in the memorandum of Special Agent A. E. Farland dated at Kansas City, Missouri, February 15, 1934, in the case of Vernon C. Miller (Deceased) Et Al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

As noted in the memorandum of Agent Farland, Homer Good is a constable at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and is known to George E. Carver, an Agent of the Alcoholic Beverage Unit of the Division and also probably known to police at Tulsa.

It is also shown by Agent Farland's memorandum that George Brock, there mentioned, has relatives residing at Lees Summit, Missouri.

As noted in the letter of March 26 from the Division, there are records in the Fingerprint Unit of the following individuals:

W. R. Brock, with aliases, State Penitentiary,  
Huntsville, Texas, Register No. 39,661.

Homer Good, S O, Tulsa, Oklahoma, No. 10858.

Homer A. Good, U.S. Marshal, Wichita Falls, Texas, No. 108.

It is requested that the Division forward a photograph of W. R. Brock mentioned in Division letter to the Kansas City office and one photograph each of Homer Good and Homer A. Good to the Oklahoma City office for the purpose of having these photographs displayed at the appropriate places (Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Lees Summit, Missouri) for identification of the individuals as mentioned in Agent Farland's memorandum.

Very truly,  
*M. C. Spear*  
M. C. SPEAR, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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April 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
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Suite 1, Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

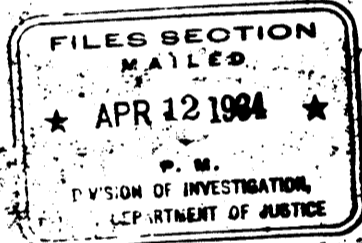
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 29, 1934 in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM; KIDNAPING, in which you request that photographs of E. R. Brock, Huntsville, Texas, register No. 39561 be furnished your office and that photographs of Homer Good, S.O., Tulsa, Oklahoma, No. 10858, and Homer A. Good, U. S. Marshal, Wichita Falls, Texas, No. 102 be furnished to the Oklahoma City office for identification of the individuals mentioned in memorandum of Special Agent W. Farland dated at Kansas City, Missouri, February 15, 1934, in the case of Vernon C. Miller (Deceased) et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

The Homer Good named in Agent Farland's memorandum has been identified as Homer Good, S.O., Tulsa, Oklahoma, No. 10858, and his fingerprints have been compared with the latent fingerprints in this case with negative results. It will not, therefore, be necessary to conduct any investigation to identify this individual.

As requested there are transmitted to your office herewith two copies of a photograph of E. R. Brock for use at Lees Summit, Missouri, in identifying this individual by determining whether the Brock whose photographs are transmitted herewith is the same as the George Brock named in Agent Farland's memorandum.

Very truly yours,



Director.

Enclosure: #339951.

CC: Oklahoma City  
W. A. Rorer, St. Paul

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT: <b>CHICAGO, ILL.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>March 23, 1934</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/20-21, 23-24, 1934</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>A. E. URSCHEL</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219 et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Edward Bentz and wife, Verma, resided at Shelarake Hotel, Chicago, from 12/23/32 to 6/9/33 under the name of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Banier. Ted Bentz identified as being seen with Ed Bentz on different occasions at Sheidrake Hotel. Photographs of Mrs. Ed Bentz made on 5/29/33 located. Ed Bentz and wife and Ted Bentz and Christina Dawson reported to have visited Freismark family in South Milwaukee, Wis. 3/9/34 and to have visited Mrs. Bentz's sister, Mrs. Avery Eagles in Chicago 3/10/34 and to have then left for San Francisco, Cal. about 3/11/34, to visit mother of Bentz brothers. Reported to be driving new dark blue or black Lincoln sedan.

**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated 3/16/34, St. Paul, Minnesota; wire from Portland office dated 3/21/34.

**DETAILS:**

On March 20, 1934, the writer interviewed [redacted] and [redacted] previously interviewed by the writer on different occasions during investigation conducted by this office, with a view of locating [redacted] and Ted Bentz. [redacted] repeatedly insisted that he will furnish this office with all the information that he can obtain relative to the whereabouts of the [redacted]

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Bentz brothers by reason of a personal dislike that he has for them. At the time of this interview however, [redacted] had not acquired any helpful information since the time that he was last interviewed as to this matter. He stated however, that during the summer of 1930, or 1931, Ed and Ted Bentz spent considerable time at a cottage located at Diamond Lake, which is near Mundelein, Illinois. [redacted]

[redacted] also advised that [redacted] recalls Ed Bentz worked as a machinist for the American Can Company located at Maywood, Illinois during 1930 and 1931. He was not definite as to this and stated that it was possible that he worked there in 1928 or 1929. He was reasonably certain that it had not been since 1931. He further advised that he is of the opinion that Ted Bentz had at one time worked for the Armstrong Collection Service of St. Paul, or Minneapolis, Minnesota, as well as having been employed by the Craig Collection Service of Chicago, stating he does not believe that the Craig Collection Service operates at the present time. [redacted] assured the writer that he would continue his efforts to obtain information relative to the whereabouts of the Bentz brothers, and furnish same to this office.

During the investigation conducted by this Agent relative to apprehending the Bentz brothers in connection with the Urschel kidnaping case, it was ascertained that Ed Bentz rented a cottage at Long Beach, Ind. during the summer of 1933, and lived there with his wife Vera, from about July 1 until September 1. As a result of searching the cottage in which they had lived, after they had left, a magazine was found, among other things, bearing the name of G. W. KOWALSKI, 5518 North Central Avenue, Chicago, Ill. In order to ascertain whether or not there was any connection between G. W. Kowalski and the Bentz brothers, investigation was conducted through the Post Office Station covering the Kowalski address, and it was learned through the carrier who delivers mail to that address, that Mr. George W. Kowalski is generally considered as a man of good standing in that community, having been employed in a bank located in that vicinity for a number of years up until the time of the closing of the bank. He also advised that living at the same address is a party by the name of JOHN F. IGLEWSKI, and A. J. GRUENFELD. He stated that those parties also bear good reputations in that community. He expressed the opinion that none of them had ever been involved in any criminal or shady activities. It was further ascertained that Mr. George W. Kowalski is now employed as an account executive with the General Outdoor Advertising Company, located at Harrison and Loomis Streets, Chicago, telephone Monroe 6800. It is well to state here

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that on March 24, 1934, the writer interviewed Mr. George W. Kowalski, at the Lake Shore Drive Athletic Club, 850 Lake Shore Drive. He was questioned as to whether he had spent any time out of the city of Chicago during the summer of 1933, and advised that he had spent many weekends during that summer at cottages in Long Beach, Indiana; that they would rent cottages, together with some of his friends for weekends, returning to Chicago usually around the first of the week. He stated that during July and August they had been able to rent the same cottage for their weekend visits to that resort, but that during the weekend preceding Labor Day they had rented a cottage that had been occupied by other tenants up until two or three days prior to the time that they rented same; that he recalls that they had purchased a number of magazines for that occasion, and that he is sure that he had carried the 'Literary Digest, to which he subscribes to that cottage on that particular occasion. He also stated that he is certain that they left all the magazines in the cottage which they had carried with them. From the description given by Mr. Kowalski of the cottage that they occupied on that particular weekend, this Agent is positive that the cottage occupied by Mr. Kowalski is the same cottage that had previously been occupied by Ed Bentz and his wife. It was also ascertained from the renting agent at the time that the previous investigation was conducted, that Ed Bentz and his wife had lived in that cottage up until a few days prior to Labor Day, and at that time the rental agent also stated that other parties had occupied that cottage over the weekend preceding Labor Day. Mr. Kowalski appeared to be quite frank in this matter, and did not give the impression that he was in any way trying to conceal anything, and it is believed that he has no connection with the Bentz brothers, for the reason that he stated after examining the photographs of the Bentz brothers that he had never been associated with anyone bearing a resemblance to these persons, and by further reason of the facts as explained above.

On March 21, 1934, the Chicago office received a telegram from the Portland office, advising that information had been received by that office to the effect that Ed and Ted Bentz, and Verna Bentz and Christina Dawson, left Chicago, Illinois on March 11, 1934, in a Lincoln Sedan to visit their mother on the coast, their mother having been reported to reside at 121 Broderick Street, San Francisco, California; that this information had been obtained from Mr. George Plowman, of the American Express Company. The above telegram also requested that it be determined to whom 1933 Illinois license numbers 865133 and 736658 were issued. That office also requested to be advised as to the correctness of that information.

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Accordingly Agent contacted Mr. Harry C. Eldridge, of the American Express Company who advised that Mr. Floman was out of the city at that time, and was not expected back until the following day. Mr. Eldridge however, is acquainted with the Bentz case, and stated that they had obtained information to the effect

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He stated that in the event that information is obtained he will furnish same to this office.

[REDACTED]

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It was ascertained through the Chicago Police Department that 1933 Illinois license 865133 had been issued to G. N. Ranier, who gave as his address the Sheldrake Hotel, Windsor and Clarendon St. Chicago, Illinois, for a Ford automobile. They did not have a record however, of the style of the car, the motor number or the license number. It was

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also ascertained through that source that 1933 Illinois license 736658 had been issued to Edward Byron, who gave as his address 2009 Ridge Road, Homewood, Illinois, and that same had been issued for a Plymouth automobile, the style of the car and motor number being unknown. It was at that time known that Ed Bentz had used the name G. B. Ranier at the time that he rented the cottage at Long Beach, Indiana, which was shortly after he moved from the Sheldrake Hotel.

By checking at the Sheldrake Hotel, 4518 Clarendon Ave. it was learned that Ed Bentz and Verna Freimark, whose photographs were identified by the manager, and the telephone operator, had registered at that hotel on December 23, 1932, and had checked out on June 9, 1933; that they had registered as G. B. Ranier and wife, Duluth, Minnesota. The telephone operator, who also acts as desk clerk, was able to identify the photograph of Ted Bentz as being an individual whom she had seen on different occasions with Ed Bentz. She stated however, that he at no time lived as a guest at that hotel. A tracing of the registration of these parties at that hotel was made, and although the handwriting appears to be that of a man, it was not known by the manager whether it was the handwriting of Ed Bentz or Verne Bentz. A record was made of all telephone calls made from the room occupied by Ed Bentz and his wife, from the time that they registered at that hotel until the time of their departure, and the following investigation was conducted relative to those calls:

On December 26, 1932, telephone number Longbeach 5085 was called, and it was learned that this number is listed in the name of Doctor Harry C. Ward, a dentist, whose office was located at 1060 Wilson Avenue, and that the telephone had been discontinued. At that address it was learned by this Agent that Mr. Ward died approximately six months ago.

On the same day a call was made from the Bentz room to Longbeach 5410, and it was learned that that number is listed in the name of Doctor John C. Purdie, 5015 North Clark St. To date Agent has not been successful in contacting Doctor Purdie, but he will be interviewed in the near future relative to this call.

On the same day a call was made to Longbeach 0560, and that number is issued to Doctor John E. McIntosh, 1810 Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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Dr. McIntosh was interviewed, but advised that he is not acquainted with anyone by the name of G. B. Ranier, Ed Bentz, and neither was he acquainted with Bentz under any of his aliases. He was shown photographs of Ed Bentz, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bentz, but he was unable to identify them as being anyone known to him. He referred to his records which indicated that he did not have an appointment with anyone by the name of Ranier on that day.

On the same day a call was made from that room to Longbeach 7322, which number is issued to Doctor Bernard Rabin, 4707 Broadway, Room 213. Doctor Rabin was interviewed but stated that he is not acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Bentz, and was not able to identify their photographs or the photographs of Ted Bentz as being anyone known to him. His office records indicated that on December 26, 1932, he was not at his office. On the same day a call was made from that room to Sheldrake 9311. That number is listed in the name of Doctor H. W. Oppice, whose office is located at 1002 Wilson Avenue, Chicago, and whose residence is at 6251 North Claremont Avenue. The call was to the residence of Doctor Oppice. When interviewed by this Agent Doctor Oppice stated that he is not acquainted with Mr. or Mrs. Ed Bentz, or Ted Bentz, under that name or any other name, and could not recognize their photographs as being those of anyone known to him.

On the same day a call was made from that room to the hotel Wyndon, 628 W. Windsor Avenue, Chicago. It is believed that this call was made to a tailor shop located in that hotel, which is just across the street from the Sheldrake Hotel. At that place it was learned that the person who operated the tailor shop during the summer of 1933 is no longer employed there and his present address is unknown.

On December 31, 1932, a call was made from that room to Ardmore 0770, a number which is listed to the Delove Beauty Shop, 924 Wilson Avenue. At that address it was learned that only one person was still employed there who had been there during the summer of 1933; that this person is Miss Martin, and upon interview she was unable to identify the photograph of Mrs. Ed Bentz as being anyone seen by her at that shop at any time.

On March 1, 1933, a call was made to Edgewater 4863, and that number is listed in the name of the Lawrence-Broadway Garage, 1127 W. Lawrence Avenue. At that address the photograph of Ed and Ted Bentz and Mrs. Ed Bentz was displayed to the employees, but they were unable to identify

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same as being anyone who had ever stored a car in that garage. They also referred to their records and learned that they had not at any time had a customer by the name of G. B. Ranier from the Sheldrake Hotel. In view of the fact that this garage was called only one time it is not believed that they were storing their car at that place. In this connection it is also well to state that investigation was conducted at an open air parking lot adjacent to the Sheldrake Hotel to determine whether a car was stored there by Ed Bentz under the name of G. B. Ranier. The manager of the parking lot stated however, that his files do not reflect a customer by the name of G. B. Ranier or Ed Bentz during the summer of 1935; neither could he identify the photograph of Mr. or Mrs. Ed Bentz or Ted Bentz.

On May 29, 1933, a call was made from that number to Longbeach 1887, and that number is listed to the Anthony Photographer, 1054 W. Wilson Avenue, second floor, Chicago. At that address it was learned that on May 29, 1933, Mrs. Edward Bentz, using the name of Mrs. G. B. Ranier, had had three different poses for a photograph taken. Negatives of each pose were obtained from the manager of this studio, and they have been forwarded to the Division with the request that a supply of photographs be developed from these negatives, and furnished to offices conducting investigation in connection with this matter.

On April 6, 1933, a call was made from that room to Merrimac 4417. This number is issued to Mrs. Tekla Sandahl, 7123 W. Belden Avenue, Chicago. The fact that this call was made to that telephone number confirms information previously furnished to the writer by Gene Flint, to the effect that the Bentz Brothers always make telephonic connections with their brother George Bentz, by calling the residence of Mrs. Tekla Sandahl at the above address, stating that George Bentz, their brother, does not maintain a telephone in his residence, and that he has known the Bentz brothers to use the Sandahl telephone in making calls when they are visiting George Bentz.

On March 23, 1933, a call was made from that number to Merrimac 8472. That number was previously assigned to John Watland Hanson, 6960 W. Oakdale Avenue, but same has been discontinued. For the purpose of determining the identity of Hanson, Agent proceeded to 6960 W. Oakdale Ave. where it was observed that that address is a brick bungalow located in the northwest section of the city. From all indications there was no one present at that address at the time. However, it is contemplated to make further investigation at that address in the very near future, to determine the connection between Hanson and Bentz.

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On May 5, 1933, a call was made from that number to Harrison 8819. That number is issued to John C. Hanson, 6956 W. Oakdale Avenue, and through investigation it was learned that the building located at 6956 W. Oakdale Avenue, which is a small dwelling adjoining the address 6960 W. Oakdale Avenue, and by reason of the same name there is evidently some family connection between the two Hansons. It is also intended that in the very near future investigation will be conducted at that address to determine the connection between John C. Hanson and Ed or Ted Bentz, or Verna Bentz.

The telephone records further indicate that calls were made to the following numbers:

- Harrison 9830, - Chicago and Western Indiana Railroad Co.
  - Kedzie 1309 - Liggett and Myer Tobacco Co. 820 S. Kildaire Ave.
  - Randolph 8000 - City of Chicago, City Hall Board, 315 W. Washington
  - Randolph 8200 - Chicago Rapid Transit Co. 72 W. Adams Street
  - Canal 6200 - Atlas Brewing Co. 2107 Blue Island Avenue
  - Delaware 0606 - K-9 Club, 105 E. Walton Place
- (Note: It is believed by reason of this latter call that Ed Bentz and his wife frequent this club).
- Mohawk 2300 - Prima Brewing Co. 725 Blackhawk Street
  - State 1000 - Marshall Field and Co.
  - Superior 0100 - Telephone Company, Telephone Building.

Investigation will be conducted in connection with the above numbers in the very near future.

At the Post Office Station at 4235 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, that being the station which covers the address of Mrs. Avery Eagles, 4141 Ellis Avenue, it was learned that on December 11, 1933, a Mrs. Kathleen Willd, left a change of address indicating that she had moved to 4252 Drexel Avenue. Although this record indicates that Mrs. Willd has moved from 4141 Ellis Ave., information has been received at this office to the effect that Mrs. Avery Eagles, previously referred to as the sister of Mrs. Verna Bentz, who lives at 4141 Ellis Avenue, receives her telephone calls over a telephone at that address, issued to Mrs. Kathleen Willd. The carrier who delivers mail to 4141 Ellis Avenue stated that a Mrs. H. Gross, the landlady at that place, receives all the mail for the tenants at that building; that on March 19, 1934, he recalls he had a letter addressed to Mrs. Eagles at that address, and that same was received by Mrs. Gross; that he has never to his knowledge seen Mrs. Eagles, and does not know what she looks like. The carrier further expressed the opinion that Kathleen Willd is identical with a Mrs. Katherine

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Dobson, whose address is 4252 Drexel Avenue, for the reason that their records indicate that Mrs. Katherine Dobson moved from 4141 Ellis Avenue to 4252 Drexel Avenue on the same day that Mrs. Kathleen Willa moved to the Drexel Avenue address from the Ellis Avenue address, and he stated that he still delivers mail addressed to Mrs. Kathleen Willa addressed to 4141 Ellis Avenue, which is refused at that address, but accepted by Mrs. Katherine Dobson at 4252 Drexel Avenue. The carrier further stated that the class of tenants at 4141 Ellis Avenue is not very desirable, and that because of the neighborhood he would be afraid to express an opinion as to whether or not Mrs. Gross would be trustworthy if approached for information as to Mrs. Avery. At the present time no further investigation has been conducted at this point, but further inquiry will be made in the very near future.

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During the time that Agent was dictating this report, a call was received from [redacted] previously mentioned, and he advised that he had just received information from [redacted] to the effect that George Bantz, and his wife, left Chicago about two weeks ago, en route to Tacoma, Washington; that George Bantz had gone to Tacoma under the belief that he could obtain work with the San Juan Fish Company of Tacoma, Washington; that George Bantz had formerly worked for the same company. [redacted] further advised that Herbert Hill and his wife have moved into the residence of George Bantz, 7124 West Belden Avenue, and that they expect to be there until some time during the fall of this year. He further stated that they left Chicago in Bantz' old Willys Knight Sedan, maroon color, bearing 1934 Illinois license 502671, motor number 158636. This information confirms information obtained by Special Agent W. Carter Baum recently, to the effect that the above mentioned Willys Knight Sedan was seen with a trailer attached, in front of the home of Mrs. R. J. Caperton, 17909 Homewood Avenue, Homewood, Illinois, the parties having apparently spent the night at that address. The trailer bears 1934 Illinois license 303 W. By reason of the fact that the trailer was at that time loaded, it is believed that George Bantz and his wife were en route to Tacoma, Washington at that time. [redacted] expressed the opinion that George Bantz will contact Ed and Ted Bantz after he arrives in Tacoma, expressing the opinion that Ed and Ted Bantz are not in Chicago at the present time, which also confirms recent information obtained by this office from Mr. Eldridge and Mr. Plowman of the American Railway Express to the effect that Ted and Ed Bantz and Verna Bantz and Christina Dawson left Chicago about March 11, 1934, en route to San Francisco, California. [redacted] further advised that a real estate firm by the name of Hollanger, located on the northwest side of Chicago handles a mortgage which is outstanding against the Bantz property located at 7124 W. Belden Avenue. It is possible that some information can be obtained

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from this real estate company as to the address of George Bentz in Tacoma, Washington, and inquiry will be made through that source.

b7c [redacted] also stated that it is his understanding that Ed and Ted Bentz at one time were interested in an old gold mine located near Shelton, Washington, and stated that the location of this mine would afford a very desirable hideout for the gang, and believed that if the Bentz brothers intended to settle down for the summer they would likely decide on that place. He had no further information as to the name of this mine or its location.

The Portland office will be telegraphically advised as to the alleged presence of George Bentz in Tacoma, Washington, and that office will be requested to conduct the necessary investigation.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE: Will continue the investigation suggested in this report.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>5/29/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>5/15-20/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>K. J. McINTIRE</b>
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">Investigations made at Sears-Roebuck Stores in Illinois and Indiana with regard to Lightmaster Pocket Lanterns, without revealing any information of value to this matter.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="text-align: center;">Letter of Chicago Office to the Director, dated February 15, 1934.</p>			
DETAILS: <u>DETAILS:</u> <span style="float: right;"><b>"LIGHTMASTER POCKET LANTERN"</b></span> <p style="text-align: center;">Investigation was conducted in the towns herein noted, with reference to the Lightmaster Pocket Lantern, at the Sears-Roebuck Stores, without disclosing any information of value pertaining to the sale of the lanterns used by Victim Bremer's abductors.</p>			
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LIGHTMASTER POCKET LANTERN

On March 15, 1934, Special Agent T. G. Melvin made inquiries regarding the sale of a Lightmaster Pocket Lantern at --

GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS

Mr. H. A. Lee, Manager of the Sears-Roebuck Store informed Agent that the Lightmaster Pocket Lantern has not been handled in that store.

On this same date, March 15, 1934, Special Agent W. C. Ryan made investigation at the Sears Roebuck Store in

BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS

relative to the sale of the Lightmaster Pocket Lantern. Mr. R. A. Moberry, Manager, advised that this store has never handled the size light in question. He advised that he has been manager of the store since it was opened on September 29, 1929 and that the store has only sold the larger Lightmaster, which is not a pocket lantern.

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On March 16, 1934, Special Agent H. H. Reinecke made investigation at the following places with reference to the Lightmaster Pocket Lantern used at the time of the payoff:

PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS  
DES PLAINES, "

At Park Ridge, Illinois

It was ascertained that the Sears-Roebuck Store was closed on March 10, 1934 for lack of business and all of the merchandise and employees scattered.

At Des Plaines, Illinois

It was learned from the Manager of the Sears-Roebuck Store here that the Lightmaster Pocket Lantern, such as was used in the payoff, has never been in stock at this store.

On March 16, 1934, Special Agent V. W. Peterson conducted the following investigation:

LIGHTMASTER POCKET LANTERN

AT WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

Mr. L. C. Rowray, Manager of the Sears-Roebuck Store, 580 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, Illinois, advised that this store has never handled the Lightmaster Pocket Lantern in question.

At MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

On March 16, 1934, Special Agent J. E. Brennan ascertained that the Sears-Roebuck Store here does not stock the Lightmaster Pocket Lantern and has not sold any.

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On March 19, 1934, Special Agent V. W. Peterson made the following inquiry at --

HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS

Mr. F. J. McDonough, Manager of the Sears-Roebuck Store, 554 Central Avenue, was interviewed concerning the Lightmaster Pocket Lantern. He advised that this style of Lightmaster has never been sold at the Highland Park, Illinois, Store.

Special Agent G. J. Gross conducted the following investigation:

At GARY, INDIANA

On March 19, 1934, Assistant Manager L. F. O'Leary, of the Sears-Roebuck Store, Gary, Indiana, stated after contacting his Purchasing Department; that is, the party who orders all merchandise for this particular store, that the Pocket Lantern of the type involved in this case was not carried in stock until just three weeks ago; that none were in stock previous to March 1, 1934.

While conducting the above investigation, Mr. O'Leary called some of his employees to his office, at which time Agent exhibited the photographs of the Subjects and Suspects in this case.

John Krafné stated that about two or three weeks ago, he feels certain he saw ARTHUR BARKER and VOLNEY DAVIS in the store, although they were not together and thinks they were in at separate times.



LIGHTMASTER POCKET LANTERN

E. R. Bernhard, stated upon viewing these photographs, that he feels certain about three weeks ago he saw ARTHUR BARKER in the store alone; that no purchase was made by him.

Carl Moleski stated that he is quite certain he saw VOLNEY DAVIS and ARTHUR BARKER in the store; that as he recalls, they were not together; that this occasion was about two or three weeks previous to the date of this interview.

Bernhard above interviewed further stated that the person he believes to have been VOLNEY DAVIS made inquiries of him as to the price and make of a certain "Battery Radio"; that DAVIS was wearing a dark topcoat and a tan lumberjack underneath.

The exhibits were shown the above named persons at separate times, all stating that they are certain it was two or three weeks ago, but that at the time they paid little attention and for this reason were unable to enlarge any further on the above statements.

On March 19, 1934, Special Agent John E. Brennan made the following investigation:

AT CICERO, ILLINOIS

\* Inquiry at the Sears-Roebuck Store revealed that the type of flashlight in question is not carried in stock at this store.

AT FOREST PARK, ILL.

Similar inquiry was made at the Sears Store in Forest Park, where it was ascertained that the type of flashlight in question has not been carried in stock.

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On March 20, 1934, Agent Brennan made inquiries at

DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS.

Mr. R. V. Boltz, Assistant Manager of the Sears-Roebuck Store related that his store has never stocked the type of flashlight known as a Lightmaster Pocket Lantern.

LIGHTMASTER POCKET LANTERN

The following investigation relative to the Lightmaster Pocket Lantern was conducted by Special Agent T. S. Melvin on March 20, 1934 at the following town:

AURORA, ILLINOIS

Agent interviewed J. D. Stevens, Clerk in Charge of the Hardware Department of the Sears-Roebuck Store, who stated that he sold most of the Lightmaster Pocket Lanterns that were in stock. He examined photographs of ARTHUR BARKER, FRED BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL and VOLNEY DAVIS, and stated that he did not sell a Lightmaster to any of these suspects. The same photographs were also exhibited to other clerks in the Hardware Department, who advised that they did not sell a Lightmaster to any of the above suspects.

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Investigation being continued in connection with this pocket lantern.

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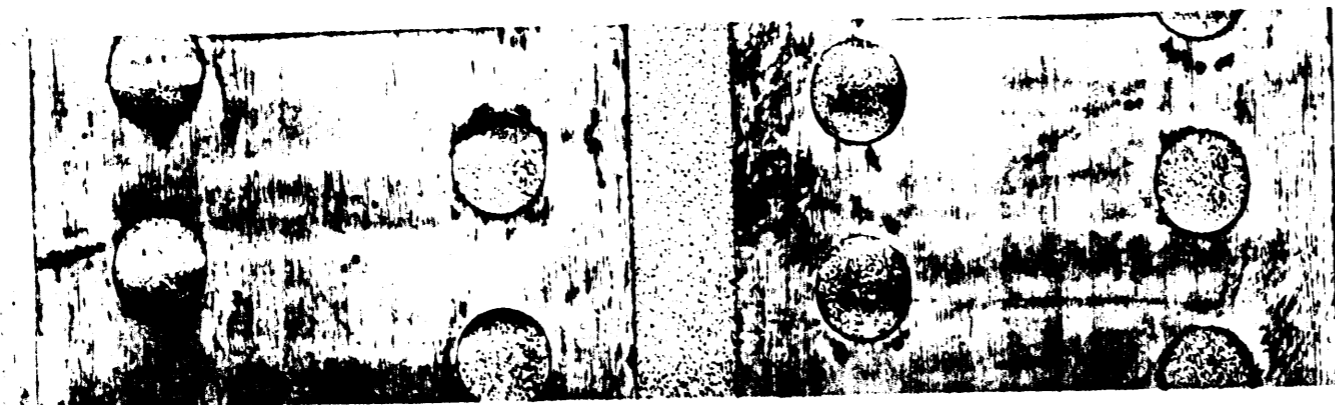
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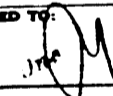


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TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases I.O. 1219; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Max Novelle is a member of old and well known vaudeville act called The Novelle Brothers. This man registered his car at Hammond, Indiana in January, 1934 while playing at a Hammond theater. This information dispatched to the Salt Lake City office by telegram on 3/24/34.</p>			
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REFERENCE: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Salt Lake City Office telegram to Chicago, Illinois Office dated 3/23/34.</p>			
DETAILS: <u>At Chicago, Illinois.</u> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The telegram of reference indicated that one, Max Novelle, who was driving a Pierce Arrow Sedan bearing Indiana license plates 6918, which had been taken out at Hammond, Indiana for this car, bearing motor number A5017, had been seen to leave Reno, Nevada on Wednesday for California, and it was requested that the identity of this individual be ascertained.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">At the office of the Hammond Auto License Bureau, which is a Branch of the office of the Secretary of State, Motor Vehicle Division, Indianapolis, Indiana, Agent ascertained that the license number 6918 was not handled by the Hammond office, but was issued directly from the State. These low numbers, it was indicated, are usually issued to persons who make special requests for them because of the similarity of these numbers and house addresses, telephone numbers, or the like. This office stated that the published list</p>			
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of automobile registrants, listed as to license number, had not been issued.

When Agent suggested the name of Max Novelle in this office, however, the clerk remembered that this individual had called during January, 1934 at the Hammond office and had asked to secure license number 6918 since he had procured this number on the previous year while at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Max Novelle, Agent was informed, is a vaudeville actor who appeared in Hammond and who also had appeared in Chicago, Illinois during the winter of 1934. These tags were secured for Novelle and were sent to him at the Edward M. Morse Agency, 190 North State Street, which is the theatrical agency that booked Novelle. The clerk also remembered that Novelle had played in St. Louis and in other towns, and had written several times regarding these tags after he had left Hammond, Indiana, since the tags with this number were somewhat late in arriving at Hammond, Indiana to be sent to him. Novelle had played at the Fox Theater in St. Louis, later on.

The pictures of the various suspects were shown to these parties at the Hammond Auto License Bureau, but none were recognized.

Mr. Harry Mintz, Manager of the Barthenon Theater in Hammond, Indiana, which is a Warner Brothers picture theater, and which shows vaudeville on Saturdays and Sundays, informed Agent that the Novelle Brothers was a well known vaudeville act which had been playing vaudeville in America for a number of years. Max Novelle is one of the members of this act. The two men dress up as chickens with plumes, etc., and indulge in various mimickings and also whistle on the stage. Mr. Mintz said that a great many actors license cars in Indiana during their stay at local theaters due to the fact that the Indiana registration fees are extremely low. Mr. Mintz said that he supposed these actors could claim a residence in Indiana as well as any place else since they are always on the move and are seldom located definitely at any place. Mr. Mintz corroborated the information supplied at the Hammond Auto License Bureau, indicating that the Edward M. Morse Agency, 190 North State Street is the booking agency for this act.



The description of Max Kayolle is briefly as follows:

Height: About 5 feet 11 inches  
Weight: About 180 pounds  
Hair: Dark  
Eyes: Dark  
Jewish appearance  
No noticeable peculiarities

This information was furnished the Salt Lake City Office by telegram on March 24, 1934, and further investigation along this line was not pursued and will not be pursued until information is received from the Salt Lake City Office indicating that additional investigation may be necessary in view of undisclosed facts.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Investigation conducted at several stores in Indiana with regard to the Underwear and Shirt purchased for Victim Bremer, without disclosing the identity of the purchaser of these articles.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, March 15, 1934.</p>			
DETAILS: <p><u>UNDERWEAR and SHIRT</u></p> <p>The following investigation was conducted in the towns noted in Indiana by Special Agent George J. Gross, without disclosing the identity of the purchaser of the Underwear and Shirt secured for Victim Bremer during his captivity:</p>			
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UNDERWEAR

On March 15, 1934, Special Agent G. J. Gross conducted investigation at:

WHITING, INDIANA

John Dudzik, 2058 Indianapolis Blvd., Whiting, Indiana, was interviewed with reference to the underwear involved in the instant case, he stating that he carries "Life Size" Underwear identical with that of the instant case, but could not recall having sold any during this past winter. He added that he alone waits on all customers. Mr. Dudzik's store is a very small notion store in Whiting. Photographs of all suspects and Subjects in this case were shown Mr. Dudzik but he could not recall having seen any of them at any time.

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On March 19, 1934, Special Agent Gross conducted the following investigation at -

GARY, INDIANA

Mr. J. H. Pitzela of Pitzela & Sons, 1328 Broadway, Gary, Indiana, stated that he handles "Life Size" Underwear, but could not recall having sold any during the past winter. Mr. Pitzela and his clerk, Joseph Demko, were shown the photographs of Subjects and suspects but were unable to identify them as anyone they had ever seen before.

On March 20, 1934, Agent Gross made the following investigation with reference to Underwear, at --

EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA

At East Chicago, Indiana, it was learned that H. Weinberg who once handled Underwear of the kind in question, is no longer in business, having quit business seven or eight months ago. He is now living in Monticello, Indiana.

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On March 22, 1934, Special Agent Gross conducted the following investigation at --

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Mr. Mark Stoner, Assistant Manager of Specht-Finney Co., advised that his store handles Life-Size Underwear, such as is involved in this case, but that he had no record of any particular sale of this article. Mr. Stone canvassed his employees to whom photographs of the Subjects and suspects were shown and none could identify the pictures as resembling anyone they had ever seen.

SHIRTS

On March 19, 1934, Special Agent G. J. Gross made the following investigation with regard to Shirts:

AT GARY, INDIANA

At The Hub Store, 486 Broadway, Gary, Indiana, Mr. C. W. Closset, Manager, stated that his store has none of the type of shirts involved in this case in stock and has not had any of this type for the past year or so, although the store does handle Arrow Shirts.

Mr. J. C. Angsburger, President, American Bridge Athletic Association, stated that the only shirts sold by his association are sold to employees of the American Bridge Company, who place orders for same in advance and same are delivered at a later date; that this is done when salesmen come to the company offices. He was unable to identify any of the Subjects or suspects in this case.

On March 20, 1934, Agent Gross made investigation at --

INDIANA HARBOR and EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA

Mr. Philip Magdeman, 3409 Michigan Avenue, stated that he handles Arrow Shirts but that he has at no time had the model and style of shirt involved in this case in his stock of merchandise.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation in various towns in Illinois and Indiana conducted in an effort to secure information concerning the purchase or the hanging of the wallpaper described by victim Bremer. Investigation without results to date.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. G. Gillespie, Chicago, Illinois, March 19, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

"WALLPAPER"

Investigation was conducted in various towns in Illinois and Indiana, which investigation has to date failed to disclose any information of value concerning the purchase or the hanging of the wallpaper described by victim Bremer. Investigation is reported in the form of memoranda submitted by each investigating Agent.

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During the course of investigation conducted by Special Agent V. K. Peterson, on March 15, 1934, for the purpose of attempting to locate the hideout, the following individuals were shown exhibits of the wall paper which covered the wall of the room in which Bremer was held captive:

GLENVIEW, ILLINOIS

William H. Kuffeldt, wall paper hanger, 2131 Glenview, Glenview, Illinois, advised that he is positive that he has never been hired to hang paper of that description.

John Dwight, wall paper hanger, 1814 Grove, Glenview, Illinois, was unable to remember having placed paper of the description shown him on any wall of his customers.

Albert Henke, 1946 Dewes, Glenview, Illinois, stated that he has not been engaged in hanging wall paper for some time. He was unable to identify the pattern.

MORTON GROVE, ILLINOIS

Albert Arnold, wall paper hanger, 8546 Ferris, Morton Grove, Illinois, and Harold Schlotterbeck, 8510 School Street, Morton Grove, Illinois, were interviewed with negative results.

MILES CENTERS ILLINOIS

It was determined that only two places of business in Miles Center, Illinois, sell wall paper, namely Miles Center Mercantile Company and Lloyd's Wall-paper and Paint store.

George Busscher, Miles Center Mercantile Company, 8045 Lincoln, Miles Center, Illinois, upon interview advised that wall paper of the description of the paper on the room where the victim was held captive has never been sold by the Miles Center Mercantile Company.

Mrs. L. Lloyd, 8106 Lincoln, Miles Center, Illinois advised that Lloyd's store has never handled the wall paper involved in this case.

The following paper hangers were interviewed with negative results:

Harry Brunger, 5226 Galitz, Miles Center, Ill.

Fred Rydell, 4856 Elm, Miles Center, Illinois-

Albert V. Geard, 8429 Monticello, Miles Center, Ill.

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The following investigation was made by Special Agent T. G. Melvin on March 15, 1934:

At GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS

H. A. Lee, Manager of the Sears-Roebuck Store at the above town advised this store did not handle wall paper.

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On March 16, 1934, Special Agent H. H. Reinecke made investigation at the following places with reference to the wall paper observed at the hideout by victim:

PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS  
DES PLAINES, "

At Park Ridge, Illinois

Store here closed March 10, 1934 for lack of business and all stock and employees moved to unknown and scattered points.

At Des Plaines, Illinois

Wall paper never carried in stock at this Sears-Roebuck store but might put in mail order for a customer. The manager advises however, that they have no records of any such orders as any records that are kept are destroyed each six months at inventory time. Neither he nor any employee had any recollection of taking an order for such wall paper.

Other wall paper stores were contacted but they all advised that they would not handle Sears-Roebuck & Company wall paper or samples and would order none for their use or for customers, and that paper hangers would be in the same category. They all state that Sears paper would be bought by the home owner direct and either hung by the home owner or the owner would hire a paper hanger for that purpose.

At Maywood, Ill. \*\*\*\*

On March 16, 1934, Special Agent J. E. Brennan that the Sears-Roebuck Store at Maywood, Illinois, does not stock the type of wall paper in question and never has sold any.

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Special Agent V. W. Peterson made the following investigation with reference to wallpaper, on March 16, 1934;

At Winnetka, Illinois

S. H. Peterson-A. W. Nelson Wallpaper and Paint Store, 550 Center Street, Winnetka, Illinois was interviewed at which time samples of the wallpaper involved in this case were shown to him. He stated that he is quite certain that the above store has never sold this paper. The writer also examined several wallpaper sample books in the A. W. Nelson store but was unable to locate the pattern of the paper which was on the walls of the hideout.

Mr. Alvin Carlen, of the Paint Store located at 996 Linden Avenue, Hubbard Woods, Illinois, upon interview was shown reproductions of the wallpaper in question. He stated that he is positive that he never sold wallpaper of that description.

It was determined that wallpaper is not sold in the following towns:-

Wilmette, Illinois  
Kenilworth, "  
Northfield, "  
Glencoe, "

Mr. L. C. Rowray, Manager of the Sears-Roebuck Store, 580 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, Illinois, advised that this store does not handle wallpaper.

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On March 19, 1934, Special Agent V.W. Peterson conducted the following investigation with reference to the wallpaper:

At Highland Park, Illinois

J. L. Brand, of Brand Brothers, a wallpaper and paint store, 532 West Central Ave., Highland Park, Illinois, was shown samples of the wallpaper in question. He advised that he has never sold wallpaper of that description and that same has never been handled in the Brand Brothers store.

L. F. Harris, proprietor of Alden Studios, Inc., 373 East Central, Highland Park, Illinois, was also interviewed, at which time samples of the wallpaper were shown to him. He advised that he is

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an interior decorator and that he handles wallpaper, but he is positive that he has never handled paper similar to the samples which were exhibited to him.

F. J. McDonough, Manager, Sears-Roebuck Store, 554 Central Ave., Highland Park, Illinois, when interviewed, advised that the store at the given address does not handle wallpaper.

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On March 19, 1934, Special Agent George J. Gross conducted the following investigation:

At Gary, Indiana

Interview was had with Mr. L. P. O'Leary, Assistant Manager, Sears-Roebuck & Company Store, Gary, Indiana, who advised, after reviewing his records of the wallpaper department, that his store has never handled any wallpaper of the design involved in this case.

On March 20, 1934, Agent T. G. Melvin made the following investigation with reference to wall paper:

At Aurora, Illinois

Agent interviewed Mr. A. Tegmayer, clerk in charge of the wall paper department of Sears-Roebuck & Company. He stated the type of wall paper used in the hideout was never handled in the Aurora store of Sears-Roebuck & Company.

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On March 22, 1934, Special Agent V. W. Peterson conducted the following interviews:

At Lake Forest, Illinois

L. A. Larsen, 255 Market Square, upon being shown samples of the paper in question advised he has never handled wall paper of that description.

At North Chicago, Illinois

Hugo Otto, of Otto's Paint Store, #10 West 17th Street, North Chicago, Illinois, advised that he has never sold wall paper similar to the samples which were shown to him by this Agent.

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At North Chicago, Illinois

On the same date, March 22, 1934, Special Agent Petersen interviewed Mr. F. A. Serkowski, 1418 South Victoria, and he stated that the paper in question was undoubtedly a Sears-Roebuck product and in view of the width of the border, that it was probably sold at least eight years ago. Mr. Serkowski stated that he remembers patterns very distinctly and that he is positive that he never sold the wall paper in question.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. H. Reinecke on March 20, 1934.

At Elgin, Illinois.

Agent contacted the Manager of the Sears, Roebuck and Company store, who stated that they stock some wall paper each year of only the current years patterns, and at that time immediately discard any previous years patterns. He had in stock, at that time, none of the wall paper of the pattern described by the victim. He further stated that the store kept no record of sales of wall paper and general inquiry among the clerks revealed that no one had a list of the sales of the wall paper in the pattern in question.

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Mr. E. D. Frown,  
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Dear Sir:

With reference to your daily reports submitted for March 24, 25 and 26, 1934, covering investigation in the vicinity of Ellettsville, Wisconsin, this will confirm our telephone conversation of today.

It is requested that Special Agent E. E. Reinacker assist you in making a very thorough investigation, not only of Ellettsville, but of the entire vicinity for a radius of twenty-five miles or more from Ellettsville. It is noticed that there is a street which blows at noon each weekday, which also blows three times at 11:00 A.M., on January 28th at Ellettsville. It is further noticed that there is a factory whistle which blows daily at 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. It is believed that you should interview all electric meter readers and also water meter readers, if there are any, in the aforementioned district; that you should interview coal dealers, filling stations and garages, piece of loars and gang yards, clothing dealers, grocers and bakers, electric vacuum cleaners, auto repairmen, wall paper dealers and hangers, laundrymen, clothes cleaners and barber shops.

Attached hereto is a list of laundry marks and cleaners' marks which are known to have been used by various members of this gang. I am also furnishing you with aliases which were used by this gang for the past few months at Reno, Nevada, in order to assist you in checking this vicinity.

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Very truly yours,

W. A. PETERS,  
Inspector.

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St. Paul, Minn.  
March 28, 1934

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREKID, St. Paul File 7-59

For a short period during February and March, 1933, persons who used the names J. DEUPHS, E. LOFUMS, C. L. MOORE, S. E. LOCKWOOD and J. H. LOCKWOOD, occupied apartments 106 - 1280 and 102 and 302 - 1280 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. These persons aroused the suspicions of the caretakers of these apartments, who copied down the license numbers of cars which brought visitors to persons living in the above mentioned apartments. Included among the license numbers noted were several Nevada numbers, namely, 1933 Nevada license 1-223 and 1933 Nevada license number 1-488. During the night of March 3, 1933, or early morning of March 4, 1933, the occupants of apartments 106 - 1280 and 102 and 302 - 1280 Grand Avenue made a very hurried departure to an unknown destination, apparently having received a tip-off from some source believed to have come through members of the St. Paul Police Department. When these persons departed, articles of clothing and other things were left in apartment 106 - 1280 Grand Avenue, possession of which was taken by the St. Paul Police and the clothing was recently turned over to the St. Paul Division office by Inspector Charles Tierney of the St. Paul Police Department. The clothing has been carefully checked for laundry and cleaner marks, as a result of which the following marks were discovered:

- DC
- P
- GRIDM
- HX
- 75
- 751
- E4
- JD
- AYC
- WED
- 5811
- 5906
- 273
- 491C
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Photographs of the Barker-Karpis Gang were exhibited to the caretakers of the above mentioned apartments, who picked those of ARTHUR R. BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, VERNE MILLER and VOLNEY DAVIS as very closely resembling those of men they saw going in and out of the apartments mentioned. The Salt Lake City office was requested to conduct investigation in Nevada with respect to 1935 Nevada licenses 1-285 and 1-488, as a result of which there has been ascertained that 1935 Nevada license 1-285 was issued January 9, 1935 for Pontiac Sedan, motor #285180, purchased at Reno, Nevada, with new \$500. bills by one H.J. HARVEY, who has been partially identified as ARTHUR R. BARKER; that 1935 Nevada license 1-488 was issued for Buick Sedan, motor #797868, purchased at Reno, Nevada January 11, 1935 with \$500.00 bills by R.E. Davis, who has been identified as FRED R. BARKER, with aliases of: F.C. BLACKBURN, J.E. BLACKBURN and T.C. BLACKBURN.

Investigation has also brought to light information concerning other cars used by this gang:

AUBURN SEDAN, motor #11527, 12 cylinder, blue body with grey hood, canvas top, six wire wheels, was purchased at San Francisco, California, October 9, 1935 by WILLIAM E. LOHMAN, William-Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, California. VOLNEY DAVIS has been positively identified as one of the purchasers and ARTHUR BARKER is believed to be another. This car is reported as having been seen in possession of ALVIN KARPIS at Reno, Neva about three weeks ago.

BUICK SEDAN, motor #2858090, bearing Ohio license 25785 was taken into California, November 17, 1935 from Reno, Nevada by FRED BARKER, who was then using the alias of T.C. BLACKBURN and gave General Delivery, Los Angeles, California, as his address. The car returned to Reno, Nevada, November 27, 1935.

FORD V-8, motor #18-495000, Ohio 1933 license #1077, entered California October 25, 1935 from Reno, Nevada, and was registered under name of T.C. BLACKBURN, 4214 North Lockwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. GEORGE L. MARTIN partially identified as being HARVEY CAMPBELL was residing in Reno, Nevada from October 8 to December 25, 1935, and is reported as having been seen driving this particular car.

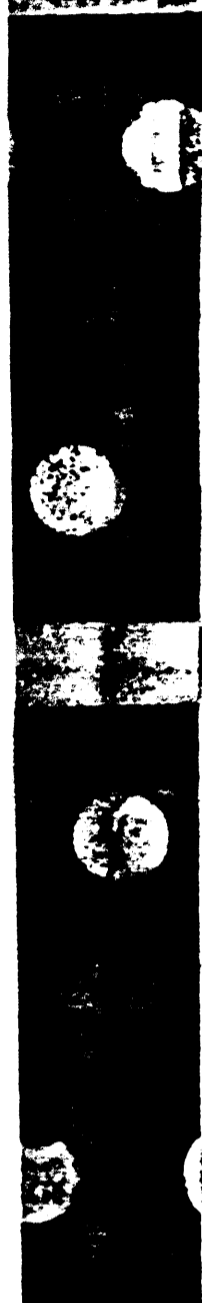
FORD V-8 DeLuxe Coupe, motor #122420, registered October 9, 1935, in Minnesota, under number B-473609 to E. V. DAVIS, Box 52, Lakeville, Minnesota, prior registration under date of July 31, 1935 in Illinois under number 1-246602 to E. V. DAVIS, box 522 Grayslake, Illinois. E. V. DAVIS has been identified at Lakeville, Minnesota, as being WILNEY DAVIS and this car is reported as having been seen in possession of suspects in this case at Reno, Nevada in September and November, 1935.

CHEVROLET SEDAN, motor #5,554,674, serial #1-045-25077, registered January 11, 1934 in Minnesota under number B-48572 to E. V. DAVIS, Box 254 White Bear Lake, Minnesota. This car was registered in 1935 in Illinois under number 774287 to E. V. DAVIS 2408 Commercial Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

FORD V-8 DeLuxe Coupe, motor #18-504724 registered in Minnesota for 1934 under number B-75033 to E. L. MURRAY, Box 215 White Bear Lake. It is believed that E. L. MURRAY is an alias for ALVIN KARPIS.

GRAHAM PAIGE SEDAN, motor #1024021, chassis number 10,151,956, purchased San Francisco by E. L. BURNS, who paid cash and traded in seven-passenger Plymouth Sedan, motor #2-51621, bearing 1935 Nevada license number 7984. 1933 California license number 2-2-0061 was issued for this Graham Paige Sedan to E. L. BURNS, 3870 California Street, San Francisco, California. An out-of-state permit was obtained for the Plymouth Sedan during February 1935 by E. L. BURNS, who gave Ridgeway Apartments, Reno, Nevada, as his address.

There is being set forth the names of principal suspects with known aliases to date:



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R.L. Hall, Special Agent

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cheapest racket investigation today by an assistant Ramsey. He has been selling cards in the "St. No. 3 National Or. W. A. and P. W. A. holders of the cards may obtain work in and PWA immediately them. of the government dies have complained preliminary investigation saved hundreds of the e been sold.

own out of jobs. 4,000 of amsey county. Olson left for Washington night on a mission reported (turn to Page 4, Col. 1.)

### 's Sewer Aid Be 6 Million

und Will Include Loan Grant, Murphy Wires.

aul will receive approximately ion dollar in PWA funds for e of the cost of the metro- sewage disposal system. ac- to a telegram received today City Council. telegram was from Edwin assistant corporation coun- o has been in Washington e than two weeks negotiating funds. The money will in- loan and an outright grant. ay's telegram said that all ar- ents have been completed and will return to St. Paul Fri-

### POWER ORDINANCES PUT OFF UNTIL FRIDAY.

Because of the press of other busi- ness the City Council put over until Friday the action of several ordinances affecting the Northern States Power Co. One is Mayor Mahoney's ordinance for rate reductions; a second is a franchise ordinance; and a third is his measure for collection of gross earnings taxes. They will be made a special order of business Friday.

### HAMM KIDNAP MONEY FOUND IN MILWAUKEE

\$5 Bill, First of Ransom Reported; Recovered in Lunchroom.

Although paid out last year the first of the ransom money handed over for the release of William Hamm, St. Paul brewer, was discovered Tuesday night in Milwaukee. It was a \$5 bill. The Associated Press reported that the money was returned in by an unidentified customer for payment of a lunch and later was identified by Cecil Leonard, lunch room manager, from a list of the serial numbers supplied in a circular to merchants. Milwaukee police believe the customer was innocently in possession of the bill. Werner Hanni, special agent in charge of the bureau of investigation, Department of Justice, was in his office today. Thomas E. Dahill, chief of police, commented he had not been informed of the money's appearance.

### Have You Registered?

An impartial, two-fold "Get Out the Vote" campaign is being sponsored by the St. Paul Junior association. The association first seeks registration of eligible citizens, then participation of voters in the final city election, April 24. Registration acts are:

Voters registered Tuesday—117.

Total registration—123,769.

Men registered—70,254.

Women registered—53,515.

Last registration day—April 7.

Where to register—Room 33, City Hall.

If you have moved since you last voted you re-register before April 13.

If you will be absent from the city on election you may cast your ballot in advance by visiting

Room 33, City Hall, and paying 20 cents postage fee.

Change of address can be made until April 13.

Information on registration—CE dar 1624.

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### Dale St. Bus Serv Is Arran.

Motor Tram to Operate between Nebraska Street and End of Trolley Line.

Operation of a motor bus from end of the Dale street car line and Maryland streets, five to Dale and Nebraska streets, expected to begin Thursday or Friday. Agreement to this effect reached today by Clyde R. May, commissioner of public utilities, in conference with L. L. Anderson, corporation counsel and represents of the Twin City Motor Bus Co. More than a year ago the company ordered the street car company extend its service to Dale and Nebraska streets and took the case to the courts where it now is in trial. The compromise, to operate instead was reached after independent negotiations. Buses will be operated on a 12-minute schedule week days beginning 7 A. M. and ending at 7 P. M. on Sundays from 10 A. M. to 6 P. M. Transfers will be given.

### MISSING CENTER CITY MAN RETURNS HOME

Center City, Minn., March 10. J. E. Soalin, Center City meat market proprietor who disappeared several months ago, was back home today. Authorities found Soalin with a CWA crew at La Crosse, Wis., as reported Soalin had been in various parts of the country he left. His wife and two children, at the time he disappeared, could not ascribe any reason for his disappearance.

### RETURNING FROM CONTEST, BILLIARD PLAYER MISSE!

It was just a misadventure, Mr. Rivers of St. Paul philosophized today, recalling the man who lost a bass drum in a telephone booth. Mr. Rivers lost a billiard cue in a street car Saturday night. He lost the four and one-half foot cue while returning from Minneapolis, where he had participated in the state pocket billiard championship matches. With his wife he changed trolley cars at Ninth and Wabasha streets, leaving the light tan, 18-ounce cue stick standing beside the seat he had been occupying. He didn't discover the loss until he arrived at his home, 17 Alwater street. The trolley company hasn't found the cue.

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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
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PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG**

**BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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March 30, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated  
March 28, 1934, wherein it is stated that you will be  
furnished with the criminal record, as disclosed by the  
files of the Identification Unit, of one Leon Kramer,  
alias Leon Miller, #78765, Sing Sing Prison, Ossining,  
New York.

The criminal record is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 954025

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
105 W. Adams  
Chicago Illinois

March 29, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my previous communication to you with regard to the wire tap which is being maintained on the telephone of [redacted] Illinois.

Please be advised that a review of the log which is maintained by this office daily, of all out-going and in-coming calls to and from the [redacted] residence, fails to disclose any information of value.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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*Miss Tolson  
Edward G. Bremer*

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Post Office Box 815,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 28, 1934.

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

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Dear Sir:

Reference is had to Director's letter of  
March 28, 1934, requesting advice concerning employment  
of confidential informants by the St. Paul office since  
January 31, 1932.

Please be advised that no confidential  
informants have been employed by the St. Paul office during  
that period. I understand there is a confidential inform-  
ant employed at the present time under Mr. Borer in connec-  
tion with the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

In the *Neo Verus Senkey*, with aliases (de-  
ceased) et al; Charles Scofield II, Victim, Kidnaping Case  
one [redacted] was employed, however, this employment was  
effected not through the St. Paul office but originally  
through the Division and the Portland, Oregon office. It  
is my understanding that this informant was not given any  
specific or stated compensation other than transportation  
and some subsistence.

Very truly yours,

WALTER HAMIL,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Louis FILE NO. 7-13

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINN.

REPORT MADE AT St. Louis, Mo.

TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases  
FRED BARKER, with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Federal Game Warden Stephen Creech, Peoria, Ill., in opinion Beardstown, Ill. locality where hideout located. Investigation at Beardstown and Macomb, Ill. failed to verify sounds and noises establishing location of hideout. Big Homer Wilson unknown to Peoria Police Dept. Think possibly individual may be George Austin, alias Jokin. Hartman Book, Peoria, Ill. sold in Minneapolis, Minn. papers no individual who may have been Alvin Karpis. Identification not made.

REFERENCE

St. Paul Division Office letters, dated 2-27-34 and 3-2-34, directed to St. Louis Division Office, and report of Special Agent M. E. Shady, Chicago, Ill., 2-2-34.

DETAILS

Upon interviewing Stephen Creech, Federal Game Warden, Post Office Building, Peoria, Ill., concerning the location of a community which the various sounds and noises set forth in St. Paul Division Office letters dated February 21, 1934 and directed to all Game Wardens located in cities in the St. Louis Division Office territory, he at first declined to supply any information. It was not known for what purpose, or in connection with what information was desired whereupon Mr. Creech advised he had discussed the matter with the Post Office Inspector and felt positive that he was in agreement with the instant case. A confirmation of Mr. Creech's statement was obtained from the instant case.

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
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belief that this inquiry was connected with this case was not made by this agent; but after further discussion with Mr. Creech he stated it was his opinion that Beardstown, Ill., was a locality where all of the noises referred to in the form letters could be detected. Mr. Creech then stated that there was a loud, stationary siren on the City Hall and that this siren was of a deep tone and was sounded three times whenever there was a fire; further, that there was a second siren located at the City Square across from the Telephone Company which was a shrill siren used by the telephone operator to summon police, only at night when they could not be reached by telephone.

Mr. Creech further stated that possibly a siren might be used by a school and stated Chief of Police George Farrar would be able to advise agent relative thereto; further, that the citizenry of Beardstown maintained several churches, all of which had bells, and all of which could be heard from any one point. It was also ascertained from Mr. Creech that the C. B. & Q. R. R. runs directly through Beardstown, parallel to the main highway intersecting that village, and also that the village was accessible from the north and east only by crossing a bridge.

Relative to an airport in the vicinity of Beardstown, Mr. Creech stated there was none, however, that a man from Aronsville, Ill. owns a plane and might possibly fly over Beardstown. It was the opinion of Mr. Creech that the noise referred to as that of an airplane was probably that of a four cylinder outboard motorboat, he pointing out that these two noises were very similar.

Concerning any trouble had by Game Wardens with individuals violating the game laws, particularly those laws relative to the catching of fish, Mr. Creech stated that at all times net fishing and pole fishing out of season was troubling the State Game Wardens in the vicinity of Beardstown, Ill.

According to Mr. Creech, there is no other locality in the territory covered by him in which the sounds and noises set forth in the form letters referred to above may be heard. Mr. Creech's territory includes that portion of Illinois north of an imaginary line drawn between Hannibal, Mo. and Danville, Ill. and all of the State of Indiana, north of a line drawn from the State line of Indiana to Terre Haute, Ind., including Indianapolis and Elkhart, north to Lake Michigan and to Michigan City; further, Mr. Creech works upon special assignments throughout the United States, particularly in Wisconsin.

Mr. Creech, assuming that the referred to inquiry was made for the purpose of locating a house in which a kidnaped victim had been held, stated that same might possibly be a houseboat, and in this connection that there was such a houseboat located on the Illinois River near Beardstown, Ill., formerly owned by Frank MacErlane, now deceased, which houseboat was a very elaborate affair and frequented by numerous Chicago hoodlums. This houseboat has its own lighting and water systems and is heated by modern stoves. Mr. Creech then stated that he felt that he should be supplied with additional information as to the nature of the case in question, inasmuch as through him, and only him, the hideout in the Dr. Barker kidnaping case in Peoria, Ill., was located, he feeling he could be of considerable assistance to the Division in any case where a hideout in his territory was sought.

Mr. L. W. Butler, Manager, Keiser-Van Leer Co., 505 N. East St., Bloomington, Illinois, was interviewed by Special Agent E. L. Damron of this office. Mr. Butler exhibited an invoice showing the receipt of two #524 Casco goggles with #6 Cascoweld Lens, the invoice being dated October 14, 1932. He stated that this invoice also contained a memorandum to the effect that one pair of these goggles was sold to the Hub Welding Company of Bloomington, but they had no record of the disposition of the remaining pair. Upon questioning his employees it was ascertained that it was believed the remaining pair was sold to an employee of the machine shops of the Alton Railway. These goggles were sold at retail and no record kept of the sale.

Mr. Butler stated further that by invoice dated August 18, 1935 they received eight additional pairs of these goggles, but the same are now in stock.

Mr. Sam W. Norris, of the Hub Welding Company, 512 S. Center St., Bloomington, stated to Agent Damron that during the Fall of 1932 he had the Keiser-Van Leer Company order a pair of these goggles for his partner, W. T. Wolcott, to be used by Mr. Wolcott in the business and over his usual glasses; that subsequently they received a pair of these goggles from the Keiser Van-Leer Company and Mr. Wolcott used them in his business, but about July, 1935 someone stole them from him while working in the machine shops of the Alton Railway; that they then obtained another pair from the Keiser-Van Leer Company, but a short time later Mr. Wolcott found the missing pair and they now have both pairs.

One pair of these goggles was, at the time of the interview, being used by an employee, and the goggles were examined by Agent Damron. Interview with Mr. W. T. Wolcott, 406 Hove Avenue, Normal, Illinois, disclosed that he still has the other pair of goggles, and neither of them has been out of his possession except for the six days that pair number one was missing. The second pair of goggles was located and examined at the Hub Welding Company.

Upon interviewing Chief of Police George H. Farrar of Beardstown, Ill. he stated that there was a loud, deep toned siren mounted on top of the fire station in Beardstown, which siren blows only when there is a fire and then it is blown in three long blasts. This siren is never sounded at any stated time.

Upon interviewing Robert Stinson, Fire Chief, Beardstown, he examined his records and advised that there was not a fire in Beardstown on January 28, 1934, however, on January 29, 1934 at 11:45 P. M. there was a fire, at which time the fire siren was blown in three blasts for the purpose of summoning all voluntary firemen. The Fire Department in Beardstown is a voluntary department, there being no paid officers.

Chief of Police Farrar further stated that there is a siren on the C. B. & Q. R. R. bridge across the Illinois River and also one on the wagon bridge crossing the Illinois River, which sirens are blown only to signal to boats which desire to have the draw in these bridges used to permit their passing under the bridge; that there is also a siren used by the police which is mounted in the City Square of Beardstown and operated by the local telephone operator. This siren is of the same tone as that used by the above referred to bridges and is sounded only at night when police officers are desired and cannot be reached by telephone. None of the last three mentioned sirens blow at any stated times and when the police siren is sounded it continues blowing until answered by some police officer.

Concerning a factory whistle, Chief Farrar stated that the C. B. & Q. R. R. have a large deep toned whistle which blows two times at 6:30 A. M. and one time at 7:00 A. M. every day except Sunday; further, that this whistle also blows at noon, 1:00 P. M. and 4:00 P. M. every day, except Sunday, the whistle being used for the purpose of informing the C. B. & Q. employees of the time of day. According to Chief Farrar there are no other whistles in Beardstown and he knows of no whistle which only blows during the morning of week days.

Referring to the bridge sirens, Agent interviewed Mr. Wesley Perry, head bridge tender on the wagon bridge, U. S. Highway 67, crossing the Illinois River between the points of Beardstown and Nashville, Ill. At which time he advised this siren was installed on March 3, 1934, prior to which time no siren was in use. Mr. Perry added that this siren sounds one blast when a boat coming down or going up the river is to stop. The draw bridge is then moved and the siren is sounded in two blasts to signal the boat to pass under the bridge. An examination of Mr. Perry's records concerning the number of boats and when they passed under the wagon bridge at Beardstown during the month of January, 1934 developed there was



not a single boat which necessitated the use of the draw bridge, and in any event there was no siren on this bridge at that time.

On interviewing Mr. E. A. Williams, Bridge Tender for the C. B. & Q. R. R. on the railway bridge crossing the Illinois River between Beardstown and Rushville, Ill., he advised that his bridge has been equipped with a siren for several years and that this siren was used to signal to pilots of boats whenever the draw bridge was opened. During the month of January, 1934 the C. B. & Q. draw bridge was opened for boats to pass up or down the river on the 9th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 23rd and 25th. The siren on this bridge is of a shrill tone and is sounded in four blasts when a boat is signaled to stop and await the moving of the draw bridge and after the bridge is moved the siren is sounded in one blast to signal the boat to pass through.

Concerning the ringing of church bells or school bells in Beardstown, Chief Farrar stated that there are no church bells in that city which are sounded on Saturday afternoons, however, there are a number of churches, all with bells, approximately six in number, which are sounded on every Sunday morning and all of these bells can be heard from any point where any one bell can be heard. These church bells are sounded at about 9:45 A. M. on Sunday for Sunday School and at 11:00 A. M. on Sunday for church.

Concerning the noise of a switching locomotive, Chief Farrar advised that Beardstown is a C. B. & Q. railway division point and that the roundhouse and yards are located about 1 1/2 miles away from the city proper; that there are three switch engines in use during the day-time and two switch engines in use during the night in the railroad yards. The Beardstown division is considered a coal hauling division and there are numerous freight trains passing through that city, however, it is impossible to hear switch engines in use from the city proper of Beardstown.

In this connection agent obtained from H. W. Shaw, station agent, C. B. & Q. R. R., the following schedule of trains which passed through Beardstown during the month of January, 1934:

Southbound daily Passenger trains

No. 52	St. Paul, Minn. to St. Louis, Mo.	2:20 A. M.
53	" " " " " "	1:30 P. M.
12	Beardstown to Metropolis, Ill.	8:45 A. M. (except Sunday)



Northbound daily Passenger trains

No. 51	St. Louis, Mo. to St. Paul, Minn.	1:40 P.M.
57	" " " " " "	12:30 P.M.
11	Harris to Beardstown, Ill.	7:30 P.M. (except Sunday)

Southbound daily Freight trains

No. 80	Galesburg to E. St. Louis, Ill.	5:30 P.M.
92	Beardstown to Centralia, Ill.	5:00 P.M.
90	Chicago, Ill. to Paducah, Ky.	9:00 A.M.

Northbound daily Freight trains

No. 75	Local	4:40 P.M.
77	"	5:30 A.M.

In addition to the above freight trains there are tri-weekly freights, which are locals and stop at all platforms.

The B. & O. R. R. also operates a line through Beardstown, Ill. and the schedule of that railroad during the month of January, 1934 is as follows:

Eastbound daily Passenger train

No. 40	Beardstown to Flora, Ill.	5:00 P.M.
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Westbound daily Passenger train

No. 41	Flora to Beardstown, Ill.	11:10 A.M.
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Westbound daily Freight train

No. 77	Local	9:50 A.M.
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Eastbound daily Freight train

No. 75	Local	10:25 A.M.
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Chief Farrar then stated that there is no airplane landing field in the vicinity of Beardstown, Ill.; that Beardstown is not located on any regular air route and that no planes are usually heard or seen flying over or about Beardstown.

Chief Farrar stated that to his knowledge he had heard of no trouble occasioned by the Game Wardens of the State or the Government in connection with illegal fishing during the month of January, 1934.

When conducting investigation at Macomb, Ill., Chief of Police C. G. Paulsgrove and Detective (investigator) Paul Eakle of the Local Police Dept. were contacted at which time it was learned that Hemp & Co. has a small, shrill toned, siren which is used for the purpose of informing their employees of the time of day.

Agent interviewed Mr. C. R. Wright, manager of Hemp & Co., North White St., Macomb, Ill., who advised that the siren used by his company is sounded at 7:00 A. M., 12:00 noon, 1:00 P. M. and 4:00 P. M. daily, except Sunday. During agent's presence at Hemp & Co. this siren was heard, it being a very shrill tone and not large enough to be heard over several blocks from the plant, in fact this siren cannot be heard at the City Hall in Macomb, which is located approximately 12 to 15 blocks from the Hemp & Co. plant.

This is the only siren which blows at stated times in the City of Macomb, Ill. Mr. Wright was interviewed concerning the possibility of the sounding of this siren on January 28, 1934 and advised that he had no record of the siren being blown on that date.

Concerning any other sirens located in the city of Macomb, it was ascertained that the Fire Department had three movable, loud, deep toned sirens mounted on the three fire trucks, but that these sirens did not blow at any stated time and only when a fire was reported.

Fire Chief F. D. Wilson advised from his records that on January 28, 1934 there were three fires reported, one at 3:40 P. M., another at 5:30 P. M. and another at 9:00 P. M. The 3:40 and 5:30 fires were in the country east and north of Macomb and the 9:00 fire was in the city proper. According to Chief Wilson the sirens are very seldom used when going to a fire unless the fire truck must pass through a congested district.

Concerning the blowing of a factory whistle, it was ascertained that the Dickey plant west of the city proper of Macomb and the Buckeye Pottery plant both have whistles which blow at 7:00 A. M. in the morning and also at noon, but not in the evening. These whistles can be heard for quite some distance, however, the siren cannot be heard at such distance as can the whistles.

Concerning the ringing of church or school bells, the above named individuals all stated that no bells in Macomb, Ill. ever sounded on Saturday afternoon, however, there are several church bells which sound at about 9:00 A. M. and 11:00 A. M. on Sunday mornings. The above individuals insisted that should there be any occasion for a church bell to ring on Saturday afternoon they would most certainly have knowledge thereof.

In Macomb, Ill. the city reservoir, better known as the City Lake, is stocked with game fish. Mr. Alfred Bush is caretaker of this reservoir or lake and he advised he had not in many years had any trouble with anyone endeavoring to take fish from the lake.

The closest cities to Macomb, Ill. where street cars are operated are Quincy and Peoria, Illinois.

Ray Vail, the State Game Warden, at Macomb, according to information received from him by Mr. Earle upon Agent's request, has had no trouble with children or anyone else catching fish illegally or out of season in the vicinity of Macomb.

Mr. Harry L. Clugston operates a private airport some three miles north of Macomb on U. S. Highway No. 67 and upon interviewing him he supplied the following log of planes in his possession and stored at his hangar:

Date	Hours in Air
1-15-54	5
18	1 - 40 min.
19	4 - 15 min.
20	4 - 40 min.
21	1 - 20 min.
22	1 - 30 min.
2-4-54	2 - 35 min.
5	2 - 40 min.
11	2 - 20 min.
14	2
17	2

All of the above flying was in the immediate vicinity of Macomb, Ill. and was done by air students.

Concerning the noise of a switch engine in the vicinity of Macomb, Ill., the following train schedules were obtained from Mr. A. J. Peterson, C. B. & Q. station agent at that point:

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Northbound daily		
No. 56	Passenger train	4:10 A. M.
70	Freight	5:05 A. M.
96	"	6:10 A. M.
19	Passenger	8:58 A. M.
		(except Sunday)
Wayfreight	To Bushnell only	12:00 to 1:30 P. M.
No. 6	Passenger	2:22 P. M.
74	"	3:30 P. M.
4	"	10:43 P. M.
Southbound daily		
No. 5	Passenger	5:05 A. M.
7	"	7:56 A. M. (ex Sunday)
Extra	Freight	7:00 A. M.
No. 75	"	10:30 A. M.
Wayfreight	"	12:00 noon
No. 11	Passenger	6:51 P. M.
55	"	11:30 P. M.

The Macomb railroad yards are located on the outskirts of the city limits about a mile from the Hemp & Co. factory and from 9:00 to 12:00 A. M. one switch engine is in use. From 12:00 to about 3:30 P. M. this switch engine is at Bushnell, Ill. and from 3:30 to about 5:00 P. M. is in use at Macomb, Illinois.

During agent's presence in Macomb, Chief of Police Roy Stine of Bushnell, Ill. was interviewed at which time he referred to the letter directed to the Division at St. Paul, Minn. by Mayor A. Brady on February 27, 1934 and advised that Bushnell had a small siren which sounded only when there was a fire and that the other noises set forth in the form letter were not to be heard in Bushnell. In view of this contact no further investigation was made at Bushnell, Ill.

In an effort to ascertain the identity of the individual Homer Wilson, aliases, "Big Homer", "Big Jim", "Big Moose", Charley Stone and Charley Potatoes, Chief of Detectives Fred Montgomery and Chief of Police Williams of Peoria, Ill. advised no such individual was known to them, that is the individual described in the reference report under the name of "Big Homer"; however, Chief of Detectives Montgomery did recall having taken into custody one George Austin, alias Joknis, from East St. Louis, Ill. during the month of June, 1928 charged with auto larceny. Chief Montgomery stated he specifically recalls going to East St. Louis where



he obtained custody of George Austin. Chief of Detectives Montgomery expressed a belief that perhaps George Austin might be the individual known as "Big Homer", but insisted he had never heard of such an alias for Austin.

Through the assistance of the Superintendent of Identification, Peoria Police Dept., William F. Busch, a photograph of George Austin, alias Yoknis, Peoria PD #5128, was obtained from which it is noted that Austin was described on June 19, 1928 as follows:

Name	George Austin, alias Yoknis.
Age	22 (Born Chicago, Ill.)
Height	5' 8"
Weight	175
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium dark
Date of Arrest	[REDACTED]
Crime	[REDACTED]

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A photograph of this George Austin was obtained from the Peoria Police Department and the same is herewith transmitted to the St. Paul Division office with their copies of this report. A request for the fingerprints of Austin has been made, however, to date said fingerprints have not been received at the St. Louis Division office.

The following criminal record of Austin was obtained from the Peoria, Ill. Identification Bureau:

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Chief of Police Williams and Chief of Detectives Montgomery then advised that the only individual who, in their opinion, corresponded with the description of "Big Homer", as set forth in the reference re-

port, was one Opie Wilson who operates the Palace Arcade, a gambling establishment at Madison and Main Sts., Peoria. This individual is described as being fifty years of age, 5' 2" to 4" in height, weighing 225 pounds, hair gray, eyes light, criminal record none.

Chief of Police Williams and Chief of Detectives Montgomery advised Opie Wilson has never been arrested in Peoria or elsewhere, to their knowledge, however, it was well known in the past that his establishment was often frequented by John Klutas and Edward Boll when they were operating in the vicinity of Peoria.

On March 15, 1934 Special Agent J. M. Baker of this office interviewed Mr. Ross Saunders at the American Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., at which time Mr. Saunders stated he could not produce a photograph of "Big Homer" Wilson and that so far he had failed to obtain this photograph.

Upon contacting George W. Hartmann and Frank R. Hartmann, operating what is known as the Hartmann News Agency, room B-1, Central National Bank Bldg., Main and Adams St., Peoria, Ill., it was ascertained that this news agency has been handling the Minneapolis, Minn. Tribune newspaper for possibly the past ten years, receiving two copies thereof daily, which newspapers have been sold over a news stand to any individual who called for same. The Hartmann News Agency has no special customer for this particular paper and it is the only paper from the Twin Cities which has been handled by them.

Upon further inquiry Mr. George Hartmann stated he had sold a March 2, 1934 edition of the Minneapolis Tribune to an individual who inquired as to whether the Hartmann News Agency carried the Sunday edition of this paper and when this individual was advised in the affirmative he inquired as to whether said news agency ever handled the Journal and also inquired as to whether St. Paul papers were sold at said agency. Said individual was advised that the only paper which was handled by this agency was the Minneapolis, Minn. Tribune. On Monday, March 5, 1934, at about 5:30 P. M. this same individual called at said news stand and purchased a Sunday, March 4, 1934, copy of the Minneapolis Tribune. This purchase was made from Frank R. Hartmann.

Upon displaying the group photograph of Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Arthur E. Barker and Harry Campbell, to Mr. Frank R. Hartmann, he stated that the picture of Alvin Karpis looked similar to the individual who had purchased the Sunday paper mentioned above, however, he added he did not observe this individual closely and could not state in fact whether he was identical with Alvin Karpis. This same



group photograph was shown to George Hartmann who was unable to even attempt an identification, adding he had only slightly noticed the individual who purchased the Friday edition of the Minneapolis Tribune, as reflected above.

Inasmuch as it was possible that Alvin Karpis was the individual who purchased the Sunday edition of the Minneapolis Tribune, agent maintained a surveillance of the news stand of Hartmann Bros. from 4:00 P. M. on March 5, 1934 to 9:00 P. M. and from 10:00 A. M. to 9:00 P. M. on March 7, 1934 for the purpose of observing any individual who might call for a Minneapolis or St. Paul newspaper. This surveillance was maintained without result inasmuch as no one called for the papers referred to.

Agent caused the Hartmann Brothers to examine the picture of Alvin Karpis, as well as the other photos appearing on the same panel, in detail, and requested that in the event anyone bearing a resemblance to these individuals called for a St. Paul or Minneapolis newspaper that the St. Louis Division office be advised immediately by telephone, the address and telephone number of said office being supplied both the Hartmann brothers.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

ST. LOUIS OFFICE at Peoria, Ill. will contact the Police Dept. for fingerprints of George Austin, alias Yeknis, and supply same to the St. Paul Division Office.

Further, Ross Saunders, American Hotel, St. Louis, will be contacted in the near future in an effort to obtain a photograph of "Big Homer" Wilson.

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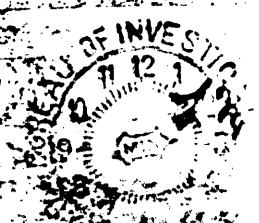
REPORT MADE AT: <b>CHARLOTTE, N. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3/31/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/28/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>W. D. BICKERSON</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - (Victim).</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus of North Carolina and South Carolina requested to search records for any information concerning Subjects or automobiles used by them.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="text-align: center;">Letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated March 23, 1934.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. L. S. Harris, Director, Motor Vehicle Bureau, Department of Revenue, Raleigh, North Carolina, was requested by letter to notify the Charlotte Division Office if his records disclosed or in the future should disclose any information concerning Subjects, or the listed automobiles known to have been used by them. A similar request was made of Mr. Benjamin R. Stroup, Director, Motor Vehicle Division, State Highway Department, Columbia, South Carolina.</p>			
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NORTH CAROLINA, will in the near future contact Mr. L. S. Harris,  
Director, Motor Vehicle Bureau, and examine the Motor Vehicle  
Registration records as outlined in letter of reference to ascer-  
tain if any information can be obtained relating to Subjects or  
automobiles used by them.

AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA - will make similar in-  
vestigation of records in the office of Mr. Benjamin R. Stroup,  
Director, Motor Vehicle Division, State Highway Department.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Oklahoma City, Okla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-23-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3-15/16-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>Dwight Brantley</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al. EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Glen Roy Wright and several others arrested near Mannford, Oklahoma, 3-15-34. Wright would give no information concerning himself nor any suspects in this case. Money in person of Wright and others checked against money paid for ransom with negative result. No information obtained suspects this case purchasing newspapers at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent E. E. Hollis, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 3-19-34.

**DETAILS:**

Special Agent E. E. Hollis submitted a memorandum with respect to a raid made by officers near Mannford, Oklahoma on March 15, 1934, and upon which raid Agent Hollis was present. The memorandum is quoted as follows:

**DETAILS:**

"On the night of March 14, 1934, Captain Stewart advised me that further information had been received to the effect that Wright and others were possibly located at a farm seven miles west of Mannford, Oklahoma. About 7:00 o'clock on the morning of March 15, I accompanied Captain George Stewart and officers from the Tulsa Police Department, together with representatives of the offices of the sheriffs of Creek and Payne Counties and other officers, on a raid conducted at the farm of E. R. Bracker, seven miles west of Mannford. On this raid the officers took into custody eight individuals, identified as follows:

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- (1) Glen Roy Wright
- (2) Charles Cotner
- (3) J. W. McAttee
- (4) Frank Downey, alias Nick Peterson
- (5) Ed Brodie, alias Ed Brophy, alias Phil Burns, alias Edward Beynon, alias Pete Collins.
- (6) L. R. Brackett
- (7) Grace Cuckler
- (8) Winnie Morris

The above individuals were taken to the County Jail at Sapulpa, Oklahoma; however, before any opportunity was had to question them, a large crowd had collected around the court house, and Sheriff Willis Strange of Creek County decided it would be best to remove at least five of the men to the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, for safe keeping. I accompanied Sheriff Strange, Captain Stewart, and others, to the McAlester Penitentiary with the following persons:

- Glen Roy Wright
- Charles Cotner
- J. W. McAttee
- Frank Downey
- Ed Brodie

I questioned Glen Roy Wright at length concerning his association with Harry Campbell, the Barkers, Alvin Karpis, and others of this gang; however, the only information which Wright would furnish was that he and Campbell had been associated together a great deal. He would make no statement as to where Harry Campbell was located at the present time; nor would he give any information regarding the Barkers or Alvin Karpis. Wright talked at length regarding various robberies which he had committed. He has now been removed to Stillwater, Oklahoma, where he is awaiting trial on a charge of robbery with firearms.

I also interviewed Charles Cotner, but he stated he had no information regarding the Barkers or Karpis.

J. W. McAttee, when interviewed, advised that he had never heard of Fred or Doc Barker, or Alvin Karpis. He stated that he had just arrived at the farm a day or so prior to the raid and was not acquainted with any of the men who were apprehended there.

Ed Brodie and Frank Downey refused to furnish any information.



I also interviewed Grace Cuckler and Winnie Morris. Winnie Morris admitted that she had been traveling around the country with Charles Dotson, and Grace Cuckler stated that she had been associated with Frank Downey. Both of these women professed not to know anything regarding the activities of their respective men companions.

The following \$5.00 and \$10.00 bills were found in possession of Mrs. Grace Cuckler:

\$5.00 Bills: J 00070430 A  
J 00048800 A  
F 042157 A  
B 83206970 A  
A 005248

\$10.00 Bills: A 584910 A  
J 05241814 A  
H 00675047 A  
J 00938744 A  
J 06069811 A

The following \$5.00 bills were in possession of Glen Roy Wright:

F 004511 A  
F 004585 A  
J 00104112 A  
C 45905281 A  
C 19216163 A  
L 15227392 A

In addition to the above currency, Wright had in his possession nine \$20.00 bills which have been determined to be counterfeit. The Secret Service Department at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, has made an investigation, and a complaint was filed against Wright by Mr. Baker, an Operative in the United States Secret Service. The complaint was filed at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on March 30, 1934.

Ed Brodie had in his possession the following currency:

\$5.00 Bills: A 004949  
A 018570  
A 004485 A  
A 015005  
A 028105  
J 05196646 A  
C 44916362 A  
C 81027415 A  
C 87479355 A

C 37482685 A  
C 40154625 B  
C 42787535 A

\$10.00 Bills: J 00260663 A  
C 002981 A

\$20.00 Bills: F 002515 A  
B 200234 A

"At the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, Wright, Cotner, McAttee, Downey and Brodie were photographed and fingerprinted. Mr. R. A. Shackelford, Record Clerk at the Penitentiary, advised me that he would forward photographs of these parties to the Oklahoma City office. I secured copies of the fingerprints of all parties arrested at the farm of I. E. Brackett and forwarded same to the Division at Washington. I am attaching hereto, for the Oklahoma City files, copies of the fingerprints of Wright, Cotner, McAttee, Downey and Brodie.

"At the time of the raid, there were also recovered three stolen automobiles, as follows :

(1) 1935 Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No. 3407351.  
This car was stolen at Yale, Oklahoma.  
No information was available as to the name of the owner or the date of the theft. This car is believed to have been in possession of Cotner.

(2) Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No. 3821133.  
This car was stolen at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, November 24, 1935; owner, J. H. Robson. Glen Roy Wright admitted the theft of this car at Sapulpa.

(3) 1935 V-8 Ford Truck.  
I did not secure the motor number of this car as the information was not in possession of the sheriff's office, and I did not have an opportunity to examine the Ford truck. However, it has been definitely identified as being the property of the Ford Motor Company at Okmulgee, Oklahoma, and was taken in a hold-up January 18, 1934.

"A number of rifles and pistols were recovered; also, a shotgun and two Luger pistols. These are in possession of the police



and sheriff at Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

Special Agent J. Massey Edgar conducted an investigation of news stands in Fort Smith, Arkansas, which will be listed hereafter, to ascertain whether anyone was calling for St. Paul or Minneapolis newspapers, and it was learned that none of the said news stands handle newspapers from either of the Twin Cities:

Ward Hotel Cigar Counter and News Stand, D. J. O'Leary, Manager.  
Smoke Shop, Sixth and Garrison Ave., C. W. Price, Manager.  
Merchants News Stand, Merchants National Bank Building, George Eldridge, Manager.  
The Turf, Garrison Avenue, E. L. Kremrie, Manager.  
Main Cigar Store, Main Hotel, Phil Moseley, Manager.  
First National News Stand, First National Bank Building, E. B. Houaler, Manager.

Mr. C. L. Kremrie, Manager of the Turf, informed Agent Edgar that on the night of March 18 a man was in his place and was served by one of the employees. This man had dark hair, was tall and slender, and was well over six feet in height; he was well dressed; had in his purse a large sum of money, apparently over \$200.00 and about \$500.00 in Travelers Checks; and had a bottle of whiskey. This man stated that he was going to catch the 8:00 o'clock train for Kansas City. Kremrie stated he was certain the man was well over six feet, but that he bears some resemblance to the photograph of Karpis, had a dark complexion and prominent teeth. Mr. Kremrie stated that if this person returns, he will notify Agent Edgar.

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March 13, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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In connection with the request made by Mr. Courcy of the Kansas City office concerning a comparison of the latent fingerprints found in the house occupied by Vernon C. Miller, 6612 Edgevale Road, Kansas City, transmitted to the Division by letter dated February 13, 1934 (Contrary to my statement to you, while Mr. Anderson was in Washington he stated that these prints had been located in the Kansas City file by him just prior to his coming to Washington and I was under the mistaken impression that the prints were received by the Division at about that time), I talked with Mr. Edwards and he advised that over 50 latent prints had been developed from the material submitted by the Kansas City office and each had to be compared with all of those in the single fingerprint files; that he had one man working constantly on this case and it would take approximately two months to complete same.

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I requested that a progress report concerning this search be made and forwarded to Mr. Courcy. On February 21, 1934, a telegram was sent to the Kansas City office requesting to be advised why these prints had been held from June of 1933 until February of 1934 without submitting them to the Division, in reply to which the Kansas City office advised on February 21, 1934 that in the excitement in connection with this investigation, at a time shortly after the massacre happened, the submitting of these prints to the Division was overlooked, which oversight seems to have been continued until February 13, 1934.

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The latent fingerprints were, of course, immediately compared with outstanding suspects in the Kansas City case and also suspects in the Bremer case, without success. Mr. Edwards, as stated above, will have a progress report prepared immediately and forward it to the Kansas City office.

Respectfully,

S. F. Cowley.

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March 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG.

Reference is made to Mr. Cowley's memorandum of March 15, 1934, addressed to the Director, in connection with the latent fingerprints submitted by the Kansas City Office found in the Miller house in Kansas City.

The last paragraph indicates that the remaining unidentified latent prints in connection with this case have been compared with suspects in the Bremer Case. Such a comparison has actually been made only with the outstanding Bremer Case suspects, particularly, known members of the Alvin Karpis Gang. Mr. Cowley was acquainted with this fact and he suggested it was desirable that the comparison be completed with all named suspects in the Bremer Case. This work will proceed, one employee being assigned to it exclusively in the Single Fingerprint Section. There remain of the Kansas City latent fingerprints approximately eight which afford good ridge detail and characteristics sufficient to be of value. There are to date 293 suspects listed in the Bremer Case and comparisons with all of these will be made. It is estimated comparisons between these remaining latent prints and the fingerprints of the suspects can be effected in approximately three weeks' time.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/30/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/22, 23, 24, 25/34</b>	TITLE <b>Kidnaping</b>
SUBJECT <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #118; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219 et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Tony Lestian, bar keeper, Betty Larson and Betty Madden, prostitutes, operators of Betty's Place Roadhouse, New Kewaskum, Wisconsin, failed to identify photographs of Barker-Karpis Gang. George Larson and Vivian O'Hara not located.

**REFERENCE:** Division letter dated March 1, 1934

**DETAILS:** AT KEWASKUM, WISCONSIN

Agent interviewed Betty Larson, [redacted]  
[redacted]  
Betty's Place Roadhouse, 2 miles north of Kewaskum on Highway 100, and exhibited to her photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker, and Harry Campbell. Betty Larson stated that none of the above named gang had ever visited her roadhouse to her knowledge; that the photographs were entirely unfamiliar to her except the one of Volney Davis, which she said was rather a familiar face; that she could not recall when or where she had ever seen Davis, but that she believed she had seen someone with bushy hair like that of Volney Davis.

Betty Madden, a prostitute, residence at Betty's Place, address above, was likewise interviewed, and shown photographs of the Barker-Karpis Gang. She stated the men were strangers to her, and that she was positive that she had never seen any of them. Betty Madden stated she formerly lived in Milwaukee, and came to Betty's Place last year.

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Tony Leston, bar keeper at Betty's Place Roadhouse, address above, stated, upon viewing photographs of the Barker-Karpis Gang, that the men were total strangers to him, and he had never any of them about the Roadhouse, except that he believed he had seen Volney Davis because his bushy hair appeared familiar to him; that he would not say positively he had ever seen Volney Davis, and that he could not recall the time and place if he had seen him. Leston stated he had lived at Betty's Place for 3 years.

Agent was advised by Betty Larson, address above, that Vivian O'Hara, [redacted] had not been at Betty's Place Roadhouse since July, 1933, and that she was probably at Addison, Wisconsin.

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AT ADDISON, WISCONSIN

Agent made inquiries at the only two roadhouses to be found at Addison, at which places Vivian O'Hara was unknown.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

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With the purpose of locating George Larson, [redacted] agent examined the records of the Clerk of the United States District Court, 298 Government Building, which showed that George Larson had made bond on October 27, 1933; that at time he signed bond he gave his address as Sherwood Hotel, Green Bay, Wisconsin. His bond was signed by George I. Gruber, 239 N. 36th St, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mr. George I. Gruber, 239 N. 36th St, advised agent that George Larson was not at Green Bay, Wisconsin, but was somewhere in Milwaukee; that he would locate Larson for agent. At a subsequent interview, Mr. Gruber stated it would probably take several days to locate Larson but that he was positive he could locate him.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE CHICAGO OFFICE at Milwaukee, Wisconsin will again contact George I. Gruber, 239 N. 36th and secure address of George Larson, and interview Larson as requested in reference letter. Also endeavor to secure present address of Vivian O'Hara from Larson, and interview her as requested in reference letter.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

Jax File No. 7-24

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Jacksonville, Fla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>Mar. 31, 1934</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>Mar. 24-26, 1934</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. L. Shivers</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases ARTHUR BARKER with aliases UNKNOWN SUBJECTS Edward G. Bremer, Victim</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p style="text-align: center;">News dealers of St. Petersburg and Tampa, Florida, handling St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers could not identify photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang as of persons who purchased said papers during this season.</p>			
REFERENCE:  <p style="text-align: center;">Letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer to the New York office dated February 23, 1934.</p>			
DETAILS:  <p style="text-align: center;">At St. Petersburg, Florida</p> <p>It was ascertained through P. D. Mulhollen, 249 Central Avenue, and L. M. Ackerman, Ackerman's News Stand, who handle the Minneapolis and St. Paul newspapers in that city, that the sale of these papers has been so slight during the present tourist season that they have been forced to discontinue handling them; that no regular customer has been purchasing any of these papers and, upon being presented with the photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang, they stated they are satisfied none of these individuals has ever purchased newspapers from them.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">At Tampa, Florida</p> <p>Similar information was obtained at Chapman's News Stand, 617 Franklin Street, and the World News Company, Lafayette and Franklin Streets, Tampa, Florida. Photographs of the persons just referred to were exhibited to the operators of these stands and they were unable to identify them as of persons who had purchased Minneapolis and St. Paul newspapers at any time during the present or past tourist seasons.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:  3 Division 2 Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul 2 Jacksonville <b>COPIES DESTROYED 848 MAR 18 1968</b>		PENDING DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-576-1525 <b>APR 2 1934 A.M.</b> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>[Signature]</i> FILE	
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT: San Francisco	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/27/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/27 to 3/25/34	REPORT MADE BY: E. P. Geraghty - GHP
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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.	CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPPING.
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Person partially identified as Fred Barker purchased Minneapolis Tribune at news stand San Francisco, Calif., period Feb. 18 to Feb. 23, 1934. Investigation San Francisco failed to locate him or other suspects. Alvin Karpis purchased Auburn Sedan San Francisco in October 1933, turned in as part payment Dodge Sedan purchased Chicago, Ill. Registers of principal hotels San Francisco examined for registrations of suspects without result. Mother and sister, Ed and Ted Bentz, residing San Francisco. All police officers in California notified through All-Point bulletin to apprehend Ted and Ed Bentz if located.

**REFERENCE:** Letter of Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minn., dated Feb. 23, 1934; report of Special Agent M. B. Rhodes, Chicago, Ill., dated March 2, 1934; telegram of W. A. Rorer, dated March 22, 1934; report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City, dated March 22, 1934 and report of Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears, Portland, Ore., dated March 22, 1934.

**DETAILS:** AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

The Golden Gate News Agency does not maintain a news stand at 729 Market St; said premises has been occupied by a millinery shop since June, 1933. Number 787 Market St. is the location of the California Theatre and there is no news stand in that vicinity.

D. S. Mittleman, manager Wheatley News Co., in front of 704 Market St., stated that he handles but one Minneapolis Journal per day and sells same only occasionally; that he could not again recognize any purchaser of the said paper. He, Mittleman, was shown photostat of suspect but

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failed to recognize any of same as having called for a paper.

F. A. Fitzgerald, manager Fitzgerald News Agency, 21-4th. St., stated that he handles only one daily St. Paul Pioneer Press and one Minneapolis Journal, and sells same only occasionally; that he has no regular customer for the papers; that he could not again identify any particular person who might have been a purchaser of the papers. He was shown photostatic copies of pictures of suspects in this case and failed to identify any of them as having purchased a St. Paul or Minneapolis paper at his stand.

Phillip Mittleman, attendant Golden Gate News Agency, 8 - 3rd. St., stated that said news agency handles the Sunday Minneapolis Journal and the Sunday St. Paul Pioneer Express and the daily Minneapolis Tribune; that for the period Feb. 18 to Feb. 23, 1934, the same person called every day for the Minneapolis Tribune; that said person was a man, short of stature, about 5-5 in height, face weather beaten and burned, weight about 140 and wearing a camel's hair cap and a dark suit, black shoes and usually arrived between 11 A.M. and 1 P.M. for the paper, and arrived on foot and he did not notice an automobile in the vicinity at time of arrival of this person. Phillip Mittleman (on Feb. 27, 1934) was shown photostat of suspects and picked out the photo of suspect Fred Barker as resembling the person who called for the Tribune during the period Feb. 18 to Feb. 23, 1934 inclusive.

Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, Special Agent H. R. Philbrick and this Agent maintained a constant surveillance of news stand at 8 - 3rd. St. from Feb. 27, 1934 to March 3, 1934 and no person remotely resembling any of suspects called at said news stand. Investigation was immediately made at the principal hotels in San Francisco, including the Fairmont Hotel, the Mark Hopkins, Palace, Sir Francis Drake and the St. Francis Hotel, and the registers checked for registration of suspects under their names and known aliases and photostats of suspects exhibited to the clerks at the said hotels but no information was received that any of said suspects had registered or were known. Phillip Mittleman, 8 - 3rd. St., promised to immediately communicate with the San Francisco Division Office if suspects should again call at the news stand. Call has been again been made every day at 8 - 3rd. St., but no information has been received that any of suspects have appeared again.

Mrs. Mary Doyle, in charge Out of Town papers Department, Public Library, Civic Center, was shown photostats of suspects and after examination of same stated that she cannot recognize any of suspects as having called to read the St. Paul or Minneapolis papers.

Call was made at 706 Steiner St. and 1431 Steiner St., and information received that Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson, Mrs. Rose Bryant and Mrs. Anne Gallows' wife of Ted Bentz had resided at said places but had left some months prior without leaving a forwarding address.

Information was received through the San Francisco Postoffice Inspector that Anne Gallows had left a forwarding address from 1431 Steiner St., to 1245 - 66th. St., Los Angeles, and that Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson left a forwarding address to 520 Taylor St., Apt. 204.

Mrs. A. DeSilvo, Apt. 105, 520 Taylor St., stated that she is the manager of apartment house located at 520 Taylor St; that on Dec. 15, 1933 S. W. Johnson and wife rented apartment 204 at \$35 per month and occupied same until March 1, 1934 when they left without leaving a forwarding address; that Mrs. Rose Bryant, mother of Mrs. S. W. Johnson, was a frequent caller on Mrs. DeSilvo side with the Johnsons;

DeSilvo was shown a photograph of suspects but stated that she does not resemble them to her knowledge had called on the Johnsons during their occupancy of apartment at 520 Taylor St.

Mrs. A. DeSilvo further stated that S. W. Johnson was employed as Assistant Engineer at the Clift Hotel, Geary and Taylor St.

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Under date of March 22, 1934 a telegram was received from Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears, Portland, Ore., which telegram stated that a new Lincoln Sedan, dark blue or black color, of Ted Bentz and party was probably using Indiana 1934 License #410864.

Special Agent H. R. Philbrick, of the San Francisco Office, on receipt of the telegram from Special Agent in Charge Spears immediately communicated with Mr. Stone of the Criminal Identification Unit of the State of California at Sacramento and Mr. Stone advised that he would put out an All-Points Bulletin for a pick-up on the Lincoln Sedan, bearing Indiana license, 1933, #10864, and would have the arresting officers advise the nearest office of the Division.

Special Agent H. R. Philbrick made investigation at Palo Alto, Calif., with the view of locating Howard Mulaney and ascertained that there is a Howard Mulaney residing in Palo Alto, who carries some kind of a State Constable's badge and who resides at 521 Fulton St., Palo Alto; that Mulaney hangs about the Texas restaurant in Palo Alto and has recently left town ostensibly for the purpose of looking over some mining property near Winnemucca, Nevada; that Mulaney is known to take long trips and to be gone for long periods of time but apparently has no occupation; that on the night of March 21 a Ford car bearing Michigan license, believed to be E3564, but not certain, was observed in front of the Mulaney residence; that the Palo Alto Police will maintain a lookout for the Lincoln Sedan with Ed and Ted Bentz and party and will keep Howard Mulaney under surveillance when he returns to Palo Alto.

On receipt of telegram of March 22, 1934 from W. A. Rorer, Inspector, St. Paul, Minn., the principal hotels of San Francisco were again checked and registers examined for one year last past, under the true names of suspects and all their aliases but no information was received of any of them having registered.

Special Agent Vernon E. Criss, San Francisco Office, ascertained from investigation that Auburn automobile, motor #BB1527, bearing 1933 California license #785762, was registered to one William B. Lohman, address William Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, Calif; that investigation at the William Taylor Hotel developed that a Mrs. William Lohman, address Chicago, Ill., accompanied by Mrs. T. C. Black-



burn, address 4214 North Lockwood Blvd., Toledo, Ohio, registered at said hotel on Oct. 25, 1933 and remained until Oct. 27, 1933. Pictures of suspects involved in this case were shown to the manager and the clerks of the William Taylor Hotel but they could not recognize any of them. A check at the California State Motor Vehicle Department developed that 1933 California license 785782 was issued on Oct. 9, 1933 to William C. Lohman, sole owner of Auburn auto, motor #BBL527, which was first sold on that date; that no 1934 license has been issued for said car and said car has not entered the State under another license.

A check at the Auburn automobiles agency, 1625 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, developed the information that the said Auburn Sedan had been sold by that concern on Oct. 9, 1933; that one Fred Thompson, manager of the Golden State Hotel, San Francisco, was the salesman and that one H. Warshauer had closed the deal; that records further reflect that a 1933 Dodge Sedan, motor #DP65846, had been turned in as part payment, which Dodge Sedan had been sold to Lloyd A. Hillman, a used car dealer, at 1640 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco; that all the records concerning the sale had been sent to the Auburn California Company, 343 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. At the Lloyd K. Hillman Co., it was learned that Dodge Sedan, motor #65846, had been sold to one Dr. Paolo Mazzetti, 2051 Jefferson St., San Francisco, Calif.

In answer to request, Miss Ruth Assalena, National Auto Theft Bureau, Sacramento, Calif., advised that the records of the California State Motor Vehicle Department show as follows:

"On Aug. 22, 1933 the Montgomery Motor Co., 3212 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill., sold a Dodge Sedan, motor #DP65846, Serial 3639469, to William Lohman, 3453 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill., taking in trade a Dodge motor #DP65846, Bill of Sale on file; also on file is a 1933 Illinois facsimile certificate, #1237051, in Mr. William Lohman's hand, dated Aug. 23, 1933; wire from the Montgomery Motor Co., Chicago, Ill., to the San Francisco Division on Oct. 9, 'Lohman car bought Aug. 26, paid in full'. According to the Bill of Sale the car was purchased Aug. 22, 1933. On Oct. 7, 1933 William Lohman, 3453 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill., secured a 1933 Non-Resident Permit #124614, on the car which expired on Dec. 31, 1933. California address, General Delivery, San Francisco, Calif., and Illinois license #1237051. Bill of Sale on file showing sale by Mr. Lohman to the Auburn California Co., 1155 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, on Oct. 9, 1933, who secured 1933 license #785759, as sole owner on Oct. 9, 1933. The Auburn California Co., sold the car to the Lloyd K. Hillman Co., 1640 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, no date of sale given, who sold it on Oct. 14, 1933 under report of Sale #D358115, to Dr. Paolo Mazzetti, 2051 Jefferson St., San Francisco. Transfer made to Dr. Mazzetti on Oct. 26 with the legal owner as Lloyd K. Hillman, 507 South Flower St., Los Angeles.

Fred Thompson, 250 Taylor St., advised that he had sold a 1933 cylinder Auburn Sport Sedan, having the body painted blue, top of the hood painted gray or brown, a gray canvas top and six wire wheels to a man whom he identified positively from pictures as Volney Davis, who was accompanied on two separate occasions by different men. Fred Thompson recognized the photograph of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis but could not remember that they were the men who had accompanied Volney Davis at time of purchase of the car. Fred Thompson stated that these men came to the sales room on each occasion and thus he did not take them

to any hotel and does not remember any address mentioned by them; that the sale was consummated by the taking in of a Dodge Sedan, bearing Illinois license Plates, and a cash balance of some \$600, which was taken from a large roll of money in the possession of Davis.

Mrs. Fred Thompson also immediately recognized the picture of Volney Davis as being the man who had come to the Auburn California Auto Sales room and purchased an Auburn Sedan through her husband; she stated that Davis came into the office where she was sitting, took off his hat, sat down and talked to her for a while.

Mr. E. Warshauer, sales manager, 1625 Van Ness Ave., stated that he has only a faint recollection of the above transaction and believed that Arthur Barker was one of the men as he particularly remembers the high forehead.

Special Agent V. E. Criss, at Sacramento, Calif., made lists of automobiles from the Middle West States entering the State of California during the period Feb. 21 to Feb. 28, 1934, showing license number, place of entry, make of car, in some instances the motor number of car, for reference purpose in case any car used by suspects was identified. Copies of said list are attached to this report as follows: 3 to the Division, 2 to St. Paul, 1 to Salt Lake City and 1 to the San Francisco copy.

Capt. Dullea, in charge Inspectors, San Francisco, Police Department, stated that a Mack Harris and Jack Harris, formerly of St. Paul, Minn., and Friends of Gloomy Gus Schaffer, are now operating a beer joint at 74 Embarcadero, San Francisco, and that the place has the reputation of being a hangout for gangsters from out of town; that Jack Harris and Gloomy Gus Schaffer pulled a Jewelry job in St. Paul some years ago and both served a term at the Minnesota State Penitentiary at Stillwater, Minn.

Capt. Trotter, in charge of Inspectors, Oakland Police Department, stated that within the past few days he has received an unconfirmed rumor that a number of gangsters are occupying an apartment in Oakland and have a number of machine guns with them; that he is endeavoring to confirm the rumor and will notify the San Francisco Division Office when he receives any information.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE, will make investigation at Grass Valley, Calif., with view of ascertaining if Ed or Ted Bantz have a mining claim in that region and if suspects and Ed and Ted Bantz can be located in that vicinity.

The San Francisco Office, at San Francisco, will make investigation at the several gambling houses in San Francisco, Oakland and vicinity and at the El Cerrito and Baden Baden dog tracks and Tanforan race tracks to see if suspects are known or have been spending money in amounts that call attention to them.

The San Francisco Office, will make other and further investigation to ascertain if suspects are in the San Francisco district.

THE CHICAGO OFFICE, will make investigation at the Montgomery Motor Co., 3212 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill., and obtain specimen of the handwriting of Alvin Karpis, alias William Lohman, if same has not heretofore been obtained, which probably can be had from the contract of purchase of Dodge Sedan, motor #DP65846.

Will also make investigation at 3453 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill., address given by Alvin Karpis at the time of purchase of Dodge Sedan.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE, will interview Mrs. Ann Gallows, 1845 - 65th St., Los Angeles, for information of the present location of Ted Bantz.

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## Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
318 Hewes Building  
San Francisco, California.  
March 26, 1934.

AUTOS ENTERING STATE OF CALIFORNIA WITH OUT-OF-STATE LICENSES FOR THE  
PERIOD FEBRUARY 11, 1934 TO FEBRUARY 19, 1934.

<u>Date, Feb. -</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>License number</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Permit #</u>
17	Yermo	'34 Kansas - 31-134	Ford Coach	5	526
15	Yermo	'34 Kansas - 49-1405	Chevrolet Coupe	3	
12	Yermo	'34 Kansas - 34-1854	Chevrolet Sedan	3	
14	Yermo	'33 Kansas - 1-28951	Ford Coach	3	
18	Daggett	'34 Kansas - 7-2595	Chevrolet Coach	2	
14	Daggett	Kansas - 30-825	Ford Coach	3	
12	Daggett	Kansas - 1-5324	Buick Coupe	2	
11	Daggett	Kansas - 33-2157	Chevrolet Sedan	2	
19	Ft. Yuma	'34 Kansas - 30751	Buick Sedan	4	
14	Yuma	'34 Kansas - 1-15816	Chevrolet Road.	2	2036
12	Yuma	'34 Kansas - 16-723	Graham Sedan	2	1938
12	Yuma	'33 Kansas - 1-30551	Essex Coach	3	Temp.
16	Yuma	'34 Kansas - 69-865	Ford Coupe	2	2120
16	Yuma	'33 Kansas - 38-2734	Chevrolet Coach	4	Temp.
15	Ft. Yuma	'34 Kansas - 7-505	Oldsmobile Sedan	3	
22		'34 Kansas - 2-2388	Chevrolet Coupe	2	6295
11	Ft. Yuma	'34 Kansas - 3-447	Pontiac Coupe	2	1878
11	"	'33 Kansas - 3-21147	Plymouth Coach	3	Temp.
11	"	'34 Kansas - 2-8218	Pontiac Coupe	2	1846
17	"	'34 Kansas - 2-13262	Ford Sedan		2169
16	"	'34 Kansas - 18-3846	Chevrolet Sedan		Temp.
17	"	'34 Kansas - 16-4503	Plymouth Coach	3	Temp.
12	"	'34 Kansas - 70-334	Oakland Sedan		1966
14	"	'33 Kansas - 332748	Whippet	6	Temp.
14	"	'34 Kansas - 9-4667	Pontiac Sedan	3	2042
14	"	'34 Kansas - 95-102	Nash Sedan	2	Temp.
14	"	'34 Kansas - 7-505	?		
12	Daggett	'33 Missouri - 431-114	Ford Roadster	3	
16	"	Missouri - 35-686	Plymouth Coupe	2	
13	"	" - 205-436	Chevrolet Coach	4	
11	"	'34 " - 17-2947	" Sedan	4	
18	Yuma	'33 " - 243969	Ford Coach	2	Temp.
19	Yuma	'34 " - 19449	Pontiac Sedan	3	2291

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>License Number</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Permit #</u>
17	Yuma	'33 Missouri - 294-646	Ford Coach	3	Temp.
18	"	'34 " 406	Pierce Arr. Sedan	3	2242
16	"	'33 " 417367	Ford Coach	3	Temp.
18	Daggett	? " 428-772	Chevrolet Coach	1	
14	"	? " 76-221	Graham Sedan	2	
16	Ft. Yuma	'34 " 163419	Plymouth Sedan	2	
17	"	'34 " 65724	Buick Sedan	2	
13	"	'34 " 11-373	Chevrolet Coach	2	1959
18	Daggett	? " 174350	Ford Fordor	2	
16	"	'33 " 587541	Studebaker Coach	3	
13	"	'33 " 61222	Oakland Coupe	3	
15	Ft. Yuma	'34 " 13-575	Marmon Sedan	2	
16	"	'33 " 484759	Buick Sedan	4	
12	?	? Minnesota 416050	Buick Coupe	2	
14	?	'33 " 244-388	Chevrolet Sedan	4	
17	Station 7	'34 " B-10238	Plymouth Sedan	3	
11	Ft. Yuma	'34 " B-33597	Ford Coupe	2	Temp.
11	"	'33 " B-474430	Plymouth Coupe	2	1870
11	"	'34 " B-66770	Buick Coupe	2	1896
11	"	'34 " B-14832	Chrysler Coupe	3	1981
13	"	'33 " B-210417	Studebaker Sedan	4	2100
13	"	'34 " B-5661	Ford Sedan	2	Temp
17	"	'34 " B-54033	Chevrolet Coach	2	2211
12	"	'34 " B-27722	Hupmobile Sedan	2	1901
15	"	'33 " B-21748	Chrysler Sedan	3	1922
12	"	'34 " B-50-278	Chevrolet Coach	3	3446
15	Daggett	? " B-269305	Chevrolet Coach	3	Temp.
16	Yuma	'34 " B-230391	Ford Coupe	2	
15	Ft. Yuma	'34 " B-13107	Willys Knight Sedan	5	2081
15	"	'34 " B-254400	Buick Sedan	4	9498
19	Yuma	'33 " B-105-642	Ford Roadster	2	3471
17	Daggett	'34 " B-28172	Ford Coach	3	Temp.
14	Yuma	'34 " B-68000	Buick Coupe	2	
		(Motor #2966028 - Serial 2808847 - Leo Shapiro)			
14	Truckee	Minnesota A-36178	Austin Roadster	2	4734
17	Ft. Yuma	'34 " B-1198	?	1	2245
18	"	'34 " B-47919	Plymouth Coupe	4	Temp.
15	"	'34 " B-44177	Plymouth Sedan	2	2066
15	"	'34 " B-12552	Ford Coach	2	2067
15	"	'34 " B-16359	Ford Coupe	2	2068
15	"	'34 " X-19052	Ford House Car	1	2128
16	Yuma	'33 " B-476119	Pontiac Coach	3	2171
17	"	'33 " B-150029	Ford Coach	2	3465
16	Daggett	'35 " A-36112	Ford Coach	2	9489
18	Yuma	'34 " B-240-236	Ford Touring	2	9457
14	Yermo	? " B-204185	Ford Sedan	2	9454
13	"	? " 51-633	Hudson Sedan	4	2112
16	Ft. Yuma	'34 Missouri 14-827	Hudson Coach	2	Temp.
16	"	'34 " 90-213	Studebaker Sedan	5	1987
13	"	'34 " 341727	Buick Sedan	2	Temp
13	"	'33 " 137688	Plymouth Sedan	2	Temp
17	"	'33 " 363335	Ford Sedan	3	Temp
17	"	'33 " 363335	Chevrolet Coupe	3	Temp

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>License Number</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Permit #</u>
15	Daggett	Indiana 40855	Ford Roadster	3	3440
19	Ft. Yuma	'33 " 58516	Studebaker Coupe	3	Temp.
14	Yuma	'34 " 10659	Chrysler Sedan	2	2038
16	"	'34 " 38476	Ford Roadster	1	2162
13	"	'34 " 237549	Chevrolet Sedan	1	2005
15	Ft. Yuma	'34 " 139168	Chevrolet Coach	6	2078
19	Yermo	'34 " 486362	Packard Sedan	3	2299
16	Yuma	'34 " 360709	Ford Coupe	2	2123
16	"	'34 " 298045	Buick Sedan	8	2150
15	Ft. Yuma	'34 " 221690	Ford Coach	2	2091
15	"	'34 " 85758	Chevrolet Coach	4	2103
19	Yuma	'34 " 486362	Packard Sedan	3	2299
15	Station 7	'34 " 696-700	Oldsmobile Sedan	2	8484
11	Ft. Yuma	'34 " 458380	Packard 8		1880
13	"	'34 " 690003	Chevrolet	3	1944
14	"	'34 " 64734	Chevrolet Coach		2013
20	?	'34 Illinois 142-298	De Soto Sedan		3202
11	Ft. Yuma	'34 " 372152	Ford Sedan	2	Temp
11	"	'34 " 5094299	Packard Sedan	3	Temp
15	Station 7	'33 Oklahoma 483-274	Chevrolet Coach		Temp
11	Ft. Yuma	'33 " 346462	Chevrolet Coach	4	Temp
11	"	'34 " 315435	Packard Coupe	3	1876
11	"	'34 " 90A159-	Plymouth Sedan	2	1879
13	"	'33 " 287327	Ford Coupe	2	1946
15	"	'33 " 416980	De Soto		2088
13	"	'34 " 112A487	Chevrolet Coupe	3	2090
17	"	'33 " 381-134	Chevrolet Sedan		Temp
12	"	'33 " 231366	Packard Sedan	4	Temp
15	"	'34 " 249915	Chevrolet Coupe	3	2096
12	"	'34 " 270941	Chevrolet Sedan	4	1910
14	"	'34 " 312A999	Lincoln	2	Temp

Feb. 12, 1934, Jack McBride, from Ft. Sheridan, Ill., to Fresno, Calif. Chevrolet Sedan, Lic. #234135, Motor #4424196, Serial 21AB53626. Temp. Permit.

Feb. 13, 1934, at Yuma. J. R. Histed, from Chicago, Illinois, to Los Angeles. Pontiac Coupe, Lic. #529-414, Motor #983222, Serial 778155. Temp. Permit expired.

Feb. 14, 1934, at Yuma. Thomas B. Wright, from Ottawa, Illinois, to Los Angeles. Plymouth Coupe, Lic. #529415, Motor #PE102778. Temp. Permit expired.

Feb. 17, 1934, at Yuma. Charles Sande Selde, from Chicago, Illinois, to Los Angeles. Studebaker Coupe, Lic. #531622, Motor #3367. Temp. Permit expired. 3/17.

Feb. 13, 1934, at Yuma. John F. Galubis, from Cicero, Illinois, to Los Angeles. Chevrolet Coach, Lic. #601172, Motor #2779028. Temp. Permit expired 3/13/34.

Feb. 14, 1934, at Yuma. John Bescour, from Chicago, Illinois, to San Mateo, Cal. Pontiac Coach, Lic. #674-974, Motor #542979. Temp. Permit expired 3/14/34.

Feb. 13, 1934, at Yuma. Blanche Speed Cooper, from Winnetka, Illinois, to Los Angeles. Ford Conv. Cab., Lic. #708-400, Motor #403049. Temp. Per. ex. 3/13.

Feb. 12, 1934, at Yuma. Ve E. Green, from Quincy, Illinois, to Los Angeles. Essex Sedan, Lic. 1-227422, Motor #789794, Serial #7Z48S7. Temp. Per. 3/12/34.



Date	Car	State & License	Motor No.	Driver.
Feb. '34				
17	Lincoln Sedan	Illinois 63-239	KB2502	Mrs. Kate L. Eckhart, Chicago, to Huntington Hotel, Pasadena.
18	De Soto Roads.	" 534-693	8C3778	Fred J. Leafer, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
14	Cadillac Sedan	" 529605	?	Edna Hagelin, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
16	Nash Sedan	" 16-890	B72232	R. W. Hough, 3018 E. Hill St., Mount Morris, Ill., to Hunt. Pk.
11	Packard Sedan	" 504-299	752887	Whitney Ford Co., Chicago, to San Diego.
?	Cord Sedan	" '34 - 537268	FF50	C. W. Dempster, Lake Forest, Ill., to Santa Barbara.
13	Ford Sedan	" 319-276	A3303642	Martin E. Leafgreen, Chicago, to Healdsburg, Calif.
14	Buick Sedan	" 109184	2761548	J. E. Williamson, Clinton, Ill., touring.
15	Pontiac	" 45-142	563416	Thomas Voeco, Marseilles, Ill. to Los Angeles.
12	Austin Coupe	" 276680	V-5274	Donald Broffet, Powpaw, Ill., touring.
12	Chevrolet Coach	" 269-360	3885880	Mr. & Mrs. M. P. Halpin, Springfield, Ill., to Ojai, Calif.
13	Cadillac Sedan	" 92900	3002034	Mrs. J. G. Godhelp, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
13	Buick Sedan	" 270107	2721029	Clifford W. Barnie, Lake Forest, Ill., to Pasadena.
16	Chevrolet Sedan	" 371-896	3648434	Earle Rickert, Evergreen Park, Ill., to Los Angeles.
17	Packard Sedan	" 128-427	285026	H. B. Cultra, Onarga, Ill., to Los Angeles.
18	Hupmobile	" 235-622	128-129	Charlotte W. Davis, Lake Forest, Ill., to Los Angeles.
19	Plymouth Coupe	" 221-468	C 5676	Mrs. J. Rolf Cotterman, Bloomington, Ill., to L. A.
16	Buick Sedan	" 234-328	2871335	Wm. R. Troubee, Rock Island, Ill., to Los Angeles.
15	Pontiac Sedan	" 142983	852772	Louis Boggio, Marseille, Ill., to Los Angeles.
12	Auburn Sedan	" 361444	5901	Ruth S. Bowles, Flossmoor, Ill. to Los Angeles.
14	La Salle Coupe	" 133505	602551	A. J. Anderson, Oak Park to Pasadena.
16	Ford Coupe	" 537-966	574924	Gertrude P. Reed, Evanston, Ill., to Los Angeles.
13	Ford Coupe	" 185815	A1077872	Martin M. Stromburg, Vandalia, Ill., to Long Beach.
17	Chevrolet Sedan	" 224589	3792094	John R. Voss, Harvey, Ill., Los Angeles.
18	Chrysler Sedan	" B16-253	15407	Helen Gundel, Chicago, Ill., to Los Angeles.

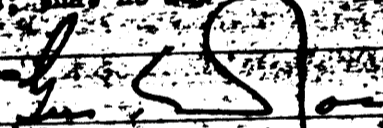
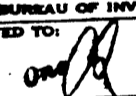
<u>Date</u>	<u>-Car</u>	<u>State and License</u>	<u>Motor No.</u>	<u>Driver</u>
17	La Salle Sedan	Illinois 247368	11,015,894 (?)	Edwin L. Harris, Peoria, Ill., to Los Angeles.
12	Dodge Sedan	" 129-303	DK3446	B. G. Nelson, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
14	Packard Sedan	" 15425	281420	Homer W. Benton, Harvey, Ill. to Pasadena.
15	Pierce Arrow Sed.	" 504-304	160858	John J. Funk, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
13	Buick Sedan	" 260-213	2849528	Dr. R. A. Kanna, Peoria, to Los Angeles.
9	Auburn Sedan	" 7848	35607	H. W. Jones, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
15	Plymouth Coach	" 319998	PB36045	Albert Jordan, Chicago, to Hollywood.
18	De Soto Cab.	" 544,540	5D1116	Fred. J. Liefer, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
7	Lincoln Lim.	" 151592	87211	John C. Hoof, La Grange, to Palm Springs.
11	Ford Coupe	" 313567	Y105491	Reinhold Anderson, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
10	Plymouth	" 83-811	17566	J. W. Wells, Oak Park, Ill., to San Francisco
13	Buick Sedan	" '34-106807	2678913	Francis O. Raub, Chicago, to Oregon.
19	Packard Lim.	" '34-110-205	751160	Louis Becker, Glendoe, to Pasadena.
12	Lincoln Brougham	" '34-124-804	65203	Norman D. Fraser, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
16	Willys Knight	" '34-189401	6161	G. H. Small, Bloomington, to Santa Paula, Calif.
18	Chrysler Sedan	" '34-208127	CI6988	Michael E. Fox, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
18	Buick Sedan	" '34-213838	2716168	J. N. Wilton, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
17	Buick Coupe	" '33-213-885	27612581	D. W. Hartzell, to Dixon, Cal.
18	Chevrolet Coach	" '34-299612	2447721	Joe Wedrosky, Jr., Glen Carbon, Ill., to Exeter, Cal.
12	Pontiac Sedan	" '33-313580	541898	Anton E. Rommel, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
13	Pontiac Coach	" '33-338041	650054	A. M. Davis, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
9	Ford Coupe	" '33-344109	3050535	Jack Schneider, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
10	Ford Coupe	" '34-354320	393347	F. W. Holmes, Chicago, Ill. to Los Angeles.
12	Chevrolet Sedan	" '34-357891	2670270	Rudow Rummel, Kenilworth, to Los Angeles.
11	Dodge Sedan	" '34-358945	DP58684	H. J. Jensen, Chicago, to San Diego.
12	Auburn Sedan	" '34-361444	BB1953RA	John H. Bowles, Flossmoor, to Pasadena.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul**

**S. A. FILE NO. 7-576-1524**

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Antonio, Texas.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-23-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3-24, 25-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. J. Murphy</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>	
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Henry Hull, Inmate #73166, Harlem State Prison Farm, near Richmond, Texas, states that Lawrence Devol, Fred and Doc Barker, Jess Doyle, Bill Scott, Alvin Karpis, and Verne Miller robbed the Third Northwestern Bank in Minneapolis, December 16, 1932; that Verne Sankey was not a member of the Karpis-Barker gang, and Harry Campbell was not with them; that Lawrence Devol's brothers, now serving sentences for robbery of this bank, were not involved in robbery; that he never knew Ed Bentz to be a member of the gang, also never heard or knew of a dentist in St. Paul, or persons by name of Doc or Jack Pfeiffer connected with the gang. Does not know "Prince Dutch" Steinhardt or his associates. No record of Carol Tankersley or Carol Hamilton receiving or calling for mail through Galveston, Texas, Postoffice.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letters of Inspector W. A. Rorer at St. Paul, Minn., 2-12-34, and 3-19-34, and report of Special Agent H. E. Hollis, Oklahoma City, Okla., 3-19-34.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> Henry Hull, Texas State Penitentiary Inmate #73166, was again interviewed by Special Agent E. H. Parker and this Agent at the Harlem State Prison Farm, near Richmond, Texas and he stated that he went to St. Paul, Minn., with Doc Barker and old man Barker on the promise of Doc Barker that he would furnish him with a job running whiskey from Canada at \$100 a week; that after arriving in St. Paul, Doc Barker just laughed and informed him they were not running whiskey, but since he, Hull, was with the gang he would have to stay with them. Hull stated he arrived in St. Paul about a week before the robbery of the Third Northwestern Bank in Minneapolis; that he was at the apartment with the Barker boys and their associates, and</p>			
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heard them discussing the job; that they first intended taking him, Hull, in the job, but decided not to do so; that there were seven men who robbed that bank, and they were Lawrence DeVol, Doc Barker, Fred Barker, Jess Doyle, Bill Scott, Alvin Karpis, whom he knew only as "Ray", and Verne Miller, whom he knew only as "Verne" and supposed that he was Verne Sankey until he saw Miller's photograph in a newspaper. Hull stated that the money obtained on this bank job was divided seven ways at 906 or 926 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, by Verne Miller, Fred Barker and Lawrence DeVol; that Lawrence was caught by officers at this address and he had some sixteen or seventeen hundred dollars on him when arrested; that Verne Miller took the Liberty Bonds to Kansas City which came out of this bank job, but does not know where or who handled them in Kansas City.

Hull stated that he thought for some time that the man whom he knew only as "Verne", a member of the Barker gang, was Verne Sankey, because he never heard his surname, and supposed it was Sankey until he saw Verne Miller's photograph in the newspaper and recognized it as the person whom he knew only as "Verne" and thought was Verne Sankey.

Hull also stated that on the robbery of the Third Northwestern Bank robbery in December, 1932, Jess Doyle wore a chauffeur's cap, and drove one of the two cars used on the job; that two police officers were killed during this robbery, and he was in the apartment used by the Barkers at Cleveland and Marshall Avenue, in St. Paul, and heard an account of the robbery over the radio, also heard the members of the Barker gang discuss it later. Hull stated he understood from Doc Barker that the boys were "ribbed" to do this robbery by the man "Harry" in the State House at St. Paul, and by the man "Jack" who operates the Hollyhock roadhouse; that this job was pulled to put the "heat" on Mr. Meehan, City Manager, because they claimed they put Meehan in office and he double-crossed them, and did not stay "hitched."

Hull stated that after the Barker gang pulled the robbery of the Third Northwestern Bank, in Minneapolis, they drove to St. Paul, Minn., in two cars, and near a park, which he thinks was Como Park, they had a flat tire and had to change cars and the money, which was in a sack and a suitcase, and while making the change some citizen in an automobile drove past them and tried to see their license number, and Doc Barker shot this man in the head, and later when they got to the apartment Verne Miller gave Doc Barker a surging for shooting the man.

Hull stated that in addition to Lawrence DeVol being convicted of robbing the Third Northwestern Bank, in Minneapolis, Lawrence's two brothers, whose Christian names he does not know, were also convicted and given life sentences, but they were not implicated in the robbery and did not participate in same. Also, that Doc Barker stated to him, Hull, after Lawrence DeVol was arrested on this bank robbery, that if he, Barker, could get Lawrence out of the jail he would take him for a ride because Lawrence talked about the bank job in the pres-

ence of some woman. Hull stated that Harry Campbell was not with the Barker gang when he was with them, but he heard Doc and Fred Barker talk about Campbell, and when asked why Campbell was not with them, Doc Barker informed Hull, that they could not find him. Hull stated that he never heard any of the Barker gang mention they had stolen \$15,000 or any money from Lawrence DeVol, although they may have done so, but would not talk about it if they had, that Verne Miller owed Lawrence DeVol one or two thousand dollars at the time Lawrence was arrested by the officers.

Henry Hull also stated that while he was with the Barker gang in St. Paul he never heard them mention and never knew that Ed Bentz was ever connected with them. Also never heard or knew of a connection of theirs by the name of Doc or Jack Pfeiffer; that he never knew of a dentist being connected with the Barker gang; also does not know "Frisco Butch" Steinhardt, Leon Gleckman, Tom Banks, Harry Sawyer, Barney Berman, leadore Blumenfeld, alias Kid Can or Jap Gleckman.

Hull stated that while he was with the Barker gang in Reno, Nevada, in January, 1933, he and Jess Doyle stayed two days at the Anderson Hotel, then moved to the Gibson Apartments at Second and Stevenson Streets; that the day after they moved from the Anderson Hotel, Jess Doyle came into the apartment and said "There is some 'Fuz' in town;" that when asked what he meant, Doyle stated "Federal officers;" that one of them was from Denver and he knew him. Hull stated that several days later the Barker gang went to the Anderson Hotel for purpose of taking the Federal men for a ride, but they had left town. He stated from what conversation he overheard between the Barkers and Jess Doyle, that shortly after the bank robbery in Minneapolis, Lawrence DeVol had expressed a trunk from St. Paul to Reno, and when arrested by officers in St. Paul, the express receipt was found on his person, and some officers went to Reno, Nevada, to watch for associates of DeVol on the bank job.

Hull stated that the Karpis-Barker gang have a connection in Coffeyville, and he does not know whether it is in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma or Coffeyville, Kansas; that he often heard the Barker boys mention the name of the man who is a very good friend of theirs, but he cannot recall the name of this man. Hull stated that the Barker boys wanted to send him down to stay with this man during the Winter of 1932, and told him, Hull, that he could steal cigarettes with this man and make some money until Spring and until after they had had their vacation.

Hull stated that if the Karpis-Barker gang went to Reno, Nevada, after getting the Bremer ransom money, then the man Graham in Reno would probably be keeping the money for them, but if they stayed in St. Paul, then the man Jack who was proprietor of the Hollyhocks roadhouse, would keep the money for them.

Hull stated that he is confident that if the father of Doc and Fred Barker is not already with them, and if old man Barker is carefully watched he will sooner or later go direct to where Doc and Fred are located; that if old man Barker does leave his filling station near Miami, Okla., to join his own sons, Doc and Fred, he will not likely take any baggage.

Henry Hull stated he cannot furnish any further information about the Karpis-Barker gang, as he has not been connected with them since January, 1933.

With reference to Carol Tankersley, alias Carol Hamilton, ex-wife of Herman Barker, Mr. L. E. Hewitt, Superintendent of Mails, Galveston, Texas, advised they have no record of Carol Tankersley, alias Hamilton at Galveston Postoffice. Mr. F. H. Michalka, General Delivery Clerk, Galveston Postoffice, advised that no mail is being received for or called for in the name of Carol Tankersley, or Carol Hamilton.

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
March 29, 1934

DE:CG

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

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith an editorial  
appearing in the Tulsa, Oklahoma Tribune under  
date of March 26, 1934, which it has occurred to  
me might be of interest to the Division.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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March 26, 1934

### MORE POLITICAL PAROLES

Charges by the United States Department of Justice that Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis were linked with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Louis in January add another indictment against the vicious, politically-controlled Oklahoma parole system. Both Barker and Karpis are on parole from the state penitentiary at McAlester. Barker served 10 years of a life sentence for murder and Karpis was released after serving part of a four-year sentence for burglary. Both were criminals to the core, and neither has shown any indication of a desire to reform since they were given their freedom.

Citizens of Oklahoma who pay taxes to maintain the police and sheriffs' forces, the courts and prisons, should be able to understand that a large part of the costs is directly attributable to such paroles as were given Barker and Karpis. Scores of criminals who have been through the courts and prisons of the state are operating in Tulsa's underworld. One Tulsa lawyer, playing politics with his friend, the governor, can undo the work of all our courts by obtaining paroles for criminals convicted in Tulsa.

The people should not only elect legislators pledged to take this power from the governor, but they should get after the political lawyer who, posing as a respectable citizen, conspires with criminals for their freedom and for continuation of their criminal careers.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

March 30, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

With reference to Division letters of March 2 and March 27, 1934, regarding the communication from I.L. Doherty of Killdeer, North Dakota, please be advised that the remarks of Mr. Doherty, in his letter to the Department, will be investigated at the earliest possible time.

The Division will note that Mr. Doherty's letter mentions a rumor concerning which he states he has no proof and that his purpose in writing the Department was to satisfy his curiosity. In view of the apparent character of his information, it was not deemed necessary to investigate it immediately.

This matter will be given investigative attention when there are other leads in that section of the district unless the Division otherwise instructs.

Very truly yours,

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

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
March 28, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al.  
EDWARD G. OBREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING - S.L. File 7-27.

Dear Sir:

I respectfully invite your attention to my letter of March 27th, 1934, directed to Inspector W.A. Rorer at St. Paul, Minnesota, copy of which went forward to you, and I will ask the Division to give consideration to the advisability of detailing a suitable number of undercover agents to Reno, Nevada, for the purpose of determining if and when one or more of the subjects involved in this case return to Reno, and so that such agents may make arrangements for their apprehension.

While I am in no position to state whether or not the Division has definitely learned of the location of one or more of these subjects at any other place or places in the United States, it seems reasonable to believe that since they have been at, and are known in and about Reno, Nevada, that they will return there sooner or later. The question to be decided is whether or not the Division believes it profitable to detail undercover men to Reno, for that one purpose, and so place them that they may operate to the advantage of the Division.

Very truly yours,

*John A. Dowd*  
JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Answered  
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April 25, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
503-4 U. S. Court House and Post Office Building,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Identification Order 1218,  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,  
Identification Order 1219, et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 28, 1934, concerning the advisability of detailing a suitable number of undercover Agents at Reno, Nevada for the purpose of determining if and when one or more of the subjects involved in the above entitled case return to Reno.

In the event you have not already been so advised, Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry has been assigned as an undercover Agent at Reno, Nevada, having arrived there on April 14, 1934, and is stopping at the El Cortez Hotel, 239 West Second Street, Reno, Nevada, under the name of F. T. Berry. He can be reached by telephone at Reno 5118, and in the event you have occasion to send anything to him by mail, he should be addressed as F. T. Berry, c/o General Delivery, Reno, Nevada, using only plain envelopes without any identifying marks to indicate a connection with the Federal Government.

Very truly yours,

  
Director.

CC Mr. Rorer, St. Paul,



**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

1331 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,

El Paso, Texas,

March 29, 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.

Having reference to report of Special Agent C.C. Spears, Portland, Oregon, dated 3-22-34, in the above entitled case, wherein it is mentioned that photographs of Edward W. Bentz, Seattle PD #6894, were furnished all Division offices on August 21, 1933 in connection with the George Kelly Barnes case, please be advised that this office has no such photographs.

It is therefore kindly requested, if same are available, that the El Paso office be furnished with several photographs of Edward W. Bentz.

Very truly yours,

*R. H. Colvin*

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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April 6, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1331 First National Bank Building,  
El Paso, Texas.

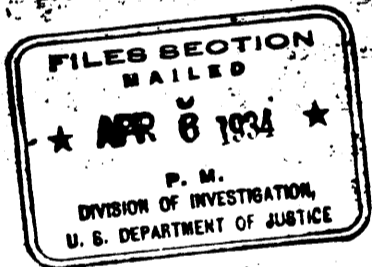
Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of March 29, 1934, concerning the case entitled: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim, Kidnaping. I am enclosing three copies of the photograph of Edward V. Bents.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #69915



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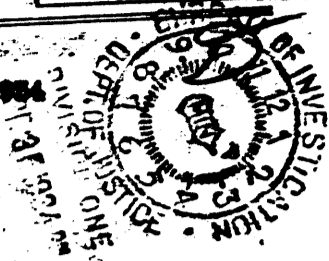
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and the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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W A Rorer  
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March 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

With reference to your memorandum of March 28, advising me of your conversation with Mr. Brantley in connection with the publicity concerning the Barker-Karpis-Bremer case, I am thoroughly disgusted with the manner in which this matter has been handled in Oklahoma. Obviously, Mr. Brantley has not been able to make any real progress in this matter, and from the latest reports it would appear that Mr. Nellis is indulging in evasive tactics. I wish that you would immediately contact with Mr. Nathan at St. Paul and direct him to proceed at once to Oklahoma City, giving him the benefit of the background of this story to date, and instruct him that it is my desire that this matter be brought to a definite conclusion. We must ascertain the source of this publicity. It is obvious that it emanated either from St. Paul, or from Oklahoma, and I want Mr. Nathan to give it his personal attention and to definitely ascertain the facts in the matter.

Very truly yours,

Director

*Edward G. Bremer*

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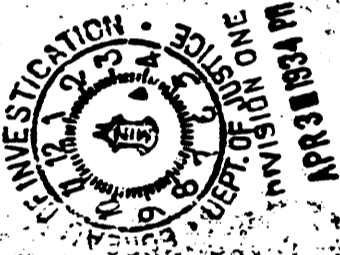
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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO

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March 31, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
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Post Office Box 815,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

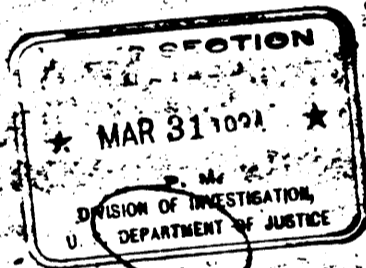
Reference is made to Division letter of March 13, 1934, in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim - KIDNAPING. The fingerprints of John Gordon, St. Paul Police Department #20805, have been received and compared with the latent fingerprints in this case with negative results.

As noted in Division letter of March 13, 1934, it has not been possible to definitely identify Nina Snyder, our #18232, as a suspect in this case. Your attention is called to this matter so that you may furnish additional information identifying Nina Snyder as a suspect.

The fingerprints of John Gordon, St. Paul Police Department #20805, have been entered in the Single Fingerprint File.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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DIRECTOR

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March 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I telephoned Mr. Nathan about the publicity in the Barker-Karpis-Bremer case and advised him that in addition to the original plans which he had of making an investigation at Oklahoma City, he should determine how Bracewell in Saint Paul knew that the "heat was on Hollis" in Oklahoma City; who Hanson talked to; and to whom he gave the information about the identifications; why he gave information to Bracewell; and full details of the occasion which prompted numerous peace officers, newspaper men and a newspaper woman to accompany the Special Agent conducting the raid in Oklahoma, as was indicated by Bracewell and also that he should go by way of Topeka to interview Wentz Smith of the Kansas State Police as he appeared to have known about the identifications and from him information should be obtained as to the source of his information, as well as that known to George Stewart, a peace officer in Oklahoma.

I likewise told Mr. Nathan that an air mail letter would be forwarded to him at Oklahoma City today relative to an interview which he was conducting with Francis Kramer at New York based upon information furnished by Informant Alcorn, alias Korn, alias Kay.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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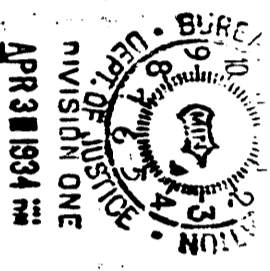
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Post Office Drawer 1457,  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
March 30, 1934.

u  
Postmaster W. A. Fay,  
Jacksonville,  
Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 26, 1934 relative to certain information which it is believed that one Alfred W. Leeper of Jacksonville, Illinois possesses relative to the participants in the Bremer kidnaping case at St. Paul, Minnesota.

I desire to thank you for furnishing this information, and to advise that an Agent from this Office will interview Mr. Leeper concerning same.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division

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March 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

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In regard to the attached letter dated March 26, 1934, from the Agent in Charge of our New York Office, stating that Mr. Alsop had informed him that Leon Kramer would talk to me via his Assistant Director Nathan, I wish you would prepare a memorandum upon this entire matter in order that I might transmit it to Mr. Nathan so that he can make arrangements, before returning to Washington, to proceed to New York, contact with Mr. Fay, and make the necessary arrangements to interview Kramer. The purpose of the memorandum which I am desirous of having you prepare is in order that Mr. Nathan may be thoroughly advised of the background in this matter.



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After the memorandum has been prepared, will you please forward it by letter to Mr. Nathan with appropriate instructions.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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*Edward G. Bremer*

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Reference is made to the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota and recent items of publicity which have arisen relative to the investigative steps which have been taken in reaching a solution of this matter.

In this connection, it has been definitely determined that Mr. Edward G. Bremer personally gave out information to the press as to the type of wall paper which appeared on the walls of the room in which he was held captive. The definite identification of this wall paper, however, has subsequently been established by the Division and there has been no publicity brought to my attention relative to the identification of this wall paper. Its identification was effected by having a drawing made, based on Mr. Bremer's recollection of the wall paper pattern, following which investigation was made at the various wall paper manufacturing establishments in the United States and from one of the samples selected as being similar to the pattern prepared, Mr. Bremer has made definite identification.

The flash lights, which were used by the kidnapers, were located by Special Agents of the Division. They were photographed and the photographs were enlarged as an aid to effect identification of these flash lights. It became necessary to canvass manufacturers and wholesale dealers in these flash lights and in the conduct of this investigation, the photographs were exhibited to these manufacturers and dealers. It would appear logical that this information could have reached newspaper men through any one of the many contacts made in this connection. It is to be pointed out, however, that there has been no publicity as to the identity of the store where the flash lights were purchased or the identity of the saleslady who sold these flash lights to Alvin Karpis, one of the kidnapers. This information is known only to the Special Agents.

Concerning the publicity relative to the gasoline cans in which the reserve supply of gas was stored and placed in the automobile in which Mr. Bremer was returned, photographs and complete descriptive data relating to these cans were obtained and numerous inquiries were made of can manufacturers as well as many gasoline filling stations along the road known to have been followed by the kidnapers, in an effort to effect a

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positive identification of the kidnapers by photographs. The publicity relative to the fact that these cans have been found could have been based upon information furnished newspaper men by any one of the numerous operators of filling stations or dealers in this type of equipment.

Although mention was made of the fact that fingerprints were found on the cans and the flash lights, this could be a logical assumption on the part of newspaper men due to the necessity for some link to exist to show that the cans and flash lights had been in the possession of the kidnapers. Fingerprints would be the logical method of establishing such a connection; however, it is to be noted that although fingerprints were found on the gasoline cans, no fingerprints have been found on the flash lights, which shows that this portion of the published information is not based on fact.

The investigation of this matter is continuing in an effort to determine the source of the information which appeared in the newspapers. However, it is gratifying and significant to note that there has been no mention of the fact that a cap worn by one of the kidnapers has been identified and this cap was found in the kidnapers' car, which further tends to definitely establish the identity of the kidnapers. It would appear, if the information is based on data furnished by any employee of this Division, that the identity of the cap would have been an important element. Likewise a further fact, known to the Special Agents of this Division, is the identity of the saleslady selling the flash lights and the store where they were sold, which has not appeared in the press.

Although incorrect information has appeared as to identifying fingerprints on the flash lights, at the same time there has been no publicity concerning the definite identification of the wall paper pattern. Upon receipt of any additional information bearing on this publicity, I shall be glad to immediately advise you.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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From  
**THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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- Solicitor General Biggs
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*Edward L. Brennan*

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DIRECTOR

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Washington, D. C.

MR. NATHAN	✓
MR. CLEGG	✓
MR. EDWARDS	✓
MR. GANNON	✓
MR. LESTER	✓
MR. LOCKE	✓
MR. RORER	✓

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March 28, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Purvis called. He stated in answer to inquiry that the Special Agents assigned to Mr. Rorer's special detail had been working in his district until he telephoned Mr. Rorer and informed him that he thought the case would not be receiving proper supervision and might lead to duplication of effort unless Purvis could review and supervise their work as long as they remained in the Chicago territory. Mr. Rorer agreed this was the proper procedure and the Agents are working in the Chicago territory under Mr. Purvis' supervision exclusively on the Bremer case, the rough draft reports being mailed in to the Chicago Office for typing.

Mr. Purvis stated he had received a telegram from the Salt Lake City Office advising that it was unnecessary for Agent Newman to proceed to Denver to testify before the Boettcher Award Committee. I told him he might follow the suggestion of Mr. Dowd.

Respectfully,

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H. H. Clegg

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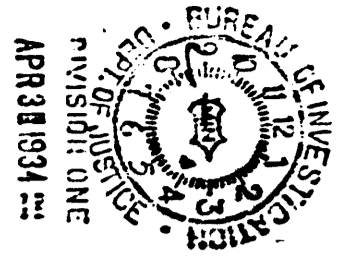
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
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Dear Sir:

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

\* Criminal Record

Confirming telegraphic communication from this office today in response to Division telegram of March 29th relative to the sentence of Alvin Karpis, this is to advise that Special Agent Earle M. Black examined the Criminal Appearance Docket at Henryetta, Oklahoma, which discloses that Alvin Karpis, alias George Haller, on September 17, 1931, upon plea of guilty to a charge of burglary, before Superior Court Judge J. H. Swann, sitting in the Henryetta Division of the Okmulgee County Superior Court, was sentenced to serve three years in the State Reformatory at Granite, Oklahoma and was paroled by Judge Swann from the bench on the same date to M. M. Alexander, his attorney, who was the former Judge of the District Court at Okmulgee, Oklahoma, there being no commitment of Alvin Karpis to the Reformatory.

Replied  
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Special Agent H. E. Hollis communicated by telephone with Mr. R. A. Shackelford, Record Clerk at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, and made inquiry as to whether or not Alvin Karpis had ever been confined in that institution. Mr. Shackelford stated that he recently received a copy of the fingerprints of Alvin Karpis from the Department of Justice at Washington and, after receiving this, he searched through his fingerprint files and definitely determined that Alvin Karpis had not been confined in the State Penitentiary.

The information as to Alvin Karpis and others mentioned herein was developed as follows:

At Okmulgee, Oklahoma, Mr. Edgar Johnson, Court Clerk, who is the Clerk of the District, Superior and County Courts, Okmulgee, was interviewed. Mr. Johnson stated that J. H. Swann is the Judge of the Superior Court of the Okmulgee, Oklahoma district. Mr. Johnson stated that the records in connection with the trial of Alvin Karpis

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at Henryetta, Oklahoma (which is in Okmulgee County) are maintained in the office of the Deputy Court Clerk, Henryetta, and there is no record in this connection at the Court Clerk's office at Okmulgee.

Sheriff John Lenox, Okmulgee, produced his records and in Jail Record Book No. 1, Page 274, under date of June 12, 1931 appears this entry.

Alvin Karpis; charge burglary; sentenced three years; ✓  
paroled September 17, 1931.

By reference to the Sheriff's Criminal Fee Record Book No. 9, for Okmulgee County, at Page 149, the following entry was shown:

State of Oklahoma versus Fred Barker, Sam Coker, Alvin Karpis, Joe Howard, J. L. Swanson; charge burglary. ✓  
Warrant received June 12, 1931; returned found June 16, 1931.

Further, by reference to the Sheriff's Jail Record Book No. 1, Page 21, under date of June 12, 1931, the record shows that Fred Barker on a charge of burglary, made bond on July 3, 1931, but there is no further record as to Barker.

In the same book, Page 72, the record shows that Sam Coker, on a charge of burglary, was sentenced (date not shown) to serve thirty years in McAlester State Penitentiary and was sent there on June 19, 1931. ✓

In the same book, Page 202, the record shows that Joe Howard, on a charge of burglary, made bond August 8, 1931, no further record being shown. ✓

In the same book, Page 475, the record shows that J. F. Swanson was arrested June 11, 1931; charge investigation; released by the Sheriff, June 17, 1931. ✓

The Sheriff's records contained no reference to George Haller.

At the Identification Bureau, Okmulgee Police Department, Mr. W. O. Greenhaw, after a search of the records, advised there is no record on file of George Haller, but the fingerprint records disclose that on June 10, 1931 Alvin Karpis, alias Alvin Karpis, alias R. E. Hamilton, alias George Dunn (with question mark notations after Dunn)

under Okmulgee Police Department No. 1609, was arrested by the Okmulgee Police on a charge of burglary (burglarizing Black's Jewelry Store, Henryetta, Oklahoma) and turned over to the County, fingerprints being forwarded to the Division on June 10, 1931. ✓

Under Okmulgee Police Department No. 293 records disclose that Fred Barker was arrested June 10, 1931 on a charge of burglary and turned over to the County. There is a previous card on Barker which shows his arrest December 19, 1925 at Okmulgee, Oklahoma; charge investigation - "turned over to Fort Smith, Arkansas authorities for burglary." ✓

Under Okmulgee Police Department No. 1610 records disclose that Joe Howard was arrested June 10, 1931 and turned over to the County, charge burglary. ✓

Under Okmulgee Police Department No. 1608 records disclose that Ralph Nelson, alias Sam Coker, was arrested June 10, 1931; charge burglary; turned over to the County. ✓

Under Okmulgee Police Department No. 1603 records disclose that Jasper T. Swanson was arrested June 11, 1931, charge investigation - burglary; turned over to the County. ✓

All of the above burglary charges were in connection with the burglarization of Black's Jewelry Store, Henryetta, Oklahoma.

Mr. Greenhaw stated that he has only one photograph of Ralph Nelson, alias Sam Coker, Joe Howard and J. T. Swanson, but that he will print additional copies and forward them to the Oklahoma City office.

Mr. E. J. Collyer, Deputy Court Clerk, Henryetta, Oklahoma, produced the Criminal Appearance Docket No. 3, and at Page 163, Case No. 2250, is shown the following entry:

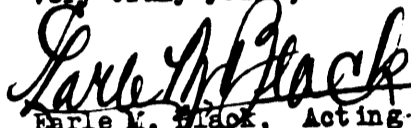
State of Oklahoma versus Fred Barker; Alvin Karpis, alias George Haller; Sam Coker, alias Ralph Nelson; Joe Howard, alias Joe Woodruff, alias Joe Wilson; and J. L. Swanson, charge burglary; case filed July 8, 1931. ✓

The docket as to Alvin Karpis discloses the record as shown in the first part of this letter and in addition thereto shows that on September 30, 1931 a bench warrant was issued for Joe Howard and on October 5, 1931 for Fred Barker; bonds being furnished by both and on October 12, 1931, the defendants failing to appear, bonds were forfeited. ✓

On October 21, 1932 Entry of Cause was put on the Retired Docket (Mr. Collyer stating that this means that the case is not likely to be called for trial.) No further record is shown and nothing is shown as to Sam Coker alias Ralph Nelson, or J. L. Swanson.

The records at Henryetta appeared incomplete, but in view of the fact that the Sheriff's record, Okmulgee, discloses that Sam Coker was sentenced to serve thirty years in the McAlester Penitentiary on a charge of burglary, being sent there on June 19, 1931, when an Agent is next at McAlester, Oklahoma, inquiry will be made to ascertain if Sam Coker is at present incarcerated at McAlester and, if so, he will be interviewed for any information he may be able to furnish relative to any of the Karpis-Barker gang; also at Fort Smith, Arkansas, effort will be made to obtain the disposition of the case against Fred Barker noted above.

Very truly yours,

  
Earle M. Black, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Mr. Rorer - St. Paul.

318 Howe Building  
San Francisco, California.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
505-A U.S. Court House & Post Office Building,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
ROY J. PHILIP - Victim  
KIDNAPING.

While checking the hotels in San Francisco, in this case, it was ascertained from the register of the William Taylor Hotel, McAllister and Leavenworth Streets, that M.D. Lehman and wife, registration card No. 172, giving Reno, Nevada, as an address, registered in at said hotel at 10:21 P.M. on Oct. 7, 1933, and were assigned room 1132 at the rate of \$4.00 per day, and checked out on the evening of Nov. 9, 1933; that the registration card bears the notation, "Friends of J. McKay, Reno."

It was further ascertained, from registration card No. 173, that H. J. Marion, giving address Reno, Nevada, registered in at 10:21 P.M. on Oct. 7, 1933, and checked out on the evening of Oct. 9, 1933, and was assigned room 1129. The registration card of H. J. Marion bears the reference, "See card 172", and also bears notation, "Friend of J. McKay". The rate for said room was \$4.00 per day.

Tom Silk, now assistant manager Whitcomb Hotel, 1231 Market St., San Francisco, stated that he was night clerk at the William Taylor Hotel in October, 1933; that he has no recollection of description of above persons; that he does have a recollection that they had no baggage; that he did not require them to give an advance for the reason that they said they were friends of J. McKay, of Reno, Nevada, who is a patron of the William Taylor Hotel and frequent visitor; that the above persons checked out on the evening of Nov. 9, 1933, and he is under the impression that they took a train for Reno at that time.

It is requested that the identity of M. D. Lehman and wife and H. J. Marion and wife be established, inasmuch as it is noted that

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on the registration card of the William Taylor Hotel, on Oct. 9, 1933,  
that they are friends of J. McKay, who is a defendant, with William  
Graham, on a mail fraud violation, in which case Roy J. Frisch, victim,  
a material witness, has disappeared.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Montgomery, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

C.C. Division  
C.C. St. Paul  
C.C. R. E. Vetterli, Golden Hotel, Reno, Nev.

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Box 709,  
Portland, Oregon.  
March 25, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
318 Hayes Building,  
San Francisco, Cal.

ALVIN KARPIS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnapping

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to report of Special Agent in Charge G. E. Spears, Portland, dated March 23, 1934. You will note among the criminal associates of Ed. Bantz the names of Charles Leroy Kalso and Thomas Flanders. Kalso is listed as a brother-in-law and Flanders is thought to be or have been related to Bantz by marriage.

From time to time reports have come to this office that some of the associates of the Bantz brothers may be located at or in the vicinity of Grass Valley, California. It is now reported that Charles Leroy Kalso and Thomas Flanders are somewhere near Grass Valley at the present time; that they own, operate, or are interested in a gold mine at that point. If such is the fact, it is believed that this would serve as an excellent hideout for Bantz and his gang. You will also note that Ed and Ted Bantz are reported to be on the West Coast at the present time.

Enclosed herewith is photograph of Ted Bantz, also Thomas Spencer Flanders who is described as:

Age 35  
Height 5 Ft. 9 in.  
Weight 164 lb.  
Hair Brown  
Eyes Dark blue  
Comp. Medium  
E. P. O. 22 10 35  
28 ME

Seattle P. O. 1711

Photograph of Kalso is not available. His Dallas P. O. number is 10001 and that office is herewith requested to obtain and furnish you with a copy of same.

It is requested that investigation in accordance with the above be conducted at as early a date as possible.

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cc Division  
Inspector Rorer, St. Paul  
Dallas

Very truly yours

E. A. King, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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W. H. J.

118 Howe Building  
San Francisco, California.

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March 21, 1934



Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
903-A U.S. Court House & Post Office Building,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

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

While checking the hotels in San Francisco, in this case, it was ascertained from the register of the William Taylor Hotel, McAllister and Leavenworth Streets, that M. D. Lehman and wife, registration card No. 172, giving Reno, Nevada, as an address, registered in at said hotel at 10:41 P.M. on Oct. 7, 1933, and were assigned room 1182 at the rate of \$6.00 per day, and checked out on the evening of Nov. 9, 1933; that the registration card bears the notation, "Friends of J. McKay, Reno."

It was further ascertained, from registration card No. 172, that H. J. Marlon, giving address Reno, Nevada, registered in at 10:41 P.M. on Oct. 7, 1933, and checked out on the evening of Oct. 9, 1933, and was assigned room 1189. The registration card of H. J. Marlon bears the reference, "See card 172", and also bears notation, "Friends of J. McKay". The rate for said room was \$4.00 per day.

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Tom Silk, now assistant manager Whitcomb Hotel, 1241 Market St., San Francisco, stated that he was night clerk at the William Taylor Hotel in October, 1933; that he has no distinct recollection of description of above persons; that he does have a recollection that they had no baggage; that he did not require them to pay in advance for the reason that they said they were friends of J. McKay of Reno, Nevada, who is a patron of the William Taylor Hotel and frequent visitor; that the above persons checked out on the evening of Nov. 9, 1933, and he is under the impression that they took a train for Reno at that time.

It is requested that the Salt Lake City Division Office make investigation at Reno, Nevada, to establish the identity of M.D.

Lohman and wife and H.J. Marlow, who possibly are identical with suspects in this case, inasmuch as it has been ascertained that Volney Davis was in San Francisco on Oct. 9, 1933, at which time he purchased an Auburn Sedan.

Very truly yours,

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

S.S. Division  
C.C. St. Paul  
C.C. E. E. Vetterli, Golden Hotel, Reno, Nev.

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The following received this letter:

P O Box 585  
Los Angeles, California.  
March 31, 1934.

Inspector in Chge.. State Department of  
Agriculture, Quarantine Station, at Yuma, Ariz.;  
Blythe, Daggett and Yermo, California.  
C. A. Perkins, Insp. in Chge., U. S. Immigration, San Ysidro  
Herbert Hadley, " " " " " " " " " " El Centro



Dear Sir:-

Re: **ALVIN KARPIS**, with aliases, et al  
Los Angeles File No. 7-42

This Department is presently conducting an extensive investigation looking to the apprehension of the following named and described individuals:

**VOLNEY DAVIS**

Age 30  
Height 5'8 3/4"  
Weight 125 lbs.  
Build Slender  
Hair Light chestnut  
Eyes Blue  
Complexion Fair

**FRED BAKER**

22 years  
5'4"  
120 lbs.  
Slender  
Sandy  
Blue  
Medium Fair

**ALVIN KARPIS**

23 years  
5'9 3/4"  
120 lbs.  
Slender  
Brown  
Blue  
Fair

**ARTHUR R. BARKER**

Age 34  
Height 5'3 3/4"  
Weight 119 lbs.  
Build Short  
Hair Black  
Eyes Brown  
Complexion Medium

**HARRY CAMPBELL**

20 years  
5'5"  
140 lbs.  
Medium  
Brown  
Blue  
Ruddy

For your information the above named are known in the recent past to have had in their possession the following described automobiles:

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1933 twelve-cylinder Auburn Sedan, Motor No. 25-1527; blue body, grey hood, canvas top, six wire wheels; registered in the name of WILLIAM B. LOEBAN in 1933.

1933 Buick Sedan, Motor No. 2797988; registered in the State of Nevada, 1933, Registration No. 1498.

1933 Buick Sedan, Motor No. 2538090, first entered the State of California in November, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, driven by FRED BARKER, who at that time used the alias of T. C. BLACKBURN.

Ford V-8, Motor No. 12493080, model unknown, registered in 1933 under name of T. C. BLACKBURN, 4214 North Lockwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio; operated in 1933 under California Permit No. 124933.

1933 Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 885160, purchased at Reno, Nevada, by one of the above-named, using the alias of H. J. HARVEY, to whom 1933 Nevada license No. 1255 was issued.

Ford V-8 Deluxe Coupe, Motor No. 328420, registered in October, 1933, State of Minnesota, under No. B-473569 to E. V. DAVIS, Box 52, Lakeville, Minnesota, formerly registered in the State of Illinois under the same name, address Box 222, Graylake, Illinois.

Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No. 2554574, registered in the State of Minnesota in January, 1934, under No. B-45372, to E. V. DAVIS, Box 254, White Bear Lake, Minnesota; registered in 1933 in the State of Illinois, which registration number is 774267, to the same individual, 2408 Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. 81821, changed to 8181; 1933 Nevada registration in name of E. L. BURNES, 591 West Seventh St., St. Paul, Minn.; registered in 1932 in that State under No. B-128081 to the same individual at the same address.

Ford V-8 Deluxe Coupe, Motor No. 12-304794, Minnesota registration for the year 1934 No. B-78032 to E. L. MURPHY, Box 245, White Bear, Minnesota.

Graham Paige Sedan, Motor No. 1024021, purchased from the Graham-Paige Agency at San Francisco, California, by E. L. BURNES of 2970 California Street, that city. 1933 Out of State Permit was obtained for this car by the above-named, giving his address as the Ridgeway Apartments, Reno, Nevada.

As soon as photographs are available of the above-named, same will be immediately forwarded to you.

It is respectfully requested that every effort be made to obtain information concerning the above-described cars and the above-named individuals. Any information so secured should be immediately transmitted to me by collect (Government rate) telegram at 617 Federal Building, or telephone Mutual 2201.

Assuring you that your cooperation in this matter will be most highly appreciated, I am

Very truly yours,

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

CDW:ED

cc Division



St. Paul, Minnesota  
March 30, 1934

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR ROBER:

Re: BREKID  
St. Paul File 4-30

The following is a list of towns which report that a stationary siren may be heard in the mornings:

ILLINOIS

Algonquin  
Brookfield  
Mazen  
Riverside  
South Pekin  
Wilmington

6:00 A.M.  
8:00 A.M.  
8:00 A.M.  
8:00 A.M.  
8:00 A.M.  
7:00 A.M.

WISCONSIN

Blackwell  
West Allis (adjoins Milwaukee)

7:00 A.M. (since 2-1-34)  
8:00 A.M.

Agents have conducted investigation at all of the towns in Illinois, except Mazen.

Yours truly,

R. B. Donaldson.

RBD:TC

- 3-Division
- 3-Chicago
- 1-Kansas City
- 1-St. Louis
- 1-St. Paul

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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*[Handwritten signature]*

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Nathan called me from Oklahoma City this morning. He stated he had interviewed Agent Hansen relative to the "leak" in the Karpis-Barker-Bremer case, and he stated that he did not have the information until he returned to the office from the raids.

Mr. Nathan stated he had also talked to Agent Hollis, advising him that if he would give the full details now, nothing serious would happen, but that if after investigation we discovered that he had withheld some of the facts from us, the situation would be quite different. He further stated that he wanted to give him time to think over the matter before giving an answer.

Mr. Nathan said he had discussed with Mr. Brantley the matter of the policemen and newspaper reporters accompanying Agents on the raids. I mentioned to Mr. Nathan that I am considering sending a letter to all Agents in Charge, calling their attention to the provisions of the Manual and Rules and Regulations concerning publicity. Mr. Nathan suggested that in such a letter some provision be made covering informants.

*Oklahoma City*

Very truly yours,  
DIRECTOR

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

March 30, 1934.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Cowley	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Miss Clark	.....
Mr. Mohr	.....

HHC:DSS

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan called. He arrived in Kansas City this morning and proceeded to Topeka to interview Wentz Smith there. Smith stated that he had, he thought, received this information two or three weeks before it was published and believed that he received the information from Chief Deputy Anderson. Anderson was at that time endeavoring to deliver prisoners and he got in touch with Anderson enroute between Topeka and Columbus, Ohio. During this talk today between Wentz Smith and Chief Deputy Anderson, Anderson advised Smith that he had talked with both Hollis and an officer by the name of Stewart in Oklahoma. He was not sure whether it was Hollis or Stewart who had given him the information and he likewise was not sure whether they had told him about the identification of the Barker-Karpis gang or whether it was about the method by which the identification was made, namely by fingerprints. Mr. Nathan stated that this was about as definite as it was possible for him to obtain information from Smith but Anderson is to be in Oklahoma soon and he will interview Anderson in Oklahoma and get additional information.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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Laboratory Report

March 30, 1934.

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

Number: 7-576

Specimens: 1 letter in handwriting of Mrs. G. E. Barker with aliases.  
Letter addressed to Warden, dated 8-8-29, Tulsa, Oklahoma.  
Fingerprint cards of Kathlyne Hall, #552942, and Gertie Lee,  
P.D. Cleveland, Ohio; and Katherine Barker, #66408.

Examination requested by: Inspector W. A. Rorer - St. Paul Office.

Date received: March 26, 1934.

Examination requested: Laboratory.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel

March 28. A comparison of the photostatic copy of the letter of Mrs. Barker to the Warden, dated August 8, 1929, with the fingerprint cards described above does not indicate that any of these individuals are identical with the one writing the letter. There are insufficient specimens to make any real comparison. Some of the fingerprint cards are old. The characteristics of none of them appear to indicate similarities.

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2 - Laboratory.

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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 George 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 26, 1934.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure:

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Handwritten initials: M, W, X

U. S. Department of Justice  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
~~Bureau of Investigation~~  
P. O. Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
March 27, 1934

Mr. NATHAN	_____
Mr. TOLSON	_____
Mr. CLEGG	_____
Mr. COWLEY	_____
Mr. EDWARDS	_____
Mr. LACAN	_____
Mr. QUINN	_____
Mr. LAMER	_____
Chief Clerk	_____
Mr. HONER	_____

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Director,  
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.

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Dear Sir :

In my letter to you of March 19, 1934 with respect to certain articles appearing in newspapers concerning latent fingerprints which were found on gasoline cans during the investigation of this case, it will be observed from paragraph five, page six, that I stated that Agent Hollis is preparing a memorandum for me concerning the subject matter of this inquiry. The only portion of the memorandum which has been submitted to me by Agent Hollis that is not covered in my letter referred to is as follows :

Handwritten notes: H. C. ...

"I also interviewed Jim Bracewell, Special Agent for the Great Lakes Pipe Line Company at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Bracewell was a member of the posse which conducted the raid near Mannford, Oklahoma, on March 15, 1934, and was around the court house at Sapulpa during the time the men arrested were being held there and also accompanied the officers to McAlester in transporting the prisoners to the State Penitentiary. I asked Bracewell whether or not he had heard any officers make a statement regarding fingerprints having been found in connection with the Bremer case, and he said that he had heard no such statement. He further advised me that he was one of the officers who assisted in the raid on the Cookson Hills several weeks ago and, while there, he heard officers discuss the fact that Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis had been identified in the Bremer case. He later heard something about fingerprints connected with the Bremer case. He believes this information was obtained in Kansas City, or possibly from Wint Smith of the Kansas State Highway Patrol. Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick of Tulsa, Oklahoma was present when I talked with Jim Bracewell. Mr. Kirkpatrick, you will recall, is the person who paid the ransom in the Urschel case. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that he was in Fort Worth, Texas, on March 15, 1934, and talked with officers Swinney and Weatherford

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of the Fort Worth Police Department. These officers told Mr. Kirkpatrick that the fingerprints of Harry Campbell, or Wright, or some person connected with that gang, had been found on a car door or elsewhere. This discussion with reference to the fingerprints was in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case."

I am in receipt of a letter from E. N. Martel, International News representative at McAlester, Oklahoma in which he enclosed copies of some items sent out by him in respect to this matter. They are quoted below:

"The following press was sent through Postal at 4 30 on afternoon of 15th shortly after the men were brought to the prison.

UNITED PRESS, KANSAS CITY, MO.  
INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE, KANSAS CITY, MO.  
ASSOCIATED PRESS, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

H E HOLLIS, FEDERAL OPERATIVE, AND ABOUT DOZEN OFFICERS ARRIVED LATE THIS EVENING PRISON WITH FRANK DOWNING ED BRODIE GLEN LEROY WRIGHT CHAS COTNER JOHN W. McATEE FOR SAFEKEEPING

E. N. MARTEL."

"Message received 3 25 afternoon 15th from United Press, Oklahoma City. When this message was received I don't think the five men had been brought in yet.

E. N. MARTEL  
CARE POSTAL  
McALESTER, OKLAHOMA

PLEASE PROTECT IF QUESTIONING OF ALONZO BRISCO AT PRISON CONNECTS HIM WITH BREMER KIDNAPPING DAY OR NIGHT

HALES, UNITED."

"After calling the Warden, I wired the United Press as follows:

UNITED PRESS,  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

WARDEN SAM BROWN SAYS ALONZO BRISCO NOT HERE. DOES NOT KNOW HIM. POSSIBLY HE IS UNDER SOME OTHER NAME

E. N. MARTEL."

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I am transmitting herewith some newspaper clippings.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Enc.

# ROBBER SUSPECT DENIES HIS GUILT

## Glen Roy Wright, Taken in Raid, Given Hearing at Stillwater

**TULSA WORLD**  
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World's Own Service

STILLWATER, March 17.—Glen Roy Wright of Tulsa, charged with robbery by firearms in the \$5,000 hijacking of cash receipts at the Stillwater monthly farmers' day auction here last October, plead not guilty when arraigned before Payne County Judge Henry W. Hoel Saturday afternoon.

Through a local attorney, L. G. Lewis, Wright entered a demurrer to the complaint and demanded a preliminary trial. Date for the preliminary hearing was set for March 27 in Judge Hoel's court.

Lewis maintains he doesn't know who had sought him to take over the defense for Wright, although he displayed a telegram with a Perry date line instructing him to do so which was signed "Wright."

### FAILS TO IDENTIFY COTNER AS CAPTOR

M'ALESTER, March 17 (AP)—Failure of a farm youth to identify Charles Cotner as his captor on a wild flight from Chelsea, Okla., to Fort Smith, Ark., February 4, today saved him from trial at Claremore on a charge of murder.

The boy, Roy Dye, said after viewing the suspect that he was not the man who commandeered his car near Chelsea after shooting down Al P. Powell, deputy sheriff, and Eddie Clanton, the latter a member of the Cookson hills band of outlaws and his companion in a Chelsea burglary.

Major Wint Smith, head of the Kansas highway patrol, conferred with county officers at Claremore, who indicated that their case depended largely on the word of young Dye. Cotner is wanted in Galena and Baxter Springs, Kan., for bank robberies.

At Sapulpa, Creek county officers who staged the raid with outside aid, received word that a \$20 bill from a roll of \$100 taken from Wright was counterfeit, and were promised by the federal secret service that if state charges against him do not stick he will be tried in federal court. Wright is a robbery and murder suspect.

### BRACKETT ACCUSED AFTER RAID ON FARM

World's Own Service

SAPULPA, March 17.—Ira Brackett, at whose farm home Glen Roy Wright and other accused desperadoes were arrested Thursday was arraigned before Justice of Peace Paul C. Davis this afternoon charged with harboring criminals.

The charge against Brackett was brought by Deputy Sheriff Wesley Gage of Creek county, one of the members of the raiding party. Brackett's bond was set at \$10,000. Mary O'Doley, Sapulpa, and Brackett, Mansford, preliminary hearing was set for March 27.

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## Wright Delays Plea to Charge

TULSA TRIBUNE 3-17-34

### Identified as Participant in Auction Robbery

STILLWATER, Ok., March 17.—(AP)—Glenn Roy Wright, the "prize catch" of Mannford raid, was arraigned here late Friday on a charge of robbery with firearms of a farmers' auction sale and requested 24 hours delay before entering his plea.

Hustled here from state's prison at McAlester, where four of the eight Mannford captives remained for safekeeping, Wright was identified by nine persons as one of the machine gun robbers who robbed the sale of its \$5,000 receipts.

Kansas officers questioned the four at McAlester—Charles Cotner, Ed Brophy, J. W. McAtee and Frank Downey—but declined to make public the results.

At Sapulpa, however, Major Wint Smith of the Kansas highway patrol, said earlier that Cotner, Downey, and the two women captured in the dawn raid near Mannford, would be extradited to Kansas.

He said Cotner and Grace Outler would be questioned concerning bank robberies at Galena and Baxter Springs, and the other woman, Winnie Morris, will be taken to Galena.

Downey, alias Peterson, will be taken to Wier, for questioning concerning a bank robbery there last August.

MALESTER, Ok., March 17.—(AP) Warden Sam Brown of the state penitentiary here today refused to deliver Charles Cotner and Frank Downey, captured with Glenn Roy Wright and five other robber suspects, to two officers from Kansas.

### MONEY FOUND ON WRIGHT COUNTERFEIT

SAPULPA, Ok., March 17.—(AP)—Creek county officers today added counterfeiting to the list of crimes for which Glenn Roy Wright, arrested Thursday at Mannford, is wanted.

Sheriff Willis Strange received a telegram from federal secret service agent Osborne at Oklahoma City saying a 20 bill taken from Wright was suprious.

The money taken from Wright, who had \$180 in his possession when arrested, was declared one of the cleverest examples of counterfeiting ever seen here by officers.

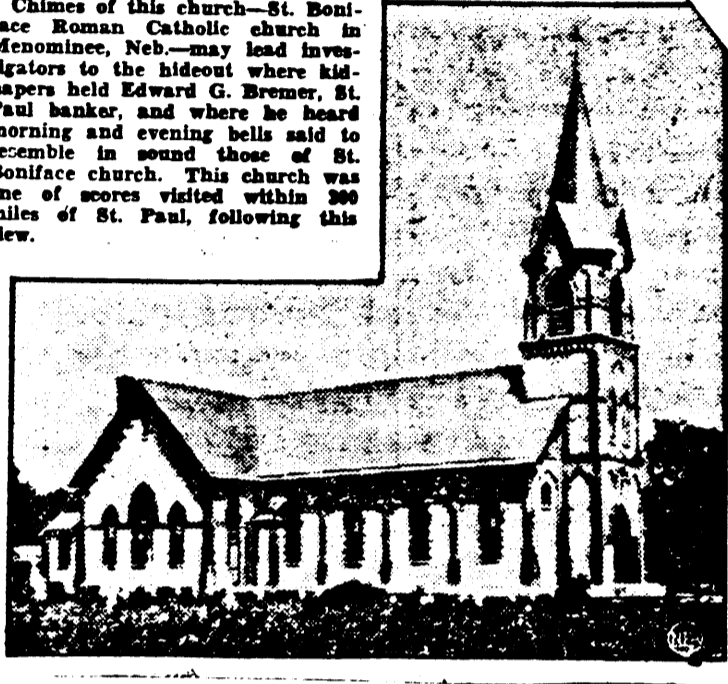
Captain George Stewart of the Tulsa police department, and other officers who examined the money could not tell that it was bad until it had been examined by Oklahoma City federal experts.

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Bremer Kid  
Missed

TULSA TRIBUNE  
Chimes May Be a Kidnaping Clue

Chimes of this church—St. Boniface Roman Catholic church in Menominee, Neb.—may lead investigators to the hideout where kidnapers held Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and where he heard morning and evening bells said to resemble in sound those of St. Boniface church. This church was one of scores visited within 300 miles of St. Paul, following this clue.



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## Bremer Kidnaping Suspects Missed by Day in U. S. Raid

Fingerprints Believed Those  
Of Karpis and Barker  
Found; Eight Held.

Two men wanted in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, may have missed capture by less than 24 hours in the police and federal net which closed on six men and two women at Mannford Thursday, it was learned here Thursday night.

Fingerprints found in and around the little white farm house where the eight were captured were said to have been identified as those of Alvin Karpis and Arthur "Doc" Barker, wanted for questioning in the unsolved Bremer kidnaping at Minneapolis.

Paul Hansen, agent in charge of the division of investigation here in the absence of Dwight Brantley, denied that federal agents in the raid were working on the Bremer case. He admitted, however, he had communicated with Minneapolis federal agents.

"We are interested in all these criminals and a thorough investigation of all the persons captured Thursday certainly will be made," Hansen said.

Those arrested in the biggest bag of criminals in recent months were:

Glenn Roy Wright, 34 years old, wanted for murder at Picher and for robberies in Kansas, western Missouri and Nebraska.

Charles Cotner, 49 years old, suspected of the attempted kidnaping of Peggy Landon, daughter of Governor Alf M. Landon of Kansas, and wanted for a double murder at Chelsea, Okla., February 4.

Ed Brophy, 58 years old, alias Ed Brodie, who served a term in the state prison at McAlester under the name of Pat Collins.

Ira Brackett, 43 years old, at whose house the arrests were made.

J. W. McAtee, 38 years old, believed to be from Coffeyville, Kan., and for a time thought to be Harry Campbell, an outlaw.

Frank Downey, alias J. C. Johnson, 35 years old, who said he was "from Georgia."

Grace Cutler, 33 years old, of Vian, Okla., arrested in the company of Cotner.

Winnie Merris, 20 years old, who said her home was in England, Ark.

Five of the suspects, Wright, McAtee, Johnson, Briscoe and Cotner, were taken to the state prison at McAlester for safekeeping, while Brackett and the two women were held in the Creek county jail at Sapulpa.

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# EIGHT CAPTURED IN OUTLAW LAIR

Glen Roy Wright, Bremer  
Kidnaping Suspect, Is  
Among Those Held

## BANDITS SURRENDER WITHOUT A BATTLE

Raid in Creek County Cli-  
maxed 10 Days' Work  
by Federal Officers

## SPECIAL TRUCK FOUND

Machine Gun Range Used by  
Bandits for Target Prac-  
tice, Discovered

(Pictures on Page 18.)

By a Staff Correspondent.

MANNFORD, March 15.—Out-  
laws lost another decision to the law  
near here early today, this time a  
bloodless one, when a posse of 29  
city, state and federal officers  
swooped down on an isolated farm-  
house seven miles west of here and  
captured Glen Roy Wright and sev-  
en companions without a struggle.

The raid, which climaxed 10 days  
of work by N. E. Hollis of the in-  
vestigation bureau of the depart-  
ment of justice and Capt. George  
Stewart of the Tulsa police depart-  
ment, who were aided by Oklaho-  
ma and Kansas state operatives and  
deputies from Creek and Payne  
counties, had been expected to net  
at least two suspects sought in con-

nection with the kidnaping of Ed-  
ward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul,  
Minn., banker.

The Bremer suspects, Freddie Bar-  
ker and Alvis Karpis, whose finger-  
prints were found on a five-gallon

## WRIGHT TO STILLWATER

Governor Murray early last  
night by long-distance telephone  
ordered prison officials at McAlester  
to turn Glen Roy Wright and  
J. W. McAtee, who first was be-  
lieved to be Harry Campbell, to  
the custody of Sheriff M. J. Brad-  
ley of Payne county.

Wright and Campbell are  
charged in Payne county warrants  
with the robbery last fall of the  
Stillwater sales day treasury of  
about \$5,000 in cash. In view of  
the identification of McAtee it is  
probable that only Wright will be  
returned to Stillwater tomorrow.

gasoline tin and a flashlight aban-  
doned by the kidnapers, while not  
arrested this morning, are known to  
be associates of Wright, considered  
by all to be the most dangerous of  
those arrested today.

## Wanted in Smith Slaying.

Wright has been sought for ques-  
tioning for almost two years in con-  
nection with the slaying of J. Earle  
Smith, Tulsa lawyer, believed to  
have been "put on the spot" for the  
alleged double cross of J. Harvey  
Bailey, now serving a life sentence  
at Leavenworth following his con-  
viction in federal court at Oklahoma  
City for the Urschel kidnaping.  
Smith's bullet-riddled body was  
found near Indian Hills Country  
club. Harry Campbell, known inti-  
mate of Wright's, also is sought in  
connection with the Smith slaying.

The lonely farmhouse, lonely be-  
cause it is at least two miles from  
the nearest neighbor, is easily visible  
from the state highway 23, being  
about a quarter of a mile north of  
the road. Sitting on a slight knoll, it  
commands a view for several hun-  
dreds of yards in every direction.

## Paid \$10 Weekly Rent.

The farm of 100 acres, is owned by  
Walter Brooks of Wetumka, who for  
the past 18 months has rented it to  
Ira Brackett whose wife rented  
rooms to Wright and his companions  
at \$10 a week because it helped pay  
our grocery bill.

Those arrested besides Wright in-  
cluded Chester Cotner, Ed Brophy,  
alias Pat Collins alias Alonso Bristol;  
John McAtee, Coffeyville, Kan.;  
Frank Downey Brackett, Mrs. Grace  
Cotner and Whinnie Morris. Mrs.  
Brackett was not arrested and yes-  
terday afternoon she and her two  
children were still at their farm  
home.

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and the two women arrested, all were taken to the state penitentiary at McAlester about 10 o'clock this morning by Sheriff Willis Strange of Creek county, Stewart Hollis and Floyd Sellers, Sapulpa policeman, and others who reached the penitentiary early this afternoon.

#### Officers Start Quiz

There, with the aid of state operatives from Oklahoma and Kansas, the arresting officers started the tedious task of questioning those arrested and checking up on their recent activities.

Wright had in his possession \$210 in new \$10 bills, while Mrs. Cucklin had \$86 in currency in her purse. Hollis scouted the possibility that any of the money might be connected with the Bremer job, in that the \$200,000 ransom paid for the banker's release was paid in worn money.

However it was believed that it might be possible to connect Wright with the robbery of an Atchison, Kan., bank Monday in which \$21,000 was obtained.

Brophy, who is about 55 years old, gave an alias when arrested, and was found to have served a term at the state penitentiary at McAlester from Garfield county on a charge of assault with intent to kill. He also had served a term in the Tulsa county jail for conjoint robbery. He is a tailor by trade. He also is wanted in Minneapolis for bank robbery, dispatches from there revealed.

#### Cotner Has Record

Cotner also has a prison record and has been known as a confederate of Ford Bradshaw, long sought Oklahoma desperado who was killed by an officer about 10 days ago near Arkoma. He also faces a murder charge in Rogers county in connection with the slaying in Chelsea last month of Eddie Clanton, said to have been an accomplice of Cotner and Bradshaw. Clanton's body was found in an alley there after the two had been surprised in the act of robbing a hardware store.

John McAtee, while having no criminal record at the state penitentiary, is believed to have been implicated in recent Kansas bank robberies. He left Coffeyville recently, owing considerable money and a car found in his possession this morning was identified as having been used in the Atchison bank robbery, Monday.

#### Suspected 90 Days

Although Mrs. Brackett insisted that the "boarders" had only been at the house for the past week, officers in that territory say that the house has been suspected as being a bandit hangout for the past 90 days.

Large purchases of groceries at Olton, five miles west of the house, and at Mannford, seven miles east, by Brackett, and a large number of cars arriving at and leaving the house all hours of the day and night, first centered the attention of authorities on the obscure place.

Then not long ago two farmers living near by were cutting lumber on the place, reported to have been there about a month.

rapid-fire guns on the place. One of them took a sample of the bullets found on the range, located about a mile from the highway, to Jack Airy, chief of police at Drumright. The bullets were identified as having been fired from a machine gun.

#### Constantly Watched

Since that time the house has been constantly watched. It was noticed that no plans were made for breaking ground for spring crops; that the cattle feeding, which last year had occupied Brackett constantly, did not require so much of his time. Arrivals of cars were checked and license numbers noted.

With the co-operation of the department of justice, Operative Hollis and Captain Stewart of the Tulsa police department, this morning's raid was planned.

All officers who were to participate were informed and their parts were rehearsed carefully. Maps were drawn and the duty of each party and individual was carefully detailed.

#### Inclined to Wait

However it was not expected last night that the raid would be made today. It was known that Wright had been at the place and it was believed that Campbell and the Barker brothers also had been visitors there. Wanting the last three named for many jobs, federal operatives were inclined to wait until they were sure their prey would be there.

However, this morning at 2 o'clock a car drove up to the place and two men got out. Wright and Brophy had been seen to leave the place earlier and it was believed that possibly the Barkers had come in.

The raid was called and at dawn the officers mobilized at their designated places. Silently they crept up on the house from three sides, leaving the glass enclosed room occupied by Wright unprotected in that it was believed that a constant lookout was kept from his room.

#### House Surrounded

Stealing through the draw the heavily armed men had completely surrounded the house before any of its occupants knew what was going on.

Captain Stewart, Jim Bracewell of the Kansas state police department, Floyd Sellers of Sapulpa and United States Operative Hollis crashed into the front and rear doors at a given signal. Stewart and Hollis threw machine guns into Wright's stomach.

McAtee grabbed for a pistol but was persuaded by a posseman that such action would be fatal. Few words were spoken by either the raiders or the group arrested.

The interior of the shack offered

an odd contrast to its neat exterior. Rough walls, beds and clothing, furniture and guns and ammunition strewn all over the place. Two toy pistols were on a littered dresser. Dolls and other toys of the smaller Brackett girl cluttered every corner of the place.

In the toys was a story of easy money. Some expensive, some cheap and all were out of place in a house of its type.

Road maps of practically every state in the Union were found in various parts of the house and in the room occupied by Wright was a large wall highway map of the United States. It had been snatched from its hanging place and torn badly in the process.

#### Food for 5 Week

In the kitchen was food enough to last for at least a week. A 200-pound sack of flour, a stalk of bananas, about 30 pounds of coffee in five-pound cans, five-gallon can of lard, four sides of bacon, a case of eggs, a dozen loaves of bread and large quantities of beans, salt pork and other staples were cached about the kitchen and an untidy lean-to at the rear of the house.

#### Quantity of Chains

In the barn, which had been converted into a four-car garage, was a large quantity of heavy-duty chains. They were kept in what had been a corner. In a lean-to addition to the barn was found, after an all-day search, a new Ford V-8 truck. It had 2,989 miles on the speedometer. It had been concealed from view by the tunning arrangement of hay bales which completely obscured it but which could be removed or replaced in a very few minutes to permit egress to the hiding place.

In a corner and well hidden was found a cache containing three quarts of nitroglycerin.

The truck, believed to have been stolen recently, was equipped with a hand winch and heavy chains and long side-bars. Officers demonstrated the ease with which the group, equipped with the truck, might haul bank safes out and take them to a place where it would be safe to open them by explosives.

#### Raiders Take Rifles

The raiders took two automatic rifles, one submachine gun, three Longers, four shotguns, six .45 Colt automatics and more than 2,000 pounds of ammunition from the place. Cartridge boxes, old and weather-beaten, were common sights in the littered grounds of the little house.

A Chevrolet coupe, property of the Bracketts, was the only car left at the place yesterday. The raiding party had driven three others from here to Sapulpa. Pauline Brackett, 14, daughter of the farmer, lamented the fact that the raiders had taken the key to the coupe. She couldn't give it to the Mannford high school or classes yesterday. Neither could her smaller sister, Alice, 20, attend the district school about a mile away, because she had no transportation.

# Raid on Farm May Yet Give Kidnap Clues

Two of Bremer Captors  
Recently Reported in  
This Part of State

Find Their Fingerprints

Creek County Sheriff Does  
Not Believe Farm Used  
to Hide Banker

M'ALESTER, March 16.—(AP)—State's prison authorities engaged today in a study of fingerprints in an effort to learn more about the six men and two women captured near Mannford by a posse close on the trail of bandits and suspects sought for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Five of the prisoners—Glen Roy Wright, Charles Cotner, Ed Brophy, J. W. McAtee and Frank Downey—were brought to the penitentiary here for safekeeping. The others—Ira Brackett, at whose home the arrests were made in a dawn raid yesterday, and the two women,

## WAS NOT ALONZO BRISCOE

Ed Brophy, one of the men captured in Thursday's raid, hit on the name of a Tulsan when he gave an alias at the time of his arrest, it was revealed today. He first maintained he was Alonzo Briscoe, finally admitting his real name to be Brophy when questioned at McAlester. The real Alonzo Briscoe was formerly a tailor here and still lives in Tulsa.

Grace Cutler, 33, and Winnie Morris, 20—remained in the Creek County jail at Sapulpa.

Two of the Bremer suspects, Ar-

thur (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis, were reported to have been in northeastern Oklahoma recently. Their fingerprints were found on a flash light and gasoline cans abandoned by the kidnapers in Minnesota.

Frank Downey was tentatively identified today as Frank (Nick) Peterson, wanted for an August, 1933, bank robbery at Wier, Kan., and for bank robberies in Kansas and Nebraska.

Wright and Cotner are wanted for murder and robberies. Cotner also is a suspect in the attempted

## NO POLICE COMMISSIONS

There were no Tulsa police badges or commissions found in the raid near Mannford Thursday in which eight were arrested, Capt. George Stewart, Tulsa police, said today. Stewart said that a special officer's badge, such as can be bought at any novelty store, was found with the name "J. W. Pierce" on it.

kidnaping of Peggy Landon, daughter of Gov. Alf M. Landon of Kansas.

Brophy served a term in the Oklahoma prison under the name of Pat Collins. Little information was available about Brackett, McAtee or Downey.

The Cutler woman was in the company of Cotner. Officers declared that Winnie Morris, who said her home was at England, Ark., was not the girl with Ford Bradshaw, Cookson hills hoodlum, when he was slain at Arkoma, Ok., recently.

## BRADLEY GETS WRIGHT

Acting on a protest of Sheriff M. J. Bradley of Payne county, Governor Murray late Thursday directed Warden Sam Brown of the peniten-

## GIRL ESCAPES PRISON

M'ALESTER, Ok., March 16.—(INS)—Pauline Herring, 17, serving a five-year sentence in the state prison here for robbery with firearms, sawed her way out of her cell and escaped, prison officials revealed today.

liary to release Wright and McAtee for arraignment at Stillwater today on robbery charges in the \$5,000 holdup of a farmers' auction. Sheriff Bradley protested he was the only officer in the posse who held warrants for the two men.

In addition to many guns and equipment of criminals found in the

Mannford raid, officers late yesterday discovered a stolen truck, equipped with winch and skids on the farm. It had been concealed completely under bales of hay. Two quarts of nitroglycerin used in "blowing" safes were also discovered.

Mrs. Brackett intimated the men were allowed to stay at the farm because "they paid good money."

To preclude any possibility of escape, the five men brought here were held under special guard and were not permitted to talk to one another. Six steel barred doors and the prison walls were between them and liberty.

Sheriff Willis Strange at Sapulpa said McAtee would not be taken to Stillwater for trial.

Cotner will be turned to Kansas officers who accuse him of participation in bank robberies at Galena and Baxter Springs.

Grace Cutler will be taken to Galena or Baxter Springs, to be questioned about bank robberies there.

Winnie Morris will be taken to Kansas, but Smith said he had not decided yet on what charge. The women waived extradition.

Grace Cutler was identified as a relative of J. A. McAtee, one of those captured, who will be sent to Noble county, Oklahoma, where he is wanted in connection with the kidnaping of a night marshal and the burglary of a grocery store at Billings. Ballistics tests showed a pistol taken with McAtee was used on that occasion, and Billings residents identified a large quantity of groceries confiscated at the Mannford farmhouse where the arrests took place.

Brackett will be charged with harboring criminals, according to Strange. No decision had been reached concerning the filing of charges against Brophy.

## NOT BREMER HIDING PLACE BELIEF OF SHERIFF

Sheriff Willis Strange today said he was positive that the house near Mannford in which officers arrested eight outlaw suspects Thursday had not been used as the hiding place in which kidnapers held Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., banker, as had been suspected.

Sheriff Strange pointed out that Bremer had said he could hear church bells and that none could be heard in the hide-out raided Thursday.

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Strange revealed that the groceries found in the hide-out apparently were those taken from a store at Billings Tuesday night by outlaws who held up the night marshal there in the robbery. Strange pointed out that an auto similar to the ones used in the raid at Billings was found in a barn on the farm near Mannford.

#### WRIGHT TRYING TO MAKE STILLWATER BARGAIN

STILLWATER, March 16.—(AP)—Glenn Roy Wright was brought here secretly in the early morning hours today and held under heavy guard while county authorities prepared robbery with firearms charges.

Within a few minutes after he had arrived, nine persons, including George Fiesner, chairman of the county commission, and Bob Parker, lumber company official, had identified him as one of the machine-gunners who staged a \$5,000 raid on a farm auction sale last summer.

It was expected Wright would be arraigned during the afternoon. It was reported he was trying to bargain with Sheriff Jim Bradley and County Attorney Guy Horton, offering to plead guilty in return for a recommendation for a life sentence. The death sentence is possible for armed robbery.

However, it was generally believed District Judge Freeman Miller would not be bound by any such recommendation, without hearing evidence from the score of persons held at gunpoint during the sales day robbery.

Should Wright plead guilty at arraignment, it was anticipated he would be taken at once before Judge Miller to re-enter his plea and receive sentence.

# Suspect in Tulsa Murder, Pals To Face Probe

Paul Hansen, in charge of the department of justice investigation department here, said Thursday this office was represented in the Osage county raid, but declined to say any of the eight are wanted for a kidnaping.

"We want to question two or three of those fellows," said Hansen, "but I do not say it is in the Bremer or any other kidnaping."

The government was represented by H. E. Hollis, agent attached to the Tulsa office, he said.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 15.—(AP)—The Minneapolis Tribune Thursday said United States department of justice agents and an Oklahoma sheriff on the trail of suspects in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, Thursday raided a remote Osage county farm house and seized six men and two women.

The men the officers had hoped to arrest were Alvin Karpis and Freddie Parker, who have been identified through fingerprints as members of the Bremer kidnaping mob, the Tribune said. Others sought with Parker and Karpis were Harry Campbell and "Doc" Barker.

Names of the men captured were telephoned immediately to department agents in St. Paul in an effort to establish connections, the Tribune added.

The department of justice is trying to establish connections between the men arrested and Karpis and Barker on the assumption they were members of the same mob which has raided banks throughout the southwest and as far north as Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Both Parker and Karpis were known to have had connections with Twin Cities alcohol racketeers and were seen in St. Paul within the last two years.

George E. Anderson, a relative of Karpis, was found shot to death near Webster, Wis., while the men were being sought in connection with the slaying of J. Haris Smith, Tulsa attorney.

Fingerprints of Barker and Karpis were among those found on gasoline cans and a flashlight used during the Bremer kidnaping.

The gas cans were discovered on a roadside believed to have been the route taken in returning Bremer.

Barker and Karpis are wanted for murder at West Plains, Mo., another in West St. Paul. Among their associates were reported to be Vernon Miller, slain recently in Detroit; Frank Nash, killed last year in Kansas City; George (Machine Gun) Kelly, and Harvey Ballgame, slain in Oklahoma by Charles V. ...

## Six Are Captured In State Raid

MANNFORD, March 15.

(AP)—Glenn Roy Wright, 24 years old, wanted for killings in Tulsa and Ottawa counties, Oklahoma, and for bank robbery, was captured with seven companions in a surprise raid on a little white farm house in the southern edge of the Osage hills near here Thursday.

Twenty-eight officers, from three Oklahoma counties, from the federal department of justice, and from the Kansas highway patrol, participated in the captures, which were accomplished without firing a shot.

### Wanted in Death Quis

With Wright was a man tentatively identified as J. W. McAtee of Coffeyville and Edna, Kan., but who officers said bore a strong resemblance to Harry Campbell, wanted with Wright for the Tulsa slaying, when J. Haris Smith, attorney for Harvey Ballgame, was taken for a "ride" in the summer of 1932.

Sapulpa officers, who have custody of the prisoners in the Creek county jail, began moving them to the state prison at McAlester for safekeeping Thursday noon.

A man who first gave his name as J. C. Ducklin, 49 years old, later was identified as Charles Cotner of Vian, wanted for the February 4 killing of Al Powell, deputy sheriff at Chelsea, and for the slaying of one of his own companions, Eddie Clanton, member of the Cookson hills gang.

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# Wright Didn't Fight; He Was Too Smart, He Hints



—Photo by Lee Krupaick, World Bids.

Smoking cigaret after cigaret, Glen Roy Wright, who has been on the scout from authorities for the past 20 months, yesterday morning was visibly nervous as he waited for Capt. George Stewart of the Tulsa police department to take him to McAlester for safe keeping.

## 28 Armed Officers and a Child Prevented Real Gun Battle, Outlaw Indicates

**SAPULPA, March 14.**—His twitching fingers curling the end of a newly lighted cigaret instead of the trigger of a submachine gun, Glen Roy Wright, who has been on the scout from authorities for the past 20 months, was far from being at ease in the jailor's office of the Creek county jail here this morning.

His hair, much grayer now than it was a few months ago, looked about his care worn face and his eyes, deep-set and hollow, accentuated the impression of nervousness and fatigue over a several years of a muchly wanted outlaw life.

By a Staff Correspondent

with the "Whore" Oil company safe robbery had Glen Roy submitted to authority; not since that time had the elusive freedom that all outlaws enjoy at times been interrupted by demands of police, but this morning he was at the end of his trail.

His hands shook visibly when he lighted his cigaret and his hands twitched nervously as he exhaled a cloud of smoke.

"There isn't anything to be afraid of," Glen Roy replied to a question from the jailor at the end of the trail.

"You have a right to be afraid," the jailor replied.

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"Well, there might have been some trouble if there hadn't been about 20 officers outside."

"But man—your life, your freedom, for 20 months you have been scubating. You had a big supply of ammunition and plenty of money. Why did you fold up so easily?" his questioner persisted.

"There is no need in having any heroics about this arrest. I don't want to die. That's all. I had been mighty lucky since I was arrested in Tulsa and it ended this morning. I guess you near not going back to the house. I wish that I hadn't." Wright replied.

Wright said that he had been in the state but seldom. Most of his time had been spent "right around here." He denied that he had ever been to Minneapolis. His knowledge of the Bremer kidnaping, he said, came only through the press.

He indicated that if the raiding party had been composed of eight men, rather than 28, that there might have been a far different story to tell.

"No, I am not yellow," he bristled when taunted about his giving up without burning powder, "but I said there were about 20 heavily armed men in that yard. Life is sweet, whether it be spent in jail or in liberty, and in the spot I was in, there probably will be, but little difference in jail and the uncertain liberty that was mine."

**HAVE** you anything to tell your family in Tulsa?" Wright was asked as he was led toward the door.

"No—nothing, but here, give this jacket to my brother. The state will buy my clothes from now on," and Wright walked out of the jailor's office and started his trip for McAlester. He will remain there until he is brought to trial on one of the many charges he faces in Oklahoma and elsewhere.

It was back in 1916 that the Tulsa county sheriff's office first made the acquaintance of Glen Roy Wright. He was arrested at that time on a charge of burglary and larceny and given a two-year suspended sentence.

Five years later, on June 21, 1921, he was committed to the state penitentiary after having received a 10-year sentence for burglary. He escaped from the penitentiary on November 4, 1924, but was captured and served until released in 1925.

He was arrested on another burglary charge on May 18, 1927, and was evidently cleared as no connection of the case is indicated at the sheriff's office.

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WRIGHT'S first crime of violence was recorded in 1917 while he was serving in the army. He was sentenced to a term in the army barracks for attacking a commissioned officer while carrying a concealed weapon, but the exact nature of his sentence is not on file.

Alonzo Brisco, alias Pat Collins, alias Ed Brophy, has been arrested only once by the Tulsa county sheriff's office. According to the files he was arrested on September 13, 1932, on a charge of joint robbery and auto theft, but no disposition of

the case is on file. The 28-year-old tailor may have a more extensive criminal record in other vicinities, but he is practically unknown by local officers.

No history has been filed on Chester Cotner, John McAtee, Frank Downing, Grace Cucklin or Winnie Morris. It was pointed out, however, that these names may be aliases and the officers might discover something of their records, if any, when they are fingerprinted.



# Raid On Creek County Bandit Hideout

## Nets Eight Prisoners

### Outlaws Paid Farmer Well; Wanted Fresh Air, Quiet

Fresh air and the peace and quiet of country life were the motives that took four men and two women to a farm west of Mannford, they had told Mrs. Lula Brackett, 41 years old, at whose home the six were arrested in a raid by a large group of officers early yesterday morning.

"They all paid me \$10 a week for room and board," Mrs. Brackett said, in explanation of their presence.

"They never offered any excuse for wanting to stay out here except that the air was nice and it was quiet here.

"Times have been hard for us during the last year and when that kind of people drop in with the money to pay, their room rent has helped me pay my grocery bill."

She said that when the weather was fair the men would go out for target practice, and the women would get into their automobiles and go for drives.

"All they seemed to want," Mrs. Brackett continued, "was quiet, food and a bed to sleep in. One of the women had to leave her two pet dogs here when the officers took them away and I suppose we'll have to give them away."

Mrs. Brackett admitted that she had been keeping roomers like that for more than a year, since they moved to the place near Mannford from a farm at the edge of Sapulpa. Previously, the family has lived in Bryan county near Durant.

Brackett was taken to jail with the six roomers. The Bracketts have three daughters, Pauline, 14, who attends Mannford high school; Allene, 10, student in a nearby district school, and an elder girl in Oklahoma City.

While the party morning raid interrupted the girls' attendance at school yesterday, both said they planned to continue going to their classes.

Realizing that her husband might be jailed for a considerable period of time, Mrs. Brackett yesterday completed a deal with a neighbor to help her feed their 50 head of cattle, which stood in a nearby field, and to continue with the general farm work.

Merchants in Mannford had extended the Bracketts' credit and the farmer had been successful in borrowing funds from the bank to carry out his cattle feeding program.

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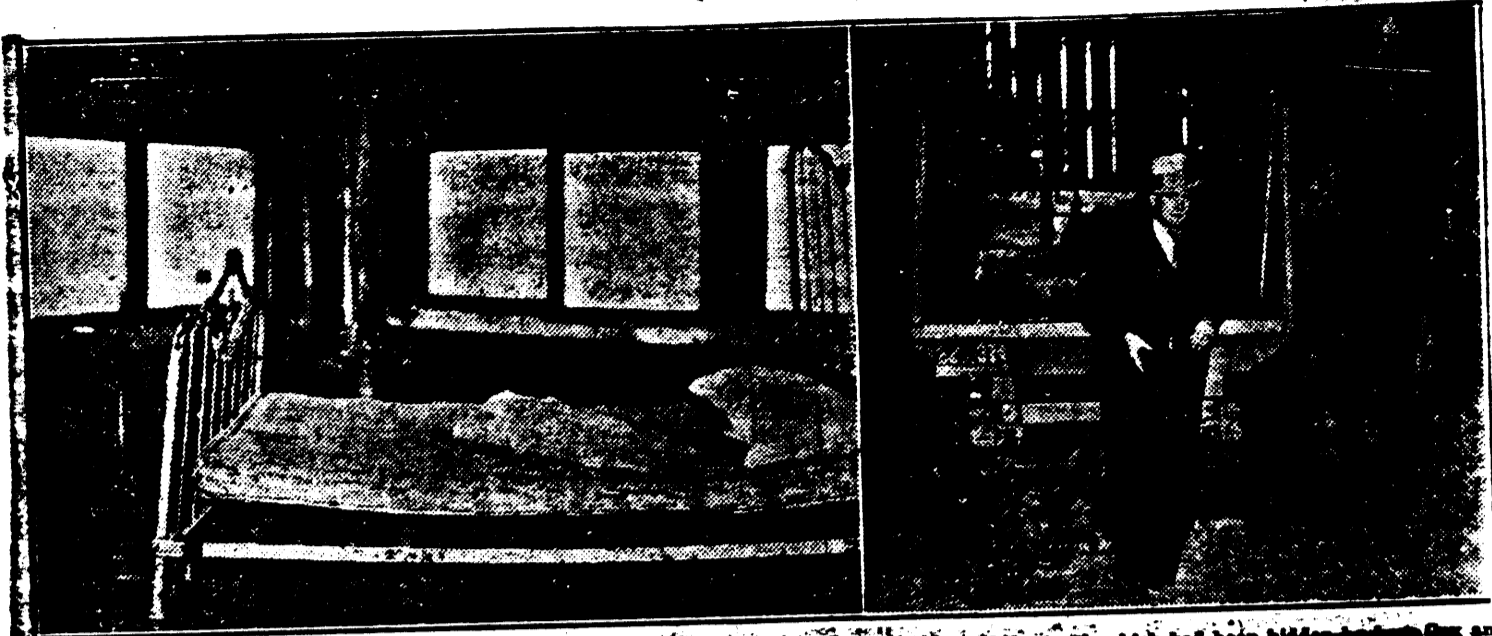
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At the left is the ramshackle barn on the Brackett farm midway between Ollow and Mannford which was raided early yesterday morning by 29 policemen, deputy sheriffs and state and government operatives. At the right is the house and yesterday's guard detail, composed of Hill Nolan, Roy Cox and Ben Crabtree of Draughton.



—Photos by Lee Egan, World B...  
 Boys, standing from left to right, are Glen Roy Wright, Ed Brophy, Chester Deane, Frank Rowney and John McAfee. The picture was taken in the Creek county jail at Sapulpa a few minutes before the heavily-manned prisoners were started for the state prison at McAlester for life-keeping.



Photograph at left shows the bedroom occupied by Wright. The wide expanse of windows enabled any occupant to have a clear view of approaches to the place. The windows had been installed only recently. At the right is a view of the truck which had been hidden beneath the trailer of Drumright and is standing at the rear of the vehicle.



Above are the wife and children of Wright.



Mr. Brackett, owner of the truck.

# Ammunition, Guns Seized by Officers

## Glen Roy Wright, Wanted at Miami on Murder Charge, Is Captured

By JOHN H. BOOKER  
Tribune Staff Correspondent

MANNFORD, March 15.—In a surprise raid early today on a four-room house seven and a half miles west of here, just 200 yards off highway 83, officers arrested Glen Roy Wright, wanted at Tulsa for bond jumping, at Miami for murder and at Stillwater for robbery with firearms, and six of his companions.

Twenty-eight heavily-armed federal, county and city officers from Tulsa, Sapulpa and Stillwater formed the raiding party. They completely surrounded the house and approached from all directions shortly after daylight.

Occupants of the house were surprised and only one made a show of resistance.

Others arrested besides Wright were A. W. McAtee, J. D. Carlsen, Alonzo Briscoe (alias Ed Brody), Ira Brackett, J. C. Johnson and a woman who says she is Cacken's wife. Two other women at the place were not held.

Briscoe is wanted for questioning in connection with a Perry, Kan., bank robbery. Johnson is wanted for questioning about several robberies.

All were taken to the Creek county jail at Sapulpa.

McAtee reached for a gun when officers entered but dropped it at a sharp command.

A large supply of guns and ammunition was found in the house and in the several outbuildings. It included two .401 automatic shotguns, two automatic pistols, one revolver, one .12 gauge shotgun and one .32 rifle.

A steel bullet-proof vest, a complete set of tools suitable for burglaries and a complete acetylene torch outfit also were found on the place. Three automobiles, two of them declared by officers to be stolen, were hidden in a large barn. One was a Chevrolet sedan (Oklahoma 1934 license No. 211,229), one a Buick touring car (Kansas 1933 license No. 5-8049), and an Oldsmobile touring car (Oklahoma 1933 license No. 487,887). Officers said they believed the Buick was used in a recent Kansas bank robbery.

The raiding officers were recruited from Creek and Payne counties and from Tulsa and were led by Sheriff Willis Strange and Under-sheriff Wesley Gage of Creek county; Sheriff J. M. Bradley of Payne county; H. E. Hollis, federal operative from Tulsa, and Capt. George Stewart of Tulsa police.

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## Under Arrest



**GLEN ROY WRIGHT**

Tulsa burglar suspect, bond jumper and wanted for robbery and murder elsewhere, who was captured early today near Mannford by a large posse of officers who arrested six men and one woman in a carefully planned sortie.

## Wright Wanted Here on a Bond Jumping Charge

### He Had Been Questioned Following Murder of Tulsa Attorney

Glen Roy Wright, arrested this morning in a raid near Mannford, was an associate of Harry Campbell, sought here for questioning in connection with the gangland murder of J. Earl Smith, attorney for the two in a burglary case, had himself been sought for jumping bond while awaiting trial here for burglary of the H. F. Wilcox Oil and Gas Co. in which a large amount of bonds were stolen.

John Evans, chief criminal deputy

sheriff, said today that the officers had never connected Wright with Smith's murder, but believe that Campbell was connected.

Wright was questioned by Evans at the time of the murder. Campbell had disappeared. When trial of the two on the burglary charge came up in district court, neither appeared.

Smith, who had also represented Harvey Bailey, kidnaper of Charles Urschel, Oklahoma City oil man, was slain two days after he had appeared for Bailey at a hearing in Fort Smith, Ark.

Wright and Campbell were known to have been running together for some time after the Smith murder.

### ESCAPED OFFICERS

He escaped from a group of officers at Siloam Springs, Ark., last August, when Gene Johnson, another Tulsa outlaw, was slain. Wright was reported wounded at the time.

Wright and Johnson first came into prominence here in 1927 when they were accused of robbing R. B. Thompson, 2220 S. St. Louis av., of \$11,000 in money and jewelry.

Wright was convicted in the robbery and sentenced to 10 years at McAlester in March, 1927. He was apparently paroled. His next arrest came May 22, 1932, in the Wilcox burglary.

The criminal record of Wright includes a seven-year sentence for burglary back in 1921. He escaped from prison in 1924 and was caught in the next year. He was an inmate in the state tuberculosis hospital at Clinton at the time of his escape.

He was a steam fitter by trade.

### WILL YIELD HIM

He was convicted June 8, 1931, here of burglarizing the home of L. R. Darrow, 405 E. Ninth st.

In 1924, his family appealed for clemency on the ground that he was tubercular. John Goldesberry, then county attorney, declined to approve the petition for parole.

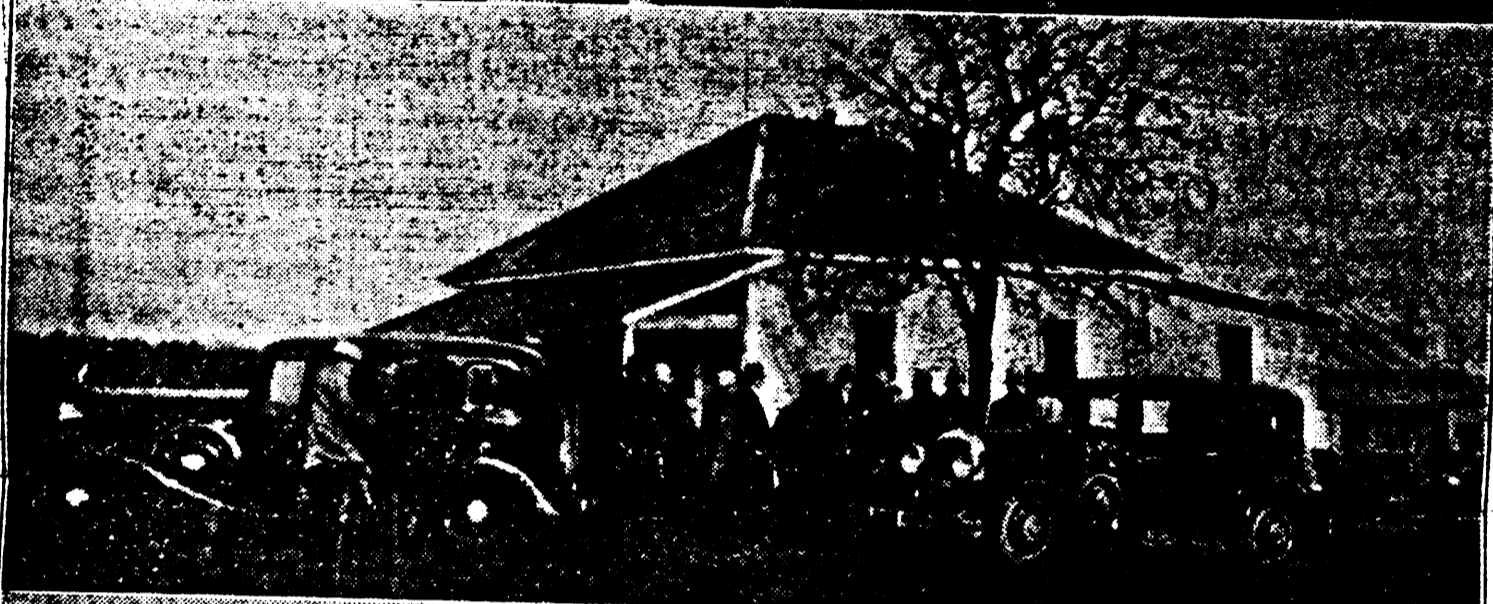
It is doubtful that Wright will be brought here on the burglary charge. Evans said today that Tulsa county would yield him to either Payne county on the robbery charge, or Ottawa county on the murder charge.

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Six of Captives, Scene of Bandit Raid and the Men



—Photos by Tribune Staff Photographer

Above are a few scenes when Federal, Creek and Payne county, and Tulsa city police made a successful raid early today near Mannford, arresting six men and two women. Included in the group was Glenn Roy Wright, wanted in Tulsa for head jumping, at Miami for murder and at Hillwater for robbery with firearms.

The top picture shows the captives, with the exception of Charles Cotner and Grace Cutler, who, when the picture was being made, were being questioned elsewhere on the premises. Those in the picture, from left to right, are Winnie Morris, J. C. Johnson, Ira Brackett, Alonzo Briscoe, J. W. McAtee and Glenn Roy Wright.

The middle photo shows the four-room house, seven and one-half miles west of Mannford, where the capture was made shortly after day-light.

The posse of 25 heavily armed officers, led by Sheriff Willis Barnage and Undersheriff Wesley Gage, Creek county; Sheriff J. M. Bradley, Payne county; H. E. Hollis, federal operative of Tulsa, and Chief George Stewart, Tulsa police, is shown in the lower photograph.

The raid was featured by a lack of bloodshed, only two captives showing any sign of resistance, both being quietly subdued when guns indicated impending disaster if they moved.



### Surprise Dawn Raid Finds Captives Unprepared; Heavily Armed Officers Block Resistance

### Murder, Holdup Sus- pects Rushed to Pen

### Arrest May Solve Slayings Here and Elsewhere; Guns, Robbery Equip- ment Taken

By JOHN H. BOOKER  
Tribune Staff Correspondent  
MANNFORD, March 15.—

In a surprise raid early today on a four-room house seven and a half miles west of here, just 200 yards off highway 33, officers arrested Glen Roy Wright, wanted at Tulsa for bond jumping, at Miami for murder and at Stillwater for robbery with firearms.

Twenty-eight heavily-armed federal, county and city officers from Tulsa, Sapulpa and Stillwater formed the raiding party. They completely surrounded the house and approached from all directions shortly after daylight.

Seven companions including two women were arrested with Wright before they had a chance to open fire on the officers. Two attempts were made to start shooting from within the house, only to be quickly abandoned when those inside realized the strength of their captors.

Others arrested were: J. W. MATEE of Coffeyville and Edna, Kan., but whom officers said bore a striking resemblance to Harry Campbell, wanted for the

#### WANTED FOR KIDNAPING

A Kansas City dispatch said today that a man identified as Charles Cotner after today's Mannford raid, was a ringleader in a plot to kidnap Peggy Ann Landon, daughter of the Kansas governor, last fall.

killing of J. Earle Smith, an attorney, near Tulsa. Smith was taken for a fatal ride in the summer of 1932.

McAtee varied in physical build from the Harry Campbell last arrested three years ago, but walks with a limp, as does Campbell. No fingerprint identification had been made.

J. C. CUCKLIN, 49, whom Capt. George Stewart, of the Tulsa police, identified as Charles Cotner, wanted in connection with the recent killing of a companion, Eddie Clanton, during a Chelsea robbery attempt in which a night officer was also slain.

ALONZO BRISCOE, alias Ed Brody, 58, also identified by Captain Stewart as Frank Downey of the Eno-Bradshaw outlaw gang, and wanted for a bank robbery at Leroy, Kan.

IRA BRACKETT, 43, at whose house the raid occurred.

A man who gave his name as J. C. Johnson, 35.

WINNIE MORRIS, 20, of England, Ark.

GRACE CUTLER, of Vian, Ok., who at first declared she was Cucklin's wife but later denied it.

One other woman found at the place was not held.

Cucklin later told officers at Sapulpa, Creek county seat, where all were taken after the raid, that he

#### HAD TULSA COMMISSIONS

Two commissions from the Tulsa police department were found in the "bandit arsenal" near Mannford today. Officers at Sapulpa declined to reveal by whom they were signed. A Tulsa police badge bearing the name "J. W. Pierce" and another without a name were also found.

had loaned a car to a friend to use in the Chelsea robbery but denied accompanying the friend. He admitted he knew Ford Bradshaw.

Briscoe said that he had been at the raided house a week.

Minneapolis officers want Briscoe for bank robbery.

A large supply of guns and ammunition was found in the house and in the several outbuildings. It included two .401 automatic rifles, two automatic pistols, one revolver, one .12 gauge shotgun and one .22 rifle.

A steel bullet-proof vest, a complete set of tools suitable for burglaries and a complete acetylene torch outfit also were found on the place. Three automobiles, two of them declared by officers to be stolen, were hidden in a large barn. One was a Chevrolet sedan (Oklahoma 1934 license No. 311,229), one a Buick touring car (Kansas 1933 license No. 5-6049), and an Oldsmobile coach (Oklahoma 1933 license No. 487,887). Officers said they believed the Buick was used in a recent Kansas bank robbery.

Needles and equipment for hypodermic use were found in the house as well as a barrel of small nails, such as used by fleeing outlaws to throw onto roads behind them, preventing pursuit.

The raiding officers were recruited from Creek and Payne counties

and from Tulsa and were led by Sheriff Willis Starnes and Under-sheriff Wesley Gage of Creek county; Sheriff J. M. Bradley of Payne county; H. E. Hollis, federal operative from Tulsa, and Capt. George Stewart of Tulsa police.

When searched at Sapulpa Wright was found to possess \$180 in new \$20 bills and the Cutler woman had \$86.

Wright is wanted at Miami for the fatal shooting of William Witten, of Chickasha, Ok., an employe of an automobile convoy company who was killed during a robbery at Picher, near Miami, in May, 1933. In Stillwater Wright is wanted as a suspect in a \$5,000 farm auction raid.

A Kansas dispatch said McAtee was a hostler and chef in Coffeyville 15 years. He left there about

#### WANTED IN KANSAS

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., March 15.—(AP)—Glenn Roy Wright, captured today in Oklahoma, and Harry Campbell, sought by Oklahoma officers, are wanted for questioning concerning the robbery of the Union Gas office at Coffeyville, Kan., Jan. 9, 1933.

#### CLUE TO BREMER CASE?

MINNEAPOLIS, March 15.—The Minneapolis Tribune today said that a United States department of justice agent on the trail of suspects in the Edward Bremer \$200,000 ransom kidnaping, aided officers in the Mannford, Ok., raid.

February 1 owing many bills and driving a sedan, license tag No. 5-6049, one of the seized cars.

The two short-lived moves to resist the raiders came while the circle of officers were closing in on the house.

H. E. Hollis, Tulsa federal operative, Captain Stewart, J. M. Brackwell, of Kansas state highway patrol, and Floyd Sellers, veteran of the recent Sapulpa bandit battle, broke through the front door of the house while their companions formed a cordon around the place.

McAtee reached for a pistol but dropped it quickly when officers surrounded him with drawn weapons. At the same time a Drum-right officer, looking through a window from outside, with a sub-machine gun ready, shouted:

"Drop it or I'll blow you out of that house."

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Wright at Sapulpa said that just before the officers entered the house he saw a newsman and a girl reporter coming along the 200-yard driveway toward the house and attempted to fire at them but a little girl stood in his way. A moment later officers had him covered.

Shortly after noon today most of the men arrested started to the state penitentiary at McAlester closely guarded in four automobiles. They were being moved for safe-keeping, officers said.

Brackett and one woman remain in the county jail.

A telegram from County Attorney Rolston, Jr., at Burlington, Kan., informed Sapulpa officers that a Kansas warrant is held for the man known as Alonzo Briscoe, charging bank robbery.

The raided house, officers de-

## Under Arrest



GLEN ROY WRIGHT

clared, is believed to have been a bandit arsenal for this part of the state and a sort of terminal for outlaw activities.

When taken into custody Wright was in a weakened condition showing he had not yet fully recovered from wounds received several months ago when he escaped a posse from Oklahoma and Arkansas that shot and killed a bank robber named Gene Johnson.

At the early hour of the raid several of the persons in the house were but half-clad.

Rocky, scrub oak covered knobs lay on three sides of the house and officers took posts there to prevent escape. To the southwest was open field through which the men would have to run to try to get away.

The entire operation approach, arrest and search of the premises, occupied only 20 minutes, starting at 7:15 a. m.

At dawn officers from Tulsa met the Sapulpa delegation at Sand Springs, 12 miles west of Tulsa, then met Bristow, Drumright, Cushing and Stillwater officers in Mannford, Ford.

The sun was just over the horizon when they stopped their cars and converged upon the house.

The systematic, quiet approach to the house was held to have prevented a costly gun battle.

For the last two weeks Creek county officers have watched the place.

The attack is the second so far this year for Sapulpa and Creek county officers against gunmen. Only recently six men were killed in a battle between officers and outlaws at a house just north of Sapulpa.

Survivors of that fight were in today's raid.

Other officers who took the bandit stronghold this morning included:

Sheriff Willis Strange, Deputy Sheriff Wesley Gage, Deputy Sheriff Lee Snider, Chief of Police J. O. Edwards, City Patrolmen Floyd Sellers, Claude Johnson, Marvin Sellers and Jack Brumley, the latter another of the Brumley brothers, two of whom have already died in outlaw clashes. All are from Sapulpa.

C. C. Scott, Tilman Bocock, Gale Bocock and Sheriff Jim Bradley, all from Payne county.

Ben Crabtree, Roy Cox, Jack Ary and Hall Nose, all from Drumright.

T. C. Davis, Albert Randall, Bill Williams, C. W. Dulaney and Joe Bolen, a Frisco special officer, all from Bristow.

J. M. Bracewell and Roy Glazer, Kansas state highway patrolmen.

C. W. Wood, Kansas City, of the Burns detective agency, who participated in the questioning at the Sapulpa jail, said Briscoe was formerly a tailor at a downtown Tulsa clothing store for several years.

Cotner, Wood added, was wanted for bank robberies at Stuttgart, Ark., Galena, Kan., Baxter Springs, Kan., Poteau and Okmulgee.

John Baker, clerk of the Exchange National bank of Atchison, Kan., which was robbed of \$21,500 by four men the first of the week, was on the way to Oklahoma today with two Kansas state patrolmen to view members of a bandit gang arrested at Mannford.

Police Chief Linville, shot six times by the bandits, and Ed Iverson, bank employe who was slugged and injured in a fall from the robbers' car, are believed to be recovering.

Wright and Campbell are wanted in Kay county for robbery with firearms in connection with the shooting of the Cushing refinery at Blackwell.

A district court case is pending against Charles Davis of Ponca City, charged with harboring the two outlaws and Gene Johnson.

## Wright Didn't Fight; He Was Too Smart, He Hints



SMOKING cigaret after cigaret, Glen Roy Wright, who has been on the scout from authorities for the past 20 months, yesterday morning was visibly nervous as he waited for Capt. George Stewart of the Tulsa police department to take him to McAlester for safe keeping.

—Photo by Lee Krupnick, World Bldg.

## 29 Armed Officers and a Child Prevented Real Gun Battle, Outlaw Indicates

By a Staff Correspondent.

SAPULPA, March 16.—His twitching fingers curling the end of a newly lighted cigaret instead of the trigger of a submachine gun, Glen Roy Wright, who has been on the scout from authorities for the past 20 months, was far from being at ease in the jailor's office of the Creek county jail here this morning.

His hair, much grayer now than it was a few months ago, tousled about his care-worn face and his eyes, deep-set and hollow, accentuated the impression of nervousness and fatigue even a casual glance at the muchly wanted outlaw gave.

Not since he was questioned in Tulsa in May, 1932, in connection

with the Wilcox Oil company safe robbery had Glen Roy submitted to authority; not since that time had the elusive freedom that all outlaws enjoy at times been interrupted by demands of police, but this morning he was at the end of his trail.

His hands shook visibly when he lighted his cigaret and his nostrils twitched nervously as he exhaled a cloud of smoke.

"There isn't anything to say," Glen Roy replied to a question. "I am in—at the end of the trail. That's all there is."

"You have a pretty bad reputation and are supposed to be a killer. How does it happen that you submitted

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to arrest so early at the farm house?" the captured bandit was asked.

A SMILE curved his lips as he dragged on the fast-burning cigaret and, crossing his arms as much as his manacles would allow, he said:

"Well, there might have been some trouble if there hadn't been about 30 officers outside."

But man—your life, your freedom, for 20 months you have been scouting. You had a big supply of ammunition and plenty of armament, why did you fold up so quickly? his questioner persisted.

"There is no need in having any heroics about this arrest. I fell, that's all. I had been mighty lucky since I was arrested in Tulsa and it ended this morning. I came very near not going back to the house. I wish that I hadn't," Wright replied.

Wright said that he had been out of the state but seldom. Most of his time had been spent "right around here." He denied that he had ever been to Minneapolis. His knowledge of the Bremer kidnaping, he said, came only through the press.

He indicated that if the raiding party had been composed of eight men, rather than 28, that there might have been a far different story to tell.

"No, I am not yellow," he bristled when taunted about his giving up without burning powder, "but I said there were about 30 heavily armed men in that yard. Life is sweet, whether it be spent in jail or at liberty, and in the spot I was in, there probably will be but little difference in jail and the uncertain liberty that was mine.

"HAVE you anything to tell your family in Tulsa?" Wright was asked as he was led toward the door.

"No—nothing, but here, give this jacket to my brother. The state will buy my clothes from now on," and Wright walked out of the jailer's office and started his trip for McAlester. He will remain there until he is brought to trial on one of the many charges he faces in Oklahoma and elsewhere.

It was back in 1916 that the Tulsa county sheriff's office first made the acquaintance of Glen Roy Wright. He was arrested at that time on a charge of burglary and larceny and given a two-year suspended sentence.

Five years later, on June 21, 1921, he was committed to the state penitentiary after having received a seven-year sentence for burglary. He escaped from the penitentiary on November 4, 1924, but was captured and served until released in 1926.

He was arrested on another burglary charge on May 10, 1932, but was evidently cleared as no disposition of the case is on record at the sheriff's office.

WRIGHT'S first crime of violence was recorded in 1917 while he was serving in the army. He was sentenced to a term in the army barracks for attacking a commissioned officer while carrying a concealed weapon, but the exact nature of his sentence is not on file.

Alonzo Brisco, alias Pat Collins, alias Ed Brophy, has been arrested only once by the Tulsa county sheriff's office. According to the files he was arrested on September 13, 1932, on a charge of conjoint robbery and auto theft, but no disposition of

the case is on file. The 58-year-old tailor may have some extensive criminal record in other vicinities, but he is practically unknown by local officers.

No history has been filed on Chester Cotner, John McAtee, Frank Downing, Grace Cucklin or Winnie Morris. It was pointed out, however, that these names may be aliases and the officers might discover something of their records, if any, when they are fingerprinted.

# EIGHT CAPTURED IN OUTLAW LAIR

Glen Roy Wright, Bremer  
Kidnaping Suspect, Is  
Among Those Held

BANDITS SURRENDER  
WITHOUT A BATTLE

Raid in Creek County Cli-  
maxed 10 Days' Work  
by Federal Officers

SPECIAL TRUCK FOUND

Machine Gun Range Used by  
Bandits for Target Prac-  
tice, Discovered

(Pictures on Page 19.)

By a Staff Correspondent.

MANNFORD, March 15.—Out-  
laws lost another decision to the law  
near here early today, this time a  
bloodless one, when a posse of 29  
city, state and federal officers  
swooped down on an isolated farm  
house seven miles west of here and  
captured Glen Roy Wright and sev-  
en companions without a struggle.

The raid, which climaxed 10 days  
of work by N. E. Hollis of the in-  
vestigation bureau of the depart-  
ment of justice and Capt. George  
Stewart of the Tulsa police depart-  
ment, who were aided by Oklaho-  
ma and Kansas state operatives and  
deputies from Creek and Payne  
counties, had been expected to net  
at least two suspects sought in con-

nection with the kidnaping of Ed-  
ward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul,  
Minn., banker.

The Bremer suspects, Freddie Bar-  
ker and Alvis Karpis, whose finger-  
prints were found on a five-gallon

## WRIGHT TO STILLWATER

Governor Murray early last  
night by long-distance telephone  
ordered prison officials at McAles-  
ter to turn Glen Roy Wright and  
J. W. McAtee, who first was be-  
lieved to be Harry Campbell, to  
the custody of Sheriff M. J. Brad-  
ley of Payne county.

Wright and Campbell are  
charged in Payne county warrants  
with the robbery last fall of the  
Stillwater sales day treasury of  
about \$5,000 in cash. In view of  
the identification of McAtee it is  
probable that only Wright will be  
returned to Stillwater tomorrow.

gasoline tin and a flashlight aban-  
doned by the kidnapers, while not  
arrested this morning, are known to  
be associates of Wright, considered  
by all to be the most dangerous of  
those arrested today.

## Wanted in Smith Slaying.

Wright has been sought for ques-  
tioning for almost two years in con-  
nection with the slaying of J. Earle  
Smith, Tulsa lawyer, believed to  
have been "put on the spot" for the  
alleged double cross of J. Harvey  
Bailey, now serving a life sentence  
at Leavenworth following his con-  
viction in federal court at Oklahoma  
City for the Urschel kidnaping.  
Smith's bullet-riddled body was  
found near Indian Hills Country  
club. Harry Campbell, known inti-  
mate of Wright's, also is sought in  
connection with the Smith slaying.

The lonely farmhouse, lonely be-  
cause it is at least two miles from  
the nearest neighbor, is easily visible  
from the state highway 33, being  
about a quarter of a mile north of  
the road. Sitting on a slight knoll, it  
commands a view for several hun-  
dreds of yards in every direction.

## Paid \$10 Weekly Rent.

The farm of 180 acres, is owned by  
Walter Brooks of Wetumka, who for  
the past 18 months has rented it to  
Ira Brackett whose wife rented  
rooms to Wright and his companions  
at "\$10 a week because it helped pay  
our grocery bill."

Those arrested besides Wright in-  
cluded Chester Cotner, Ed Brophy,  
alias Pat Collins alias Alonzo Brisco;  
John McAtee, Coffeyville, Kan.;  
Frank Downey, Brackett, Mrs. Grace  
Cotner and Winnie Morris. Mrs.  
Brackett was not arrested and yes-  
terday afternoon she and her two  
children were still at their farm  
home.

With the exception of Brackett

and the two women arrested, all  
were taken to the state penitentiary  
at McAlester about 10 o'clock this  
morning by Sheriff Willis Strange of  
Creek county, Stewart Hollis and  
Floyd Sellers, Sapulpa policeman,  
and others who reached the peni-  
tentiary early this afternoon.

## Officers Start Quis.

There, with the aid of state oper-  
atives from Oklahoma and Kansas,  
the arresting officers started the  
tedious task of questioning those ar-  
rested and checking up on their re-  
cent activities.

Wright had in his possession \$210  
in new \$10 bills, while Mrs. Cuck-  
lin had \$86 in currency in her purse.  
Hollis scouted the possibility that  
any of the money might be con-  
nected with the Bremer job, in that  
the \$200,000 ransom paid for the  
banker's release was paid in worn  
money.

However it was believed that it  
might be possible to connect Wright  
with the robbery of an Atchison,  
Kan., bank Monday in which \$21,000  
was obtained.

Brophy, who is about 55 years old,  
gave an alias when arrested, and  
was found to have served a term at  
the state penitentiary at McAlester  
from Garfield county on a charge of  
assault with intent to kill. He also  
had served a term in the Tulsa  
county jail for conjoint robbery. He  
is a tailor by trade. He also is want-  
ed in Minneapolis for bank robbery,  
dispatches from there revealed.

## Cotner Has Record.

Cotner also has a prison record  
and has been known as a confed-  
erate of Ford Bradshaw, long sought  
Oklahoma desperado who was killed  
by an officer about 10 days ago near  
Arkoma. He also faces a murder  
charge in Rogers county in con-  
nection with the slaying in Chelsea last  
month of Eddie Clanton, said to have  
been an accomplice of Cotner and  
Bradshaw. Clanton's body was  
found in an alley there after the  
two had been surprised in the act  
of robbing a hardware store.

John McAtee, while having no  
criminal record at the state peni-  
tentiary, is believed to have been  
implicated in recent Kansas bank  
robberies. He left Coffeyville re-  
cently, owing considerable money  
and a car found in his possession  
this morning was identified as hav-  
ing been used in the Atchison bank  
robbery, Monday.

## Suspected 90 Days.

Although Mrs. Brackett insisted  
that the "boarders" had only been  
at the house for the past week, offi-  
cers in that territory say that the  
house has been suspected as being  
a bandit hangout for the past 90  
days.

Large purchases of groceries at  
Dilton, five miles west of the house,  
and at Mannford, seven miles east,  
by Brackett, and a large number of  
cars arriving at and leaving the  
house all hours of the day and night,  
first centered the attention of au-  
thorities on the obscure place.

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Then not long ago two farmers living near by who were cutting timber on the place, reported that men were "target shooting" with rapid-fire guns on the place. One of them took a sample of the bullets found on the range, located about a mile from the highway, to Jack Airy, chief of police at Drumright. The bullets were identified as having been fired from a machine gun.

#### Constantly Watched.

Since that time the house has been constantly watched. It was noticed that no plans were made for breaking ground for spring crops; that the cattle feeding, which last year had occupied Brackett constantly, did not require so much of his time. Arrivals of cars were checked and license numbers noted.

With the co-operation of the department of justice, Operative Hollis and Captain Stewart of the Tulsa police department, this morning's raid was planned.

All officers who were to participate were informed and their parts were rehearsed carefully. Maps were drawn and the duty of each party and individual was carefully detailed.

#### Inclined to Wait.

However it was not expected last night that the raid would be made today. It was known that Wright had been at the place and it was believed that Campbell and the Barker brothers also had been visitors there. Wanting the last three named for many jobs, federal operatives were inclined to wait until they were sure their prey would be there.

However, this morning at 2 o'clock a car drove up to the place and two men got out. Wright and Brophay had been seen to leave the place earlier and it was believed that possibly the Barkers had come in.

The raid was called and at dawn the officers mobilized at their designated places. Silently they crept up on the house from three sides, leaving the glass enclosed room occupied by Wright unprotected in that it was believed that a constant lookout was kept from his room.

#### House Surrounded.

Stealing through the draw the heavily armed men had completely surrounded the house before any of its occupants knew what was going on.

Captain Stewart, Jim Bracewell of the Kansas state police department, Floyd Sellers of Sapulpa and United States Operative Hollis crashed into the front and rear doors at a given signal. Stewart and Hollis threw machine guns into Wright's stomach.

McAfee grabbed for a pistol but was persuaded by a posseman that such action would be fatal. Few words were spoken by either the raiders or the group arrested.

The interior of the shack offered

an odd contrast to its neat exterior. Rough walls, dirty beds and clothing, furniture and guns and ammunition strewn all over the place. Two toy pistols were on a littered dresser. Dolls and other toys of the smaller Brackett girl cluttered up every corner of the place.

In the toys was a store of easy money. Some expensive, some cheap and all were out of place in a house of its type.

Road maps of practically every state in the Union were found in various parts of the house and in the room occupied by Wright was a large wall highway map of the United States. It had been snatched from its hanging place and torn badly in the process.

In the kitchen was food enough to last for at least a week. A 200-pound sack of flour, a stalk of bananas, about 20 pounds of coffee in five-pound cans; five-gallon can of lard; four sides of bacon; a case of eggs, a dozen loaves of bread and large quantities of beans, salt pork and other staples were cached about the kitchen and an untidy lean-to at the rear of the house.

#### Quantity of Chains.

In the barn, which had been converted into a four-car garage, was a large quantity of heavy-duty chains. They were kept in what had been a corncrib. In a lean-to addition to the barn was found, after an all-day search, a new Ford V-8 truck. It had 2,989 miles on the speedometer. It had been concealed from view by the cunning arrangement of hay bales which completely obscured it but which could be removed or replaced in a very few minutes to permit egress to the hiding place.

In a corner and well hidden was found a cache containing three quarts of nitroglycerin.

The truck, believed to have been stolen recently, was equipped with a hand winch and heavy chains and long side-bars. Officers demonstrated the ease with which the group, equipped with the truck, might haul bank safes out and take them to a place where it would be safe to open them by explosives.

#### Raiders Take Rifles.

The raiders took two automatic rifles, one submachine gun, three Lugers, four shotguns, six .45 Colt automatics and more than 3,000 rounds of ammunition from the place. Cartridge boxes, old and weather-beaten, were common sights in the littered grounds of the little house.

A Chevrolet coupe, property of the Bracketts, was the only car left at the place yesterday. The raiding party had driven three others found there to Sapulpa. Pauline Brackett, 14, daughter of the farmer, lamented the fact that the raiders had taken the key to the coupe. She couldn't drive it to the Mannford high school for classes yesterday. Neither could her smaller sister, Allene, 10, attend the district school about a mile away. They had no transportation.



# Raid On Creek County Bandit Hideout

## Nets Eight Prisoners

### Outlaws Paid Farmer Well; Wanted Fresh Air, Quiet

Fresh air and the peace and quiet of country life were the motives that took four men and two women to a farm west of Mannford, they had told Mrs. Lula Brackett, 41 years old, at whose home the six were arrested in a raid by a large group of officers early yesterday morning.

"They all paid me \$10 a week for room and board," Mrs. Brackett said, in explanation of their presence. "They never offered any excuse for wanting to stay out here except that the air was nice and it was quiet here.

"Times have been hard for us during the last year and when that kind of people drop in with the money to pay, their room rent has helped me pay my grocery bill."

She said that when the weather was fair the men would go out for target practice, and the women would get into their automobiles and go for drives.

"All they seemed to want," Mrs. Brackett continued, "was quiet, food and a bed to sleep in. One of the women had to leave her two pet dogs here when the officers took them away, and I suppose we'll have to give them away."

Mrs. Brackett admitted that she had been keeping roomers like that for more than a year, since they moved to the place near Mannford from a farm at the edge of Sapulpa. Previously, the family has lived in Bryan county near Durant.

Brackett was taken to jail with the six roomers. The Bracketts have three daughters, Pauline, 14, who attends Mannford high school; Allene, 10, student in a nearby district school, and an older girl in Oklahoma City.

While the early morning raid interrupted the girls' attendance at school yesterday, both said they planned to continue going to their classes.

Realizing that her husband might be jailed for a considerable period of time, Mrs. Brackett yesterday completed a deal with a neighbor to help her feed their 50 head of cattle, which stood in a nearby field, and to continue with the general farm work.

Merchants in Mannford had extended the Bracketts' credit and the farmer had been successful in borrowing funds from the bank to carry out his cattle feeding program.

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Photograph at left shows the bedroom occupied by Wright. The wide expanse of windows enabled any occupant to have a clear view of approaches to the place. The windows had been installed only recently. At



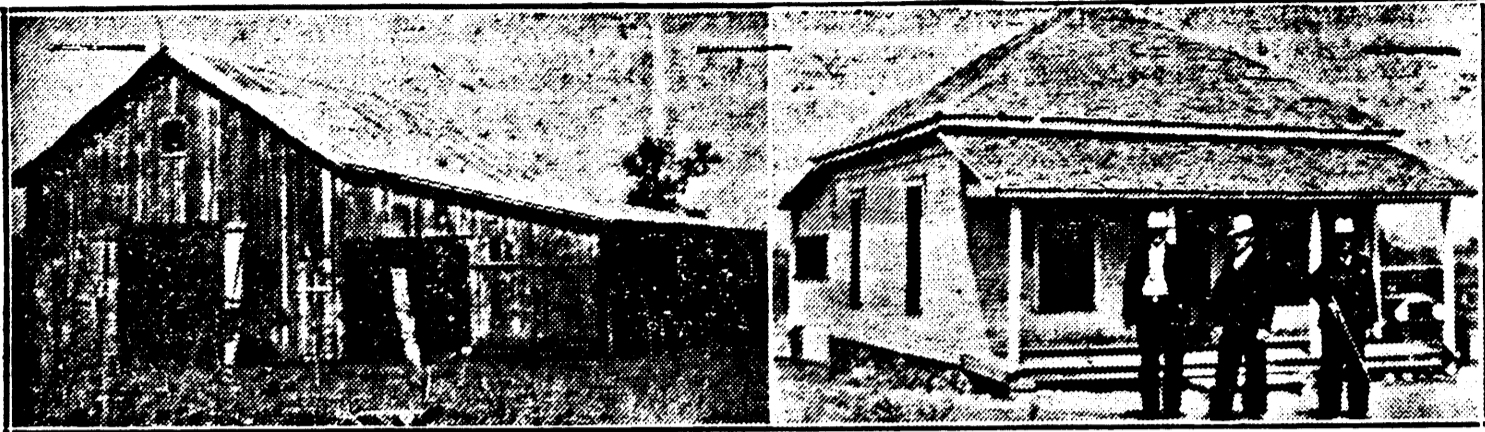
The right is a view of the truck which had been mounded by hay. Cox and Neles of Drumright are standing at the rear of the vehicle.



Above—the wife and children of Brackett; left to right are Al, 10; Mrs. Brackett and Pauline, 14.



Ira Brackett, tenant of farm.



At the left is the ramshackle barn on the Brackett farm midway between Oilton and Wannford which was raided early yesterday morning by 29 policemen, deputy sheriffs and state and government operatives.

At the right is the house and yesterday's guard detail, composed of Hill Noles, Roy Cox and Ben Crabtree of Dramright.



—Photos by Lee Krupaick, World Bldg.  
 Above, reading from left to right, are Glen Roy Wright, Ed Brophy, Chester Cotner, Frank Downey and John McAtee. The picture was taken in the Creek county jail at Sapulpa a few minutes before the heavily manacled prisoners were started for the state prison at McAlester for safe-keeping.

Mr. Brantley  
Attached is a clipping  
sent to me today from Phoenix  
Arizona. It appeared in a Phoenix  
Paper. I thought it would interest  
you from the standpoint of  
investigation and misrepresentation  
Hall

## Agents Raid Crime Center

SAPULPA, Okla., Mar. 15.—(UP) The kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer in St. Paul, the shady past of Harvey Bailey and the ramifications of Twin Cities alcohol rings were linked tonight with a raid on a farmhouse in the Osage foothills near Mannford in which eight persons were captured.

As an aftermath of the sortie federal agents and non-communicative state and county officers hoped to solve a series of crimes ranging from the \$200,000 Bremer abduction down to the \$40 looting of a country store at Billings, Okla.

In custody and safely behind walls of the state penitentiary at McAlester were Glenn Roy Wright, 34 years old, Alonzo Brisco, alias Ed Brophy, 38; Charles Cothier, 35, Cookson Hills police character; Frank Downer and John McAtee.

Wright had been wanted since the summer of 1932 on a charge of murder in connection with the fatal ride that J. Earl Smith, attorney for the notorious Bailey, took at that time. Tulsa detectives believed Smith was slain because he tried to avoid defending Bailey in a bank robbery case.

It was understood all those held were being questioned for possible clues in the Bremer abduction. The links between the raid and the kidnaping appeared nebulous and based on circumstance and deduction.

H. E. Hollis, agent of the U. S.

Bureau of Investigation, participated in the raid.

It was learned from his chief, Paul Hansen, investigator in the bureau's office at Oklahoma City, that possibilities of Wright and Brisco being in touch with the Bremer kidnap gang were under examination.

"We're checking everybody in connection with that kidnaping just now in fact," Hansen said at Oklahoma City, "though I wouldn't say that any of those held are wanted for it."

Hansen denied that the raiders expected or hoped to find Alvin Karpis and Freddie Barker, suspects in the Bremer case, at the farm house where the group was captured.

Karpis and Wright, however, are known to have been associates. Both were understood to have been in touch with the gang of Bailey, one-time Twin Cities liquor figure and later a big-time bank robber. Bailey is now serving a life sentence—the second he has received—for participation in the \$200,000 Charles F. Urschel kidnaping at Oklahoma City.

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BREKID CHECKED MENS SHOPS HERE ASCERTAINED FRED BARKER PURCHASED  
SEVEN SHIRTS LAST OCTOBER AND <sup>Calvin</sup> KARPIS BOUGHT THREE SHIRTS UNDER  
NAME R E NELSON BOTH PAYING CASH STATING THEY WERE OUT OF THE  
CITY AND WANTED ORDER RUSHED SECURED SIZES AND SAMPLE OF CLOTH  
ALSO HANDWRITING SPECIMENS STOP SUBJECT ABOVE APPARENTLY  
ACCOMPANIED BY HARRY CAMPBELL WHO MADE NO PURCHASES

MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. GLENN
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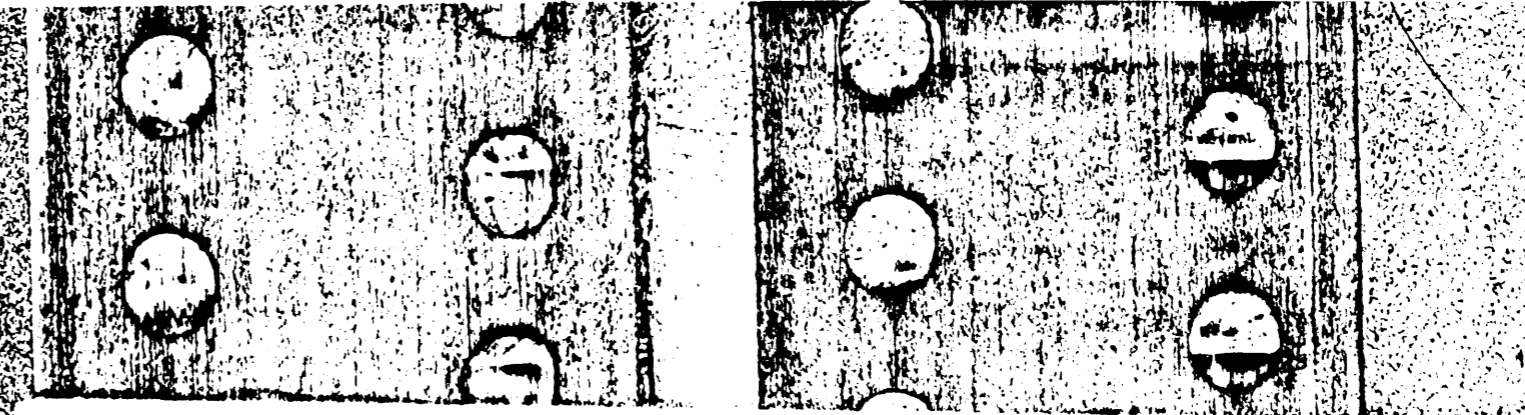
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HAVE NOT RETURNED THIS STORE STOP CANE USED BY FRED BARKER IDENTIFIED AS PURCHASED LOCALLY WHERE FRED BARKER KARPIS AND CAMPBELL IDENTIFIED AS PURCHASERS OR SEEN IN STORE SEVERAL MONTHS AGO DATE OF SALE NOT KNOWN STOP ALSO RECOGNIZED OTHER STORE BUT NOT KNOWN WHAT PURCHASED BELIEVED SEEN SEVERAL MONTHS AGO STOP CHECK ALL HOTELS GARAGES AND FILLING STATIONS COMPLETED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS OTHER THAN ALREADY REPORTED BY AGENT HERE SPORTING GOOD HOUSES CHECK AND WHILE BELIEVE HAVE SEEN SUBJECTS IT

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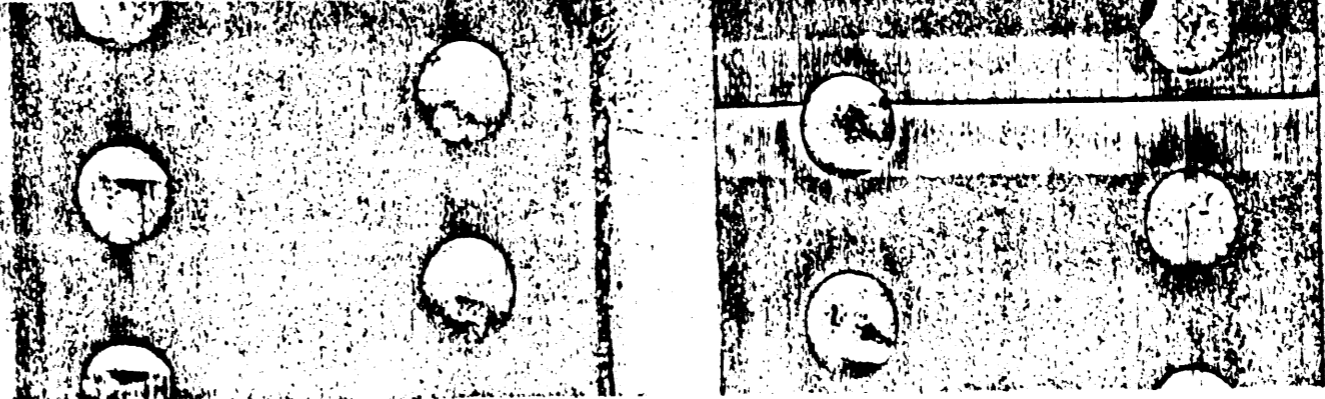
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WAS SEVERAL MONTHS AGO PURCHASES UNKNOWN STOP ALL TELEPHONE  
RECORDS SECURED TO MARCH FIRST THIS YEAR NO PERTINENT CALLS  
APPARENT STOP SOME RECORDS OVER A YEAR OLD ON TELEPHONE OF  
SUBJECTS HERE ARE BEING SEARCHED FOR TONIGHT STOP LOCATED HOUSE  
ON PUEBLO STREET WHERE FRED BARKER AND MOTHER RESIDED AND  
FREQUENT OTHER UNIDENTIFIED VISITORS WERE ON PUEBLO STREETS FSROM  
DECEMBER 28 NINETY THIRTY TWO TO LATTER PART FEBRUARY THIRTY  
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CHECK ALMOST COMPLETED ON ALL APARTMENT HOUSES STOP ALL GAMBLING  
PLACES AND LIQUOR JOINTS AND OTHER LIKE PLACES COVERED NIGHTLY  
STOP NO EVIDENCE SUBJECTS ARE HERE NOW HOWEVER EVERY CONCEIVABLE  
LEAD IS BEING CAREFULLY INVESTIGATED STOP WILL WIRE AGAIN  
TOMORROW NIGHT UNLESS SOMETHING DEVELOPS THENCE TELEPHONING  
VETTERLI.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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SPC:DSS

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

*Mr. Nathan*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

While calling from Oklahoma City on another matter, Mr. Nathan advised that in connection with the interview that he is to have with prisoner Kramer at New York, he noted that informant Alcorn had requested that Kramer be interviewed under cover as a lawyer. Mr. Nathan is of the opinion that this is undesirable, stating that he did not think we could deceive the Warden. He also referred to the fact that the request was made that a relative of Kramer be present at the interview. He stated that he did not think this was advisable. Mr. Nathan stated that he would go to see Alcorn on his arrival at New York.

Respectfully,

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

*I agree with Mr. Nathan.*  
*J. C. H.*

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

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

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

Dear Sir:

In confirmation of my telephone conversation of the 29th instant with Mr. H. H. Clegg, this is to advise that on the aforementioned date Mr. J. A. Bracewell, Special Agent, for the Great Lakes Pipe Line Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Kansas City, Missouri, called at the St. Paul office to talk generally in connection with the Barker-Karpis gang. He stated that he is in St. Paul on other business and has worked with agents from the Division and other peace officers for the past several years and is somewhat familiar with the criminal element of Missouri and Oklahoma.

During the course of our conversation he informed me that he was on the recent Oklahoma raid when Glenn Roy Wright and others were apprehended. I asked him if at the time of that raid, he knew that this Division had identified any of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, and he stated that he knew that the Division had identified Arthur R. (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis. I asked him how he had secured that information prior to the raid and he stated that Special Agent Paul Hanson of the Oklahoma City office had told him. He said that on February 18, 1934, the day after the Cookson raid in Oklahoma, that he was talking to Agent Paul Hanson, but that he believes that Paul Hanson merely told him that the Division had "made Doc Barker and Karpis". He stated that he cannot recall whether Hanson told him just how the identification had been made.

At this point he stated that he understands that the Division is of the impression that Special Agent H. H. Hollis was responsible for the leak to the press on the aforementioned identification. He stated that he has known and worked with Hollis for

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a long time and thinks very highly of him and does not believe that Hollis gave out the information. It was evident that he did not desire me to believe that Hollis was responsible for this newspaper leak and consequently I asked him whether he had the information prior to the Glenn Roy Wright raid. He stated that he believes he received the information concerning the positive identification prior to the Wright raid at Tulsa, Oklahoma from Mr. Wentz Smith of Topeka, Kansas and who is head of the Kansas State Police. He stated that it is his impression that Smith informed him that he had received the information from an agent from the Kansas City office.

He stated that there were three newspaper reporters who accompanied the police officers in the raid, which resulted in the arrest of Glenn Roy Wright and others; that one of these reporters was Mr. Voight of Tulsa, Oklahoma, one was a girl, and the other a man, the names of the last two being unknown to him.

He stated that shortly after this raid he was with Agent Hollis when Hollis received a telephone call from Voight and that he overheard Hollis' conversation; that it appeared that Voight was asking for information, which Hollis considered confidential, and that he remembers that Hollis informed Voight over the 'phone that he could not furnish him the information which Voight desired.

I asked Bracewell if, to his knowledge, anyone, on the Glenn Roy Wright raid, had knowledge of how "Doc" Barker and Karpis had been identified by the Division and he stated that a peace officer named George Stewart (or Stuart) knew of the manner of identification.

The above information was obtained in the morning and in the afternoon Mr. Bracewell was again interviewed, together with Mr. H. Nathan, Assistant Director.

Bracewell stated that sometime after the Wright raid that Mr. Mayer of the Tulsa World informed him that an Agent of this Division had questioned him as to the source of the newspaper story of the identification and merely advised that the Division suspected that Special Agent Hollis had given it to the newspaper.

Bracewell stated that since the Wright raid on one occasion he was at either the office or home of E. E. Kirkpatrick of Tulsa, at which time Special Agent Hollis entered on which occasion he asked Hollis if he was getting in any trouble over the newspaper leak, and that Hollis indicated that he was not. Bracewell stated emphatically that he is sure that Mr. Kirkpatrick knew of the identification of Barker and Karpis prior to the Wright raid; ~~that~~ he stated that he does not know where Kirkpatrick obtained the information. He stated that he is quite sure that Kirkpatrick did not obtain it from Wentz Smith. He stated that Kirkpatrick is a very close friend and admirer of Special Agent Hollis. Mr. Nathan asked Bracewell how he would consider getting to the bottom of this leak without injuring anyone and Bracewell stated that he would suggest that Mr. Nathan frankly discuss the matter with Agent Hollis with a view to determining from Hollis how the matter reached the press. Bracewell is of the opinion that Hollis did not give the information to the press; however, it is significant to note that according to Bracewell, Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick, who maintains an office at Tulsa, had the information concerning the identification prior to the Wright raid and he could not explain where Kirkpatrick obtained it.

In discussing this matter over the telephone today with Mr. H. H. Clegg he read to me a paragraph from a letter from the Oklahoma City office in this matter in which, according to my recollection, referred to the fact that Mr. Bracewell had informed someone of the Oklahoma City office that he first obtained his information in this matter either from Texas or from Kansas City. From what Mr. Clegg read me, I am unable to determine who at the Oklahoma office secured this information concerning Bracewell. Mr. Bracewell stated that he is positive that when he was visiting with E. E. Kirkpatrick, at



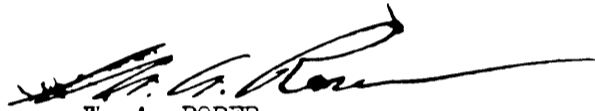
which time Hollis was present, that Hollis asked Bracewell where he first obtained the information and that he told Hollis that he had received it from Mr. Wentz Smith. He stated that he is sure that this is the information that he furnished Hollis.

Mr. Bracewell stated that he is positive a George Stewart, aforementioned, who is connected with the Tulsa Police Department and on the Wright raid, had the information concerning the identification of Barker and Karpis at the time of the raid, but does not know where Stewart obtained the information.

From the above it appears probably that either Stewart or Kirkpatrick could have furnished the information to the press.

Mr. Nathan is being furnished with a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

  
W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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HIDEOUT

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent V. W. Peterson, on March 28, 1934, for the purpose of attempting to locate the hideout:

Antioch, Illinois  
Lake Villa, Illinois  
Loon Lake, Illinois  
Richmond, Illinois  
Solon Mills, Illinois  
Spring Grove, Illinois

ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS:

Mr. James F. Horan, Postmaster, Antioch, Illinois was interviewed. Antioch, Illinois has a population of about eleven hundred individuals and is situated in the heart of Lake County with its attending summer resorts. There is a stationary fire siren in Antioch which is sounded at noon each day except Sunday. The siren is sounded at no other time except in case of fire. Sirens of surrounding towns cannot be heard in Antioch. There are no factories located in Antioch and it is not possible to hear factory whistles of other towns. Three churches are located there, namely: Methodist, Episcopalian and Catholic. The bell of the Methodist Church is rung at 11 A.M. each Sunday and the bell of the Episcopalian Church is likewise rung on Sunday. The bells of the two churches named above never ring on Saturdays. With reference to the Catholic Church, Mr. Horan advised that the bell of this church is rung at 7.45 A.M. each day of the week and on Sunday the bell of the Catholic Church is rung at 7.45 A.M. and 9.45 A.M. It is never rung on Saturday afternoons or evenings. The Soo Line Railway passes through Antioch, Illinois. Following is a schedule of the trains arriving in Antioch, Illinois:

6.40 A.M. - to Chicago  
8.40 P.M. - to Chicago  
2.20 A.M. - from Chicago  
7.11 P.M. - From Chicago

There are no through trains passing through Antioch. There are two freight trains, each of which goes in an opposite direction, in Antioch daily.

Mr. Horan stated that there is little activity in Antioch, Illinois during the winter months but a number of hoodlums frequent Antioch and adjoining territory during the summer. "Bugs" Moran, and Leo Mongoven, well known Chicago gangsters, own a home near Antioch. This place was formerly an old hotel but has been remodeled and affords somewhat of a refuge for gangsters during the summer months. "Bugs" Moran and Leo Mongoven are known to Mr. Horan. Prior to his appointment as Postmaster, Mr. Horan was engaged in the freight business. In connection therewith he frequently delivered freight to the Moran place. A description of the hideout was provided to Mr. Horan but he advised that same would not compare with the Moran place. Mr. Horan further stated that "Bugs" Moran and Mongoven have not been staying in Antioch since last Fall. The only individual present on the premises is a caretaker. It would have been impossible for strangers to have been staying at "Bugs" Moran's place without arousing suspicion and causing rumors among the Antioch population, according to Mr. Horan.

Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Arthur Bakran, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis were exhibited to Mr. Horan. He was unable to remember having seen these individuals, although he remarked that the picture of Arthur Barker resembles an individual whom he saw in various taverns in the vicinity of Antioch prior to the repeal of prohibition. This individual was always alone and was alleged to have been handling liquor from Florida. No further information concerning this man could be developed.

H. Preenlee, Service Man, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Antioch, Illinois, when interviewed was furnished with a description of the hideout but he was unable to supply any information of value to this inquiry. The territory assigned to him includes Antioch, Illinois, Russell, Illinois, Charnell Lake, Lake Marie and Lake Catherine.

S. Simonson, Village Marshall, Antioch, Illinois, was interviewed and advised that his duties include the reading of all water meters in Antioch and that in connection with said duties he entered each basement located in the town. Mr. Simonson stated that there are no basements in Antioch which would be suitable for living quarters. A description of the hideout was provided to Mr. Simonson and he stated that he is positive that a place answering said description is not located in Antioch. Photographs of the above mentioned suspects were exhibited to Mr. Simonson without result.

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C. B. Schultis of C. E. Schultis and Son, Grocery Store, Antioch, Illinois, was interviewed. Photographs of the individuals listed above were shown to him, and he stated that the photograph of Alvin Karpis is the only picture that bears any resemblance to anyone he might have seen. No further information was available. Mr. Schultis was also furnished with a description of the hideout but he was unable to remember having seen a place resembling said description. According to Mr. Schultis, "Bugs Moran" and Leo Mongoven as well as one Mrs. Cassidy a sister of Mongoven, were formerly customers of the Schultis store. "Bugs" Moran's place is a three story building which was formerly a hotel. It was not believed by Mr. Schultis that the Moran place would answer the description of the hideout. He is also Secretary of the Antioch, Illinois Fire Department. At the request of the writer he furnished a list of the fire calls which were received in January, 1934. This list appears below:

Date:	Time:
1/7/34	4.50 P.M.
1/14/34	2.45 P.M.
1/15/34	8.25 P.M.
1/16/34	1.00 P.M.
1/21/34	4.00 P.M.
1/21/34	5.30 P.M.
1/27/34	11.50 A.M.
1/30/34	5.40 P.M.
1/31/34	5.40 P.M.
1/31/34	6.25 P.M.

The Antioch, Illinois fire siren was not sounded on January 28, 1934.

Lester Osborn, Mail Carrier, 950 Lake, Antioch, Illinois was interviewed. He stated that his mail route covers a distance of thirty-five miles, a large part of which is situated in the lake region. Mr. Osborn further advised that he delivers mail to the "Bugs" Moran Home. He stated that with the sole exception of a caretaker, who is a local boy, there has been no one at the Moran place during the past winter. He further advised that the description of the "Bugs" Moran place does not correspond with the description of the hideout. The Moran place is built in the side of a hill. Prior to entering the first floor it is necessary to descend several steps after which it becomes necessary to walk about twenty steps farther before entering the lower floor. This floor is even with the street level and no additional descent is necessary in order to enter. The interior of the basement does not correspond with the hideout according to Mr. Osborn.

Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis were shown to Mr. Osborn but he was unable to identify same. Said photographs were also exhibited to the following individuals with negative results:

M. Ray Smith, Proprietor, Red Crown Service Station  
R. L. Murrie, Proprietor, Standard Oil Filling Station  
B. Ray, Filling Station Proprietor  
W. A. Rosing, proprietor, Ford Garage, and also the Shell Service Station, Antioch, Illinois, has been supervisor of the township and in this capacity he had charge of granting beer licenses to taverns. Mr. Rosing stated that he has covered the township very thoroughly but within his knowledge he has not seen the individuals whose photographs were shown to him.

L. Thompson, 1551 Sherman, Northbrook, Illinois was interviewed. He is a meter reader for the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois and his territory includes Antioch, Illinois and surrounding territory. He was unable to remember having seen a basement resembling the hideout. He further stated that he had been in the basement of "Bugs" Moran's place, but it fails to answer the description of the hideout.

There are two drug stores in Antioch, Illinois. Helen Cribb, Manager, Reeves Drug Store, was interviewed. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis were shown to her with negative results. She expressed the opinion that the photograph of Volney Davis appears somewhat familiar.

H. L. Gilbraith, proprietor, Kings Drug Store, was also interviewed at which time the photographs of the individuals listed above were exhibited to him. He was unable to identify said photographs although he expressed an opinion that the picture of Fred Barker appeared rather familiar. Mr. Gilbraith stated that if he has ever seen Fred Barker it probably occurred in the drug store.

#### LAKE VILLA, ILLINOIS:

Mrs. H. M. Ballenger, Postmistress, Lake Villa, Illinois was interviewed. There is a population of about four hundred people in Lake Villa. It is a summer resort town and there is very little activity there from about September until the following May. Lake Villa has a stationary fire siren. It is sounded each day, including Sunday, at 12 noon. It is also possible to frequently hear the sirens of other towns at noon and evening, although said sirens are not heard regularly.



There are no factories situated in or near Lake Villa, Illinois and the factory whistles of other towns are not audible. One church, namely the Methodist Church, is located in Lake Villa. The bell of this church is rung on Sundays at ten o'clock and eleven o'clock in the morning. It never rings on Saturdays. Church bells located in other communities are not audible in the village. The Soo Line Railway passes through Lake Villa, Illinois. The schedule of trains arriving in Lake Villa appears below:

2.50 A.M. northbound  
6.55 A.M. southbound  
7.00 P.M. northbound  
9.10 P.M. southbound

There is very little switching in Lake Villa, Illinois. Occasional planes fly overhead. There is no village water system and no individual reads water meters in Lake Villa.

All meter readers of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, Northbrook, Illinois (eighteen in number) were interviewed by the writer. Said water meter readers have jurisdiction of Lake Villa, Illinois.

Fred Hamlin, Chief, Fire Department, Lake Villa, Illinois upon interview stated that the Lake Villa fire siren sounded at 12 o'clock noon on January 28, 1932, and that it was sounded again on the same date at 2 P.M. for trial purposes. Mr. Hamlin stated that he has resided in Lake Villa for a period of forty years, and that he is well acquainted with the structure of the various homes in the village as well as in the surrounding territory. Mr. Hamlin advised that there are no basements in the locality which could possibly be used for living quarters. A description of the hideout was furnished to Mr. Hamlin but he was unable to provide any information pertinent to this inquiry.

Only one drug store is located in Lake Villa. F. S. Boyd, Clerk, Hooper's Drug Store, was interviewed at which time photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis were shown to him. He stated that the photograph of Volney Davis resembles some one he has seen in Hooper's Drug Store. The individual to whom he referred has not been seen recently and the sole information which was available from Mr. Boyd was that the picture of Volney Davis appeared familiar.

Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis were also exhibited to the following individuals with negative results:

E. O. Hucker, proprietor, Hucker's Garage, Lake Villa.  
A. Haley, Rentner and Haley Chevrolet Garage, Lake Villa  
Frank Sciacero, Rentner and Haley Service Station, Lake Villa.

G. Swanson, Swanson's Garage, Lake Villa, Illinois when interviewed stated that the photographs of Volney Davis and Arthur Barker appeared familiar. After a considerable amount of questioning he stated that he is of the opinion that he saw Barker and Davis in the summer of 1933 or the fall of 1933; that they were driving a 1928 Chevrolet coach at that time; that about three or four men were in the car and that these individuals were headed for Fourth Lake. Mr. Swanson's recollection of the men in question was very hazy and he was unable to furnish any additional details. Fourth Lake is a summer resort which is located about five miles from Lake Villa.

#### FOURTH LAKE, ILLINOIS:

Investigation at Fourth Lake disclosed that practically all cottages surrounding the lake are uninhabited during the winter months. Only six families have resided in cottages near Fourth Lake during the past winter.

Dave Theehes, Fourth Lake, was interviewed. He owns property surrounding Fourth Lake and rents boats and cottages during the summer months. Mr. Theehes stated that it is possible to hear the siren located in Lake Villa, Illinois. This siren is sounded each day at 12 noon. There is no siren in Fourth Lake. Although no factories are situated in Fourth Lake it is possible to hear a factory whistle at 7 A.M. twelve noon and 5 P.M. A church is not located in or near Fourth Lake and no church bells are audible. The nearest trains are those passing through Lake Villa, Illinois. Occasional aeroplanes pass overhead. Mr. Theehes stated that all buildings near Fourth Lake are typical summer cottages. There are no basements in said cottages. No strangers have been in the vicinity of Fourth Lake during the past winter months according to Mr. Theehes. He stated that it would be impossible for strangers to live near Fourth Lake without his knowledge. He further advised that all individuals who have been frequenting Fourth Lake during the past several months are known to him. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker and Harry Campbell were shown to Mr. Dan Theehes. He stated that within his knowledge he has never seen these individuals

and that he is positive that they have not frequented Fourth Lake during the winter of 1933-1934.

C. W. Williamson, Manager of the sub-division Fourth Lake, Illinois was interviewed at which time the photographs of the individuals listed above were exhibited to him. He stated that he is in charge of the realty surrounding Fourth Lake; that he is on the premises constantly and that he is confident that the individuals whose photographs were shown to him have not been living near Fourth Lake during the past several months. Mr. Williams stated that only six families have remained at Fourth Lake during the past winter. The members of these families are known to Mr. Williams and no strangers have been observed. There are no basements near Fourth Lake that are habitable.

Mrs. Thor Alfredson, Fourth Lake, Wisconsin was interviewed in the absence of her husband. Mr. Alfredson rents boats to individuals who visit Fourth Lake during the summer months. She stated that the cottage of Mrs. Johnson is the sole cottage near Fourth Lake which has a basement and that same is not habitable. She corroborated the statements of Mr. Williamson and Mr. Theehes to the effect that no strangers have been observed near the vicinity of Fourth Lake during the past winter months. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker and Harry Campbell were shown to Mrs. Alfredson but she was unable to recognize same.

There are no places of business in Fourth Lake and no Post Office is located there.

#### LOON LAKE, ILLINOIS:

Mr. Charles Cermak, proprietor, Cermak's Loon Lake Store, was interviewed. Loon Lake is a summer resort village. During the past winter months only about three families have remained in Loon Lake. The residence buildings consist solely of cottages which surround the lake. There is no Post Office in Loon Lake and the mail is delivered by the Antioch, Illinois Postal Carrier. No siren is located in Loon Lake. The siren in Antioch which sounds each day at twelve noon is heard in Loon Lake however. There is no factory located near Loon Lake and it is impossible to hear a factory whistle of other towns, although a boys school located a few miles distant has a whistle which is sounded each morning at six o'clock. There are no schools or churches in Loon Lake. On extremely rare occasions the Catholic Church bell located in Antioch can be heard. The Soo Line Railway passes through Loon Lake. A train which passes through

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Loon Lake at 9 P.M. enroute to Chicago stops only when signalled. No other trains stop. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis were exhibited to Charles Cermak and to his son who is also employed in the store. They were unable to identify the photographs. Mr. Cermak stated that he has lived in Loon Lake for ten years; that he knows all individuals who frequent Loon Lake; that in addition thereto he visits almost all cottages for the purpose of making deliveries, and that he is confident that the individuals whose photographs were shown him have never lived in the vicinity of Loon Lake. There have been no strangers in Loon Lake during the past winter according to Mr. Cermak.

H. Greenlee, Service Man, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Antioch, Illinois was interviewed. Loon Lake lies within the territory covered by Mr. Greenlee. No information pertinent to this inquiry could be developed.

All meter readers of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois were interviewed by the writer in Northbrook, Illinois. Loon Lake lies within the territory covered by these men.

#### RICHMOND, ILLINOIS:

John H. Ryan, Acting Postmaster, Richmond, Illinois, was interviewed. A stationary fire siren is located in Richmond, Illinois. It is sounded each day except Sundays at 12 noon and for fire. There are no factories located near Richmond and factory whistles of other localities are not audible. There are three churches in Richmond, Illinois, namely: Congregational, Methodist and Catholic. The Congregational and Catholic Churches are not equipped with bells. The bell of the Methodist Church is rung on Sundays only and is not rung on Saturdays. The Crystal Lake and Lake Geneva division of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway passes through Richmond, Illinois. A schedule of the passenger trains appears below:

7.58 A.M. - Southbound  
10.33 A.M. - Northbound  
2.40 P.M. - Southbound  
5.40 P.M. - Northbound

A freight train which arrives at approximately 6.30 A.M. (no definite time) carries mail. Another freight train passes through Richmond each day. Very little switching occurs in Richmond. There are occasional aeroplanes flying over the village.

Richmond, Illinois has a population of five hundred fifty people. Two rural carriers work out of the Richmond Post Office. Said carriers are Frank G. Motley and LeRoy Todd. The Richmond Post Office has jurisdiction over Twin Lakes, Wisconsin in which locality the home of Harvey Bailey is located. The wife of Harvey Bailey, who is known as Mrs. Brennan, and son Von Brennan, still reside near Twin Lakes. Mail is delivered to Mrs. Brennan and Von Brennan by LeRoy Todd. A brother of Harvey Bailey, one Err R. Bailey formerly resided in the Twin Lakes area but moved to Bristol, Wisconsin about ten days ago.

There have been no suspicious characters seen in Richmond, Illinois during the past several months. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker and Harry Campbell were exhibited to Mr. Ryan but he was unable to identify same.

Edith Bamba, Assistant to Postmaster John H. Ryan, Richmond, Illinois was also interviewed and photographs of the individuals listed above were exhibited to her, without results.

LeRoy Todd, Mail Carrier, Richmond, Illinois was interviewed at which time a description of the hideout was furnished to him. He delivers mail for a distance of thirty miles. Mr. Todd was unable to recall having seen a place which would correspond to the description of the hideout. Photographs of the six individuals previously mentioned were shown to Mr. Todd but he was unable to identify same.

Frank G. Motley, Mail Carrier, Richmond, Illinois when interviewed was furnished with a description of the hideout and was also shown the six photographs referred to above. No information was available concerning the hideout or the individuals whose photographs were exhibited to him.

The writer interviewed the following individuals in Richmond and exhibited to them photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, and Harry Campbell:

Leo Karls, Clerk, J.G. Stevens Grocery and meat Market  
L. J. Burton, Burton's Grocery  
Mrs. W. H. Topper, Clerk, O'Brien's Pharmacy  
W. H. Topper, Manager, O'Brien's Pharmacy  
C. H. Grant, attendant, Texaco Service Station  
F. W. Foley, proprietor, Foley's Garage and service station  
C. C. Stewart, proprietor, Stewart's Nippersink Garage  
E. L. Buchert, Mechanic, Stewart's Nippersink Garage  
Frank Dammier, Stewart's Nippersink Garage

Mr. W. H. Topper, Manager, O'Brien's Pharmacy, Richmond, Ill. stated that the photograph of Volney Davis resembles a man who entered O'Brien's Pharmacy one night prior to Christmas 1933. The individual in question was accompanied by two other men. These men have never been seen prior or subsequent to that time and no additional information relative thereto was available. The other individuals interviewed were unable to recognize the photographs.

Otto Buchert, village marshal, was interviewed at which time description of the hideout was furnished to him. Mr. Buchert reads the water meters for the village of Richmond and in that capacity has access to the basements of all homes in the village. He stated that he has never observed a place corresponding to the description of the hideout. Photographs of the six individuals listed previously were exhibited to Otto Buchert with negative results.

W. E. Stamm, meter foreman, McHenry County Power and Light Company, Richmond, Illinois was interviewed. Mr. Stamm reads all meters for the above company throughout an area of six miles in width and twenty five miles in length in McHenry County, Illinois. In addition to rural territory Mr. Stamm reads meters in the following places: Grass Lake, Lotus Woods, Wildwood, Spring Grove, Solon Mills, Fox River Springs, Richmond, Hebron, Alden, Big Foot and Bingwood, Illinois. He also reads meters in the subdivision located on Pistakee Lake. A complete description of the hideout and samples of the wallpaper found therein were shown to Mr. Stamm. He was unable to remember having seen a place which would correspond to the description of the hideout. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker and Harry Campbell were exhibited to Mr. Stamm with negative results.

Inquiry at the office of the telephone company, Richmond, Illinois developed that the installation and service work in the locality is performed by William Helm, Hebron, Illinois. Investigation at Hebron, Illinois being conducted by another Agent.

William Freeman, Secretary, Fire Department, Richmond, Ill. upon interview produced his records which reflect that a fire call was received on January 26, 1934, and on February 8, 1934. Mr. Freeman advised that no fire call was received on January 28, 1934.



SOLON MILLS, ILLINOIS:

Leon Hodge, Postmaster, was interviewed. Solon Mills has a population of 125 people. There is no siren located in Solon Mills, Ill. On very rare occasions the siren of Spring Grove is heard in Solon Mills. The siren of Spring Grove is sounded only in case of fire. No factories are located near Solon Mills and no factory whistles are audible. There is one church in Solon Mills. The bell of this church rings on Sundays only. It never rings on Saturdays. Church bells of other communities are not audible in Solon Mills although on rare occasions the Catholic Church bell of Spring Grove may be heard. This church bell rings three times each day, namely at 7 A.M., noon, and 5 P.M. The Chicago, Milwaukee St. Paul and Pacific Railway passes through Solon Mills. Only one train which arrives at 7.50 A.M. stops in Solon Mills. Mr. Hodge advised the writer that the following trains pass through Solon Mills:

- 7.50 A.M. eastbound
- 10.45 A.M. eastbound
- 5.45 P.M. westbound
- 7.40 P.M. eastbound
- 4.55 P.M. westbound

One local freight train passes through Solon Mills each day and another freight train passes through the village three times per week. Very little switching occurs in the vicinity of Solon Mills. Occasional aeroplanes fly over the village. Mr. Hodge stated that there have been no strangers or suspicious characters in Solon Mills during the past few months. There are only a small number of homes in the village and Mr. Hodge stated that there are no basements in the locality which could be used for living quarters. In addition to the Post Office, the only places of business in Solon Mills are a store and a tavern. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker and Harry Campbell were shown to Mr. Hodge but he was unable to identify same.

H.R. Turner, proprietor, Turner's Grocery, Solon Mills, Ill. was interviewed and photographs of the six individuals listed above were exhibited to him. He was unable to identify said photographs and further advised that there have been no strangers in the village during the past several months. Mr. Turner stated that he has resided in Solon Mills during his entire lifetime; that he is well acquainted with the various homes of the locality and that there are no basements which could be used for living quarters.

Mrs. Gertrude Aubert, Clerk, Turner's Grocery, Solon Mills, Illinois was also interviewed. She was unable to remember having seen any individuals resembling the six photographs which the writer exhibited to her. Said photographs are those referred to previously.

W. C. Stamm, meter foreman, McHenry County Power and Light Company, Richmond, Illinois upon interview advised that he reads meters for said company in Solon Mills, Illinois. He was unable to provide any information which might assist in locating the hideout.

There is no water system in Solon Mills.

SPRING GROVE, ILLINOIS:

Bertha M. Esh, Postmistress, Spring Grove, Illinois was interviewed. There is a population of 249 people in Spring Grove. No drug stores are located in the town and only two grocery stores are situated there. Spring Grove has a fire siren which is used only for fires. The last fire call was received in Spring Grove in December, 1933. There have been no fire calls during January, February or March, 1934. Sirens of other towns are not audible. No factories are located in Spring Grove, Illinois. The whistle of the Bowman Dairy Company, Ringwood, Illinois can be heard if the wind is favorable. This whistle is sounded at 7 o'clock A.M. and at 12 o'clock noon. There are two churches in Spring Grove, Illinois, namely - The Community Church and the Catholic Church. The bell of the Catholic Church is rung each day of the week at 7 o'clock A.M. 12 noon and five P.M. On Sunday the bell of the Catholic church rings at eight o'clock A.M. and ten o'clock A.M. The bell of the Community Church rings only on Sundays. A church bell is not heard on Saturdays other than the Catholic Church bell which rings at the usual hours of 7 A.M., noon and 5 P.M.

The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway passes through Spring Grove, Illinois. A schedule of the passenger trains appears below:

7.45 A.M.	eastbound
10.40 A.M.	westbound
4.30 P.M.	westbound
7.06 P.M.	westbound
8.21 P.M.	westbound
7.35 P.M.	eastbound

Freight trains also pass through Spring Grove, Illinois but very little switching occurs. Occasional aeroplanes pass over Spring Grove, Illinois. There is no village water department in Spring Grove and no individual is employed to read the water meters. No basements in the vicinity of Spring Grove are suitable for living quarters.

Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker and Harry Campbell were exhibited by the writer to the following individuals during the course of interview:

- Bertha M. Esh, Postmistress
- John Lay, proprietor, John Lay Grocery and Market
- Ada Carr, Clerk, N.W. Weber General Store
- Charles J. Freund, Manager, N.W. Weber General Store
- Nick Nett, Manager, Nett's Garage & Filling Station
- Paul Weber, proprietor, Paul's Garage
- Ike Britz, mechanic, Paul's Garage.

The individuals listed above were unable to identify the photographs or furnish any information of value to this inquiry.

W. E. Stamm, meter foreman, McHenry County Power and Light Company, Richmond, Illinois, upon interview advised that he reads meters for the company named above in Spring Grove, Illinois. A description of the hideout was furnished to Mr. Stamm but he was unable to provide any information pertinent to this inquiry.

The telephone service man for Spring Grove works out of Hebron, Illinois. Another agent is conducting investigation in Hebron.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent V. W. Peterson for the purpose of attempting to locate the hideout:

- Gurnee, Illinois
- Millburn, Illinois
- Russell, Illinois
- Wadsworth, Illinois
- Winthrop Harbor, Illinois
- Zion, Illinois

GURNEE, ILLINOIS:

W. K. Kimball, Postmaster, Gurnee, Illinois upon interview advised that the siren of the Gurnee, Illinois fire department is sounded each day at noon and in case of fire. There are no factories in the village of Gurnee, Illinois which has a population of about five hundred people. When the wind is favorable it is possible to hear a factory whistle of a neighboring town at noon. It is also possible to hear the fog horn of Waukegan, Illinois. There is only one church in Gurnee, Illinois, the bell of which church rings only on Sunday and never rings on Saturday. The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway passes through Gurnee. A train from Chicago enroute to St. Paul stops in Gurnee at two o'clock each afternoon. No other trains stop in the village although trains pass through almost hourly. The Chicago and Northwestern Railway passes near Gurnee but no trains stop and this line does not have a station in Gurnee. There is very little switching in the vicinity of Gurnee. Mr. Kimball advised that the greater number of homes in the village are one family homes. There is no water system in the village and consequently no individual is employed to read water meters. Mr. Kimball stated that he has not observed any suspicious characters in the vicinity of Gurnee, Illinois. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker and Fred Barker were exhibited to Mr. Kimball but he was unable to identify same.

Joseph Dada, Chief, Fire Department, was interviewed. He advised that the siren of Gurnee is sounded only at noon each day. At the request of the writer he produced his records which reflect that the Gurnee Fire Department received no calls in January 1934, and that the only fire which occurred in February was on the fifteenth of February, 1934. He corroborated the information provided by Postmaster W. K. Kimball to the effect that there is only one church in Gurnee and that its bell is rung only on Sunday.

Charles Hook, trouble shooter, Warren Mutual Telephone Co. Gurnee, Illinois was interviewed. He was provided with a description of the hideout but was unable to furnish any information which might aid in this inquiry.

R. W. McClure, proprietor, McClure's Garage, Gurnee, Illinois upon interview advised that he has not observed a dark colored Buick sedan in which there were suspicious characters during the past few months. A service station is operated in connection with McClure's Garage and photographs of Volney Davis, Mrs. Arrie Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker and Fred Barker were shown to all employees of said garage and service station. Said employees are R. W. McClure, proprietor, Hollo Worth, Virdeen Lamb, Everett W. McClure and Joseph Dada.

Everett W. McClure, McClure's Garage, Gurnee, Illinois, stated that the photograph of Harry Campbell is that of an individual who attempted to defraud him on March 23, 1934. This individual is stated to have attempted to sell him some literature pertaining to the retail gasoline business. Everett W. McClure asked him the price of the literature and the only reply he received was "You have a bill haven't you?". According to Everett McClure, the individual attempted to compel him to give him a bill without disclosing the price of the literature he was selling and thereafter absconding with all money he received. No further information could be developed concerning this individual although Everett McClure advised that he was traveling with another man and a woman in a 1933 Chevrolet coupe. This car was painted black and had black wire wheels. Everett McClure did not have an opportunity to observe the companions of the individual in question and could not describe them. It appears rather unlikely that Harry Campbell would be connected with a "sheep racket" of this nature, but Everett McClure was rather positive of the photograph identification. Everett McClure was alone in the garage when he was approached with reference to the retail gasoline literature. The two men and one woman left Gurnee, Illinois in the Chevrolet coupe in an easterly direction.

MILLBURN, ILLINOIS:

E. Groebli, General Store proprietor, Millburn, Illinois upon interview advised that Millburn is a village of less than 100 inhabitants. There is no Post Office in Millburn and the village is not incorporated. The Groebli store and the E. A. Martin general store are the only places of business in the village. There is no siren located in Millburn. If the wind is favorable it is possible to hear the siren at Antioch on rare occasions. There are no factories in or near Millburn and it is impossible to hear the whistles of factories situated in other towns. There is one church in Millburn. The bell of this church is rung only on Sunday and is never rung on Saturday. No railways pass through Millburn. The Soo Line and the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railways pass through Lake Villa, Illinois which is about four miles from Millburn. There is no water system in Millburn and no individuals are employed to read water meters. An air mail route is located over Millburn and air mail planes pass overhead each day. Mr. E. A. Martin, General Store, Millburn, Illinois was also interviewed. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker and Fred Barker were exhibited to Mr. E. Groebli and Mr. E. A. Martin with negative results.

RUSSELL, ILLINOIS:

R. W. Baneck, Garageman, Russell, Illinois was interviewed at which time photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker and Fred Barker were exhibited to him. He advised that these individuals have never visited his garage.

J. H. Kelly, Postmaster, upon interview advised that Russell has a population of sixty people. There is no siren in the village and it is impossible to hear the siren of surrounding towns. There are no factories in Russell and it is only on rare occasions that it is possible to hear a factory whistle of a Zion, Illinois factory. There is one church in Russell namely the Baptist Church. It does not have a bell. Church bells are not rung in the vicinity on Saturdays. With reference to the trains which pass through Russell, Mr. Kelly advised that one passenger train stops in Russell each day at 2.14 P.M. This train is northward bound. There is one freight train each day but very little switching is done. Trains switch in Russell about two or three times each week. Two air mail planes pass over Russell each night. Mr. J. H. Kelly operates a general store in connection with the Post Office. The garage operated by Mr. Baneck and the Kelly store are the only places of business in Russell.

G. J. Kelly, Russell, Illinois was interviewed. He is employed as a clerk in the Kelly store. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker and Fred Barker were shown to J. H. Kelly and G. J. Kelly but they could not identify same.

WADSWORTH, ILLINOIS:

Mrs. C. Patch, Postmistress, Wadsworth, Illinois, upon interview advised that Wadsworth has a population of one hundred people. There is no siren in Wadsworth and it is impossible to hear the sirens of surrounding towns although when the wind is favorable it is possible to occasionally hear a siren located in Zion, Illinois. There are no factories located in the vicinity of Wadsworth. It is possible to occasionally hear factory whistles located in Waukegan, Illinois. Said whistles are sounded in the mornings and evenings. Only one church is situated in Wadsworth. This church has no bell and it is not possible to hear church bells located in surrounding localities. The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway passes through Wadsworth. A train arriving at 2.10 P.M. from the south stops in Wadsworth. No other trains stop although there are thirty two trains passing through Wadsworth each twenty four hours. Gas and electricity is furnished to the village of Wadsworth, Illinois by the North



Shore Gas Company and by the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois. The meter readers of said companies have been interviewed. The telephone service is rendered by the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Waukegan, Ill. Arrangements are being made to interview the employees of that company.

Mr. O. Patch, proprietor of the store which is operated in conjunction with his wife's Post Office, Wadsworth, Illinois was interviewed. The information which he furnished is identical to that provided by his wife. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker and Fred Barker were exhibited to Mr. and Mrs. Patch with negative results.

J. Foster, Foster's Store, Wadsworth, Illinois when interviewed stated that he has observed no suspicious characters in the vicinity of Wadsworth. Photographs of the individuals listed above were exhibited to him but he was unable to identify same.

Mrs. Frank Shea, Shea's Garage and Service Station, Wadsworth Illinois was interviewed in the absence of her husband who was out of town, at the time of Agent's visit. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker and Fred Barker were shown to her with negative results. She assists her husband in the operation of his place of business.

WINTHROP HARBOR, ILLINOIS:

Lydia Bostetter, Postmistress, Winthrop Harbor, Illinois was interviewed. Winthrop Harbor has a population of 661 people. There is no siren in the village but is possible to hear the siren on the lace factory located in Zion, Illinois at noon and five o'clock. There is no factory in Winthrop Harbor, Illinois, but factory whistles of Zion may be heard when the wind is favorable. Said factory whistles sound at the following hours: 6 A.M. 7 A.M. 8 A.M., noon, and 5 P.M. The community church is the only church in Winthrop Harbor. The bell of this church is rung at 10 A.M. and 11 A.M. on Sundays only. It never rings on Saturdays. The Chicago and Northwestern Railway passes through Winthrop Harbor, Ill. The schedule of said line appears below:

6.30 A.M. - southbound  
3.30 P.M. - northbound  
5.30 P.M. - northbound  
7.12 P.M. - northbound

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There is very little switching in Winthrop Harbor. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker, Lydia Bostetter, without results.

John T. Johnston, Winthrop Harbor, Illinois was interviewed. Mr. Johnston reads the water meters in Winthrop Harbor. He also owns and operates a garage and in addition thereto Mr. Johnson is a motorcycle officer. A description of the hideout was furnished to Mr. Johnston. He advised that he has never seen any place which would answer this description. Photographs of Volney Davis, Mrs. Arrie Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker and Fred Barker were exhibited to Mr. Johnston but he was unable to identify same.

Nellie Anderson, confectionery store proprietress, Winthrop Harbor, Illinois was also interviewed at which time photographs of the individuals listed above were shown to her. Nellie Anderson was unable to provide any information concerning said individuals.

Cecil Knapp, 938 Muirfield, Waukegan, Illinois advised that he reads meters for the Northshore Gas Company, Waukegan, Illinois in Winthrop Harbor and Zion, Illinois. A description of the hideout was furnished to him but he could provide no information relative thereto. Numerous meter readers for the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois Waukegan, Illinois was interviewed with negative results.

#### ZION, ILLINOIS:

Florence Higley, Assistant Postmistress, Zion, Illinois was interviewed. Zion, Illinois has a population of 6000 people. The Zion fire department has a siren which is used in case of fire, and occasionally for police calls and at no other time. There are several factories in Zion. The whistles of said factories are heard each morning noon and evening except on Sundays. The Christian Catholic Apostolic Church of Zion, Illinois of which W. S. Voliva is overseer, controls over two thirds of the population. In addition to this religious organization there are four churches, namely: Methodist, Baptist, which has no church building, Christian Assembly, and the Grove Missionary. The only bell in Zion is located on the Zion Home. This bell is rung each week day at the following hours: 6 A.M. 9 A.M. 6 P.M. and 9 P.M. The bell at 9 A.M. and 9 P.M. rings for the purpose of causing the inhabitants of the town to pause for prayer and at the end of a two minute period the bell is rung again. On Sundays the bell on the Zion Home is rung only at 9 A.M. and 9 P.M.

D. DePaw, 2904 Eschol Street; A. G. McCulloch, 2806 Elizabeth Street, C. J. Ross, 2614 Elisha Street, and Alex DePaw, 2315 Elisha Street, Zion, Illinois were interviewed. These individuals are mail carriers working out of the Zion Post Office. A description of the hideout was furnished to them but they were unable to provide any information of value to this inquiry.

Florence Higley advised that the Chicago and Northwestern Steam Railway and the Northshore Electric Railway pass through Zion. Electric trains arrive in Zion every hour. Following is a schedule of the Chicago and Northwestern trains arriving in Zion, Illinois each day:

Southbound (to Chicago)	Northbound (from Chicago)
6.45 A.M.	8.25 A.M.
7.32 A.M.	10.18 A.M.
8.24 A.M.	1.38 P.M.
10.36 A.M.	3.25 P.M.
11.23 A.M.	5.35 P.M.
4.52 P.M.	6.41 P.M.
	7.04 P.M.
	7.18 P.M.
	10.30 P.M.

There is no Sunday train service in Zion, Illinois.

E. W. Casperson, Chief, Fire Department, Zion, Illinois was interviewed. Mr. Casperson is also chief of the Zion Police Department. The records of the Zion, Illinois Fire Department reflect that fire calls were received on January 20, 1934, January 28, 1934, and January 30, 1934. Two calls were received on January 28, 1934. The first call was received at 2 P.M. and the second call was received at 3 P.M. The fire siren sounded only at 2 P.M. Mr. Casperson advised that the Zion, Illinois fire siren is used only for fire and Police calls. There are four factories in Zion, Illinois. The whistles of these factories are sounded at 6 A.M. 7 A.M. 8 A.M., noon and 5 P.M. The whistle on the lace factory, which is sounded at noon and five o'clock P.M. sounds quite similar to a siren. Mr. Casperson advised that he has inspected the greater number of homes in Zion, Illinois for fire purposes and that he has never seen any basements which would resemble the hideout.

R. Baurle, Fire Department, Zion, Illinois was also interviewed. The information which he provided was similar to that furnished by Chief Casperson. Erwin M. Craig, Assistant Superintendent, Water Department, Zion, Illinois, upon interview stated that he reads the water meters in Zion, Illinois; that he visits all homes which receive water from the city of Zion, and that he has never seen a basement answering the description of the hideout. James J. Craig, Superintendent, Water Department, Zion, Illinois was also interviewed but no additional information could be developed.

Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker and Fred Barker were exhibited to the following individuals with negative results: E. W. Casperson, Chief of Fire Department, R. Baurle, Paul Stewart, Erwin M. Craig, and James J. Craig.

Cecil Knapp, 938 Muirfield, Waukegan, Illinois upon interview advised that he reads gas meters in Zion, Illinois and Winthrop Harbor, Illinois for the Northshore Gas Company, Waukegan, Illinois. A description of the hideout was furnished him but he was unable to provide any information relative thereto. Meter readers of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, Waukegan, Illinois, were also interviewed without results.

On March 23 and 24, 1934, investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. C. Ryan at the following places, relative to the hideout:

Barrington, Illinois  
Ela, Illinois  
Lake Zurich, Illinois  
Long Grove, Illinois  
Volo, Illinois  
Wauconda, Illinois.

BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS: It was learned through Postmaster E. J. Langdon that the siren located here blows each Saturday at noon and for fires; that no factory whistles are heard here, the Jewel Tea Co. being located in the northern section of town, but this has no whistle, and the closest town at which a factory with a whistle is located is Algonquin, a distance of eight miles, which whistle can be heard only on exceptionally clear days; that there are six churches in town, one of which

the St. Paul Lutheran, rings its bell at 6 P.M. on Saturdays and all the rest ring at various times on Sunday mornings; that the mail plane to Madison and St. Paul flies directly overhead at 4.55 P.M. daily.

The town is served by the Chicago & Northwestern RR. which runs a suburban service to Chicago, and the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad, which is entirely freight. The following schedule of trains was ascertained for these railroads:

Chicago & North Western

<u>Southbound</u>	<u>Northbound</u>
5.15 A.M.	12.46 A.M.
5.35 A.M.	2.40 A.M. (through)
5.08 A.M.	7.45 A.M.
6.43 A.M.	9.35 A.M.
7.00 A.M.	10.20 A.M.
7.09 A.M.	10.45 A.M. (through)
7.24 A.M.	11.30 A.M.
7.49 A.M.	1.13 P.M.
7.52 A.M.	2.20 P.M.
8.55 A.M.	2.16 P.M.
9.10 A.M.	4.25 P.M.
10.40 A.M.	4.43 P.M.
10.45 A.M.	5.17 P.M.
12.05 P.M.	5.43 P.M.
1.15 P.M.	6.10 P.M.
2.45 P.M.	6.17 P.M.
4.10 P.M.	6.25 P.M. (through)
5.30 P.M.	6.43 P.M.
6.17 P.M. (through)	7.00 P.M.
8.15 P.M. (through)	7.53 P.M.
8.35 P.M.	9.15 P.M.
10.35 P.M.	10.35 P.M.
	11.15 P.M. (through)
	11.36 P.M.

The above are the daily passenger trains, all of which, with the exception of those marked "through" stop at Barrington.

Elgin, Joliet & Eastern

Eastbound

12.35 A.M.  
6.00 A.M.  
10.15 A.M. (local)  
12.25 P.M.  
5.25 P.M.

Westbound

3.15 A.M.  
9.15 A.M.  
1.15 P.M. (local)  
4.50 P.M.  
8.50 P.M.

Only the trains marked "local" stop at Barrington. All of the above are freight trains.

It was ascertained through the station agents at both railroads that all trains on both lines blow their whistles several times at crossings before arriving at Barrington and that the whistles on all trains are ordinary train whistles.

H. W. Blood, Station Agent, E. J. & E. R.R. advised that a switch engine on his railroad moves cars from the Jewel Tea Co. to the main tracks from noon to 6.00 P.M. each day and that this engine has an ordinary train whistle which it blows at numerous instances while moving cars.

Postmaster Langdorf and rural carriers Charles Hutchinson, F.L. Bennett and S. L. Landwer, were exhibited pictures of the suspects in this case with negative results. The rural carriers at Barrington serve an area of approximately five square miles around the town, which includes the rural routes out of Lake Zurich, Ill. and the rural district to the south of Wauconda, Ill. They were questioned concerning any house which might answer the description of the hideout and as a result Carrier Landwer suggested the possibility of the cottage of one Frank Kazimour, located on the Fox River, on route 1, out of Barrington, which place is operated as a saloon. Agent accompanied Mr. Landwer to this place and on the pretext of looking for a good fishing location Agent and Landwer engaged a son of Kazimour in conversation and succeeded in viewing the basement. It was found to be approached by five cement steps from the outside but upon entering the basement was found to consist of only two rooms, one of which is used for a store room and the other being formerly used for a bar. The wall of the basement was found to be plain brick and the floors cement, and it did not appear that anyone could have stayed in this place for any length of time due to the dampness.



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Paul Purcell, town marshal, and water meter reader, was interviewed. He had been previously interviewed by Agent in connection with case and advised that he had not thought of or discovered any probable places since he was last interviewed. He recognized none of the pictures of suspects as persons he has seen. In the absence of the fire chief, Mr. Purcell obtained, for Agent, a list of all fires at Barrington between the dates of January 17 and February 7, 1934. The dates and time of these fires are as follows: January 19th at 11.00 A.M. January 23rd at 9.30 P.M. January 31 at 9.30 A.M. Mr. Purcell advised that the siren sounded for each of these fires which was a long continuous blast.

Charles Miller, Town assessor, and confectionery store operator, was interviewed and he advised that through his duties as assessor he has been in and appraised practically 95 percent of the houses in and around Barrington. He stated that he knew no one house which would answer the description of the hideout house. He also failed to recognize the photographs of suspects as parties who had ever dealt at his store.

Agent also interviewed V. H. Lageschulte, a coal dealer, and Charles Wint, a coal truck driver, in order to ascertain if these parties had dealt with any strangers in a house of the hideout description, or had sold coal to anyone resembling suspects, but this was without result.

Inquiry was made at all grocery stores, filling stations and the drug store and pictures of suspects exhibited with no result.

#### AT ELA, ILL.

Inquiry was made by Agent of the operator of the only gasoline station and grocery store in the town, which consists of approximately ten houses. It was learned that no siren is located here or ordinarily heard; that no factory whistles are anywhere nearby; that no churches are closer than three miles, at Lake Zurich; that the closest railroad, the C. & N.W. is four miles distant. Photographs of suspects were exhibited with no results. All houses in this town were visited by Agent and none appeared to hold any possibilities. There is no Post Office here.

#### LAKE ZURICH, ILL.

Agent was advised by Otto Frank, Postmaster, that no siren is located here; that only on infrequent intervals are the sirens from Barrington and Sauconda heard; that there are no factories or factory whistles here; that the bell of the Evangelical Church is the only one which rings here and this rings only three times on Sundays. It was determined that the only trains running through this town are freight trains over the E. J. & E. RR, and the schedule for these trains would differ only approximately 15 minutes from the schedule of those trains obtained at Barrington, listed

above.

John Gherke, who had been previously interviewed by Agents relative to the hideout was again contacted and he advised that he had not thought of or discovered any possible houses since the inquiry was made. He also failed to identify photographs of suspects as persons he has seen. Gherke is town marshal and water meter reader.

Inquiry was also made of grocery stores and all gasoline stations at Lake Zurich and photographs of suspects exhibited with negative results.

#### LONG GROVE, ILL.

Agent found this town to consist of approximately twenty houses no Post Office being located here. G. B. Umbenstock, Fire Chief and garage operator was interviewed. He advised that the siren blows here daily at noon; that the only fire during the months of January and February, 1934, was on February 1 at 4.40 P.M. at which time the siren blew. He further advised that there is but one church here which church rings its bell on Sunday mornings only; that the nearest train line is the Soo Railroad, running entirely freights, at a distance of three and one half miles; that there are no factories anywhere near the town and no whistles are heard. Mr. Umbenstock claimed to be familiar with all houses in the vicinity and stated that he knew of no house in the vicinity which would in any way resemble the hideout. He also failed to identify the photographs of suspects as those of any persons he has seen.

VOLO, ILLINOIS It was ascertained through H. Michaelson, who conducts the general store there that there are no sirens, church bells or whistles located in this town and none are heard; that there is no railroad within five miles and no trains are ordinarily heard. He was exhibited photographs of suspects but failed to identify any of them as persons ever having dealt at his store. He further advised that there are no water meters contained in houses here and stated that he is familiar with all houses in the vicinity but that he knew of none which would possibly fit the description of the hideout. There is no Post Office here and by driving about town every house was viewed with none appearing prospective.

WAUCONDA, ILL. It was determined that the siren here blows only on Saturday at noon and for fires; that no factories are located here and no whistles are heard; that there are two churches, the Catholic and the Federated, neither of which rings a bell on Saturday afternoon; that the closest railroad is the E. J. & A. RR which is six miles distant and operates only freight trains. There is no mail delivery or rural routes out of here.

Phil Froelke, fire chief, was interviewed and he advised that the only fire within the period in question was on January 21, 1934; that this was a grass fire and according to the policy of his department no siren was blown for such fire. With reference to a siren, Mr. Froelke advised that a siren located at the Maier's Dairy Farm, two miles west of Wauconda, has a siren which blows at different times. Inquiry at Maier's Farm disclosed that this siren is blown daily at noon and on Sunday, but at no other times.

George Jenson, Town Marshall and water meter reader, stated that no houses which might answer the description of the hideout are located at Wauconda. He viewed the photographs of suspects but stated he could recall seeing no one resembling any of them.

The photographs of suspects were exhibited to attendants of all gasoline filling stations at Wauconda with negative results.

In conjunction with the investigation at the above group of towns the photographs of suspects were also exhibited to attendants of all gasoline filling stations encountered enroute between these towns, but at none of these were they identified as patrons at any time at any of the stations.

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MR. WATMAN  
 MR. TOLSON  
 MR. CLEGG ✓  
 MR. OWLEY  
 MR. EDWARDS  
 MR. COAN  
 MR. QUINN  
 MR. LESTER  
 MR. LOCKE  
 MR. ROOP  
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From Chicago 3/31/34 5:45 P.M.

DIRECTOR

BREKID AND KANMO CASES TAP ON PHONE OF GILBERT NELSON 2344 THORNDALE AVENUE PHONE NUMBER RAVENSWOOD 4931 HAS BEEN MAINTAINED FOR 1 WEEK

WITHOUT RESULTS UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED WILL DISCONTINUE SAME

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DIRECTOR

REFERENCE MY CONVERSATION WITH YOU THIS MORNING INSPECTOR ROBER  
DESIRES AGENTS GROSS MELVIN PETERSON AND RYAN TO PROCEED ST PAUL  
TONIGHT UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED THEY WILL ARRIVE THERE TOMORROW  
MORNING  
AGENTS BROWN AND REINECKE ARE TO REMAIN IN WISCONSIN IN VICINITY OF  
ELKHORN ON BREKER CASE AGENT BRENNAN LEFT HERE LAST NIGHT FOR ST PAUL

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*M. J. [unclear]*

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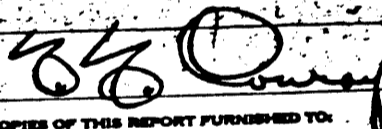
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**ST. PAUL**

FILE NO. **7-37**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>KANSAS CITY, MO.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-2-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>5-26-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>H. E. ANDERSEN</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARRIS with aliases, I.O. #1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219, et al Edward George Bremer - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> L. L. McKinney, former guard at State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado, and State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, died at Omaha, Nebraska, last summer, according to Clerk, State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent Val C. Zimmer, Salt Lake City, 2-21-34.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> E. D. Payne, Clerk and Secretary to the Warden, State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, when interviewed, advised that the only guard at the institution who had ever worked as a guard in the State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado, was L. L. McKinney. This individual, according to Payne, was a guard in the institution for a period of five or six years, but left about four years ago. According to Payne, McKinney died at Omaha, Nebraska, last summer. Payne asserted that he is certain that McKinney is dead.</p> <p>In connection with the foregoing reference is made to the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, deceased, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, and to letter from the Kansas City office to the Special Agent in Charge at Chicago, Illinois, under date of 3-25-34, wherein it will be noted that the photograph of Charles Fitzgerald, Kansas State Penitentiary #6621, has been identified by Edward Doll, inmate of the U. S.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-576-1556</b> RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>APR 4 1934</b> CHECKED OFF: <b>APR 12 1934</b> JACKETED:	
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Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, as being identical with "Old Charlie" alias "Big Fitz". In view of the foregoing it is not deemed expedient to make inquiries at Omaha, Nebraska, to verify the reported death of McKinney, the former guard at Lansing.

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Charles Joseph Fitzgerald

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April 9, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 213,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: VERNON C. HILLER, with aliases (Deceased);  
RICHARD WILLIAM GALATAS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE. Identification Order #1222.  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 21, 1934, in the above entitled case, addressed to the Kansas City Office, wherein you state that Charles Fitzgerald, Kansas State Penitentiary #6621, at the present time is an inmate of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas; that Fitzgerald has been identified by Arthur Johnson as a party known to him as "Charlie", and that he can be interviewed there for whatever information he might desire to offer regarding the above entitled case.

In this connection, reference is made to your letter dated February 22, 1934, addressed to the Division wherein you state Charles J. Fitzgerald, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, St. Paul file 26-2328, was sentenced on December 11, 1933 to one year and one day in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and further that this information was being furnished the Division in order that no efforts would be made to carry the fingerprints of Fitzgerald in the single fingerprint file for comparison purposes in this case.

A review of the file entitled John Hammond, with aliases, including the alias Charles J. Fitzgerald, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, was made at the Division and under date of March 9, 1934, a letter was addressed to you requesting that it be definitely ascertained whether Fitzgerald was or was not in custody between the dates December 11, 1933 and February 18, 1934. A copy of this letter was furnished the Kansas City Office of the Division, which office was instructed to interview Fitzgerald with reference to the above entitled case.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer.

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Under date of March 9, 1934, the Kansas City Office addressed a letter to the Division, furnishing a copy to the St. Paul Office, wherein it is reflected that an interview with John Hammond alias Charles J. Fitzgerald disclosed that this individual is not identical with the Charles J. Fitzgerald alias "Big Fitz", Kansas State Penitentiary #6621, whose photograph has been identified by Arthur Johnson, who is serving a life sentence in the Colorado State Penitentiary and who also has been identified by Eddie Bell, now serving a sentence in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, as set out in the letter of the Kansas City Office, dated March 23, 1934, addressed to the Chicago Office, a copy of which letter was also furnished to the St. Paul Office.

The purpose of this letter is to again advise that there are two individuals named Charles J. Fitzgerald with similar aliases, and the Division is retaining in its single fingerprint file the fingerprints of Charles J. Fitzgerald, Kansas State Penitentiary #6621, Division #95780, inasmuch as the Charles J. Fitzgerald in whom the Division is interested is not in custody at the present time and, therefore, should be considered in connection with the above entitled case, as well as the Bremer kidnaping case.

Photographs of Charles Fitzgerald, Kansas State Penitentiary #6621, and copies of the abstract of criminal record, as reflected by the files of the Identification Unit of the Division, are being transmitted herewith and with copies of this letter to the Kansas City and Chicago Offices of the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 661891

cc Kansas City  
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FILE NO. **7-55**

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/2/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/20/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. E. Dries - GEP</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** American Railway Express Bill of Lading forwarded to points of distribution. St. Paul point of distribution in Minnesota.

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent A. E. Gere, Salt Lake City, Utah, dated March 22, 1934.

**DETAILS:** AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Mr. W. J. Reilly, Chief Clerk, Auditing Department, American Railway Express, 635 Folsom St., advised that records of shipments of express are only kept in the Auditing Department 20 days, and then forwarded to points of distribution; that Way Bills for shipments from Reno to points in Minnesota during December 1933 would now be in the St. Paul office of the American Railway Express, which is the distribution point for Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Wisconsin, Chicago being the distribution point for Illinois.

Mr. Reilly further advised that the Company uses three forms of Way Bills; two of these have an original and two copies, the original accompanying the shipment while one copy stays at the point of origin and the other is forwarded to the Auditing Department and then to the point of distribution. The third form consists of an original and one copy, the original accompanying the shipment and the copy being forwarded to the Auditing Department, which is then forwarded to the point of distribution.

<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:                  3 - Division                  2 - San Francisco                  3 - St. Paul (1 Insp. W. A. Rorer)                  COPIES DESTROYED                  248 MAR 19 1965</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7-576-1557</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APR 4 1934 AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: FILE</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RECORDED AND INDEXED: APR 4 1934 CHECKED OFF: APR 5 1934 PACKETED:</p>
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UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE ST. PAUL OFFICE, at St. Paul, will obtain, if possible, all information from the American Railway Express concerning a shipment of express as set out on page 7 of the report of Reference, from Reno on or about Dec. 5, 1933.

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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

March 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
805-a U.S. Court House & Post Office,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #12345  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #12345  
FELIX; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -  
VICTIM - KIDNAPING. Chicago File 77-123

I am quoting below a portion of the report of Special Agent  
F. E. Milling, Chicago, Illinois, dated March 15, 1934 which refers  
to goggles used by the kidnapers in the above entitled case:

Mr. John H. Lientand, Chicago Eye Shield Company, 2800  
Marrea Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, upon examining the goggles used  
by the kidnapers in this case, advised that they were manufactured  
exclusively by his company under a patent license; that the company's  
trade mark "Geece" appeared on the lower inside portion of the left  
cup and the abbreviated words "PAT. PENDING" appeared on the same  
position of the right cup; that the goggles were known as "504  
H and L goggles, Walders Model"; that they were sold almost exclusively  
to industrial concerns to be used by men engaged in welding, but  
that a few of them were sold to optical companies, hardware stores  
and industrial supply companies, who in turn sold them direct to  
the user. Mr. Lientand further advised that the patented feature  
of these goggles is that they can be worn over regular eye glasses  
and that these patented goggles were first manufactured in 1931  
and put upon the market in that year.

Mr. Lientand further stated that the first goggles man-  
ufactured did not have a reinforced head-band shank such as are on  
instant goggles. The reinforced shank can be identified by the  
small rounded, raised portions on each side of the shank. The  
ones with this feature were not manufactured until August 22, 1931,  
and were not put on the market until after September 1, 1931, and

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on August 19, 1958, a new mould was put in use which printed the U.S. Patent number on the right cup instead of "Pat. Pend." and within two or three months subsequent to that date all goggles sold had the patent number on it, which it will be noted does not appear on the pair involved. Mr. Liantaud stated the identity of the goggles was further limited by the fact that they were the unventilated type and were a welders model as distinguished from a shippers model. The ventilated and shippers models have four large holes in the sides, with a cap containing a screen mesh covering, filling each hole. The holes appearing in the side of each cup of instant goggles were drilled by the user, and, according to Mr. Liantaud, were probably not used in a large industrial plant where attention was given to eye protection inasmuch as open holes would allow the bright rays from the welders torch to pierce the eyes.

In Mr. Liantaud's opinion the lenses appearing in the goggles exhibited to him have been in the cups since the original sale of the cups. He based this conclusion upon the fact that the glass is badly eaten away by acid, indicating long usage, and upon the further fact that the shield rings are frozen to the cups making it impossible to remove them, which condition would exist only after long usage without removal of the rings. Mr. Liantaud stated further that if the goggles had been used in a large industrial plant the lenses would have been replaced from time to time to provide for clear vision. The lenses are inexpensive and it is customary for large companies to replace them as often as once a month. Mr. Liantaud advised that the lenses appearing in instant goggles are also manufactured exclusively by the Chicago Eye Shield Company and are known as "Essentialite" lenses. This particular lens is made in different tints, and with different degrees of shading, but the one appearing in instant goggles is an amber tint and either shade 4, 5 or 6, which are each medium shades.

The "Essentialite" lens is well known in the trade. For the information of Agents assigned to this investigation it is pointed out that the distinguishing feature of the amber shade is the clear yellowish tint while other amber lenses have a reddish tint. It is pointed out that there are two lenses in each cup, the

outer one being known as the protecting lens. The protecting lens of the right cup of instant goggles is completely missing and the inner Essentialite lens is broken, about one-fourth of the glass being gone. The leather nose piece and head band originally on instant goggles were replaced by a rubber nose piece and head band, which is often done by users when the original pieces wear out.

Set forth below are the names and addresses of purchasers of the type of goggles involved in this case, from September 1, 1931 to December 31, 1932, which the States of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan are involved, it being indicated in each instance the quantity purchased, and in each instance where Essentialite lenses were furnished, that fact is indicated together with the shade. The tints of Essentialite lenses were not shown on the sales slips maintained by the Chicago Eye Shield Company, but the greater percentage were amber. Also included in the list are purchasers of these goggles in other states than the ones mentioned above, where goggles contained Essentialite lenses. It is urged that all offices give immediate and special attention to the tracing of goggles sold with this type of lens, and determine if they have reached the possession of any individuals who might be connected with this case. However, attention should be given to tracing of all of these goggles inasmuch as "Essentialite" lenses may have been installed subsequent to the original sale. The tracing of Essentialite lenses at this time is deemed impracticable due to the fact that they have been manufactured since 1916 and are sold at the rate of about 200,000 pairs per year, being used in numerous other types of eye shields.

A letter dated March 27, 1934 has been received by this office from Inspector W. A. Rorer, who is presently at the St. Paul Division Office, in which he states "in view of the current developments in this case it is now felt that possibly the goggles supplied the victim may have been secured at Reno, Nevada or vicinity". Inspector Rorer suggested that a list of dealers be secured who may have sold goggles in the State of Nevada.

The sales records of the Chicago Eye Shield Company have been examined and the names of purchasers in the Western States have been secured and are being set out below. It is suggested that all offices receiving copies of this letter give special attention to the tracing of goggles sold within their territory, endeavoring

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to determine whether or not any pair of said goggles could have come into the possession of an individual connected with this case. If it is found that any pair of goggles was sent in to the State of Nevada, it is suggested that the Salt Lake City Office immediately determine the present location of said goggles.

Inspector Rorer states in the above mentioned letter that the goggles used in the instant case are being forwarded by the St. Paul Office to the Salt Lake City Office for their use in tracing goggles sold in Nevada. This office is forwarding under separate cover, a pair of sample goggles to each of the offices receiving copies of this letter for their use in tracing goggles sold within their territory.

The following are the sales of "Gessco" M and L goggles in the Western States:

Purchaser	Address	Quantity	Date	Division Office Covering
Hendrie & Bolthoff Mfg. Supply Co.	-1636 17th St.	1	Sept., 1931	Salt Lake City
A.L. Foss, Inc.	Denver, Colo.	12	Oct., 1931	Salt Lake City
Hines Motor Supply Co.	Billings, Mont.	2	Oct., 1931	Salt Lake City
The Texas Co., Purchasing Dept.	Denver, Colo. Ship to c/o L.F. J. Wilking	1	Nov., 1931	Salt Lake City
Nevada Cons- olidated Copper Co.	McCall, Nevada	1	Apr., 1932	Salt Lake City
Nevada Cons- olidated Copper Company.	McCall, Nevada	12	May, 1932	Salt Lake City



Purchaser	Address	Quantity	Date	Division Office Covering
Hines Motor Supply Company	Billings, Mont.	2	Sept., 1931	Butte, Montana
Hines Motor Supply Company	Billings, Mont.	2	Nov., 1931	Butte, Montana
Murphy MacLay Hardware Co.	Great Falls, Mont.	2	Sept., 1932	Butte, Montana
Hillyard Optical Co.	2801 Market Street Seattle, Wash.	2	Oct., 1931	Portland
Seattle Hardware	Seattle, Wash. Ship to Deuphial School of Engineering - 803 Westlake, North, Seattle, Wash.	2	March, 1932	Portland
Ferroxix Brazing & Machine Works	618 First Ave., South Seattle, Washington	2	March, 1932	Portland
Morse Hardware Co.	Bellingham, Wash.	1	Aug., 1932	Portland
Air Reduction Sales Co.	113 N. 3rd Street, Portland, Oregon	2	Aug., 1932	Portland
Welder Supply Co.	2722 Commerce St., Dallas, Texas	2	Oct., 1931	Dallas
Welder Supply Co.	2722 Commerce St., Dallas	2	June, 1932	Dallas
Hirsch & Kaye	239 Grant Ave. San Francisco	1	Nov., 1931	San Francisco
	" " " " " "	2	Dec., 1931	San Francisco
Sensenderff Helms & Co.	Houston, Texas - Ship to Dixon Machine Co. San Diego, Texas	1	Feb., 1932	San Antonio
Halliburton Oil Well Smelting Co.	Duncan, Oklahoma, ship to 7212 Navigation Blvd., Houston, Texas.	1	Nov., 1932	San Antonio



It is requested that as soon as an office has completed its investigation, the couple goggles be returned to this office.

Very truly yours,

M. E. FURVIE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

TKB:JVV

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2-Portland  
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# WESTERN UNION

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San Francisco, California  
March 27, 1934.



W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
808 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

REKED YOUR LETTER MARCH TWENTY THIRD TO ALL FIELD OFFICES PLACING STOPS  
AGAINST AUTOMOBILES LISTS PAGE TWO FORD CAR MOTOR ONE EIGHT FOUR NINE THREE  
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CHICAGO STOP. AGENT GERRIE'S REPORT SALT LAKE CITY MARCH TWENTY SECOND INDICATES  
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CHARGE-Over Rate,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Dept. of Justice,  
318 Hayes Bldg., S.F. Calif.

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THE MOST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

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625 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan

April 3, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent T. E. Billings dated at Chicago, Illinois, 3-13-34, in the above entitled case, which report sets out an undeveloped lead for the Detroit Office to trace the sale of goggles shipped by G. H. Doxen & Company of Detroit, Michigan.

An examination of the records of G. H. Doxen & Company indicates that that company sold goggles of the type used in this case to the following named companies within the territory covered by the Chicago Office:

Wolverine Optical Co., Grand Rapids, Mich. 1 pair  
Hayes Body Corporation, Grand Rapids, Mich. 10 pair  
Kent-Moore Organization, Kalamazoo, Mich. 2 pair

This information is being furnished you in order that the sale of these goggles may be traced through the above companies.

Very truly yours,

E. W. Hopkins, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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 Justice, New York City.

J. A. Dowd  
 Division of Investigation  
 United States Department of Justice  
 603-a U. S. Court House & Post Office  
 Salt Lake City, Utah

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 388,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

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

While checking hotels and garages in the City of San Francisco, it was ascertained at the William Taylor Garage, 206 Turk St., that a person giving the name of J. C. Hunter, address Room 1115 William Taylor Hotel, brought into said garage, an Auburn Roadster, bearing 1933 California license S-X-4420 on Nov. 4, 1933, and took the car out on Nov. 5, 1933.

It was further ascertained from the State of California Motor Vehicle Division, that California 1933 license S-X-4420, was registered to a 1924 Ford truck in the name of Alfred Bettincourt, Tracy, California.

Investigation at the William Taylor Hotel discloses that a J. C. Hunter and wife, residence 114 Michel Terrace, Santa Barbara, California, registered in on Nov. 4, 1933, and checked out on Nov. 5, 1933.

It is requested that investigation be made at Santa Barbara, California, to ascertain if J. C. Hunter and wife are identical with suspects in this case. It has heretofore been ascertained that some of the suspects were in San Francisco on Oct. 2, 1933, and purchased an Auburn Sedan.

Very truly yours,

E.B. Montgomery,  
Special Agent in Charge

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MARCH 30, 1934

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MILWAUKEE, WIS.

W.A. RORER  
INSPECTOR  
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
ST. PAUL MINN.

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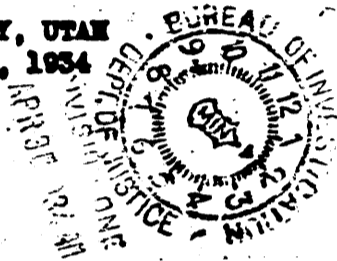
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Suite 1 -  
Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
March 31, 1934.



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

Dear Sir:

RE:

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, IO 1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, IO 1219, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping.

b7D  
Mr. Fred Judge of the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau, stationed at St. Louis, Missouri, while at this office on business yesterday, advised that he had been informed by one [redacted] an informant of your office, that William Weisman was in Minneapolis, Minnesota, about seven or eight days prior to the date Victim Bremer was kidnaped and, hence, would appear to be a logical suspect in connection with this case.

Mr. Judge saw a photograph of Weisman at this office and stated that that was the man he had in mind. The photograph in question is the one which was received at this office with a copy of the Division letter dated March 19, 1934, sent to the New York City office, copies of which letter and photograph were furnished to all offices receiving copies of the instant letter.

b7D  
It is realized that you may have already received the above information, but it is thought advisable to furnish the same to you to preclude any possibility of not having obtained the same to date from you informant [redacted].

Very truly yours,

E. M. CONRO  
Special Agent in Charge

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

March 31, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Kindly refer to the memorandum of your office dated  
March 22, 1934, submitted by Special Agent W. F. Trainor,  
the last paragraph of which states that Paula Harmon for  
several years has used the alias of Mrs. J. Stanley Smith.  
Please advise this office the basis for this statement, whether  
you have information that Paula Harmon used this name prior to  
her occupancy of 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, in  
1933, and if so, the circumstances.

Very truly yours,

E. A. BOKER,  
Inspector.

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P. O. Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
March 21, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of March 14, 1934 in regard to Doc Barker, with suggestions for interview with Pardon and Parole Attorney of Oklahoma, please be advised that Special Agent F. S. Smith on March 28 conferred with Mr. C. E. B. Cutler, the Pardon and Parole Attorney for Oklahoma, along the lines of your suggestion that an Agent of your office call on G. E. Barker of Neosho, Missouri for the purpose of checking up on the parole of Doc Barker. Mr. Cutler expressed interest in assisting the Division in accomplishing this purpose, and stated that it would be entirely agreeable to him for the Division through its Agents to make such investigation and inquiry as they deemed desirable concerning the present parole status of Doc Barker; that he will personally handle in a satisfactory manner any correspondence that his office may receive in connection with the above. The name of Joe E. Cooper was suggested to Mr. Cutler as the name to be used by an Agent making the inquiry. Mr. Cutler made notes in the Doc Barker file for the purpose of refreshing his memory.

Mr. Cutler recalled the writer having previously made inquiry concerning the parole status of Volney Davis, and stated that he may be able to secure information of interest in locating Doc Barker and Volney Davis, the latter who is also on parole, through discreet inquiry of a confidential source; however, that he will hold this inquiry in abeyance pending the result of the Division's investigation at Neosho, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

Earle M. Black,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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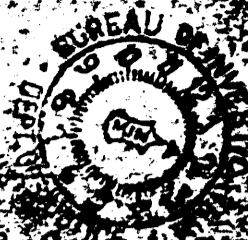
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P. O. Box 1876,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
March 31, 1934



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

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

Dear Sir :

Confirming my telephone conversation with you of this afternoon, please be advised that Sheriff Dee T. Watters, Miami, Oklahoma, called the Oklahoma City Division office today and advised Special Agent E. E. Hallie that he has an informant at Picher, Oklahoma who notified him early this morning that Fred Barker, accompanied by an unidentified man companion, was in Picher late in the evening of March 30, 1934. Fred Barker was driving a late model Nash sedan bearing Kansas license plates. Sheriff Watters had not been able to secure any information so far as to the reason for the visit of Fred Barker and his companion at Picher; however, he is making further investigation and will immediately advise the Oklahoma City office of any additional information obtained.

It was believed advisable to furnish the above information to you by telephone in view of the information contained in the letter from this office under date of March 27, 1934 to the effect that Fred Barker is alleged to have a brother, Logan Barker, residing at a point approximately four or five miles from Erie, Kansas, and that Fred Barker is reported to visit this brother from time to time. Sheriff Watters, when furnishing this information to the Oklahoma City office, stated that he believed it possible that Barker was in that section of the country to make some effort to deliver Charles Gotner and Nick Peterson who are now in custody of the Sheriff at Columbus, Kansas. It was the information of Sheriff Watters that Gotner and Peterson were to have a hearing or trial of some sort at Columbus, Kansas today.

Very truly yours,

Earle H. Black,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

cc Division  
St. Paul

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P. O. Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
March 31, 1934.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 518,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 28, 1934, requesting that this office furnish the best available descriptions from the files in the Oklahoma City Division office of Mrs. Kate Barker, with aliases; Dorothy Slayman, Tulsa Police Department No. 8018; Johan Armour, Tulsa Police Department No. 8010; Billie Fitch, Tulsa Police Department No. 8896; and of Mickey Ryan Smith and Madelyn Snyder.

The following descriptions of Dorothy Slayman, Johan Armour, and Billie Fitch were secured by this office from the Identification Bureau of the Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department:

Name: DOROTHY SLAYMAN  
Age: 30 (present)  
Height: 5' 7"  
Weight: 145 lbs.  
Build: Medium  
Eyes: Blue  
Hair: Auburn  
Complexion: Fair  
Marks and Scars: Brown, hairy mole on left forearm, outer.  
Police Number: 8018, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Finger Print Classification: 17 W O 17  
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Name: JOHAN ARMOUR  
Age: 28 (present)  
Height: 5' 8"  
Weight: 115 lbs.

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Build: Slender  
 Eyes: Brown  
 Hair: Auburn  
 Complexion: Fair  
 Marks and Scars: 1" cut scar at ball right eyebrow  
 Police Number: 5019, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
 Finger Print Classification: 55 V 7  
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Name: BILLIE FITCH  
 Age: 50 (present)  
 Height: 5' 4"  
 Weight: 115 lbs.  
 Build: Medium slender  
 Eyes: Blue  
 Hair: Dark auburn  
 Complexion: Fair  
 Police Number: 5006, Tulsa, Oklahoma.  
 Finger Print Classification: 1 U III 3  
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An examination of the files in the Oklahoma City Division office fails to disclose descriptions of Mrs. Kate Barker, Mickey Ryan Smith, and Madelyn Snyder, and inquiry at the Identification Bureau of the Tulsa Police Department developed that no descriptions of these parties are on file there. However, Captain George Stewart of the Tulsa Police Department furnished the following description of Mrs. Kate Barker to Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley:

Name: KATE BARKER  
 Age: 55 to 60 years  
 Height: 5' 5"  
 Weight: 120 lbs. (may be in excess of this weight)  
 Hair: Grey  
 Eyes: Unknown  
 Marks and Scars: Face terribly wrinkled  
 Peculiarities: Speaks with a high pitched, squeaky voice.

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A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Kansas City Division Office with the request that that office examine its files to determine whether or not descriptions of Mickey Ryan Smith, Madalyn Snyder, and Mrs. Kate Barker are contained therein. For the information of the Kansas City office, it is stated that the letter of reference states that these descriptions are desired for use in a summary report now being prepared in this case, and it is requested that this matter be given early attention.

The Oklahoma City office is making further effort to secure descriptions of Mrs. Kate Barker, Mickey Ryan Smith and Madalyn Snyder, and you will be advised immediately in the event these descriptions are secured.

Very truly yours,

Earle W. Black,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

cc Division  
Kansas City

P. O. Box 513,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 21, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Page 16 of the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear dated 3-22-34 advises that the photograph of Karpis, Tom Carroll, and one of the Barkers have been identified by parties in Sioux Falls as likenesses of the men who participated in the robbery of a bank in that city recently.

For your information, Special Agent in Charge Warner Hannal exhibited the photographs of the various suspects in this case at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to persons qualified to make a photographic identification, and none identified the photographs of the above named.

Very truly yours,

H. A. ROHR,  
Inspector.

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Mr. Harold Nathan,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
H. O. Box 1272, Building,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

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

Dear Mr. Nathan:

There is enclosed herewith a memorandum dated March 29, 1934, prepared in the Division relative to interviews had with one Klosser, alias Kora, alias Kay who, it is apparent, has obtained through one Leon Kramer, alias Miller, considerable information respecting underworld conditions at St. Paul, Minnesota.

As reflected in the letter of the New York Office dated March 26, 1934, Kramer has refused to furnish any information except through an interview with you. Therefore, because of the potential possibilities of obtaining valuable information which will be of assistance to this Division, I desire that you proceed to New York City for the purpose of interviewing Kramer and obtaining from him what information he desires to disclose to you.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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cc-New York  
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7-576-1558 March 30, 1934.

APR 5 - 1934 MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

With reference to the attached memorandum of March 29, 1934, prepared by Mr. Newby, covering the information furnished to us by one Alcorn, I believe that this matter is of sufficient importance for Mr. Newby to personally accompany Mr. Nathan to Dannemora, New York, when the original informant, ~~John Kruger~~, alias ~~John Kruger~~ is interviewed. Mr. Newby is so fully familiar with all the ramifications of this case that it would be desirable, I think, for him to be with Mr. Nathan at the time, in an effort, if possible, to be present when the informant is interviewed. Will you therefore please arrange for Mr. Newby to join Mr. Nathan at New York City, and then proceed with Mr. Nathan to Dannemora. Mr. Newby should, of course, endeavor to ascertain any and all information which the informant may have concerning activities, not only in St. Paul, but in any other part of the country, affecting any of the cases in which this Division has been called upon to assist. I think that the informant should be questioned concerning the Lindbergh case, because I note that in the original information submitted by Alcorn, reference is made to the fact that the gang which perpetrated the Bremer kidnaping also perpetrated the Lindbergh kidnaping. The connection of Dutch Schuls with this group should be definitely ascertained. It would seem that this would be a very fertile source of information, for certain of the information which we have received up to the present time of Alcorn has checked exactly with the facts which we have developed at St. Paul and at Reno, Nevada. Mr. Nathan should be directed to proceed to New York from Oklahoma as soon as he has completed his inquiry into the Barker-Karpis-Bremer "leak" in Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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March 29, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

On January 8, 1934 an individual giving the name of Alcorn called at the Division and was interviewed by Assistant Director Nathan, as reflected in his memorandum of that date. On that occasion Alcorn wanted to know whether this Division would assist a person who furnished information of value and stated that the person in whom he was interested was a prisoner serving time for the crime of robbery or some similar offense. Alcorn was advised that, based upon the vague information furnished by him, there was very little which could be said in reply; that this Division was, of course, interested in any crime that came within its jurisdiction. Alcorn was advised that this Division would be willing to see anybody and would observe any secrecy along desired lines. He stated that he would see the person on whose behalf he had called at the Division and would return at a later date.

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Respectfully,

R. E. Herby

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

February 20, 1934.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
Kidnaping.  
St. Paul File 7-20

Dear Sir:

Please refer to the Division's letter of February 12, 1934, regarding the results of an interview with one ALCOHN, who furnished certain information in this case.

Please be advised that it is quite evident to this office that this individual has an exact knowledge of the underworld in St. Paul. The information which he furnished to the Division, in every detail, insofar as it relates to the St. Paul District, is correct.

For the Division's information, please be advised that Special Agent O. W. Hall, some months ago, had occasion to examine a number of letters taken from the room of "Chick" Herman, who is said to be a brother of Dave Herman, which letters are now in the possession of this office. From the letters it appears that the local underworld, that is the Glickman crowd, were obligated to take steps to effect the release of Dave Herman, who about 1925 received a forty years sentence for a kidnaping. Herman was sent to either Auburn or Sing Sing Penitentiary of New York State, but through the efforts of the Glickman crowd was later sent to another institution. In that connection one PATTON interceded for Dave Herman in New York State and was evidently using funds supplied by Dave Herman as the letters which Agent Hall examined indicated that Dave Herman had been "fisced" of a considerable sum of money by persons in the St. Paul underworld who were to intercede for him with the Government of New York State. In that connection, Francis Keating, escaped federal prisoner, once had an automobile purchased for him by one PATTON. It is entirely possible that the two PATTON's are the same individual.

It is my suggestion that since the informant ALCOHN seems to have a very good knowledge of the underworld in St. Paul, that the person for whom he is apparently trying to make a deal for is probably

Dave Bertram, however, if that is true, then obviously the informant ALONZ must have some good connection in St. Paul and probably can give some information in the Bremer Kidnaping Case. It is my thought that when the informant is next interviewed he be asked the name of the person for whom he is interceding. If it is Dave Bertram, then the Division can safely assume that the informant has some definite knowledge.

In that connection this office has been advised that about two weeks ago, a Chicago newspaper carried a story to the effect that an inmate of Sing Sing Penitentiary, New York State, had received a letter from a member of the St. Paul underworld which stated that something big was going to happen in St. Paul. I believe that the New York office should ascertain immediately the penitentiary in which Dave Bertram is incarcerated in an endeavor to learn if he has received any mail from St. Paul a short time before the Bremer Kidnaping, supplying the names of the persons writing to Bertram. Of course, it would be desirable to get the letter if that is at all possible. In the event this inquiry proves successful, the St. Paul Office requests that the New York Office notify the St. Paul Office by telegram of the name of the writer of the communication.

For the Division's information, Dave Bertram is under indictment in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and there is said to be a detainer lodged against him in New York State. The particular crime for which he is wanted in Milwaukee is not known but it is one of serious nature and Agent Hall has learned that the St. Paul underworld has attempted to have this detainer removed.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the New York City Office with the request that it conduct the investigation indicated herein.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANBY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Chicago  
New York

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Division of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Room 1403, 370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York City

March 26, 1934

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

RE ALVIN KARPIS WITH ALIASES ET AL  
EDWARD G. BREMER VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

DEAR Sir:

In compliance with instructions contained in Division letter dated March 20, 1934, I contacted Mr. Alcorn on Saturday, March 24, 1934. He stated at that time that he desired to have this woman friend of Leon Kramer communicate with this office Monday morning and make final arrangements for the visit to Dannemora. Mr. Alcorn insisted that this woman who, incidentally, he stated is a niece of Kramer's accompany the Division representative to Dannemora, as he related that without her, Kramer would not talk.

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Very truly yours,

/s/ F. I. Fay

F. I. FAY  
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cc-Mr. W.A. Rorer,  
St. Paul

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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March 29, 1934

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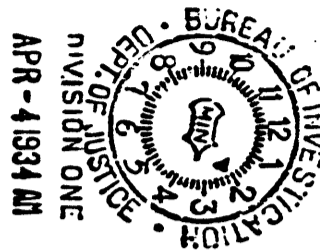
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New York City, N.Y.

April 2, 1934

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



Dear Sir:

In response to Division letter of March 28, 1934 in the matter ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al - KINAPING - (Edward George Bremer, Victim, I have to inform as follows with respect to one Leon Kraemer.

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for a safe job but was freed. Following this, it is reported that he and his brother went to Cleveland, Ohio and secured first citizenship papers. From 1920 to 1925 the Kraemers were in New York City, and introduced into this country the can-opener method of cracking safes, which method they perfected abroad.

Whittemore escaped from the Maryland State Penitentiary in February 1925, killing a guard while so doing. Whittemore came to New York and formed a gang. The Kraemers were part of this gang. In 1925 the city of New York was terrorized by a series of jewelry holdups undertaken by the Whittemore gang. It is estimated that over one-half million dollars in jewelry was obtained through this series of holdups. It was reported at that time that the Kraemers had a specialized knowledge of the jewelry trade and knew exactly how to dispose of the loot. It was reported that they were cleverer than Whittemore and the other gunmen; that they were scientists and business men of criminal profession, and that they are the "best safe burglars in the country". The part the Kraemers took in these stickups, consisted of spotting the victims and disposing of the loot through the medium of "fences".

The Whittemore gang was arrested in New York City in the latter part of March 1926. Whittemore was returned to Maryland and on August 12, 1926 convicted and executed for the crime of murder. A number of indictments was secured in New York City against his gang. The Kraemers were indicted and stood trial, which was held in May 1926. The jury returned a verdict of guilty as to both for robbery in the first degree as second offenders. On June 12, 1926 the Kraemers were sentenced to serve forty years in State Prison. The Kraemers used an alibi at the trial, they claiming they were in Philadelphia, Pa. in the office of a real estate man with a view to buying real estate at the time of the alleged offense in New York City. Jacob Kraemer died in prison in 1930.

Leon Kraemer was received at Sing Sing Prison in June 1926. On June 29, 1926, he was transferred to Clinton Prison, Dannemora, N.Y. In November 1927, the authorities at Dannemora uncovered a plot for a wholesale jail break said to have been engineered by Leon Kraemer. Two shipments of arms and ammunition were intercepted, and Kraemer stabbed a fellow prisoner who he believed to have given the

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plot away. On August 1, 1931, he was transferred to Auburn Prison, Auburn, N.Y. On April 8, 1932 he was transferred to Great Meadow Prison, Comstock, N.Y. In August 1932, he escaped from Great Meadow Prison by means of connivance with a "trustee". He made his way to New York City, and was not apprehended until June 1933. On June 8, 1933 he was found shot and injured in an apartment at 305 East 88th Street. A block away from the apartment on Second Avenue, was found the body of George Schaefer. The authorities believed that Schaefer and Kraemer occupied this apartment together, and that gangsters shot them. In the apartment was found guns and ammunition. He was returned to prison but was later returned to New York City to stand trial for the murder of George Schaefer, and was freed in Magistrate's Court on this charge on September 8, 1933. He was returned to Clinton Prison, Dannemora, N.Y., and from that time to this, it is reported he has been in solitary confinement. It will be observed that Kraemer has been continuously confined since June 1926 to date with the exception of eight months in the latter part of 1932 and the early part of 1933.

The Whittemore gang was effectively disposed of through convictions and killings.

A copy of this letter will be furnished Mr. Nathan upon his arrival in New York City.

Very truly yours,

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

cc St. Paul.

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P. O. Box 1876  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
March 31, 1934

RRH:MB  
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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 George Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to your telegram dated March 28,  
1934 relative to Ford V-8, Motor No. 1B-493080.

Special Agent V. S. Smith of the Oklahoma City Division office has contacted Mr. E. A. Hepper, in charge of the Auto Theft Division, Oklahoma State Highway Department, at Oklahoma City and has advised him of the change in motor number, and a stop order has been placed against this automobile. The same action is being taken by Special Agent L. N. Dwyman of the State Highway Department in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

Earle W. Black, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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March 29 1934

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Salt Lake City, Utah.  
 March 27, 1934.

F. L. FAY,  
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
 370 LEXINGTON AVENUE - Room 1403,  
 NEW YORK, N. Y.

BREKID WILLIAM J. GRAHAM MENTIONED MY WIFE YOU LAST NIGHT RELATIVE DISAPPEARANCE  
 ROY FRISCH IS BELIEVED TO BE HENO CONTACT OF SUBJECTS IN BREKID CASE STOP YOUR  
 AGENTS SHOULD KEEP THIS REPORTED CONNECTION IN MIND WHEN GIVING ATTENTION TO  
 WILLIAM J. GRAHAM.

DWD.

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 cc - Division ✓  
 cc - St. Paul.

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

March 29, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
515 News Building,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -  
Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-20.

This is in confirmation of telegram dated 3-27-34 wherein attention was called to misstatement in motor number of Ford VB, mentioned at top of page 2 in my letter of 3-23-34. The motor number of this car should read 18-493,080. All Division offices have been requested to make this correction.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROHRER,  
Inspector.

ELN:HVS  
Cc Division ✓  
Cc Each Div. office.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
1900 Bankers Bldg.,

CHARGE



Chicago, Illinois, March 29, 1934.

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
224 FEDERAL BUILDING,  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

BRKID SECURE DESCRIPTION JEWELL JOHNSON TULSA PD NUMBER FIVE EIGHT  
FOUR TWO AND WIRE SAME INSPECTOR BOKER SAINTPAUL ALSO FURNISH THIS  
OFFICE WITH SAME

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CC: DIVISION

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

March 29, 1934.

Mr. Albert Jerdes, Postmaster,  
Arkdale, Wisconsin.

Re: BREKID.  
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your communication concerning certain information obtained by you regarding an occurrence at Friendship, Wisconsin. Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

W. A. BORER,  
Inspector.

OGH:HVS  
Cc Division

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Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 28, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
515 News Building  
San Francisco, Calif.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to the letter from this office  
dated March 6, 1934 and your reply thereto dated March 26,  
1934, and particularly concerning James Rogers and 1934  
license plates 6-N-475, please be advised that no further  
investigation need be made by your office in this matter.

Very truly yours,

W.A. RORER,  
Inspector.

KRM:IM  
Cc Division

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INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
DIVISION ONE  
MAR 28 1934

P. O. Box 9709  
Portland, Oregon

March 28, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
518 Howe Building  
San Francisco, California

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al  
Edward George Bremer (Victim)  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

This is with reference to my telegram of this date referring to your letter of March 25 advising that the record of the issuance of 1931 license to one Homer Wilson, 2945 Abbey Street, Oakland, California, appeared to be the H. Wilson referred to in my telegram to your office of March 10, and requesting that full information be developed as to this individual and the Chicago office advised.

In this connection, I am enclosing herewith copy of report of Special Agent W. Carter Bahr dated March 15, 1934, at Chicago, it appearing that your office was not furnished with copies of same, there being no leads in your district known to the Chicago office. Copies of my report of the 24th inst. are also enclosed herewith.

There appears to be no question but that the address as taken by the Seattle Police Department from Wilson of his alleged friend as 945 Abbey Street was erroneously recorded as 945 instead of 2945.

It is thought from the registration issued Homer Wilson on January 20, 1931, it may be possible to trace this individual through ownership of automobiles.

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Very truly yours,  
C. C. Spears

CCS:B  
cc Division  
Rorer, St. Paul  
Los Angeles  
Chicago

C. C. Spears  
Special Agent in Charge

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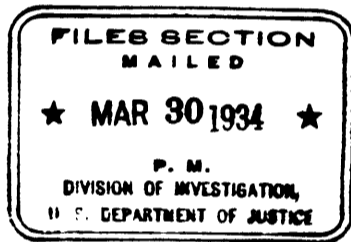
March 30, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Division of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:

---, John Gordon



Very truly yours,

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Director.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 29, 1934



Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 815,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

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 your letter of March 28th, request-  
ing descriptions of JEWELL JOHNSON, DOROTHY DODD and LEOA GRAHAM for  
use in the summary report now being prepared in the above case. In  
keeping with this request, the following are the descriptions of DOROTHY  
DODD and LEOA GRAHAM as reflected in the files at this office:-

Name: LEOA GRAHAM  
Aliases: Mrs. Harry Boyd

Age: 24 Yrs (1909)  
Height: 5' 2"  
Weight: 134 Lbs.  
Hair: Light brown  
Eyes: Light blue  
Complexion: Medium  
Build: --  
Nationality: American  
Police Number: Co. Bluffs, Iowa,  
Police No. 1304.  
Residence: 79 Maywood Ave.,  
Walston, Mo.

DOROTHY DODD  
Marie Morris, Tessie  
Wilhite, Tess Gallagher,  
Mrs. Harry Dalabar, Tessie  
Wilhite Cook.  
Age: 24 Yrs. (1909)  
Height: 5' 2"  
Weight: 135 lbs.  
Hair: dk. chestnut, dyed red.  
Eyes: Gray, slate blue  
Complexion: Med. sallow  
Build: Slender  
Nationality: American  
Residence: St. Louis, Missouri  
Police No. 10761.  
6125 Ridge Ave.,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

This office does not have a description of JEWELL JOHNSON,  
but a telegram has been directed this date to the Oklahoma City office,  
requesting that the description of this party be secured from the Tulsa  
Oklahoma Police Department, and such information forwarded direct to you  
by wire.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

March 27, 1934.

HHC:DSS

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

*Handwritten initials*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Relative to the publicity in the Bremer case concerning the latent fingerprints found on the gasoline cans, you are advised that Mr. Brantley called. Special Agent Black has interviewed Mr. Burke at Tulsa, Burke being an executive officer of the guild which met in Washington. Burke has confidentially advised Special Agent Black that Henry Chase, a detective of the Tulsa Police Department, gave him the information about the latent prints on the cans about two weeks prior to March 15, 1934, the date of the arrest of the gangsters in Oklahoma. Burke exacted a promise that Black or other Agents not approach Mr. Chase, who is Burke's informant. Burke said that Chase had told him that Special Agent Hollis had inadvertently dropped this information while seeking cooperation of the Tulsa Police Department and while in conversation with Detective Chase.

Mr. Burke stated that upon the making of the arrest following the raid in Oklahoma he released the information which he had obtained from Chase, thinking that the Barker-Karpis gang had been apprehended; that upon subsequently learning that they had not, he had been very regretful of the fact that he had released this information.

I instructed Mr. Brantley to call Agent Hollis into the Oklahoma City office immediately to obtain the full facts, and advise the Division of the result of this interview.

Respectfully,

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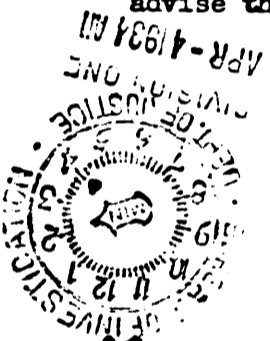
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*Be certain to get final word from Brantley & then notify Rorer so he can discontinue further efforts in St. Paul. J. C. N.*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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March 28, 1934

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

With reference to the investigation being conducted as to the leak resulting in publicity concerning the Barker-Karpis-Bremer case, Mr. Brantley telephoned last night. He stated that he had talked with Special Agent Hollis, who takes the position in all sincerity that he has never talked with any peace officer or newspaper men concerning the identification of the prints on the tin cans. He stated that Hollis claimed that he is sure that he did not talk, but that if he did he does not remember it. I told Mr. Brantley that this obviously was not a positive denial and I inquired for the purpose of determining if Hollis made a positive denial, and after several efforts Mr. Brantley called Mr. Hollis into the room where he was talking on the phone and Hollis advised him to make it positive that he has not talked with anyone.

Mr. Burks of Tulsa, who had indicated that Hollis had possibly talked inadvertently to Officer Chase, telephoned Agent E. M. Black yesterday afternoon and stated that he did not want it to be understood that he had dogmatically stated that Hollis had talked; that it was his intention to convey the impression that since both Special Agents Hollis and Burch had been in that vicinity working on this case that it was likely that they might have inadvertently let something drop concerning the identification of fingerprints. Mr. Burks advised during the phone call that he wanted it understood that this was a hypothetical situation which he was submitting for the benefit of Mr. Black.

Brantley stated that Agent Hollis and Agent Burch had both contacted various peace officers in connection with the Bremer case, looking for the subjects and they have both denied emphatically that they had given out any information. Hollis stated that at the time of the first raid there had been a discussion of fingerprints, but nothing was said concerning the identification of fingerprints in the Bremer case, or concerning the gasoline cans that had been found.

*Edward C. Pippen*  
*Authenticity*

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Information has also been received that a Mr. Bracewell of Tulsa, who is a Special Agent for an oil well company, claims that he had received this information about the Barker-Karpis identification two or three weeks before its publication, and it was stated that he had received this information from either Fort Worth or Kansas City.

It now appears that Burks is changing his position and that the status of this case is certainly not definitely established as to the identity of the individuals responsible for the leak. I have instructed Mr. Brantley to interview Bracewell and to obtain signed statements from both Special Agents Hollis and Burch and to transmit the information to the Division promptly.

Respectfully,



H. H. Clegg

March 29, 1934.

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Mr. Harold Nathan,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

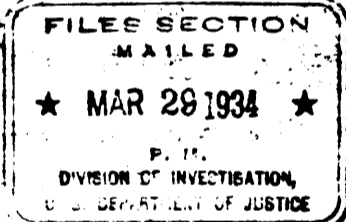
Dear Mr. Nathan:

Concerning the telephonic conversation with you today, it is desired that you make appropriate inquiries relative to the publicity developed from the Barker-Karpis-Bremer case.

In this connection, when Mr. Brantley telephoned the Division, he stated that in his talk with Hollis, Hollis claimed that he is sure he did not talk "but that if he did talk, he does not remember it". This, of course, is not a positive denial and this questioning was predicated upon information supplied by Mr. Burks of Tulsa that Hollis had talked inadvertently to Officer Chase and that this was the source of the information.

Mr. Brantley was informed that, of course, such a statement as that attributed to Hollis was not a positive denial and that in view of the direct information obtained, Mr. Hollis should be questioned for the purpose of obtaining either a positive denial or an admission. Subsequently and during the course of the same telephone conversation, Mr. Hollis denied positively that he had given out the information.

Special Agent E. M. Black, it appears, had interviewed Mr. Burks and Burks had given the information about Hollis' inadvertently talking with Officer Chase and upon the completion of the telephone conversation with the Oklahoma City Office, according to Mr. Brantley, Mr. Burks telephoned Special Agent Black, advising that he had offered this as a hypothetical case and did not intend that it should be interpreted as a dogmatic accusation against Hollis and during the conversation between Mr. Burks and Special Agent Black, the name of Special Agent Burch was likewise introduced into the hypothetical case. This matter should be gone into thoroughly, not only to determine the facts relative to the



Mr. Harold Nathan

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accusation, but likewise it appears significant that after Special Agent Hollis had been called to the Oklahoma City Office for questioning, Mr. Burks should take it upon himself to telephone further about the matter. It is further significant that Mr. Bracewell, who appeared at Saint Paul today, understood that the "heat was on Hollis" at Oklahoma City.

Mr. Bracewell also indicates that during the course of the raid, three newspaper representatives, one of them a woman, accompanied the officers on the raid and I desire you to obtain full facts relative to this situation and the responsibility for the apparent mishandling of this undertaking.

Mr. Bracewell further indicated that Mr. Wente Smith of Topeka, Kansas and also Mr. George Stewart, a peace officer in Oklahoma, the latter being present during the raid, had received information not only as to the identification made in the Bremer case, but as to the method by which the identification had been established. These matters should be inquired into of course.

The whole scope of the inquiry to date has been very much akin to the buck passing arrangement between the Oklahoma City and Saint Paul territories and I am desirous that this matter be definitely and finally brought to a logical conclusion in order to establish the source of the information which appeared in the Press and whether any Special Agents of this Division are culpable in that respect.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

HHC:TAM

March 29, 1934

Mr. NATHAN	.....
Mr. TOLSON	.....
Mr. CLEGG	.....
Mr. COWLEY	.....
Mr. EDWARDS	.....
Mr. GARDNER	.....
Mr. HENRY	.....
Mr. LADD	.....
Mr. NICHOLS	.....
Mr. ROSEN	.....
Mr. TRACY	.....
Mr. WATSON	.....
Mr. WOOD	.....

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*J. H. Clegg*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Concerning the publicity relative to the Barker-Karpis-Bremer case, in a recent conversation with Mr. Brantley, he stated that he had heard that a Mr. Bracewell of Tulsa had received information two weeks before the publication of the identifications and his information had been received at either Fort Worth or Kansas City. Mr. Rorer telephoned and advised that Bracewell has been interviewed by him in St. Paul. Bracewell is a Special Agent for the Great Lakes Pipe Line Company. His full name is J. A. Bracewell, and he was one of those who was present at the time the raid was made in Oklahoma. He advised Mr. Rorer that on the 17th or 18th of February, after the raid made on Cookson, he received information from Paul Hansen that the identifications had been made, although Hansen did not tell him how they were made. Bracewell understands that Agent Hollis is having the "heat put on him" in Oklahoma City for this matter. Bracewell states that to his knowledge the head of the Kansas State Police, Wentz Smith, of Topeka, Kansas, told how the identification was made and Bracewell obtained this information from Smith when he saw him in Tulsa. Bracewell advises further that there were three press representatives on the raid, one of them being Voight of the Associated Press; another was a girl, and there was still another, whose identity is unknown. Likewise, on the raid, was a peace officer by the name of George Stewart or Stuart. Bracewell states that he knows that Wentz Smith knew how the identification was made and who had been identified; that Paul Hansen knew who had been identified and that George Stewart had the information relative to the identification.

I believe it would be advisable for Mr. Nathan, enroute to Oklahoma City, to go by Topeka, Kansas and interview Wentz Smith before proceeding to Oklahoma City to conduct the investigation relative to Hollis and Hansen.

Respectfully,

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

April 2, 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:

Please be advised that the telephone taps being maintained on the office telephones of GILBERT NELSON, phones as follows: Seeley 4747 and Seeley 4748, address 748 North Damen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois have been without results to date.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Furvis*

M. H. FURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Wilson - Taylor*

DIV INVEST CHICAGO 4-3-34 PM RMW

DIRECTOR

BREKID WITH REGARD TO EFFORTS TO APPREHEND ED AND TED BENTZ INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM ONE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THAT THEY MAKE TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH GEORGE BENTZ AND BROTHER WHO LIVE AT 7124 WEST BELDEN AVENUE BY CALLING THE RESIDENCE OF MRS TAKLA SANDAHL LOCATED AT 7128 WEST BELDEN AVENUE TELEPHONE NUMBER MERRIMAC 4417 IN CHECKING TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM THE ROOM OCCUPIED BY ED BENTZ AND HIS WIFE AT THE SHELDRAKE HOTEL DURING SUMMER 1933 RECORD WAS FOUND SHOWING THEY CALLED THIS NUMBER STOP ADVISE IF AUTHORITY GRANTED TO TAP THIS WIRE AND IF SO I WILL ARRANGE TO DO SO WHEN IT IS POSSIBLE TO HANDLE SAME LATER

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- MR. NATHAN
- MR. TOLSON
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- MR. QUINN
- MR. LESTER
- MR. LOCKE
- MR. ROY





INVESTIGATION  
DIVISION ONE  
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503-A U. S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah,  
April 4, 1934

Mr. S. A. Rorer,  
Inspector,  
P.O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Miss.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping  
S.L. File 7-27

Dear Sir:

I respectfully invite your attention to report  
of Agent E. E. Sackett made at this office under date  
4-3-34 and in connection therewith I am enclosing six  
positive and two negatives of the photographs showing  
both views of the hat given by subject Harry Campbell  
woman to Mrs. Ruth Elliott of Reno, Nevada.

As stated in Agent Sackett's report, these are  
being forwarded to you for assistance in tracing the hat  
should you consider that practicable and advisable.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD  
Special Agent in Charge

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420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

April 4, 1934.

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

RE: Alvin Karpis, w.a.; etal  
Edward George Bremer--Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:-

Please refer to report of Special Agent E.J. Dowd  
dated at Dallas, Texas 3/7/34:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at [REDACTED] with the return address [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Creek, Mich.

[REDACTED] the Kansas City  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

The [REDACTED] appropriate investigation of the  
person mailing the [REDACTED] an  
effort to locate [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 6, 1934

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Mr. R. Whitley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
520 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

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

Will you please ask Special Agent Sorola, now attached to the New Orleans office, to submit a detailed statement of any conversation which he might have had with Chief of Detectives Stewart at Tulsa, Oklahoma in connection with the identifications of the Barker-Karpis gang in the Bremer kidnaping case.

Special Agent Sorola should be requested to be extremely specific as to any statement which he may have made to Captain George Stewart of the Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department, or any statement which he may have heard other agents make in connection therewith.


Very truly yours,

H. Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 4, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases,  
I.O. #1218; Arthur R. Barker with  
aliases, I. O. #1219; et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Following are the descriptions of Billie Fitch, Tulsa,  
Oklahoma Police Department #8896, and Jo Ann Armour, Tulsa,  
Oklahoma Police Department #8010, as requested in your letter of  
March 31, 1934:

Name	-	Billie Fitch
Age	-	20 (present)
Height	-	5' 4"
Weight	-	118 lbs.
Build	-	Medium slender
Eyes	-	Blue
Hair	-	Dark auburn
Complexion	-	Fair
F. P. C.	-	$\frac{1}{1}$ $\frac{U}{R}$ $\frac{III}{III}$ $\frac{4}{4}$

Name	-	Jo Ann Armour
Age	-	28 (present)
Height	-	5' 6"
Weight	-	115 lbs.
Build	-	Slender
Eyes	-	Brown
Hair	-	Auburn
Complexion	-	Fair
Scars & Scars	-	1" cut scar at tail right eyebrow
F.P. C.	-	$\frac{25}{2}$ $\frac{U}{AT}$ $\frac{V}{13}$



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You also requested that six photographs of each of the above named individuals be forwarded to your office, if available. Please be advised that the Oklahoma City office does not have available six copies of the photograph of each of these individuals; however, I am forwarding one of each, from which copies may be made.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl.  
cc-Mr. Horer - St. Paul  
Division

P. O. Box 1296  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 4, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases,  
I.O. #1218; Arthur R. Barker with  
aliases, I. O. #1219; et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Confirming my telephone conversation with you under  
date of April 3, 1934, please be advised that information was re-  
ceived on April 3rd from Chief of Police Edwards, Sapulpa, Oklahoma,  
to the effect that [redacted]

[redacted] had received a letter  
from [redacted] who is reported to be living  
with Leon Barker, a brother of Fred Barker, on a farm near Erie,  
Kansas. In this letter [redacted] is reported to have ad-  
vised [redacted] that Fred Barker was at the farm of Leon Barker  
and had made inquiry as to the health of [redacted]. This in-  
formation was secured discreetly by [redacted] in a conversation  
with [redacted].

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.



Mr. Rorer - St. Paul.  
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Saint Louis, Missouri  
April 6, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a memorandum submitted by Special Agent G. B. Norris of this office in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218, et al, Edward George Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Kansas City (encl.)  
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Springfield, Illinois  
April 2, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

In Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218, et al,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

On March 31, 1934 Assistant Postmaster Thomas Harber of Jacksonville, Illinois was interviewed in the absence of Postmaster W. A. Fay relative to the above entitled matter.

Mr. Harber stated that he and the Postmaster had not known Alfred W. Leeper prior to receipt of a letter from him on March 28, 1934; that upon receipt of the letter in which Leeper stated that he had received information indicating that certain Jacksonville, Illinois men were connected with the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer, the Postmaster and Mr. Harber called upon Mr. Leeper, but obtained very little information of value from him; however, that Leeper told them that he suspected that Abe Love of Jacksonville may have had some of the money which was paid by the Bremer family to the kidnapers. Mr. Harber stated that he requested Leeper to give all of the information in his possession to the Department of Justice when a representative of this Department calls upon him, advising him that they would make arrangements to contact the St. Louis Division Office for him.

Alfred W. Leeper, 552 Hardin Avenue, Jacksonville, Illinois, was interviewed at the office of the Postmaster, at which time he stated that years ago he was a special agent for the Chicago and Alton Railroad, and at the present time he is making investigations for insurance companies in small matters and doing whatever odd jobs of investigating he can find; that in the event the information he is about to furnish relating to the above entitled matter develops to be of advantage to the Government it will do considerable good for him with certain persons whose names he does not care to mention. He stated that part of the information in his possession comes from J. A. Hoffman, Superintendent of the Power and Light Company of Jacksonville, which has been owned by one of the Insull Companies. He stated that Mr. Hoffman is a highly respected man and entirely trustworthy; however, that he may hesitate to furnish information because of the fact that he may feel that the Government is investigating his company in connection with the Insull case. Mr. Leeper stated that he has resided in Jacksonville for about eight years and at one time was employed by the Power and Light Company in Jacksonville, and that Mr. Hoffman discharged him because it became known that Leeper had been an investigator. He stated that he and Mr. Hoffman are on friendly terms at present and he suggested that his name be used when Mr. Hoffman is interviewed. He stated that Mr. Hoffman can give detailed information regarding this matter. He declined to furnish the name and address of the other person who had furnished information in connection with this matter, stating that he is an undercover investigator who often loafs at Abe Love's place in Jacksonville and it is doubtful if he could give additional information regarding this matter.

Mr. Leeper stated that a few days ago while at the Chamber of Commerce Club Rooms in Jacksonville he interviewed Mr. Hoffman regarding a private matter which Mr. Leeper has under investigation, and while in conversation with Mr. Hoffman he stated that Abe Love should be investigated, as he often leaves town and after a bout a month returns and seems to have considerable money in his possession. He further stated that his other informant advised him that someone wrote a letter from Oklahoma to the Bremer family at St. Paul, requesting the Bremer family to deliver an additional \$10,000.00 in exchange for \$10,000.00 in marked money which had been paid by the Bremer family to the kidnapers. He stated that the money was to be paid at some point in Illinois and that Abe Love was to receive the money and return the marked money; that the marked money had been turned over to Abe Love by the kidnapers for that purpose. Mr. Leeper stated that he does not believe that Abe Love could actually be involved in the kidnaping as he could not be trusted by the kidnapers; that he talks loud and is very boastful; however, that he is an excellent mechanic, and an expert automobile driver and might be chosen as a driver for kidnapers; that his occupation is that of welder and because of this may have some connection with bank robbers; that he is known as a local gambler and has served as an informant to police; that he is immune from arrest as the police have been unable to "get anything on him."

It is suggested that Mr. Leeper may have read newspaper stories of the attempt recently made to collect \$10,000.00 from the Bremer family at Joy, Illinois. In that case the letter had been posted at Rock Island, Illinois.

Mr. Leeper named the following persons as friends and associates of Love and as possible suspects in this matter:

PAUL THOMPSON, disbarred attorney of Jacksonville, Illinois, and son of a former prominent judge. He stated that Thompson and has been a friend of Abe Love and other disreputable persons residing in Jacksonville.

TOM McVICOR, former Manager of the Dunlap Hotel in Jacksonville and close friend of Mr. Dunlap, former official of the Ayers National Bank. He stated that Abe Love and his associates had met at the Dunlap Hotel and that McVieor left Jacksonville several months ago; that McVieor owned a summer home in Wisconsin, the location of which Leeper does not know; that he is a married man and has a family.

JIM SCOTT, garage owner who loafs at the American Legion Hall and at Abe Love's place in Jacksonville.

BOB UNDERWOOD, colored porter who formerly worked at the Dunlap Hotel and after being discharged appeared in Jacksonville driving a large automobile.

L. P. (PERCY) OWEN, former Prohibition Agent and at one time desk sergeant at the police station in Jacksonville. Mr. Leeper stated that Owen is a friend of Love and has been in trouble of various kinds.

[REDACTED] that Owens had been an officer in the U. S. Army.

HOMER PASCEL,

[REDACTED] that his father resides in Jacksonville and Pascel is said to be an expert shot with firearms.

ROCCO CHENKLER, a greek or italian who was at one time associated with the Egan Rats of St. Louis and had been employed by the Jacksonville Power and Light Company.

Mr. Leeper stated that McVieor operated the Dunlap Hotel in Jacksonville until it went into receivership several months ago, when he is alleged to have returned to Chicago. He stated that his informant had advised him that Love at one time attempted to borrow \$500.00 in Jacksonville, offering as security twice that amount in "hot money." It should be noted that there are only two banks now operating in Jacksonville, The Elliott State Bank and the Farmers State Bank and Trust Company. There is also a Postal Savings Bank at the Post Office.

It should be noted that Abe Love was interviewed in connection with a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case almost a year ago which he had reported to the local police department. At that time Chief of Police Frank Kiloran stated that Love had furnished such information to the police on prior occasions; however, that he is entirely unreliable and it should be noted that he was not used in that case as a witness because of the fact that the United States Attorney believed that he could be too easily impeached. (I do not remember the title of the case, but recall that it involved two colored men who stole a car in St. Louis and transported it to Jacksonville, Ill.) It is my recollection of Love that he has very little regard for the truth and is rather boastful. He operates a small welding business which is a one man enterprise and would not yield a large income.

Mr. J. R. Hoffman, Superintendent of the Power and Light Company, was interviewed at the Post Office and stated that he is acquainted with Leeper, as Leeper was at one time an employee of his company; that Leeper sold Hoover Vacuum Cleaners; however, that he was discharged because of the fact that he could not produce the business. He stated that he is doubtful of the accuracy of information furnished by Leeper and is doubtful of his reliability. He stated that he did have a conversation recently with Leeper at the Chamber of Commerce, but merely suggested that he investigate Love who has his place of business across from the Power and Light Company plant, as Love is known to be unreliable. He stated that Love is acquainted with a number of the employees of the Power and

Light Company because of the fact that his place of business is nearby; that often when Love comes in to pay his bill to the Power and Light Company he displays large rolls of currency, and on occasions his employees have seen bank notes in denominations of \$500.00 in his possession; that such large amounts are surely not income from the business of Love as there are times when he is unable to meet his obligations promptly; that occasionally Love leaves Jacksonville and will be gone for a period of about one month and when he returns he usually has large sums of money; that he displays this money because he is rather boastful and wishes to make a show of himself. Mr. Hoffman stated that he has never known that Love had any stolen money in his possession and that he placed such money in the hands of others as security for loans; however, he stated that he believes that Love is engaged in some "racket," as he is very shrewd. He stated that he believes that Leeper has named the persons whom he alleges were associated with Love because of the fact that some of these persons are alleged to have been associated with Love in a conspiracy to rob the Ayers National Bank prior to the time when it closed; that it has been alleged that McVieor, Love, a man named Goldberg, Dunlap and others had planned such a robbery because of the bad condition of the bank; that the janitor of the building was to furnish a key to the bank and two Kansas City gangsters were to enter the bank early in the morning and when the cashier arrived he was to be tied up after he opened the vault and the Kansas City men were to do the job. He stated that Chief of Police Kiloran knows of this matter as the robbery was "tipped off" to the police and a trap was set by State and local police; however, the robbery was never attempted. He stated that the men named by Love were suspected as participants in the above mentioned conspiracy.

Mr. Hoffman stated that McVieor is supposed to be an architect and was closely associated with Mr. Dunlap, an official of the Ayers National Bank that McVieor left Jacksonville about three months ago and is said to have returned to Chicago; that he had a summer home in either Wisconsin or Michigan and is said to have lost this property since the closing of the Ayers National Bank. He further stated that McVieor is a married man, but his wife separated from him while McVieor resided in Jacksonville.

Mr. Hoffman stated that he resided at the Dunlap for a time and observed the conduct of McVieor; that he was friendly with Abe Love and occasionally talked with Love at the hotel; however, that the hotel was not used as a headquarters for gangsters.

Both Messrs. Leeper and Hoffman were unable to state when Love last left Jacksonville, and they were unable to state whether he has been away from Jacksonville since January 1, 1934. They both stated that about the only way in which his outside contacts could be established is by following him when he left town. Leeper stated that occasionally strangers drop into Love's beer parlor which

he recently opened, but that he is seldom seen in the company of strangers in Jacksonville.

Mr. Hoffman stated that Roscoe Chenler was formerly employed as a driver of one of the company buses in Jacksonville and because of a shortage in his accounts he was discharged.

Former Chief of Police Frank Kiloran was not available for interview at the time of this investigation in Jacksonville.

Mr. Harber stated that although Abe Love has served as a police informant he is entirely unreliable.

Mr. Harber stated that Frank Kiloran could be relied upon to co-operate in every way possible.

Submitted by.

G. B. MORRIS,  
Special Agent.



SUITE L FEDERAL BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
APRIL 4, 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 letter by Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, March 28, 1934, requesting that this office advise as to the best available descriptions of Mrs. Kate Barker, with aliases, Mickey Ryan Smith and Madelyn Snyder.

It is assumed that the individual mentioned as Mickey Ryan Smith is identical with the wife of Harry Campbell, shown by the Kansas City file as "Mickey Rheinsmith". The Kansas City Office is not in possession of a description of the wife of Harry Campbell, however, as reflected by the report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd, dated March 7, 1934, at Dallas, Texas, information in this connection might be secured at Fompe, Texas, and it is requested that the Dallas Office ascertain the desired information and advise the St. Paul Office.

There is not available in the Kansas City files a description of Madelyn Snyder. It is shown, however, from the files of Thomas Holden, Francis L. Keating and Frank Nash, Escaped Federal Prisoners, that Madelyn Snyder is a close friend of Mrs. Margaret Mikuel, who now resides at Houston, Texas. It is requested that the San Antonio Office secure the description of Madelyn Snyder desired and furnish same to the St. Paul Office.

The best description of Mrs. Kate Barker available to this office was secured from a review of the Nash-Holden and Keating files recently made, and the description is set out in the report by Special Agent E. F. Drainer, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, February 1934 A.M.

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20, 1934. This description is meagre and it appears that inquiry in the vicinity of Keosau and Joplin, Missouri, where Mrs. Barker is known, should be made to supplement same. This will be done at an early date.

Very truly yours,

L. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Division  
San Antonio  
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SUITE 1 FEDERAL BLDG.  
KANSAS CITY, MO.

April 4, 1934

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
et al. Unknown Subjects.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of March 23, 1934  
pertaining to White Anderson.

The photographs of the individuals mentioned in the letter  
of reference were viewed by Eddie Doll at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leaven-  
worth, Kansas and he advised Special Agent H. E. Andersen of this Office  
that none of the photographs is identical with the White Anderson in  
question. Doll reiterated, however, that he is certain Anderson has been  
an inmate of the State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois.

The photograph of Herbert Sargent, Kansas State Penitentiary  
15401, which Agent Farland had secured as a possible likeness of the in-  
dividual known as Big Homer, was examined by Doll but he was unable to make  
an identification. He advised that Sargent does not resemble in any way  
the individual known to him as Big Homer.

Very truly yours,

H. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

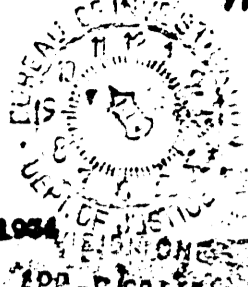
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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois



April 3, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
318 Howes Building  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER  
with aliases, I.O. 1219 ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

I am forwarding herewith to the Los Angeles  
and the San Francisco Offices copies of the report  
of Special Agent A. E. Lockerman, Chicago, Illinois,  
dated March 28, 1934, in the above entitled case, which  
it is believed will be of assistance to said offices  
in conducting future investigations.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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St. Paul

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
April 3, 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,  
I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I.O.#1219; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING. Chicago file 7-82

I am enclosing herewith a photograph of HOMER  
VIRGIL WILSON, alias "WHITEY", on the back of which is  
noted Wilson's physical description.

This photograph was obtained from the Denver,  
Colorado, Police Department and is being forwarded to you  
with the request it be exhibited to EDDIE DOLL alias FOLEY,  
at the Leavenworth Penitentiary, to determine whether this  
man is identical with the "Whitey" Anderson whom DOLL  
states he met at a hotel in Gary, Indiana in the summer of  
1933, at which time plans were in the making for the kid-  
naping of a physician in Rochester, Minnesota, or an unknown  
party in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Please return this photograph to this office  
when it has served its purpose.

Very truly yours,

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CC: Division  
St. Paul.

M. H. PERVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 Bankers Bldg.  
Chicago, Illinois  
April 3, 1934



Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 815,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:-

There is enclosed herewith a rough draft memorandum of twenty pages, submitted by Special Agent H. H. Reinecke. The memorandum shows that the investigation was confined to Boise, airmen, and water meter readers, wherever the latter were available. It does not indicate that much effort was made to display photographs to garage men, filling station operators, and others, which have been furnished him. The other instructions contained in the Division's letter of March 19, were apparently not followed.

I am informed that Mr. Reinecke read the above letter, and made notes on it before going to Wisconsin.

The roughdraft is enclosed herewith, for your attention, in order that you may handle the matter appropriately with Mr. Reinecke, on his arrival in St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

M. E. FURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

April 5, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a.; et al.  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
Edward George Bremer (Victim)  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

A number of mail tracings have been furnished to the Dallas Division Office by the Post Office at Dallas, Texas, by virtue of a check placed on the mail being received by the mother of Edward George Bremer, D.E. Bremer. A number of tracings appear to have been mailed addressed to the Bremer residence, 515 1/2 ...

On this date, ... of the Dallas ... of a letter ... residence ... W. H. Pritchard, 161 ... the letter does not bear a return

check in the person ... of the address ...

Very truly yours,

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F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

March 28, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
318 Hewes Building  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, et al  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

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This will refer to letter of this office dated March 25th instant, suggesting investigation at Grass Valley, California, to locate Edward W. Bentz and Theodore E. Bentz, suspects in the instant case.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Please be advised that Special Agent W. F. Bowling at Seattle, Washington, has secured additional information indicating that one Robert Edward Dunn, Seattle PD #17108, a known associate of the Bentz brothers in their criminal activities, is also reported to be at Grass Valley; further, that Dunn, Kalso and Flanders, the latter two mentioned in Portland letter dated March 25th, are interested in a gold mine in the vicinity of Grass Valley, and it is reported that Edward W. Bentz is financing operations at that point. These rumors of the connection of these parties with a gold mine in Grass Valley are so persistent that it becomes necessary to request immediate investigation at that point for possible information, particularly concerning Ed and Ted Bentz.

You are further advised that one Alvin H. Scott, who has been residing at 3633 S.E. Tenino, Portland, and who is a brother-in-law of Clara Feldman, prominently named in the Drachel kidnaping case, recently moved from the Portland address under circumstances indicating that he may also have gone to Grass Valley. For your information, Scott has five children of school age, whose names are [redacted] who left with Scott, together with Margaret Hurlvick, sister of Clara Feldman, who has been living at Scott's address ostensibly as his housekeeper. Investigation in the vicinity of

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2633 S.E. Fogino Street, Portland, developed that the furniture belonging to Scott was moved out on Wednesday, March 21st, but that Scott, his children and Margaret Hurtienne remained until six a.m., on Friday, March 23d, when they departed in Scott's Hudson Sedan, bearing 1934 Oregon license number 22476. This car is a 1927 model, motor #452462.

To a neighbor Scott stated that he was going to prospect in a gold mine and informed the neighbor that he was going up into the state of Washington, but inasmuch as Scott and Margaret Hurtienne are of suspicious nature and have knowledge that they may be under surveillance, it is believed that Scott would have given his neighbor erroneous information as to his intended location. It is further known that Scott is acquainted with the Bentz brothers and the rest of the Bentz gang and the possibility of Scott's going to Grass Valley at least warrants inquiry. For your information, I am enclosing herewith a photograph of A. H. Scott, which is probably twelve or fifteen years old, but is a good likeness of him. I am also enclosing Seattle PD photograph of Robert Edward Dunn, the reverse of which bears his description. Please return the photographs of Scott and Dunn when they have served their purpose.

I appreciate the apparent inaccessibility of Grass Valley to your headquarters city, but trust that you can make inquiry in this connection at an early date.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Inspector Rorer, St. Paul.

Suite 1  
Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
March 28, 1934.

Special Delivery.

Attention: Inspector Rorer.

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

Dear Sir:

ALVIN KARPIS, et al  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping

Pursuant to the telegram from Inspector Rorer of this date, there are forwarded herewith fifteen copies each of the photograph of Marjorie Kenting, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department No. 20,397, and fifteen copies of the photograph of Lillian Holt, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department No. 20,328. These photographs bear physical descriptions of the subjects thereof.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPENCER, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

March 29, 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.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 23, 1934 in the above  
entitled case.

I have been advised by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Commonwealth of  
Pennsylvania, that that Department does not keep a file of motor  
vehicles by motor number and in order to place a flash against the  
Auburn, two Buicks, and Pontiac mentioned in your letter, it will be  
necessary to have the serial numbers.

It is requested therefore that if possible you obtain the serial  
numbers of these cars and forward the same to this office.

Very truly yours,

R. G. HARVEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc. Division

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
March 29, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping - S.L. File 7-27.

Dear Sir:

Adverting further to your telegram dated March 27th 1934, in which you made known that the motor number of Ford V8 Sedan appearing in report of Agent A.R. Gere was given as 18-493080, while a telegram to you from this office, dated March 20, gave the motor number of the same car as 18-49308, and calling your attention to my telegraphic response thereto, dated March 27th, 1934, in which I made known that the correct motor number was apparently 18-493080, since that was the motor number of the car as it appeared in the telegram which this office submitted to the Western Union for transmission to you, and since it was the same motor number which appeared in the report of Agent Gere dated March 22, 1934, permit me to inform you that Agent Gere has confirmed the fact that the correct motor number of the Ford V8 Sedan referred to is 18-493080, and today Mr. H.W. Denske, Superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company at this city reported to me that after a thorough investigation made through his company, he learned that the motor number of this car, as submitted to his office by this office, was 18-493080, and that that number was transmitted to the Chicago office of his company, and recorded as received by his Chicago office, but that when the message was received at St. Paul, the motor number was recorded by his company as 18-49308, which would clearly show that an error was made by the Western Union Company at Chicago in transmitting the number to the Western Union Company at St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

JAD:J  
cc - Division.

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<i>[Signature]</i>	FILE



1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 31, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARTER,  
with aliases, I.O. #1219; et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING.

At your early convenience, I would  
like to have you furnish this office with complete  
physical descriptions of the following:

Billie Mitch, Tulsa Police  
Department No. 8896;  
Jo Ann Armor, Tulsa Police  
Department No. 8010.

If available, I would also like to  
have you secure for this office, about six photo-  
graphs of each of the above named individuals.

Very truly yours,

KRM:TMH  
CC:Division  
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M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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P.O. Drawer 1487,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

March 30, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 28, 1934  
in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
etal; Edward George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

A copy of the photograph of DOROTHY TRALLE St. Louis  
FD Register # 22180 was obtained and is being forwarded herewith.  
Her description as furnished by the St. Louis P.D. is as follows:

Name: Dorothy Tralle alias Mrs. C.T. Trole  
Age: 21 years (1925)  
Height: 5'5 1/2"  
Weight: 117  
Hair: Light chestnut  
Eyes: Blue  
Complexion: Fair  
Photograph: St. Louis P.D. # 22180  
F.P. In Division files.  
F.P.C.  $\frac{5}{17}$   $\frac{U}{U}$   $\frac{10}{10}$   $\frac{14}{18}$

Criminal Record: Arrested 6/13/25 K.C. Mo. charge  
suspect highway robbery, no disposition.  
Arrested 8/14/25 St. Louis suspected  
being fugitive from K.C. Mo. released  
8/15/25 not wanted.

Residence: Kansas City, Mo.

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Very truly yours,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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D.M. Ladd,  
Special Agent in Charge.  
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E.L.  
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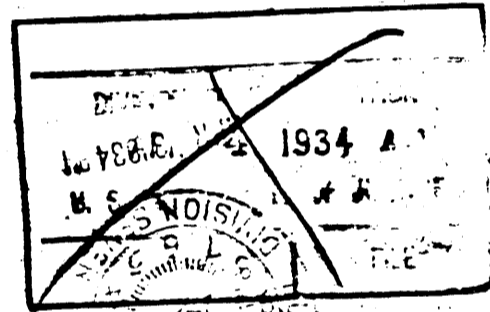
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APR 5 - 1934

URGENT AUTHORITY HEREBY GRANTED TAP TELEPHONE OF MRS TAKLA SANDAKL  
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REN:AEK

April 2, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama. *\* ALL Field Offices*

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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and furnish them with photographs of the above named individuals for the purpose of assisting the Division in locating them and causing their apprehension.

Very truly yours,

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H. H. CLEGG



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Photos:

Mrs. Ed Bentz

Ed Bentz

Ted Bentz

Paul Harmon

Kate Barker.

Tommy Carroll  
Curly Clouse

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MRS. GEB. ANDERSON  
MRS. HARRIE BARKER

AGE: 59  
HEIGHT: 5'4"  
WEIGHT: 150-155  
HAIR: MEDIUM BLONDE  
BOBBED, WAVED

7-5-11-1971



Mrs. C. P. Harmon

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

REPORT MADE AT: <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4/2/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/28/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>PETER J. NOLAN</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - et al EDWARD G. BREMER (VICTIM)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING - EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Thomas H. Lawley, 15 Stenton Place, Pleasantville, N. J., operates Lawley Auto Service, Inc., Atlantic City, N. J., an auto supply store and agency for International Trucks. His associates are reported to be of high type; he is married, with one child.

is a member of Masonic order, Artisans' Club, Atlantic City, N. J. Reputed to be honest and smooth talker.



**DETAILS:**

This investigation is based on a telephone call received from Special Agent Burruss of the Washington Field Office on March 27, 1934, requesting information concerning one Thomas H. Lawley of Atlantic City and Pleasantville, New Jersey. The information, in substance, developed from this investigation, was forwarded the Washington Field Office, with carbon copy to St. Paul and the Division, in letter dated March 28, 1934.

At Pleasantville, New Jersey

Chief of Police Naylor was interviewed and stated that Thomas H. Lawley is unknown to him and that he has never heard of him. Chief Naylor advised that there are no organized gangs in Pleasantville, which, it may be noted, is in close proximity to Atlantic City, N. J. Chief Naylor advised that he is cognizant of all criminal types present in Pleasantville, which is a town of approximately 1,000 people, and that if Lawley were connected with any criminal organizations or had any sort of criminal record his presence would be known to the police.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>J.K. Day</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1566	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>APR 5 1934</b>
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A check of the City Directory of 1931, for Pleasantville, N. J., revealed that Thomas H. Lawley resided at 13 Stenton Place, Pleasantville, and that his wife's name is Elizabeth; that he is the operator of Lawley's Auto Service, Inc., 436 North Carolina Avenue, Atlantic City, N. J.

It may be noted here that Chief Maylor was not advised of the purpose of agent's inquiries. However, on request, he questioned the officers under his jurisdiction (about six) to ascertain whether any knew Lawley, but with negative results.

C. W. Adams, Clerk, U. S. Post Office, was interviewed in the absence of the Postmaster and Assistant Postmaster, who were both absent due to illness. Mr. Adams stated that Thomas H. Lawley is unknown to him and that mail for a Thomas H. Lawley has never come to his notice. He stated, however, that the neighborhood surrounding Stenton Place is very high-class and that the houses would average approximately \$10,000.

The carrier, Floyd Freeman, was questioned at the post office but could furnish no information concerning the identity of Lawley. He advised, however, that he did deliver mail there, but that he never stopped to converse with the occupants at that address and knew nothing concerning them.

The officials of the New Jersey Gas Company, and New Jersey Public Service, Pleasantville, N.J., and the Pleasantville Electric Company were contacted, but could furnish no information concerning Thomas H. Lawley, except that he has been receiving service at Stenton Place since the year 1929.

At Atlantic City, N. J., inquiries were made at the Identification Bureau of the Atlantic City Police Department relative to any known criminal record of Lawley. However, none was disclosed. Inspector Malstead was interviewed and stated that Lawley is personally unknown to him; however, that Lawley conducts an auto service company at 436 N. North Carolina Avenue, Atlantic City; that it is reputed to be an honest firm, handling auto supplies, and also being the agency for International trucks. Inspector Malstead could furnish no additional information.

Postmaster Alfred J. Perkins, Atlantic City, N. J., on interview stated that he knows nothing concerning Thomas H. Lawley or Lawley's Auto Service, Inc. He stated, however, that he has a personal friend, one Samuel Leshin, partner in the Brighton Auto Service, 2917 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, who could furnish information.

concerning Lawley and who was a reliable person and could be trusted. The purpose of agent's inquiry was not explained to the Postmaster.

Mr. Samuel Leshin, Brighton Auto Service, 2917 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, N. J., on interview stated that he has known Thomas H. Lawley for approximately 15 years during which time the latter has been engaged in the automobile supply business in Atlantic City; that just recently Lawley incorporated as an auto supply house, and also took the agency for International Trucks; that during the time of Lawley's business enterprises in Atlantic City, all auto supplies and equipment have been purchased by Lawley from the Brighton Auto Service; that he has found Lawley to be above reproach as far as his companions and associates go;

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that Lawley is the owner of a Packard automobile; that he lives in a very fine home in Pleasantville, N. J., and he and his wife are expensively dressed. Mr. Leshin intimated that Lawley must derive some sort of financial aid outside of his business, in view of the fact that for the past two years the automobile supply business, as well as the International Truck business, has been at a low ebb and would not afford Lawley much money over and above his living expenses. Mr. Leshin advised that Lawley is a 33rd Degree Mason, a member of the All-time Groff, (a separate organization), a member of the Artisans' Club, All of Atlantic City. He stated that Lawley's friends and associates for the most part were automobile dealers and are exemplary citizens; that three of his best friends are as follows: Lee Deoughenbath, c/o Joe Dale's Fire Store; John Watt, c/o Willard Battery Company, 3305 Atlantic Avenue; Charles Ripp, c/o Dorraine Cleaners, Atlantic City. Mr. Leshin stated that he knows nothing about Lawley's social life except that he and his wife appear to be very happy and live in a good neighborhood; that they have one child and that their friends are limited in number, although very fine people. He advised that to the best of his knowledge the clientele of Lawley's auto supply business does not extend outside of Atlantic City, although the nature of the business, that is the buying of supplies for his store, may cover the neighboring states and take him out of town frequently. However, he did not know this as a certainty.

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[REDACTED]

Thomas M. Lawley is Secretary of the above corporation, which was incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey, on June 27, 1932; that Elizabeth A. Lawley, wife of Thomas M. Lawley, is President and Treasurer of the corporation.

[REDACTED]

No further information was obtained from the above record.

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Various other inquiries were made in and around Atlantic City, to ascertain additional information concerning Lawley. However, he seems to be generally unknown, and nothing was <sup>ascertained</sup> relative to his character or associates, and there was no indication that he was connected with any criminal organizations.

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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG**

**BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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P. O. Box 1276  
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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Under date of March 29, 1934, this office received a telegram from the Chicago Division Office, requesting that a description of Jewell Johnson, Tulsa Police Department Number 5842, be secured and forwarded to you by wire. The description of Jewell Johnson, as appearing in the records of the Tulsa Police Department, was forwarded to you by wire under date of March 29, 1934.

This office has now secured photographs of Jewell Johnson, one of which is attached. One photograph of Jewell Johnson is also being forwarded to the Chicago Division Office. The description of Jewell Johnson is noted on the reverse side of the photograph.

Very truly yours,

PAUL HANSEN, Acting,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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503 1/2 U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
March 29, 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.  
S.L. File 7-35.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to your letter of March 21, 1934,  
sent to the San Francisco office, copy of which was forwarded  
to me, in order that a photograph of Homer Virgil Wilson and  
one M.H. Mead, could be secured through the Denver, Colorado,  
Department of Police.

Attached hereto you will find a photograph of  
Homer Virgil Wilson alias "Whitey", Denver Police Department  
No. 8291, on the reverse side of which you will find his  
description, which is as of 1922. There is also attached  
a copy of his fingerprints. This fingerprint card is the  
official fingerprint card of the Identification Division of  
the Denver, Colorado, Department of Police, and you should  
make a photostatic copy of it at once and return the Denver  
Police Department fingerprint card to me for return to that  
Department.

You will also find attached hereto a photograph  
of Montrose Hutchinson Mead, Denver, Colorado, Police Department  
No. 8292, on the reverse side of which you will find his  
description, which is as of 1922. I am attaching the original  
fingerprint card of the Denver, Colorado, Department of Police  
Montrose Mead. You should have a photostatic copy of his  
fingerprint card immediately made, and return the Denver Police  
fingerprint card to me for return to that Department.

Please exercise every care in preserving and safe-  
guarding these fingerprint cards.

On the fingerprint card of each of these men you

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will find their signatures, which are the only specimens of their handwriting which is available.

Very truly yours .

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

J.A.D.:J  
cc - Division ✓  
cc - San Francisco.  
cc - St. Paul.  
cc - Kansas City.

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R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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BREKID REFERENCE GILLESPIES CHICAGO REPORT MARCH TWENTY NINTH NO  
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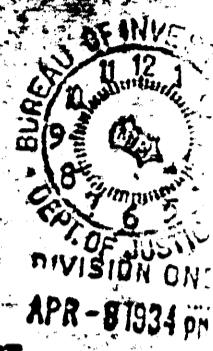
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April 5, 1934.

F.X. FAY,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
370 LEXINGTON AVE., ROOM 2405,  
NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.



BREKID YOUR WIRE APRIL FIFTH FIRST TELEPHONE NUMBER LISTED TO HOME OF GEORGE THATCHER ATTORNEY SECOND TELEPHONE NUMBER LISTED GEORGE THATCHERS OFFICE THIRD TELEPHONE LISTED NAME ROBERT BURNS ATTORNEY.

DCWD.

JAD:J  
cc - Division. ✓

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Post Office Box 815,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

March 30, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
503-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 7-30

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Division to the Salt Lake City office dated the 27th instant, in the case entitled Unknown Subject; Roy Frisch, Victim; Kidnaping, to which was attached a letter addressed to the Division from Reno, Nevada, under date of the 23rd ultimo, and signed, "X A Loser".

In accordance with the last paragraph of the letter from Reno, please endeavor to contact the author of the letter to the Division in order to obtain all possible information from him in connection with the Bremer case.

Very truly yours,

WAR:IM  
CC Division ✓

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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R. S. WHITE  
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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  
MARCH 27, 1934

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

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BREKID RETEL CORRECT MOTOR NUMBER FORD V EIGHT SEDAN APPARENTLY ONE EIGHT DASH FOUR NINE THREE NAUGHT EIGHT NAUGHT STOP THIS IS NUMBER APPEARING IN GERES REPORT AND IS NUMBER WHICH APPEARED IN OUR TELEGRAM WHEN SUBMITTING SAME TO WESTERN UNION FOR TRANSMISSION STOP BELIEVE ERROR IN TRANSMISSION AND WILL DETERMINE IF SO TOMORROW WHEN BOOKKEEPING DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN UNION OPEN.

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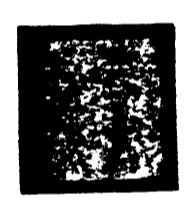
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J. A. Dowd,  
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U. S. Department of Justice,  
503-a U. S. Court House & P. O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah

BREKID REFERENCE YOUR WIRE ADVISE WHETHER SEVENTY FIVE MENTIONED MEANS SEVEN FIVE OR SEVEN NAUGHT FIVE

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

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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES

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

March 30, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
505-a U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to my letter dated March 27, 1934, addressed to the Chicago Office requesting that a list of dealers dispensing the Casco goggles in Nevada be obtained. Such inquiry has been made and the Chicago Eyeshield Company advises their records disclose that in April, 1932, the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company, at McGill, Nevada, purchased one pair of such goggles; that in May, 1932, the same company purchased twelve more pairs.

Please, therefore, make suitable investigation to determine whether the above mentioned company can account for the present whereabouts of each pair of goggles. Two pair of goggles are being sent you under separate cover by registered mail. The old pair with the tape over the lenses were used by the victim in this matter. They should be carefully preserved and returned to me at St. Paul by registered mail. If it is found that any of the thirteen pairs of goggles purchased by the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company have been misplaced or stolen, this pair should be exhibited for possible identification. Should such identification be made you should conduct a thorough and exhaustive inquiry into all circumstances relative to loss of same.

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CC Division ✓

Very truly yours,  
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1216 Smith Young Tower  
San Antonio, Texas.  
March 29, 1934.

GTJ/ML

Mr. F. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

ALVIN KARPIS, w. a. et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 23, 1934, and confirming my telegram of this date, I have checked the Auto Registration records for the State of Texas concerning all of the cars listed in your letter.

There was a record found of Chevrolet sedan motor #3554674 registered as a new car on September 11, 1933, at Farwell, Farmer County, Texas, by a person giving the name of J. O. Ford.

The records at the Auto Registration Division do not reflect the identity of Ford or from whom the car was purchased. This record should be in the County Tax Collector's office at Farwell, Texas, and I immediately telephoned the Dallas office to make a thorough check concerning the registration of this car.

No record was found concerning any of the other cars. An alarm card has been placed in the records of the Auto Registration Division at Austin, Texas, and this office will be notified by wire if any of the other cars are offered for registration in Texas during 1934.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones  
Special Agent

cc Division  
cc Dallas

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420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

March 29, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
318 Hewes Building,  
San Francisco, California.

RE: Alvin Karpis; et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:-

Your attention is invited to letter from the  
Portland Division office dated 3/25/34 directed to your office,  
wherein you were advised that a photograph of CHARLES LEROY KELSO  
would be obtained by the Dallas Office and transmitted to you:

The photograph of Kelso is transmitted here-  
with.

Very truly yours,

D.L. McCormack, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division ✓  
Portland  
Inspector Rorer, St. Paul  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

**Washington, D. C.**

April 4, 1934.

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MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	
MR. COWLEY	
MR. EDWARDS	
MR. EGAN	
MR. QUINN	
MR. LESTER	
CHAS. TRACY	✓
MR. ...	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In accordance with your memorandum of March 30, 1934, addressed to Mr. Clegg, Mr. Newby will make arrangements to join Mr. Nathan in New York City tomorrow for the purpose of proceeding with him to Dannemora to interview Leon Kramer, alias Leon Miller, in the Bremer kidnaping case.

Respectfully,

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

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. FILE NO. 7-82  
 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-3-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3-17 &amp; 19-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>K. R. McINTIRE</b>										
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218: ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219: et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>										
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation at following towns in Illinois fails to locate the hideout house in which Bremer was held.  <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>Deerfield</td> <td>Libertyville</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Highland Park</td> <td>Mundelein</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ravinia</td> <td>Prairie View</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aptakisic</td> <td>Wheeling</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Half Day</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent K.R. McIntire, dated March 19, 1934, at Chicago, Illinois.  DETAILS: <b>HIDEOUT</b>  The information secured is being set out in the form of memoranda prepared by each investigating agent, as follows:  The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent V.W. PETERSON for the purpose of attempting to locate the hideout and was made on March 17, 1934:  At Deerfield, Illinois " Highland Park, " " Ravinia "				Deerfield	Libertyville	Highland Park	Mundelein	Ravinia	Prairie View	Aptakisic	Wheeling	Half Day	
Deerfield	Libertyville												
Highland Park	Mundelein												
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DEERFIELD, ILLINOIS

Mr. A. Willman, City Treasurer and Water Meter Reader, upon being interviewed advised that Deerfield has a population of 1,500 to 2,000 people; that the Chicago and Milwaukee Steam Railway passes through the village; that there are twelve trains going to Chicago from Deerfield each day between 6:00 A.M. and 8:15 P.M., and twelve trains coming from Chicago to Deerfield during the same period; that a regular air mail route passes over Deerfield; that each day an air mail plane passes over Deerfield at 9:00 A.M. and another plane passes over the village at 7:00 P.M.; that there are four churches in Deerfield; that the Saint Paul Evangelical Church is the only church which is equipped with bells; that said bells ring two times each Sunday; that church bells can be heard only on Sundays; that the church bells of other villages are not audible in Deerfield; that a stationary siren is located on the top of the village hall; that this siren is not sounded regularly; that it is sounded only on the occasion of a fire or for testing purposes; that it is impossible to hear the siren of any other village or city; that the siren sounded about three times during the month of January; that during the month of February, 1934, the siren of Deerfield was sounded about six times; that a record of fires is kept and that said record reflects no fires occurred in Deerfield in January, 1934. Mr. Willman personally sounds the siren whenever it is used in Deerfield. There are no factories located in the vicinity of Deerfield and no whistles resembling a factory whistle can be heard. Whistles of surrounding villages cannot be heard.

Mr. Willman stated that in connection with reading the water meters in Deerfield, he has entered the basement of each house in Deerfield. The only house, the basement of which is used for living quarters, is that of Harry Stupple, who is employed as a driver for the Bowman Dairy Company. Mr. Stupple has resided in the basement of his house for the past five years. The reputation of Mr. Stupple and family is of the very highest and his character is said to be above reproach. The walls of the basement of the home of Harry Stupple are painted and no wallpaper has been placed thereon. The basement, as well as the balance of the house, is heated by a vapor furnace. Mr. Willman has been in the basement of this home on several occasions and described it minutely. The description which he provided does not compare with the description of the hideout as furnished by Bremer.

The writer drove through the village of Deerfield but was unable to locate a house which answered the description provided by the victim of this case. An attempt was made to contact the postmaster but inasmuch as the investigation was conducted on Saturday afternoon he could not be located for interview.

HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS

Hugo Schneider, Postmaster, upon interview advised that Highland Park is a city of 12,000 inhabitants; that the Chicago and Northwestern Steam Railway and the Northshore Electric Railway pass through the city; that there is very little switching in Highland Park, although some switching takes place about one mile west of the city; that there is no stationary siren in Highland Park and that it is impossible to hear the sirens of other towns in the city. The only sirens which are heard in Highland Park are those on the fire trucks and ambulances. There are zoning ordinances which prohibit the erecting of factories in the section in which Highland Park is situated. No factory or other whistles can be heard. A large percentage of the inhabitants of Highland Park are Chicago business men. The homes are, in most cases, one family homes, and within the knowledge of Mr. Schneider no basements of homes are used for living quarters. Church bells are rung only on Sundays.

John Petik, 565 Homewood, Highland Park, Illinois, advised that he reads the water meters in Highland Park and in Ravinia, which is a part of Highland Park. A description of the house in which Bremer was held captive was provided Mr. Petik. He stated that there are only about three houses in Highland Park which have basements that are used for living quarters. Mr. Petik accompanied the writer and pointed out said homes. They did not answer the description furnished by Bremer. The individuals who occupy the basements of these homes have lived in same for a considerable length of time.

J. L. Brand, Brand Brothers, Wallpaper Store, 532 West Central, upon interview, advised that he has never sold wallpaper identical with the samples which were shown to him by the writer. Said samples consisted of paper and photographs of paper which Bremer identified as having been in the house in which he was held by the kidnapers.

L. F. Harris, Proprietor, Alden Studios, Inc., 373 East Central, Highland Park, Illinois, was also interviewed at which time samples of the wallpaper in question were exhibited to him. Mr. Harris is an interior decorator. He stated that the exhibits which were shown to him consisted of wallpaper of a much cheaper grade than any he has placed in houses in the vicinity of Highland Park and that he is positive that he has never handled any paper of that kind.

RAVINIA, ILLINOIS

S.S. Stanger, Postmaster, Ravinia, Illinois, upon interview advised that Ravinia, Illinois, is a part of Highland Park, Illinois. He further stated that there are no factories in the vicinity of Ravinia; that it is impossible to hear any factory whistles or whistles resembling factory whistles in Ravinia; that there is no siren located in the locality; that there are no churches in Ravinia; that the Chicago and Northwestern Railway passes through the village; that the Northshore electric train also passes through; that there is very little switching by trains in Ravinia; that the homes in the village are practically all family homes and that he is not cognizant of any homes having basements which are used for living quarters.

The following investigation was performed by Special Agent V.W. PETERSON on 3-19-34:

Aptakisic, Illinois  
Half Day           "  
Libertyville       "  
Mundelein           "  
Prairie View       "  
Wheeling           "

APTAKISIC, ILLINOIS

Aptakisic, Illinois is a town of about twenty five or thirty inhabitants. The only places of business are a small country store and a green house. There is no post office in the town and mail is delivered by a carrier working out of the village of Prairie View, Illinois, which is only one mile distant. It was determined from Mrs. Florence Stoerp, Postmistress, Prairie View, Illinois that the greenhouse whistle sounds each morning, noon and evening. No sirens are audible in the locality and there are no factories situated within several miles of the town. The writer drove through the town and observed the houses located therein but failed to note any houses answering the description provided by Bremer. It was deemed inadvisable to make direct contact with residents of the village. There are only about six or eight houses situated within the village boundaries. Each house is a typical farm house.

HALF DAY, ILLINOIS

Half Day, Illinois is a village of about one hundred people. Casual inquiry was made of a garageman in the town who advised that there is no siren in the village and that no factory whistle is audible. Herbert Lesch, Chief of Police and Deputy sheriff, Wheeling, Illinois, was also questioned about Half Day, Illinois. He also stated that no factory whistle or siren can be heard in Half Day. There are only a few houses located in the town and no post office is situated therein. One church is located near the edge of town. No trains pass through Half Day, Illinois, and the nearest railroad tracks are located one mile from the village.

LIBERTYVILLE, ILLINOIS

Mr. E.E. Ellsworth, Postmaster, Libertyville, Illinois upon interview advised that the only siren located in Libertyville is situated on the macaroni factory of the Fould's Milling Company; that it is sounded each day at approximately eight o'clock A.M., noon, twelve thirty P.M. and four P.M.; that this siren is operated for the purpose of designating the time work begins in the factory and closes, as well as for the lunch period; that the siren is also used by the town of Libertyville whenever a fire occurs; that the Fould's Milling Company factory is the only factory located in or near Libertyville; that no factory whistle is audible in Libertyville; that no siren located in surrounding towns can be heard with the sole exception of the Mundelein, Illinois siren which is sounded only in case of fire; that there are five churches located in Libertyville; that the Catholic church is the only church building equipped with bells; that it is rung each Sunday morning about seven o'clock; that no church bell is rung on Saturday night; that the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad passes through the town; that some switching is done at night; that the Northshore electric line also passes through Libertyville; that only one home in Libertyville has a basement which is used for living quarters, and that said home is situated on Park Avenue in Libertyville. Mr. Ellsworth advised that he has not observed any suspicious characters in Libertyville, nor has he noticed a large dark colored Buick sedan.

Albert Kilchmann, Superintendent, Water Department, Libertyville, Illinois, when interviewed stated that he reads all water meters in Libertyville. He stated that the only home in Libertyville, the basement of which is habitable, is located on Park Avenue. The

writer in company with Mr. Kilchmann entered the basement of this home under the pretext of examining the meter. While Mr. Kilchmann was looking at the meter Agent opened the door leading to the front part of the basement and observed that the rooms which are used to live in are not similar to those of the hideout as described by Bremer. Mr. Kilchmann stated that the owner of the house, who lives on the first floor, is highly respected and has no gangster affiliations. Mr. Kilchmann further advised that the only siren located in Libertyville is that of the Fould's Milling Company. Additional information provided by him is identical to that furnished by Postmaster E.E. Ellsworth.

MUNDELEIN, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Jane Dorfler, Postmistress, Mundelein, Illinois, when interviewed advised that this town has a population of 1000 people. There is a stationary fire siren in Mundelein. It is sounded only in case of fire and each Saturday night at five o'clock. It is possible to hear the siren in Libertyville, which is sounded by the Fould's Milling Company at about eight A.M., noon, twelve thirty o'clock P.M. and four or four thirty P.M. There are no factories located in the locality and no factory whistles are heard in Mundelein. The only church in Mundelein which is equipped with bells is the Congregational Church. The bells of said church are rung only on Sundays, and are never rung on Saturdays except in the event of a funeral or a special meeting. The Soo Line Railway passes through Mundelein. There is some switching done by Soo Line trains in the town. An occasional airplane is heard over head.

Mrs. Jane Dorfler further stated that the post office of Mundelein serves DIAMOND LAKE, ILLINOIS, which is located one mile from Mundelein. Diamond Lake is a summer resort town. Practically all homes located therein are summer cottages. The writer drove through the streets of Diamond Lake, Illinois. Only one house appeared to have a basement suitable for habitation. The occupants of the home were not home and the writer obtained a view of the basement by looking through the basement windows. It was observed that no wall paper existed on the walls. There was no running water, a small pump being used to obtain water in the basement. The basement failed to correspond with the description provided by Bremer.

John Dietz, Superintendent, Water Department, Mundelein, Illinois, upon interview advised that he reads all water meters in Mundelein and DIAMOND LAKE, ILLINOIS. After having been furnished with the description of the basement in which Bremer was held, he stated that there are no homes in either Mundelein or Diamond Lake which correspond with said description. Mr. Dietz advised that he causes the siren of Mundelein to be sounded each Saturday night at five o'clock. This siren is sounded at no other time except in case of fire. According to Mr. Dietz, there is only one church in Mundelein equipped with a bell and that said bell is rung only on Sundays. It is never rung on Saturday evening. The St. Mary's Church which is located near Mundelein has a set of chimes. Said chimes are sounded each fifteen minutes from six o'clock in the morning to ten o'clock at night. There are no factories in the vicinity and no factory whistles can be heard. The only siren with the exception of the Mundelein fire siren, which is audible in Mundelein is that of the Fould's Milling Company in Libertyville, Illinois.

PRAIRIE VIEW, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Florence Stoerp, Postmistress, Prairie View, Illinois was interviewed. Prairie View was stated to be a village of less than one hundred people. There is no fire siren located in the village and it is not possible to hear the sirens of surrounding towns. No factory whistles are audible. There is a green house situated in Aptakisic, Illinois, which is only one mile distant. This green house sounds a whistle each morning, noon and evening. The Soo Line Railway passes through Prairie View. The trains on this line engage in a considerable amount of switching. Until the cancellation of the Air Mail contracts, a mail plane passed over Prairie View each morning and evening. There is one church in Prairie View, namely, the Grace Evangelical Church. Said church has a bell and same is sounded each Sunday. It never rings on Saturday evening unless a funeral or a special meeting takes place. The bell on the Grace Evangelical Church also rings each Wednesday night. According to Mrs. Florence Stoerp, there are no basements in Prairie View which are used for living quarters. The writer viewed the houses in Prairie View from the roadside and failed to observe any houses answering the description provided by Bremer.

WHEELING, ILLINOIS

Mr. E.J. Welflin, Postmaster, Wheeling, Illinois, was interviewed. Wheeling is a town of 466 inhabitants. It may be stated that the home of Roger Touhy is located about three miles from Wheeling and this territory has been under the control of the Touhy gang for many years. There is a stationary siren located in Wheeling which is sounded each day, with the exception of Sunday, at twelve o'clock noon and at nine o'clock at night. On Sundays the siren is sounded only at nine o'clock at night as a curfew. There are no factories in the locality and no factory whistles can be heard. The Presbyterian Church is the only church in Wheeling. The bell of this church is rung six times during the course of each Sunday. It is never rung on Saturday. No train passes through Wheeling. The Soo Line Railway tracks are located one mile west of Wheeling, however. Mr. Welflin advised that there are no homes in the vicinity of Wheeling that have basements which might be used for living quarters.

Herbert Lesch, Chief of Police and Deputy Sheriff, Wheeling, Illinois, was interviewed. He stated that he reads all water meters in Wheeling. After having been interrogated by the writer, Mr. Lesch stated that the Mayor of Wheeling had previously exhibited to him the circular letter which emanated from the St. Paul office pertaining to this matter. He stated that he has previously attempted to determine whether Wheeling might possibly be the place referred to in the circular letter and that he arrived at the conclusion that the place which it is desired to locate could not possibly be in the vicinity of Wheeling, Illinois. He stated that he enters each basement in Wheeling in connection with reading the water meters and that there are no basements in Wheeling which might be used for living quarters. No factory whistles are audible and no church bell rings on Saturday.

Mr. Lesch accompanied the writer for the purpose of pointing out the home of Roger Touhy. This place is located about three miles from Wheeling. About three or four vicious dogs are fenced in the front yard of the Touhy home. There is a fake swimming pool in the back yard. Beneath the fake swimming pool is a doorway which is visible from the road. This doorway leads to an underground room which was formerly used for the meetings of members of the Touhy gang, according to Mr. Lesch. The basement beneath the Touhy residence does not appear to answer the description provided by Bremer. ▲



house was observed diagonally across the road from the Touhy residence about one quarter mile away, which appeared in some respects from the outside to resemble the description given by Bremer. The writer, accompanied by Herbert Lesch, entered this house and permission was granted to inspect the basement. Said basement was used for storage purposes. It was equipped with a furnace. No wall paper appeared on the walls and the basement failed to correspond with the description furnished by the Victim of this case.

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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, Ill	DATE WHEN MADE: 4/3/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/23, 24/34	REPORT MADE BY: K. R. McIntire
TITLE: IN KAREIS 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:**

Investigation conducted in the following towns in Wisconsin and Indiana in an effort to locate the hideout house in which Bremer was held. No results to date:

Beatrice, Ind.	Butler, Wis.
Hurlburt, "	Marcy, "
Palmer, "	Brotherton, "
Boone Grove, "	Brookfield, "
	DuPlainville, "
Waukesha, Wis.	Enos, Wis.
Forest Home, Wis.	Hodgston, Wis.
Coerkes, "	
Elm Grove, W	

P.

**REFERENCE:**  
**DETAILS:**

Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, 3/29/34.

**DETAILS:**

Investigation was conducted in the towns in Indiana and Wisconsin, noted in the synopsis, in an unsuccessful effort to locate the hideout house in which Bremer was held. Investigation is reported herein in the form of memoranda submitted by the investigating agents.

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HIDEOUT

Investigation was made at the following towns by Special Agent John E. Brennan, on March 24, 1934:

Beatrice, Indiana,  
Hurlburt, Indiana,  
Palmer, Indiana,  
Boone Grove, Indiana.

BEATRICE, IND.

This is an unincorporated hamlet in Porter County, Indiana, population 25, 50 miles from Chicago on the C&O Railroad, consisting of a general store, depot, and a few houses. There are no churches located here, and the station agent advised that no sirens or church bells can be heard here.

HURLBURT, IND.

A farming community in Porter County, Ind., 58 miles from Chicago on the Erie Railroad. It is situated several miles from a highway. There are no churches, the few houses housing a population of 50, surround a general store and depot. As there is no postoffice, inquiry was made of the station agent who stated no church bells or sirens can be heard here.

PALMER, INDIANA

An unincorporated town of 83 population, located 52 miles from Chicago in Lake County, Indiana, about 5 miles from the nearest highway. Mr. F. H. Krull, the postmaster, who also operates the general store, stated that there is no industrial activity in the surrounding area, that this is a farming community, and that stations are located at Beatrice, Hurlburt, Palmer, and Boone Grove as shipping points for farm produce; that there are no sirens located in or around Palmer, and no church bells can be heard.

BOONE GROVE, IND.

A farming community of 116 population, 60 miles from Chicago in Porter County, Indiana on the Erie railroad, and several miles from a highway. C. F. Franey, postmaster, stated that he knows of no location in this vicinity that would fit the town sought; that there are no church bells in Boone Grove, and no siren can be heard.

On March 23 and 24, 1934, Special Agent H. H. Reinecke made investigation at the following places, all in Waukesha County, Wisconsin with reference to the hideout described by the victim:

Waukesha, Wisconsin  
Forest Home, "  
Goerkes, "  
Elm Grove, "  
Butter, "  
Marcy, "  
Brotherton, "  
Brookfield, "  
Duplainville, "  
Enos, "  
Hodgston, "

Some of the above are mere crossroads communities with an entire absence of the noises desired, but were shown on the detailed county map of Waukesha County, from which agent is working and are set out herein as a matter of record.

#### WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN

Interview with the assistant chief of the fire department, and several firemen who were present brought forth the information that the fire department has no stationary siren, nor is there any such siren known to be on any factory or institution in or sufficiently near Waukesha to be heard therein. There were five fire alarms in Waukesha on Sunday, January 28, 1934, between 10:25 A. M. and 10:30 P. M., but only apparatus sirens were or could be used.

Waukesha is a city of about 18,000 population with numerous factories and institutions in or adjacent thereto. In view of the uncertainty of the firemen as to steam whistles and possibly a siren in or near the city, and the possibility of finding a steam whistle, which, because of its tone, might at a distance be mistaken for a siren, agent called at all factories and institutions with the following results.

Fox Head Waukesha Corporation, a brewery, has an ordinary steam whistle which is blown regularly each weekday at 7 A. M., 12 Noon, 12:55 P. M., 1 P. M. and 4 P. M.

Metropolitan Church Association, Missionary Training School and Orphanage, has an ordinary steam whistle blown regularly each weekday at 7:15, 7:50, 8:15 and 11:30 A. M. and 12:57 and 5 P. M.

Glancy Malleable Corporation has an ordinary steam whistle blown regularly each weekday at 6:30, 7:00 and 11:30 A. M. and 5 P. M.

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Waukesha Motor Works has no whistle or siren, but has an inside "Auto-Call" or air-whistle which cannot be heard outside.

Spring City Foundry Company has no whistle or siren, but an inside "auto-call".

Manitowoc Church Furniture Co. has an ordinary steam whistle which, with the exception of occasional days when the factory is not working, is blown each weekday at 8 A. M., 12 Noon, 1, 4 or 5 P. M. and on Saturday at 8 A. M. and 12 noon.

Wisconsin Industrial School for Boys has no siren or whistle, but a bell which is rung often for classes, meals, etc.

Quality Aluminum Co., Federal Steel Sash Co., and Waukesha Foundry Co., all have no whistle or siren.

Mr. Brockmann, pastor of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church advised that no Lutheran or other church in Waukesha followed the custom of ringing its bell regularly Saturday afternoons or evenings, and he felt quite certain this was true for the entire county, except possibly at Oconomowoc, with which place he is not familiar.

Three railroad lines run into and through Waukesha, the C.L.St.P. and P., the C&NW, and the Soo line. All have separate and widely scattered stations. A total of 28 trains daily came into these stations, and all stop with the occasional exception of two freights on the Soo line. Agent secured a complete schedule of all trains and finds that they are quite evenly scattered throughout the 24 hours. The schedules are not set out as they now appear to be of no importance in view of the absence of the general descriptive facts of the hideout in the City of Waukesha.

Agent contacted T. T. Swift, District Manager of the Wisconsin Gas and Electric Co., whose district covers practically all of Waukesha County. Through the courtesy of Mr. Swift, who received authorization from Mr. Collender, general manager of the company at Racine, Wisconsin, agent interviewed the following employees who were given a careful detailed description of the hideout, and shown photographs of the suspects:

L. F. Gross, gas fitter, who covers territory between West Allis and Pewaukee.

George Kutchera, appliance man working in city of Waukesha

Fred Graser, assistant to Gross, above.

Ray McCann, gas and electric meter reader, who works mostly within city of Waukesha, and 3 mile radius,

H. F. Colb, superintendent of gas department, who is on the outside a little,

Marvin Dettmann, meter reader in city of Waukesha.

J. B. Chase, electric trouble man, who works within city of Waukesha.

L. Cruji, meter tester, who works around Waukesha County generally.

Other meter readers, testers, appliance men, etc. for both the Wisconsin Gas and Electric Co. and the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Co. (which two companies, with the exception of a municipal electric plant at Economowoc supply all the gas and electricity in Waukesha County) are working out of offices at Menominee Falls, Economowoc, Milwaukee, Pewaukee, Delwafield, Muckwango and Fort Atkinson and will be contacted in the near future. The special agent covering Milwaukee county will cover employees of the Milwaukee Railway and Light Co. in the offices of the city of Milwaukee, and the agent covering Jefferson County will interview employees of the Wisconsin Gas and Electric Co. at Fort Atkinson.

None of the individuals above interviewed could recollect a place in their territory which would fit the description of the hideout, and none of them recognized the photographs of any of the suspects.

As a result of the above investigation, it does not seem that the City of Waukesha itself or its immediate environs contains the hideout described by victim, and a more detailed investigation there did not seem warranted under the circumstances.

#### FOREST HOME, WISCONSIN

This was found to be a crossroads community four miles northeast of Waukesha, comprised of five farm homes and a few cottages. There is no postoffice, store, filling station, water supply, bells, or noises of any sort, either local, or which could be heard from nearby towns or cities.

#### AT GOERMES, WISCONSIN

Has a few more houses than Forest Home, but otherwise falls into the same category. It is two miles from Forest Home.

#### AT ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN.

Interview with the railway station agent and postmaster discloses has no siren, fire department, whistles, and only one church bell, on a Catholic church, which tolls every day at 6 A. M., 12 M., and 6 P. M. No noises such as are described for the hideout community are heard in Elm Grove from neighboring communities.

At Elm Grove, the C. M. St. P. & P. Railway enters Waukesha County, coming from Milwaukee, and runs west through the county, leaving it again at Economowoc, from which point it continues on to Portage, and LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and on to St. Paul and Minneapolis, and thence to the west coast. It is the main line of this railroad, and the traffic is heavy - 31 trains, freight and passenger, passing over it every 24 hours. Most are through trains, only four stopping daily at Elm Grove. This seems to be the only railroad line through Waukesha County, having sufficient traffic to answer victims hideout description and particular attention will be given to the towns along it in the county. The detailed schedules of trains through Elm Grove were secured, but as far as this village is concerned, does not warrant

setting out here. Similar schedules will be secured at pertinent points along the line where other circumstances seem to justify.

AT BUTLER, WISCONSIN

Edgar Leissring, the postmaster, advised there is a stationary siren on the fire department, which is sounded only for fires, and was used approximately once each week or two recently to give notice of the arrival of CMA checks. There are three churches, but no bells. There is no city or other water supply and no water meter reader. The C&NW Railway Shops are located here, but have been shut down since January, 1930, with no activity since then except one crew in at night when it does some switching. The town has no railway station or railway stop, the C&NW tracks being one mile north of the town, and no passing trains are heard in the town. There are no whistles of any sort present, and no noises of this type are heard from adjacent towns or communities.

Mr. Leissring said there was a chicken farm near Butler which had a siren and investigation was made there as follows:

The Lambrecht Creamery chicken farm is three miles west of Butler on state highway #16. It has a siren which is sounded each weekday at 7.A.M., 12 Noon, 1 P. M. and 6 P.M. It is also sounded for an occasional fire and fire drill, but no such drill is ever had on a Sunday, and there was no fire on Sunday, January 28, 1934, or thereabouts. There is a country school about 100 yards west of this chicken farm with a bell rung on school days for beginning, recess, and ending of the school day. A Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church is one-half mile northwest of the chicken farm, but inquiry of a neighbor (in the absence of anyone at the parsonage) brought forth the information that the bell is rung only for Sunday morning services, or special occasions, and is not rung regularly on Saturday afternoons or evenings.

One mile northwest of the chicken farm in the small crossroads community of Marcy is a Catholic church with a bell rung only for Sunday morning services, and special occasions. The Milwaukee railroad is 1-1/2 miles south of the chicken farm, and the C&NW Railway, two miles north, but those places which might hear the church bells referred to could on rare occasions only, hear the movement of trains, and then only out of doors. Agent personally observed all dwellings, and other buildings within a radius of two miles of the bells, and none seem to fit the hideout description. No steam whistles could be heard in this vicinity, and there is also a school bell in Marcy which would be heard by anyone hearing the Catholic church bell.



AT MARCY, WISCONSIN

The above related facts would apply to this city. It has no city water supply, no meter readers, no siren (except chicken farm siren mentioned as being near), no whistles or trains.

AT BROTHERTON, WISCONSIN

This town is one quarter of a mile east of Marcy and is a cross-roads with two farm houses.

AT BROOKFIELD, WISCONSIN

The postmaster advised there is no siren, whistle, and only one church bell - on a Methodist church - and this tolls only on Sunday mornings. The village is one and one quarter miles from a vehicular highway of any consequence. It has no city or other water supply, and therefore no water meter reader. This village is 2 miles south of the Lambrecht Creamery chicken farm above-mentioned, and the postmaster, as well as others, state they do not hear the siren there, indoors, and only out of doors when the atmospheric conditions are just right. Brookfield has the same train schedule as Elm Grove, varying only a few minutes as to time.

AT DUPLAINVILLE, WISCONSIN

This town, which is four miles north of Waukesha, disclosed none of the desired noises except a Sunday morning church bell. It has no local water supply and is comprised of about a dozen houses, all of which were personally observed.

AT ENOS, WISCONSIN

There is only the Waukesha County Asylum at this point. It is two miles northwest of Waukesha. It has an ordinary steam whistle, which is blown every week day at 5:15, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 6:50, 11:00, 11:30 and 11:50 A. M., and 5:00, 5:30, and 5:55 P.M.

AT HODGSTON, WISCONSIN

This is a farm community of three farm homes, and none of the noises desired. It is two and one half miles north of Waukesha.

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REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE: 4/2/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/24, 29/34	REPORT MADE BY: K. R. McINTIRE - AB
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARBER with aliases, I. O. 1219, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Post Office employees, Grays Lake, Ill. advise E. V. Davis rented P. O. Box 522 at said town for several weeks during August and September, 1933. Photograph of Volney Davis recognized by M. E. Murrie, former Postmaster, as a party to whom he rented a P. O. box during the summer months of 1933. Information as to Dodge Sedan, bearing 1933 Illinois license tags, 1,237,051 set out herein.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minn., March 21, 1934.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>Investigation conducted is being set out in the form of memoranda submitted by the investigating agents.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>HIDEOUT</u></p> <p>On March 29, 1934 Special Agent V. W. Peterson conducted the following investigation at Grays Lake, Illinois, for the purpose of attempting to locate the hideout.</p>			
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GRAYS LAKE, ILLINOIS

Subsequent to previous investigation at Grays Lake, Illinois information was received indicating that Volney Davis received license plates for 1933 Deluxe Ford Coupe, motor No. 328420, on July 31, 1933 at Grays Lake, Illinois, under the name of E. V. Davis, Box 322.

Mabel Murrie, clerk number one, Post Office, Grays Lake, Illinois, upon interview exhibited to the writer receipt number 259 dated July 1, 1933, which reflects that lock box number 322 was rented for the quarter beginning July 1, 1933 to E. V. Davis. All receipts for boxes for that quarter are dated July 1, 1933. Mabel Murrie stated that the exact date the box was rented is not known but it appears that Box 322 was rented to E. V. Davis about July 29 or 31, 1933. The receipt was executed by the former Postmaster, M. E. Murrie. Consequently, no handwriting specimen was available. Mabel Murrie also produced a change of address card dated October 11, 1933. The new address of Davis is listed thereon as follows: E. V. Davis, Box 52, Lakeville, Minnesota. The change of address card is in the handwriting of Mabel Murrie. She advised that a letter was received from Davis in which he provided the new address of Box 52, Lakeville, Minnesota, and that after incorporating this information on the card, the letter was destroyed. Very little information concerning E. V. Davis was available. It was not known where he resided during the time he received mail in Lock Box number 322. A photograph of Volney Davis was exhibited to Mabel Murrie and although she stated that this photograph appears familiar, she was unable to definitely associate Volney Davis with Lock Box number 322. Several letters were received by E. V. Davis in Lock Box number 322 but the source of said letters or the name of the town from which they were mailed is not known. It is believed that letters accumulated in Lock Box number 322 for a period of three or four weeks prior to the receipt of the communication directing that the mail should be forwarded to Box 52, Lakeville, Minnesota. It would thus appear that Davis received mail at the Grays Lake Post Office for only a few weeks during August and September, 1933. Examination was made of all available records, including duplicate copies of receipts for insurance and registered mail but no further information pertaining to E. V. Davis could be developed. Photographs of Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Arrie Barker were also shown to Mabel Murrie, but she was unable to associate Davis with these individuals. She stated that her recollection of E. V. Davis is very hazy but she was of the opinion that he was driving

a sport Ford Coupe with a convertible top during the time he was calling for mail at the Grays Lake Post Office. She was also of the opinion that E. V. Davis was employed by J. H. Hargrave, United Tree Expert Company, Grays Lake, Illinois. Mabel Murrie also advised that one E. C. Hastings is employed by J. H. Hargrave; that the maiden name of Mrs. E. C. Hastings was Davis and that E. V. Davis might possibly be a brother of Mrs. E. C. Hastings. An examination of insurance receipts reflected that Mrs. E. C. Hastings has mailed packages to the following individuals: Mrs. Nell McKean Davis (mother of Mrs. E. C. Hastings), 527 East First Street, Long Beach, California; E. C. Hastings, 110 W. Harrison Street, Appleton, Wisconsin, and Mrs. D. J. Hanker, Monticello, Iowa. Mabel Murrie was questioned at considerable length on two occasions with reference to E. V. Davis but she was unable to furnish any additional information concerning him.

Edgar Harris, clerk number two, Post Office, Grays Lake, Illinois, was interviewed, at which time photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Arrie Barker were shown to him. He stated that the photograph of Volney Davis appears familiar but he was unable to definitely connect said Volney Davis with Lock Box number 322. Mr. Harris also expressed an opinion that E. V. Davis might have been employed by J. H. Hargrave and that he was a brother of Mrs. E. C. Hastings.

L. E. Richardson, Postmaster, Grays Lake, Illinois, was again interviewed. He advised that he was not connected with the Grays Lake Post Office during the period that E. V. Davis rented Lock Box 322 and that he is unable to furnish any information pertaining to Davis. Photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Arrie Barker were shown to Mr. Richardson but he was unable to recognize same.

Only one carrier, namely, Harry Geary, works out of the Grays Lake, Illinois Post Office.

Harry Geary, mail carrier, Grays Lake, Illinois, was interviewed. His mail route extends over a distance of fifty miles. A description of the hideout was furnished to him and a sample of the wall paper which covers the walls of the hideout was shown to Mr. Geary. The only place which Harry Geary could recall that might possibly answer the description of the hideout is the former home of Otto Kettler, an Italian who died about one year ago.

This place is located in a subdivision on the Northeast bank of Wauconda, which is known as Maiman's sub-division. Mr. Geary stated that he was in this house three or four years ago and the basement somewhat answers the description of the hideout. Another agent is conducting investigation in Wauconda, Illinois, and the former home of Otto Kettler will be given consideration.

Photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Arrie Barker were exhibited to Mr. Geary. He was unable to furnish any information concerning said individuals, although he stated the photograph of Volney Davis appeared somewhat familiar.

M. E. Murrie, Insurance salesman, and formerly Postmaster of Grays Lake, was interviewed by the writer, at his home in Grays Lake, Illinois. Photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Arrie Barker were exhibited to Mr. Murrie. He recognized the photograph of Volney Davis as an individual to whom he rented a Post Office lock box during the summer of 1933. No information concerning the residence address of Davis was available. Mr. Murrie stated that he believes Davis informed him that he was working (name of employer was not provided) and that he desired to rent a box in order that he might get his mail after working hours, at which time the general delivery window was closed.

J. H. Hargrave, United Tree Expert Company, Route 21, Grays Lake, Illinois, was interviewed. He stated that E. C. Hastings is now employed for him and that brothers of Mrs. E. C. Hastings, whom he stated are named Jim Davis and Charles Davis, have previously been in his employ. He advised that both Jim Davis and Charles Davis possess very curly black hair. A photograph of Volney Davis was shown to Mr. Hargrave. He stated that he has never seen an individual resembling the photograph of Volney Davis, and that said Volney Davis is positively not identical with either Jim Davis or Charles Davis.

Spear Evans, Grays Lake, Illinois, was interviewed at his home. He advised that he has been employed by J. H. Hargrave and that he has never observed any man in the employ of J. H. Hargrave who resembled the photograph of Volney Davis. Photographs of Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Arrie Barker were also exhibited to him, without results.

Mrs. E. C. Hastings, Grays Lake, Illinois, was interviewed. She advised that she has only two brothers; that said brothers are James M. Davis, who is now employed in a restaurant in Terre Haute, Indiana, and Charles Davis,

who is employed by the Davy Tree Expert Company, Los Angeles, California; that her mother, Mrs. Nell McKean Davis, is now residing in Long Beach, California, and that Volney Davis is absolutely unknown to her. A photograph of Volney Davis was exhibited to Mrs. E. C. Hastings. She stated that she has never observed anyone resembling said photograph. Mrs. E. C. Hastings produced photographs of her brothers, James Davis and Charles Davis. Said photographs bear no resemblance to Volney Davis. The writer was advised by Mabel Murrie that Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hastings have resided in Grays Lake, Illinois, for two years and that they bear a good reputations.

Mrs. May Melberg, proprietress, Grays Lake Recreation Parlor, Grays Lake, Illinois, was interviewed. The Grays Lake Recreation Parlor contains pool tables and bowling alleys and many individuals frequent the place. Photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Arrie Barker were exhibited to Mrs. Melberg, but she was unable to remember having seen these individuals in the Grays Lake Recreation Parlor.

C. M. Wightman, Grays Lake Electric Store, Grays Lake, Illinois, was interviewed, at which time photographs of the six individuals listed above were shown to him. He was unable to identify any photographs, however. Mr. Wightman delivers gas cylinders throughout the lake region. The gas is used for cooking purposes. A description of the hideout was given to Mr. Wightman but he was unable to furnish any information which might assist in its location.

Photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Arrie Barker, were also exhibited by the writer to the following individuals in Grays Lake, Illinois:

P. E. Hildebrandt, Proprietor, Hildebrandt's Drug Store  
Fay Brandstetter, Proprietor, West Side Garage  
Delbert Durbin, Mechanic, West Side Garage  
I. I. Brandstetter, Proprietor, Brandy's Corner, Filling Station  
C. S. Bauer, attendant, Brandy's Corner Filling Station  
O. Waldman, clerk, Grays Lake Market  
F. W. Rittler, Butcher, Grays Lake Market  
E. Hall, Manager, Atlantic & Pacific Store  
H. Collins, clerk, " " "  
Mrs. H. Collins, clerk " " "  
A. J. Wimer, clerk " " "  
A. A. McMillen, Mayor and Chief Fire Department

H. Druce, Sheldon Garage  
Arthur Parr, Sheldon Garage  
E. C. Hook, Hook's Grocery  
C. E. Schwarm, Butcher, Grays Lake Department Store  
M. Kurth, clerk, Grays Lake Department Store  
R. G. Rockenbach, Proprietor, Grays Lake Garage  
Harry Litwiler, Phillips Service Station  
M. L. High, Proprietor, Standard Service Station  
J. W. Hook, Grays Lake Drug Store  
C. H. Hook, Proprietor, Grays Lake Drug Store

No positive identifications were made by the individuals listed above. C. S. Bauer stated that the photographs of Fred Barker and Volney Davis appear familiar and E. Hall stated that he is almost positive he has seen Volney Davis some place.

C. H. Epstein, Vice President and Secretary, Grayslake Gelatine Company, Grays Lake, Illinois, upon interview advised that the factory whistle of this company is sounded each day at the following hours: 8:00 A.M., 12:00 Noon, 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. When sounded at the time designated, it has the regular sound of a factory whistle. It is also used as a fire alarm by the town of Grays Lake and when used as a fire alarm it has the sound of a stationary fire siren.

A. A. McMillen, Chief, Fire Department, Grays Lake, Illinois, was interviewed. Mr. McMillen is also Mayor of the town and is a painter and wallpaper hanger. Mr. McMillen advised that the only siren in Grays Lake is that of the Grayslake Gelatine Company which is used as a fire alarm. It is sounded only in case of fire. There are four churches in Grays Lake. Church bells are rung on Sundays only and are never rung on Saturdays. Mr. McMillen stated that there were no fire alarms in January or February in Grays Lake, Illinois, and that the siren was not sounded for a fire on January 28, 1934. A sample of the wallpaper which covered the walls of the hideout was shown to Mr. McMillen. He stated that he has never handled wallpaper of that description. The Soo Line Railway and the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway pass through Grays Lake, Illinois.

Mabel Murrie, clerk, Post Office, Grays Lake, Illinois, provided the writer with the following train schedules:



Soo Line Railway

7:00 A.M. - to Chicago (does not stop in Grays Lake)  
9:33 P.M. - from Chicago  
2:00 A.M. - from Chicago  
6:05 A.M. - to Chicago  
6:55 A.M. - to Chicago  
7:29 A.M. - to Chicago  
8:20 A.M. - to Chicago  
9:30 A.M. - from Chicago  
11:04 A.M. - to Chicago  
2:55 P.M. - to Chicago  
4:06 P.M. - from Chicago  
6:05 P.M. - from Chicago  
6:20 P.M. - from Chicago  
7:00 P.M. - from Chicago  
10:30 P.M. - from Chicago  
1:30 A.M. - from Chicago

Clair Gleason, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Grays Lake, Illinois, upon interview, advised that he performs the installation and service work for the Illinois Bell Telephone Company in the following places: Grays Lake, Illinois, Round Lake, Illinois, Druce's Lake, Highland Lake, Third Lake, Long Lake, Wooster Lake, Gage's Lake and a part of Volo, Illinois. A complete description of the hideout was furnished to Mr. Gleason. He advised that he has not observed any place within his territory that answers said description.

William Lenzen, water meter reader, Grays Lake, Illinois, and Roy Grosbener, Mundelein, Illinois, who is employed by the Northshore Gas Company, Libertyville, Illinois, to read the gas meters in Grays Lake, Illinois, have been interviewed previously. No information pertaining to the location of the hideout was available from them.

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City, dated March 22, 1934, particularly with reference to the undeveloped lead set out for this office, requesting all information available relative to Dodge Sedan, bearing 1933 Illinois license No. 1-237-083.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John L. Madala on March 24, 1934.

Agent contacted the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Chicago Police Department, and learned that 1933 Illinois license plates 1-237-051 were issued to William Lohman, 3453 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, on a Dodge automobile, motor No. DP-65848, serial No. 3639469.

Agent immediately contacted Mr. Dendler of the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau, Chicago, with reference to the above automobile, and he advised that his records disclose that his office recently received a report from their San Francisco, California office to the effect that application has been made by the owner of said car for registration in California, and in view of the fact that it had been previously registered in Illinois, a request was made for the Chicago office to trace instant car from the factory.

In this connection Mr. Dendler stated that his investigation disclosed that Dodge Sedan, motor No. DP-65846 (note discrepancy in last digit), serial No. 3639469, was shipped from the factory of the Dodge Brothers Motor Company to the Sampson Motor Sales Agency, Lyons, Illinois, on August 10, 1933; that he subsequently directed letters to the Sampson Motor Sales Co., and that same were returned by the Post Office unclaimed. Mr. Dendler advised that he made no further investigation in the matter, and he is of the opinion that this company is at present out of business.

He further stated that he learned through the office of the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, that the instant car was registered in Illinois by one William Lohman, address 3453 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Dendler stated that he also directed letters to Lohman at the above address, but same likewise were returned unclaimed by the Post Office. No further investigation was conducted in this matter, and in this connection Mr. Dendler promised to notify this office immediately upon the receipt of any information called to his attention with reference thereto.

Attention is invited to the fact that William Lohman, the licensee of instant Dodge automobile, was positively identified as Alvin Karpis as residing at Reno, Nevada from November 18, 1932 to February 7, 1933, and from November 2, 1933 to December, 1933, at which time he was reported to be driving an Auburn Sedan bearing 1933 California license plates, No. 7-H 5762, which was registered to William B. Lohman, William Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, California.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE: Will conduct appropriate inquiries at 5453 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; also at the Sampson Motor Sales Agency at Lyons, Illinois.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
April 3, 1934

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I.O.#1219; et al.  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING. Chicago file 7-82

In confirmation of my teletype message to you dated March 31, 1934, with regard to a tap maintained on the telephone of GILBERT NELSON, 2344 Thorn-  
dale Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, please be advised that this tap was maintained on Mr. Nelson's telephone, Ravenswood 4931, for one week without any results, and in keeping with my teletype message, the tap was discontinued on March 31, 1934.

very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*  
M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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~~Personal and Confidential~~

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al.  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

*[Circular stamp: RECEIVED DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION MAR 30 1934]*

With reference to the publicity given to the finding of certain latent fingerprints during the course of the Bremer investigation, I beg to inform you that I am transmitting herewith memoranda prepared by Special Agents E. M. Black, H. E. Hollis and T. M. Birch of this office.

I beg to inform you that Special Agent Black is making efforts to locate Jim Bracewell and E. E. Kirkpatrick of Tulsa, Oklahoma in respect to this matter. I also have requested Agent Black to interview Henry Chase of the Tulsa Police Department.

Other developments will be promptly furnished the Division.

Very truly yours,

*[Handwritten signature: Dwight Brantley]*  
Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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HEH:IJ

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
March 28, 1934.

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

In accordance with the instructions of Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, the following information concerning my investigative activity in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case is submitted.

The first assignment I had relative to the Bremer case was to make investigation at Tulsa, Oklahoma in an effort to secure specimens of the handwriting of the Barkers, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis, and in an effort to secure such specimens, I contacted Mr. Morgan, in charge of the Identification Bureau, Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department, and Mrs. Bess Wilson at the Identification Bureau, Sheriff's Office, Tulsa; and also made inquiry at the office of the County Attorney.

On February 20, 1934, I received a telephone call at Pawhuska, Oklahoma from Special Agent in Charge Brantley instructing me to return to Tulsa, Oklahoma the following day to conduct certain investigations in the Bremer case. Mr. Brantley advised me at this time that Agents Sorola and Birch were being sent to Tulsa to assist in the investigation. To the best of my recollection at this time, it was between February 21 and 24 that I received my first information concerning latent fingerprints having been found in the Bremer case. In this connection, Special Agent in Charge Brantley called me by telephone at Tulsa regarding certain further investigation in the Bremer case, and during my conversation with him, he advised me that latent prints of Doc Barker had been identified. He also advised me that this information was confidential. No statement was made by Mr. Brantley regarding where the latent prints had been found.

During the time Special Agents Sorola, Birch and myself were working in and around Tulsa, Oklahoma following leads in the Bremer case, numerous law enforcement officers were interviewed, and it was generally known among these law enforcement officers that the Barkers, Alvin Karpis, and others were being sought as suspects in the Bremer case. There was an article which appeared in the Tulsa World newspaper on or about February 11, 1934 concerning a request received by the Sheriff's office at Tulsa from the St. Paul Police for fingerprints of Harry Campbell or some suspect in the case. The press story connected this request with the Bremer case.

On February 23, 1934, Agents Sorola, Birch and myself accompanied officers of the Tulsa Police and the Sheriff and Police of Sapulpa, Okla-

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homa on a raid near Mannford, Oklahoma. The raid was made as a result of information received that Glen Roy Wright and Harry Campbell were staying at a house in the vicinity of Mannford. The officers of the Tulsa Police Department who went on this raid, to the best of my recollection, are as follows: Felix Altaffer, Sturgeon, Earl Gardner, Henry Chase, Earl Porter, George Stewart. The officers from Sapulpa were Sheriff Willis Strange and one or two of his deputies, Chief of Police Edwards, Floyd Sellers and Claud Johnson.

On February 25, 1934, on instructions of Special Agent in Charge Brantley, I proceeded to Oklahoma City and while there prepared a report setting out the results of investigation made in the Bremer case by Agents Sorola, Birch and myself. I am unable to state positively, but I am inclined to believe that it was on this trip to Oklahoma City that I first learned that fingerprints of Doc Barker and Alvin Karpis had been found on cans and flashlights, although it is possible that I did not receive this information until the second trip I made to Oklahoma City which was on March 10, 1934.

On the morning of March 15, 1934, I accompanied officers of the Tulsa Police Department, Sheriff's office and Police Department at Sapulpa, Police Departments at Drumright and Bristow, Oklahoma, and other officers on a second raid on the farm of I. R. Brackett located approximately seven miles west of Mannford, Oklahoma. On this raid, six men and two women were apprehended. At no time during the investigation of this case have I discussed with anyone other than Special Agent in Charge Brantley and Agents of the Oklahoma City Division office the matter of latent fingerprints having been found on gasoline cans and flashlights.

The men and women arrested at the farm of I. R. Brackett were confined in the County Jail at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and while in the jail at Sapulpa, preparatory to removing some of the prisoners for safekeeping to the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, I was introduced to Mr. Burks, a reporter for the Tulsa World. Burks was in the jail with a photographer, taking photographs of the men who had been arrested. Burks asked me for my initials and also made inquiry about the guns found at the time of the raid. I gave Burks my initials and a description of the guns which had been found. Burks did not ask me anything about fingerprints. While I was in the County Jail at Sapulpa, information was furnished me by one of the officers there that nine \$20.00 bills had been found in possession of Glen Roy Wright when searched at the jail. Burks was still present in the jail, and as I now recall, he asked me whether or not the money found had been connected with the Bremer case, and I stated that the money had not been checked. The first time I ever met Mr. Burks of the Tulsa World was on March 15, 1934 at the County



Jail in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and so far as I know this is the first time I had ever seen him. My conversation with Burks at the County Jail was very brief.

On the night of March 15, or early morning of March 16, 1934, Special Agent in Charge Brantley telephoned me at Sapulpa, Oklahoma relative to a statement which had appeared in the newspapers to the effect that latent fingerprints of Doc Barker and Alvin Karpis had been found on gasoline cans and flashlights. Mr. Brantley at this time advised me that this information was contained in a press dispatch in a Minneapolis paper, and that the Minneapolis paper had stated that their information came from the Sheriff's office at Sapulpa. Subsequently, I made inquiry of Sheriff Willis Strange and other officers at Sapulpa and they advised me that they had never heard anything about fingerprints until the story had appeared in the newspaper.

I talked with Jim Bracewell, Special Agent for the Great Lakes Pipe Line Company at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Bracewell was one of the officers who assisted in the raid on March 15. I asked Bracewell whether he had heard any officers discuss the matter of fingerprints, and he stated that he had not, but that the information was not news to him. In this connection, he stated that he was on the raid made on the Cookson Hills a few weeks prior, and that while there he heard for the first time that the Barkers and Alvin Karpis were suspects in the Bremer case. Later, he heard that fingerprints of Barker and Karpis had been identified. Bracewell was not positive as to where he had secured this information, but it was his impression that he had obtained it in Kansas City, Missouri, possibly from Wint Smith who is connected with the Kansas State Highway Patrol.

At the time I interviewed Mr. Bracewell, Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick of the T. B. Slick Estate, Tulsa, Oklahoma, was present. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that on the day of the raid at Mannford, Oklahoma he was in Fort Worth, Texas and talked with officers Swinney and Weatherford of the Fort Worth Police Department, and they told him that the fingerprints of Harry Campbell, Glen Roy Wright, the Barkers, or some of that gang had been identified in the Bremer case, and it is Mr. Kirkpatrick's recollection that the fingerprints were found on a car door or some such place. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that he was not familiar with members of the gang and did not know for sure whose fingerprints had been found.

Under date of March 18, 1934, Special Agent in Charge Brantley called me by telephone at Tulsa, Oklahoma and brought to my attention information which was contained in a news item under a McAlester, Oklahoma date line of March 16, 1934, which news item directly quoted me as having stated that the men apprehended in the raid at Mannford, Oklahoma on March 15, 1934 were associated with the Barkers and Alvin Karpis, suspects in the Bremer case. This news item is entirely erroneous as I did not talk to any newspaper man at McAlester, Oklahoma or elsewhere regarding the connection of the men captured at Mannford,

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Oklahoma with the Bremer case, nor did I make this statement to any person. The above mentioned news item was an item of the International News Service. While at McAlester, Oklahoma at the State Penitentiary on March 15, 1934, I received a long distance telephone call from Mr. William Voigt, a representative of the Associated Press at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mr. Voigt informed me that he had received a dispatch from Minneapolis requesting him to ascertain whether or not the raid at Mannford, Oklahoma was primarily for the purpose of capturing the Barkers and Alvin Karpis. I informed Mr. Voigt that such was not the case.

With reference to your specific inquiry as to whether or not I had ever discussed with Henry Chase, officer of the Tulsa Police Department, the matter of latent fingerprints having been found on cans and flashlights, I beg to inform you that I did not discuss this with officer Chase or any other person other than you and Agents of the Oklahoma City Division office.



H. E. HOLLIS,  
Special Agent.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
March 28, 1934

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

On February 20, 1934, Agent, at Muskogee, Oklahoma, was ordered to proceed to Tulsa, Oklahoma as soon as possible and there to assist Special Agent H. E. Hollis in an investigation of the correspondents and associates of Fred Barker, Arthur "Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis and Glen Roy Wright. On February 21, Agent arrived in Tulsa, Oklahoma and was instructed as to the procedure of investigation in this case by Agent Hollis.

On February 23, Agent interviewed Mr. N. G. Hentshorne, Editor of the Tulsa World in his office in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Upon being questioned as to whether or not Harold (Fat) Wright, a brother of Glen Roy Wright was employed by the Tulsa World, Mr. Hentshorne informed the writer that he was and said that "Fat" Wright was directly under the supervision of Mr. L. W. McFetridge, circulation manager of the Tulsa World.

The writer interviewed Mr. L. W. McFetridge, circulation manager of the Tulsa World. Mr. McFetridge informed the writer that he had been employed by the Tulsa World for a great many years, having first been employed as a newsboy, and working his way up to the present position.

Mr. McFetridge stated that he knew that Harold "Fat" Wright was a brother of Glen Roy Wright and that at the present time "Fat" Wright was driving a paper truck that left Tulsa at 2:00 A. M. daily and went as far north as Bartlesville, via Skiatook. Mr. McFetridge stated that in his own mind he knew that "Fat" Wright was contacting his brother and that a very good way to apprehend Glen Roy Wright would be to watch "Fat". In this connection, Mr. McFetridge offered the use of an automobile with a display of Tulsa World signs on it, his statement being that an Agent of the Division could, under the guise of soliciting subscriptions and doing the work of a route agent for the Tulsa World, gain valuable information relative to Glen Roy Wright and his associates. Mr. McFetridge seemed to have a great deal of knowledge relative to the activities of Wright, Campbell, the Barkers, Volney Davis and Alvin Karpis, and in general seemed to be very well posted on the criminal activities of these men.

At no time did the writer inform Mr. McFetridge, or in any way intimate to him, that the above mentioned men were wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case; nor was any statement made to Mr. McFetridge

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or anyone else about fingerprints being found on gasoline cans at the scene of the kidnaping.

Agent interviewed J. Nelson Taylor, an employee of the Tulsa World. Mr. Taylor informed this Agent that he had formerly, for many years, resided at the Wright home, knew all of the members of the Wright family, and had kept company with one of the sisters of Glen Roy Wright. Because of this, and the fact that at times he received valuable information from people of their class, he could not give any other information than that the Wright family still resided in Tulsa, and that, in his opinion, Glen Roy Wright was in the vicinity of Tulsa and was being contacted by "Fat" Wright.

During the period of this investigation from February 20 to February 24, 1934, the writer did not give to anyone any information relative to this case; more especially, make any statement that fingerprints of any of the suspects had been found on gasoline cans at the scene of the kidnaping. However, it seemed to be a very well circulated rumor among members of the Tulsa Police Department and other people in and around Tulsa that the Barkers, Davis, Campbell, Karpis and Wright were wanted in connection with this case, and that this was the reason that the Division of Investigation was making such an extensive investigation relative to their correspondents, relatives, and friends in the Tulsa area.

During the conversation with Mr. McFetridge relative to Harold Wright and Glen Roy Wright, Mr. McFetridge informed the writer that he was well aware of the family connection of Harold Wright and Glen Roy Wright, and in Mr. McFetridge's opinion, he was keeping Harold Wright from being an outlaw by keeping him employed. Mr. McFetridge also said that he knew that Harold Wright had a criminal record but that it was not a very serious one.

*T. M. Birch*

T. M. BIRCH,  
Special Agent.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
March 28, 1934.

Memorandum for Special Agent in Charge Brantley:

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

Reference is made to your memorandum of March 25th concerning a telephonic conversation had between you and Mr. Clegg of the Division relative to unauthorized and premature publicity given in connection with the identification of certain latent fingerprints in the Bremer Kidnap case.

Pursuant to your instructions, the writer proceeded to Tulsa, Oklahoma on March 26, 1934, where it was learned Edward D. Burks, Assistant City Editor of the Tulsa World, works on the night shift from 5:00 P.M. to 2:30 A.M. each day. In view of this fact the writer communicated with Mr. Burks at his residence, 405 South Olympia Street, and made arrangements to meet Mr. Burks down town prior to his entry on duty at the Tulsa World.

During the course of the interview on the afternoon of March 26th, Mr. Burks admitted that he had not given correct information to Mr. Brantley. Mr. Burks, during the interview, told so many different stories about how he obtained his information with reference to the latent fingerprints that in the interests of brevity all of his stories will not be repeated herein.

Mr. Burks stated almost at the outset that he would not put himself in the foolish position of saying he did not know from whom he obtained his information, but that he could not divulge his source. Mr. Burks first stated that about three weeks or a month prior to the arrest of Glenn Roy Wright at Mannford, Oklahoma, a telephonic, or telegraphic, request had come to the Sheriff's office at Tulsa from the St. Paul Police inquiring about the history and photographs, etc. of Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, "Doc" and Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, and Glenn Roy Wright; that he, Burks, found about this and instructed his office boy to get cuts out of the Tulsa World morgue on all the above mentioned parties; that he figured the story would break soon and he wanted to be ready; that about March 15th a Tulsa city Motorcycle Policeman named Joe McGuire called him,

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Burks, and told him that Fred and Arthur Barker, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell had been taken into custody at Mannford, Oklahoma and were then being held at Sapulpa, Oklahoma; that he then went to Sapulpa, where he found at the County Jail that the Minneapolis Tribune was talking with someone at the Sheriff's office; that later the Minneapolis Tribune called again and he, Burks, answered the phone; that the Minneapolis Tribune wanted to know if Alvin Karpis and the Barkers had been picked up and wanted to know the details of the arrests and what had been found on the men arrested. Continuing, Mr. Burks stated that Special Agent Hollis was there and that he asked Agent Hollis what guns had been found and that Mr. Hollis stated, as he remembered, a couple of Lugers, a sawed-off shot gun, a couple of rifles and pistols; that he then asked Mr. Hollis if any of the Bremer money had been found on Glenn Roy Wright and Hollis told him none of the Bremer money was found on Wright, but that a thorough check would be made and the Department would not overlook any chances; that he, Burks, did not ask Hollis anything about the latent fingerprints on the gasoline cans because he knew that Hollis, being a Department of Justice man, would not tell him; that he, Burks, then went to Mannford, after which he returned to Tulsa, at which point he found that the Minneapolis Tribune was again calling, a man by the name of Campbell speaking, and wanted to know if any later developments had occurred connecting the men arrested at Mannford with the Bremer outfit; that he told Campbell that the Department of Justice planned to check the money found on Wright, which was about \$216.00, to see if it was any part of the Bremer money.

At this point the writer questioned Mr. Burks closely and Burks told quite a few different stories, but when the fallacies of same were pointed out to him, he immediately changed and amended his story in an attempt to tell one that the writer would believe.

Mr. Burks denied calling or telephoning Minneapolis at any time, but when he was confronted with the information furnished by Mr. Clegg of the Division on March 25th relative to the statement of Mr. Gilfillan that he had secured his information from Mr. Burks of the Tulsa World concerning the latent fingerprints, Burks then admitted that he had called the Minneapolis Tribune, but that he didn't know to whom he talked; that he just talked to the city desk. Burks then stated that two or three weeks prior to the "Mannford raid", a party had furnished him the information relative to the latent fingerprints being identified on the gasoline cans, at the same time enjoining him that he must not release this information until the apprehension of the Karpis-Barker gang had been effected; that he agreed to this but held his information in readiness, figuring that immediately upon the arrest of this gang, he would sell this information he had obtained concerning the latent fingerprints to the Minneapolis Tribune for at least \$200.00; that on the morning

that Joe McGuire notified him that the gang had been arrested at Mannford, he figured the time had come to release his story, whereupon he immediately telephoned the Minneapolis Tribune and advised that this gang was connected with the Bremer Kidnap case and that latent fingerprints of Barker or Karpis had been identified on some gasoline cans; that after he, Burks, arrived at Sapulpa and found that only Glenn Roy Wright had been arrested, he then communicated with the Minneapolis Tribune and told them that he had furnished them some information that was erroneous, that only Glenn Roy Wright had been arrested. Mr. Burks was questioned intensively in this regard and he stated that neither the Minneapolis Tribune, nor Mr. Gilfillan, nor anyone connected there had first called him, but that he, Burks, first called Minneapolis and talked to someone on the city desk of the Minneapolis Tribune; that he doesn't know to whom he talked, but that it may have been Mr. Gilfillan.

During the interview with Mr. Burks on the afternoon of March 26th, he took occasion to remark that he understood "the heat was on" Agent Hollis and that he wanted it understood that Mr. Hollis did not furnish him the information, nor did any Department of Justice man do so. Burks took occasion to remark that he had heard that an agent by the name of Birch had been at Tulsa making inquiries about the Barker-Karpis gang and that he, Burks, had heard from various sources, which he refused to name, "information as to certain things." Being pressed as to what he meant, he stated, "Well, certain things that Agent Birch may have said, or could have said." Upon being further pressed, Mr. Burks stated that he could not positively state that Birch did say anything, but that he, Burks, was not at liberty to say anything further.

During the afternoon Mr. Burks also stated that when he went to Sapulpa about March 15th that he saw one Jim Bracewell, a special agent who works for some pipeline company out of Kansas City (from information later secured Jim Bracewell is a special agent for the Great Lakes Pipeline Company, Kansas City, Missouri and cooperates closely with law enforcement officers all over the middle West;) that he, Burks, asked Mr. Bracewell if he had heard about the fingerprint angle and Bracewell immediately said, "Yes", he had heard about it in Kansas City about two weeks prior to that time. Burks then stated repeatedly that he could not divulge the name of his informant at Tulsa, but that the party who furnished him the information is not a Department of Justice man, nor is he a law enforcement officer of any kind, that he does not do anything, having an independent means of support and that he is a former convict; that this individual has furnished him information for about eight years, all of which information has proved to be absolutely



correct and that he knew in this instance, with reference to the latent fingerprints, that this information was correct.

It becoming obvious that no information could be obtained from Mr. Burks on the afternoon of March 26th, the writer asked Mr. Burks to further consider the matter and allow the writer to call on him during the evening. Later during the evening of March 26th the writer called on Mr. Burks at his office in the Tulsa World. It became apparent, as time went on, that Mr. Burks was almost ready to divulge the name of his informant, but Burks stated that in the event he did, he would have to have the writer's assurance that this man would not be interviewed, or "put on the carpet." This agreement was given Mr. Burks. At this time the writer indicated to Mr. Burks that he would leave and see him later, as it was feared that Mr. Burks would furnish the name of some individual in order to be rid of the writer, but Mr. Burks insisted that the writer remain and finally wrote the name of his informant on a piece of paper, the name being Henry Chase, City Detective, Tulsa, Oklahoma. At this time Mr. Burks stated that he was furnishing this information in order that the Division and the Department might know that none of the Department of Justice Agents had furnished the information to him in order to obtain any favor from him. At this time Burks produced a piece of paper, which is being retained at the Oklahoma City office, on which appeared the typewritten names of Alvin Carpus or Karpis, Doc Barker, Fred Barker, Glenn Roy Wright, Harry Campbell (the bandit), Volner (which Mr. Burks changed with pencil to Volney) Davis; also on this piece of paper appeared in pencil the figures \$200. Mr. Burks explained that this memorandum was made by him at the time Henry Chase furnished the information; that Henry Chase stated at that time, which was about 2:00 o'clock in the morning, that he had received information which would be of great interest. Mr. Burks thereupon took his pencil and wrote on the back of this same piece of paper the names Hollis and Burch, stating that Chase had advised him that they, referring to Hollis and Birch, had been making inquiries at the Police Department relative to the Barker-Karpis gang and had stated that latent fingerprints of Barker and Karpis had been identified on some gasoline cans. Being further questioned, Mr. Burks stated that Chase had told him that this information was inadvertently dropped and that he doubted whether or not Mr. Hollis knew that he had mentioned anything about the fingerprints. From this point on Mr. Burks referred only to Agent Hollis, stating that he understood it was perfectly proper for Agent Hollis to make inquiries at the Police Department and seek their cooperation. This was about 2:25 in the morning of March 27th. Mr. Burks had asked during the latter part of the above referred to discussion if it would be necessary for the writer to say anything to Agent Hollis. This inquiry was prior to the time the name of Henry Chase was divulged. The writer, seeing

the immediate possibility of Burks divulging the name of his informant, stated that there would be no need to worry Hollis about the matter, if Hollis had not furnished him the information.

After the writer left Mr. Burks and upon further reflection, it was decided that Mr. Burks appeared too anxious not to have Agent Hollis know about the reference to him and, after communicating with Special Agent in Charge Brantley, the writer visited Mr. Burks at his residence, in company with Agent Hollis. It might be noted here that during the previous two interviews with Mr. Burks, he seemed perfectly composed and self-assured, but when interviewed later upon the morning of March 27th, in the presence of Agent Hollis, his assurance seemed to have left him and he appeared considerably perturbed and finally stated that he did not intend to convey the impression that Chase had told him that Agent Hollis or Agent Birch had furnished the information. Burks was asked if he obtained from Henry Chase the name of the party who had furnished him the information and Burks stated that he would, but that he could not get that information on the 27th, that he would be able to get it within a couple of days. Burks then stated that after the writer left him earlier in the morning, he, Burks, had talked with someone else and had started to telephone the writer relative to other information which he had obtained to the effect that an Agent by the name of Farland had talked to Tulsa City Detective Earl P. Gardner about the Barker-Karpis gang some two or three weeks ago and that possibly Farland had unintentionally given the information. Burks stated it would be agreeable to him for the writer and Agent Hollis to interview Detective Gardner.

On the morning of March 27th the writer, in company with Special Agent Hollis, interviewed Detective Gardner, who stated that no one had discussed the latent fingerprints with him; that he had talked with Agent Farland, but Farland had not mentioned the matter of latent fingerprints to him. Without any prompting from the writer or Agent Hollis, Detective Gardner stated that the only person he could think of who might have given the information to the newspapers unintentionally was a city detective with whom he formerly worked by the name of Henry Chase. Detective Gardner then related an incident that happened a couple of years ago in connection with the apprehension of a bank robber, in which the Tulsa Police Department had suspected either him, Detective Gardner, or Henry Chase, of furnishing information to Mr. Burks, but that it later developed that Burks had picked this information up down at Police headquarters. Detective Gardner further stated that the first he heard of any fingerprints was when Agent Sorola interviewed him sometime ago with reference to a flashlight which Agent Sorola stated he was attempting to check at Bristow, Oklahoma, as some part of the shipment had been sent to Bristow; that he understood Agent Sorola to state at that time that this flashlight had been discovered in the house where Bremer was held and that

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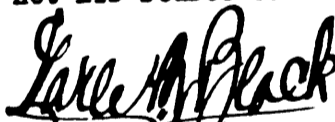
the fingerprints of Karpis or Barker had been identified on the flashlight.

The writer and Agent Hollis also interviewed Mr. Morgan at the Identification Bureau, Tulsa Police Department, and he stated that no one had discussed with him the question of latent fingerprints in connection with the above inquiry.

Immediately upon the writer's return to Oklahoma City, he was advised that Mr. Burks had telephoned the Oklahoma City office asking for the writer and had requested that the writer call him, Burks, at the Tulsa World about 5:30 P.M. This request was complied with and Special Agent in Charge Brantley was asked to listen in on the conversation, which he did. At this time Burks stated that he did not want to convey the impression that either Agent Hollis or Agent Birch had given the information to Henry Chase; that he didn't know where Henry Chase had received his information; that he, Burks, only used the name of Hollis and Birch in illustration of a hypothetical possibility. Mr. Burks further stated that he had not been able to see Henry Chase in order to find out specifically from whom Chase obtained his information, but that he expected to get the information by 10:00 P.M. Mr. Burks was requested to telephone the writer at the Oklahoma City office any time during the evening. Burks stated that he would advise the writer by telephone by 10:00 P.M. The writer remained at the Oklahoma City office until 10:45 P.M., but no call was received from Mr. Burks. However, on the morning of March 28th the following telegram was received from Mr. Burks:

"Sorry to have taken you for buggy ride Stop I told Chase about latent prints he didnt tell me Stop Dont ever try to obtain a newspaper mans source if you dont expect fairy tales but murder would be different kindest regards"

The writer hesitates to express an opinion to the Special Agent in Charge, but feels that possibly he might want to advise the Division that the writer is of the opinion that Mr. Burks is a colossal liar, but that the writer does feel that Mr. Burks did tell the truth with reference to receiving his information from Henry Chase. This appears to be substantiated by the unsolicited reference of Detective Gardner to Henry Chase. It would appear that when Mr. Burks contacted Henry Chase on the night of March 27th, Chase refused to give him the information and the above quoted telegram was sent in a feeble attempt to try to make the Division believe that Henry Chase was not his source of information.

  
Earle M. Black,  
Special Agent.

April 4, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS,  
with aliases; et al. Unknown subjects; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim; KIDNAPING, the fingerprints of James George Zeigler,  
Chicago Police Department #96578, alias Fred Coats, have  
been compared with the latent prints found in connection  
with the kidnaping of Bremer. No identification has been  
effected.

Zeigler's fingerprints have been compared with  
the latent fingerprints found at the home of Vernon Miller  
at Kansas City with negative results.

Zeigler's fingerprints have also been compared  
with the latent fingerprints found on the ransom letters  
in the Lindbergh case without identification.

Zeigler's fingerprints have been searched through  
the file of unidentified latent fingerprints found in  
connection with kidnaping without identification.

A search of Zeigler's fingerprints through the  
files of the Identification Unit has failed to disclose  
any prior criminal record for Zeigler.

Very truly yours,

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April 3, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG. *H. Clegg*

Mr. Guinane today advised that Mr. Harry DeWoody of the Technical Section had observed a similarity between the right middle finger and the left little finger of Leland Charles Standifer, South Gate, California, Police Department, #348, and two of the latent prints found in connection with the Bremer Case. The fingerprints of Standifer were thereupon checked with all the latent fingerprints in this case in the Single Fingerprint Section and, although there is a similarity in the patterns, the fingerprints of Standifer are positively not identical to any of the Bremer latent prints.

Respectfully,

*E. P. Coffey*

E. P. Coffey.

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FALL OF 1933 VERNON C MILLER TELEPHONED THIS PLACE FROM KANSAS CITY

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
503-a U. S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah,  
April 2, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Upon my return to this office on April 1, 1934, I found before me your letter of March 27, 1934, in which you refer to the receipt of a personal and confidential letter from this office dated March 21, 1934, over the signature of Louis D. Wine, Acting Special Agent in Charge, in which he furnished information concerning the Reno Police Department, its Chief and other members of its personnel.

In your letter you ask 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 to respect confidences and cite instances known to him where the Reno authorities have "tipped off" persons under investigation.

I note a letter from Agent Wine to the Division as of March 21, 1934, with which he forwarded to you a personal and confidential memorandum. However, no copy of that personal and confidential memorandum was apparently prepared by him for the Salt Lake City Division Office.

As for myself, I wish to make known to the Division that on the occasions I have visited Reno and contacted members of the Reno Department of Police, as well as the United States Attorney, I was received as befits my official station, was received cordially and was given every cooperation necessary to the missions I was on and I have not on any of the occasions upon which I have contacted the Chief of Police, other members of his Department, or the United States Attorney, received other than the finest cooperation, nor have I ever known of any confidences I reposed in them being violated. I have no information, of my personal knowledge, that these officers violated confidences or "tipped off" persons under investigation.

Very truly yours,

*John A. Dowd*  
JOHN A. DOWD  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California  
April 2, 1934

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

Re: Identification Order #1219  
ARTHUR R. BARBER with aliases

Dear Sir:

Please forward this office 30 additional copies  
of the above Identification Order, as supply forwarded us  
was insufficient to complete our mailing list.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. P. Dunn*  
J. E. P. DUNN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

J. H. McCLELLAND  
CHIEF OF POLICE

April 2nd, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

Would you please furnish this Department with two additional copies, of Identification Order No. 1218, dated March 22nd, 1934, showing complete description and record of one ALVIN KARPIS and his aliases.

Also two additional copies of Identification Card Order No. 1219, dated March 23rd, 1934, showing complete description and record of Arthur R. BARKER, with aliases.

Yours very truly,

*J. H. McClelland*  
J. H. McClelland,  
Chief of Police,  
Long Beach, California.

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PLEASE ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO CHIEF OF POLICE, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

L. A. FILE NO. **7-42-**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Los Angeles</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-2-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/24, 26, 27/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>C. J. Endres RS</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>Kidnaping.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Michael J. Murphy, 1817 Palmcroft Way, N.E., P. O. Box 465, Phoenix, Arizona, registered Cadillac Sedan, motor #1201355, in Arizona on January 8, 1934. Mr. Murphy spent last three winters in Phoenix, Arizona; has no telephone or accounts with the Western Union or Postal Telegraph Companies; business unknown.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent W. Carter Baum, Chicago, Ill., dated March 13, 1934; and report of Sp. Agent W. Carter Baum, Chicago, dated March 9, 1934, in case entitled "VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased); et al. CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER."

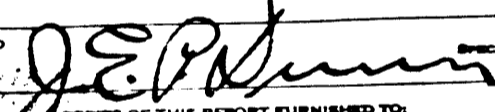
**DETAILS:**

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

Edward Pinarie, P. O. Box Clerk, main post office, advised agent that M. J. Murphy, 1817 Palmcroft Way, N. E., rented Post Office Box 465 on September 8, 1933. Examination of Murphy's application for the post office box revealed the following information: that Mr. Murphy did not state his business on the application; that Mr. Murphy gave the following references: J. T. Murphy, Monroe and Central Streets, Real Estate, and the O'Malley Investment Company, Phoenix.

Agent [redacted] and [redacted] handwriting appearing on the application for rental of post office box, and same is being forwarded to the Chicago Division office.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1581	RECORDED AND INDEXED: APR 6 1934
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Mail cover was placed by agent on all first class mail addressed to Mrs. Norma L. Murphy, Postmarked Chicago, Illinois, bearing following return address: W. G. Heinemann & Co., Real Estate Loans, First Mortgage Investments, 10 S. La Salle Street, Chicago. The above address to Mrs. Murphy was typewritten and in printing.

Letter address was received at the [redacted] This address in printing was as follows: Sec. Bond Holders Office, 215 S. Mich. Ave., Chicago.

Agent searched the current telephone directory but found no listing for Michael J. Murphy at 1817 Palmcroft Way, N. E., Phoenix, Arizona. The 1934 City Directory lists Michael J. Murphy; wife, Norma, 1817 Palmcroft Way, N.E. No business for Mr. Murphy is stated in the directory.

W. B. Beveridge, Commercial Representative of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, ascertained for agent that there was no telephone listed in the name of Michael J. Murphy at 1817 Palmcroft Way, N.E. He advised that there was a listing for George H. Rawlins at 533 W. Willetta, which had been transferred to 324 West Almeria on March 1, 1934. He further advised that George H. Rawlins has been having telephone service since December 1932, and that Mr. Rawlins is a local attorney at law. Mr. Beveridge advised that he could not make a check of the long distance telephone calls received or emanating from 533 West Willetta without permission of the District Manager of the Mt. States Telephone and Telegraph Company, who, at the present time, is out of the city. Agent will contact the District Manager upon his return to Phoenix and obtain that information.

T. G. Woods, Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, advised agent that M. J. Murphy or Michael J. Murphy did not have an account with the Western Union Telegraph Company. Mr. Woods made inquiry of various clerks in the office, and then advised that Mr. Murphy was unknown. Mr. Woods further advised that it would be almost impossible to check messages which may have been sent or received by Mr. Murphy unless the dates that the messages were sent or received were available. He stated that without this information it would take a clerk about six days to check all the incoming and outgoing messages from September 1933 to ascertain whether Mr. Murphy had sent or received any telegrams. Agent did not request the check at this time, but it is left to the discretion of the Chicago office whether same is advisable.

F. M. Garner, Manager of the Postal Telegraph Company, advised agent that Michael J. Murphy or M. J. Murphy had no charge account at the Postal Telegraph Company. He advised that Mr. Murphy was known to him, as Mr. Murphy on various occasions had been in the office and had employed a messenger to deliver notes to 1817 Palmcroft Way, N.E., and had lavishly tipped the messenger boy. Further than this Mr. Garner advised that he does not know whether Mr. Murphy has sent or received any telegrams through the Postal Telegraph Company. Mr. Garner stated that it would be an immense job to search all the telegrams sent and received since September 1933 in an effort

to locate messages sent or received by Mr. Murphy, but stated that he would check the month of September 1933 and obtain this information for agent for that month. Agent will report the result of this search at a later date.

Agent ascertained at the office of the County Assessor, Maricopa County, that 1817 Palmcroft Way, N.E., is Lot 247, Palmcroft Addition, and that this property is owned by Anastasia Michener, 72 West Cypress. Agent checked the assessments for the current year against Michael J. Murphy and ascertained that he lists household goods and Lot 159, Encanto Subdivision. No automobile was listed.

Records in the Automobile Registration Division of the County Assessor's office, reveal that Cadillac Sedan, motor #1201355, was registered by Michael J. Murphy, 1817 Palmcroft Way, N.E., and that 1934 Arizona Plates ZXU7 were assigned to this car.

Miss Mae Clark, Clerk in the office of the Motor Vehicle Division, State of Arizona, allowed agent to examine the application for title on Cadillac Sedan, motor #1201355. This title number is 235440. Agent examined this file, which disclosed the following information: that on January 8, 1934, Michael J. Murphy made application for title on the above car, at which time he made an affidavit to the effect that he had purchased Cadillac Sedan, motor #1201355, on July 22, 1933, from the South Chicago Garage and Machine Company, 9601 Ewing Avenue, South Chicago, Ill., but that he did not purchase 1933 license plates in the State of Illinois. Attached to this file is a bill of sale for Cadillac Sedan, motor #1201355, on the stationery of the South Chicago Garage and Machine Company, which indicates that Michael J. Murphy, 3930 N. Lincoln Avenue, purchased Cadillac Sedan, motor #1201355, on July 22, 1933, for \$2,250.00, and that he received an allowance of \$1,050.00 for a 1930 Cadillac Sedan, motor #501091, and paid the balance of \$1,200.00 in cash. This bill of sale is receipted by stamp of the South Chicago Garage and Machine Company and the following name appears: Alts Norris.

Agent attempted to locate Anastasia Michener, 72 West Cypress, and was informed at that address that Mr. O'Brien handled the property located at 1817 Palmcroft Way, N.E. Mr. O'Brien was not available for interview.

E. I. Brown, Manager of the O'Malley Investment Company, advised agent that the premises at 1817 Palmcroft Way, N.E., had been leased to Michael J. Murphy in September 1933; that Mr. Murphy leased the premises for one year at \$75 per month and paid two months' rent in advance in cash. He advised that Mr. Murphy had been in Phoenix two winters prior to this winter and stated that George P. Brown had some business dealings with Mr. Murphy and knows Mr. Murphy better than he does.

Mr. George P. Brown, Salesman for the O'Malley Investment Company, advised that Michael J. Murphy rented the premises at 533 West Willetta Street for the winter seasons of 1931 and 1932, and the season of 1932-1933. Mr. Brown stated that he does not know the present business of Mr. Murphy, but believes that Mr. Murphy stated, at one time, that he had been in the retail grocery business in Chicago.

Mr. Brown recalls that Mr. Murphy stated that while conducting this business in Chicago, Ill., he employed gangsters to protect him in some way, which he did not mention, and that this gangster, or gangsters, had assaulted a person unknown, and as a result Mr. Murphy was involved in some trouble in Chicago. Mr. Brown advised that Michael J. Murphy seems to have unlimited funds, although Mr. Murphy is not extravagant and does not have many social contacts. He stated that Mr. Murphy is residing at 1817 Palmcroft Way, N.E., with his wife and two children, a boy possibly ten years of age, and a girl about eight years of age; that Mrs. Murphy does her own laundry and Mr. Murphy cares for the yard himself. Mr. Brown cannot advise agent as to Mr. Murphy's associates in Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. George P. Brown further advised that J. T. Murphy is a local real estate man, but he does not believe Mr. J. T. Murphy is a relation to Michael J. Murphy, although Mr. J. T. Murphy evidently knew Michael J. Murphy when Michael J. Murphy was previously in Phoenix, Arizona.

Informant further advised that he believes the rent at 1817 Palmcroft Way, N.E., is paid to J. T. Murphy by check of Norma Murphy, and he thinks that the checks are drawn on a Phoenix bank. He further advised that the premises at 533 West Willetta Street are owned by a party residing in the East, and that a Dr. Denett, 714 West Moreland Street, is the local representative for the owner of the premises at 533 West Willetta Street.

Agent made various attempts to locate J. T. Murphy at his office, 30 E. Monroe Street, but was advised that J. T. Murphy is an appraiser for the Home Owners Loan Corporation and is away from his office the greater portion of the day.

No further attempt will be made to contact Anastasia Michener or Mr. O'Brien for the reason that Mr. Murphy did not rent the premises directly through the owner, but through Mr. J. T. Murphy and Mr. E. I. Brown.

No attempt will be made to contact George H. Rawlins, attorney at law, at this time, for it appears that Mr. Rawlins occupied the premises at 533 West Willetta Street after Michael J. Murphy.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

THE CHICAGO OFFICE, at Chicago, Illinois, will make further investigation there from the information disclosed in this report.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE, at Phoenix, Arizona, will complete investigation at Phoenix and report results of mail cover placed on Post Office Box 465.

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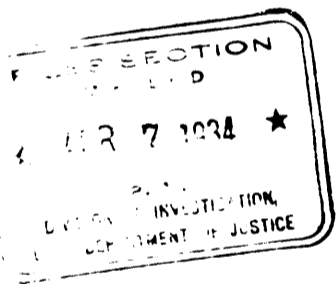
Mr. J. H. McClelland,  
Chief of Police,  
Long Beach, California.

Dear Chief:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of April 2, 1934, there are being forwarded to you under separate cover two copies of Identification Order No. 1218 on Alvin Karpis, and two copies of Identification Order No. 1219 on Arthur R. Barker.

Sincerely yours,

Director.



# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

St. Paul, Minn.

FILE NO. 7-43

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

REPORT MADE AT: Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-4-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/29-30/34	REPORT MADE BY: H. D. Harris <span style="float: right;">HJ</span>
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: <u>KIDNAPING</u>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Records of Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles do not disclose 1934 registration of any cars known to be in possession of Subjects. List of all cars registered under names identical to names of Subjects with aliases secured for Ohio and flashes filed on known cars and names.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from the St. Paul Office dated 3-23-34.

**DETAILS:**

AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

At the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles with the cooperation of Mr. C. E. Nofer, Chief of the Records Division, it was ascertained that the motor number index fails to reveal that any of the cars known to have been in possession of Subjects were registered in Ohio for 1934. It should be stated that Ohio has not had a motor number index prior to 1934, and at the present time the filing by motor numbers is not quite complete, although practically complete. Flash cards on all known cars are on file, and the Cincinnati Office will be notified immediately should any of these cars be registered.

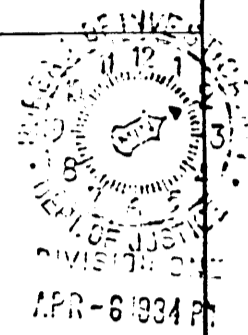
**DETAILS:**

A check of all cars registered under names identical to the names and known aliases of Subjects likewise failed to indicate registration of any of the cars in question. The Buick and Ford which were registered in Ohio in 1933 under the name of T. C. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio, do not appear to be registered in Ohio for 1934, and there are no cars registered under this name.

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<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 Division</li> <li>3 St. Paul</li> <li>3 Detroit</li> <li>3 Cincinnati</li> </ul>	<p>7-576-1572</p> <p>APR 5 1934 A M</p> <p>BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</p> <p>ROUTED TO: <i>[Signature]</i> FILE</p>	<p>RECORDED AND INDEXED: APR 8 1934</p> <p>CHECKED OFF: APR 9 1934</p> <p>ACCEPTED:</p>
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The complete list of registrations in Ohio under names of interest in this matter is as follows:

No record for Arthur Barker.

1. License #232,955 was issued to Robert Barker, R. D. #3, Lexington, Ohio, for a Ford Coupe, motor #9525733. Richland County.
2. License #B-10,864 was issued to Robert Barker, 1512 Forest Ave., Middletown, Ohio, Butler County, for an Oldsmobile Coupe, motor #D 36447.
3. License #395,365 was issued to Robert Barker, Richwood, Ohio, Union County, for a Ford Coach, motor #393255.
4. License #D 18,044 was issued to Robert Barker, R. R. #5, Batavia, Ohio, Clermont County, for a Buick Sedan, motor #1730319.
5. License #333,006 was issued to Fred and Wesley Barker, 705 Pierce Ave., Lancaster, Ohio, Fairfield County, for a Studebaker Sedan, motor #56585.
6. License #114,814 was issued to Fred Barker, R. R. #2, Convoy, Ohio, Van Wert County, for a Ford Coach, motor #B 5125372.

No record for J. Barrows.

7. License #60,754 was issued to J. E. Blackburn, 232 Spring St., Youngstown, Ohio, Mahoning County, for a Chevrolet Coupe, motor #2820489.

No record for T. C. Blackburn.

No record for E. L. Burnes.

No record for E. L. Burns.

8. License #475,787 was issued to J. J. Burns, 2315 E. High St., Springfield, Ohio, for a Chevrolet Sedan, motor #3757852. Clark County.

No record for R. L. Burns.

9. License #568,516 was issued to Harry Campbell, 14200 Bardwell, East Cleveland, Ohio, Cuyahoga County for a Ford Tudor, motor #3919496.
10. License #503,593 was issued to Harry Campbell, 524 Ludlow Ave., Springfield, Ohio, Clark County, for an Essex Sedan, motor #940191.

11. License #301,174 was issued to Harry Campbell, 410 N. Belmont, Springfield, Ohio, Clark County for a Nash Coach, motor #286467.
12. License #920,270 was issued to Harry Campbell, 1624 Jefferson St., Warren, Ohio, Trumbull County, for a Ford Coupe, motor #1913489.
13. License #264,273 was issued to Harry Campbell, R. #2, Quincy, Ohio, Logan County, for a Ford Coach, motor #A 2525.
14. License #338,963 was issued to Harry Campbell, R. #1, Pleasantville, Ohio, Fairfield, County for a Nash Sedan, motor #A 2821.
15. License #397,872 was issued to Harry Campbell, 72 Griswold, Delaware, Ohio, Delaware County, for a Chevrolet Sedan, motor #3838010.
- No record for A. Carter.
- No record for Claude Dale.
- No record for E.V. Davis.
16. License #417,278 was issued to R. E. Davis, 1086 Geneva Ave., Columbus, Ohio, Franklin County for a Ford Sedan, motor #13407490.
17. License #425,914 was issued to R. E. Davis, 816 Leonard Ave., Columbus, Ohio, Franklin County for an Essex Touring, motor #119334.
18. License #575,628 was issued to R. E. Davis, 854 E. 147th, Cleveland, Ohio, for a Chevrolet Sedan, motor #3775169. Cuyahoga County.
19. License #518,962 was issued to R. E. Davis, 3666 Rawnsdale Rd., Shaker Heights, Ohio, Cuyahoga County, for a Plymouth Coupe, motor #PC 13561.
20. License #516,159 was issued to R. E. Davis, 11318 Parkview, Cleveland, Ohio, Cuyahoga County for a Ford Coupe, motor #18-274413.
21. License #577,744 was issued to R. E. Davis, 683 E. 128th, Cleveland, Ohio, Cuyahoga County for a Chevrolet Coach, motor #2160012.
22. License #A-17,055 was issued to R. E. Davis, 1807 Huffman Ave., Dayton, Ohio, Montgomery County, for a Chevrolet Sedan, motor #3722690.
23. License #A 80,885 was issued to R. E. Davis, 2738 Montana Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, Hamilton County for a Dodge Sedan, motor #E 29930.
24. License #803,463 was issued to R. E. Davis, 60 Franklin St., Akron, Ohio, Summit County, for a Pontiac Sedan, motor #440907.
25. License #343,427 was issued to R. E. Davis, 56 Fulton Ave., Newark, Ohio, Licking County, for a Chevrolet Coach, motor #335372.

No record for Volney Davis.

26. License #570,744 was issued to Geo. Dunn, 94 Wandle, Bedford, Ohio, Cuyahoga County, for an Oakland Coach, motor #L 81966.
27. License #249,177 was issued to George Dunn, West Salem, Ohio, Wayne County for a Ford Sedan, motor #14105049.
28. License #C 26,058 was issued to Geo. Dunn, 953 Rogers, Toledo, Ohio, Lucas County for a Pontiac Coach, motor #P 338624.
29. License #D 13,817 was issued to Raymond Hadley, Wilmington, Ohio, R. #5, Clinton County for a Chevrolet Sedan, motor #3224110.

No record for H. J. Harney.

30. License #428,928 was issued to R. E. Hamilton, 141 Northridge Road, Columbus, Ohio, for a Pontiac Coach, motor #458576.
31. License #A 67,276 was issued to Geo. Haller, E. 3rd, Xenia, Ohio, Greene County, for a Chevrolet Sedan, motor #1329065.
32. License #B 23,951 was issued to Geo. Haller, 3225 Nash, Cincinnati, Ohio, Hamilton County, for a Graham Sedan, motor #743485.
33. License #536,525 was issued to Geo. Haller, 2173 W. 62nd St., Cleveland, Ohio, Cuyahoga County for a Chrysler Sedan, motor #34201.
34. License #514,766 was issued to Geo. Haller, 1407 Nickel Rd., Cleveland, Ohio, for a Chevrolet Sedan, motor #309462.
35. License #617,736 was issued to George Haller, 1632 Orchard Grove, Lakewood, Ohio, Cuyahoga County for a Ford Sedan, motor #A 2243865.
36. License #B 92,038 was issued to A. S. Hunter, 2 LeRoy Court, Cincinnati, Ohio, for a Hudson Coach, motor #254608.

No record for Alvin Karpis.

No record for Ray Karpis.

No record for Alvin Karpis.

No record for J. E. Lockwood.

No record for William Lohman.

No record for William B. Lohman.

37. License #890,918 was issued to C.E. Moore, 2605 Norwood Ave., Norwood, Ohio, Hamilton County for a Chevrolet Sedan, motor #2052179.

38. License #833,300 was issued to Ted. Murphy, 2030 2nd N. E., Canton, Ohio, Stark County, for a Chrysler Sedan, motor #CM 14233.

No record for E. L. Murphy.

No record for F. G. Ward.

39. License #D 12,789 was issued to George L. Martin, R. #5, Wilmington, Ohio, for a Ford Sedan, motor #1153825.

40. License #269,732 was issued to Geo. L. Martin, R. #7, Sidney, Ohio, Shelby County, for a Ford Sedan, motor #8989822.

41. License #A 64,567 was issued to Geo. L. Martin, 55 Bish Ave., Dayton, Ohio, Montgomery County for a Chevrolet, motor #580137.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

DETROIT OFFICE, will make appropriate investigation as to owners of Cars 1, 6, 7, 9, 12, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35 and 38.

CINCINNATI OFFICE, will make appropriate investigation as to owners of Cars 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 25, 29, 30, 31, 32, 36, 37, 39, 40 and 41.

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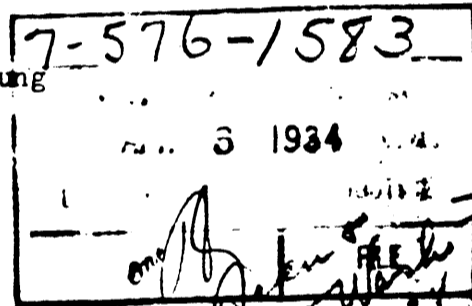
Attorney Gen. Cummings,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

from what I read in the paper I mite be some help  
in finding Authur R. Barker. From what I know and have heard  
more than a year ago about Arthur Barker I don't doubt but what  
he is the man you are looking for. I am not financed to  
look him up but in case I lead to his arest what is there in it  
for me. I wood gladly look him up if I was Financed to do so.  
Please write me by return mail and return his photo if you have  
one. If you choose to send special dectitive have him bring  
this letter with him as I must be very careful. Please dont  
print this for the public. If you send any one to see me, come  
to Bassett Furnature Co., Bassett, Va., and call for G. W.  
Young.

Resp. yours,

/s/ G. W. Young



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Mr. G. W. Young,  
Box 293,  
Bassetts, Virginia.

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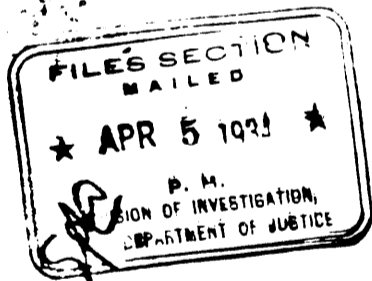
Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of your letter dated March 23, 1934, addressed to the Attorney General, concerning Arthur R. Barker, which has been referred to this Division for attention.

Please be advised that a copy of your letter has been forwarded to Mr. J. M. Keith, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Hurley-Wright Building, Washington, D. C., who will have an Agent interview you in the very near future.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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April 5, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

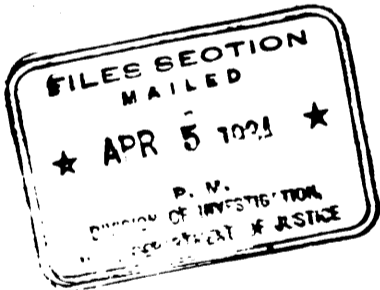
There are inclosed copies of a letter addressed to the Attorney General from one C. W. Young, Box 293, Bassetts, Virginia, dated March 23, 1934, in which he states that he has information concerning Arthur R. Barker, Identification Order No. 1219.

It is requested that you have an Agent interview Mr. Young in the very near future and secure from him whatever information he may have to offer.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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April 8, 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 27, 1934, transmitting three photographs of latent fingerprints found on articles at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, and received recently from the St. Paul Police Department in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim; KIDNAPING. The latent prints appearing in one of the photographs are too blurred and indistinct to be of value for comparison or classification. A latent fingerprint found in the second photograph has been found to be identical with the right thumb of Mrs. C. P. Harmon, alias Paula Harmon, our file #105880. A latent fingerprint appearing in the third photograph has been searched through the single fingerprint file without identification. It has been compared also with negative results with the fingerprints of the following individuals:

Frank Nash, our file #475943.	Harry Campbell, our file #419856.
Harry A. Sawyer, USP Leav. #29022.	John Luger, our file #515201.
Alvis Fayton, our file #676983.	Winfel Urban, our file #515120.
Volney Davis, our file #400441.	Bernard Phillips, our file #328905.
Arthur "Dock" Barker, our file #289428.	Alvin Karpis, our file #199217.
Samuel Schrager, our file #182772.	W. C. Wieseman, our file #8986.
Fred Barker, our file #59163.	Edward Bentz, our file #15279.
Glen Roy Wright, our file #79217.	Jack Pfeiffer, our file #47641.
Theodore Benz, our file #510598.	

The one unidentified latent fingerprint of value is available for comparison with the fingerprints of any other individuals which you may desire to submit. This latent fingerprint is being placed in our file of unidentified latent fingerprints for possible future identification.

Very truly yours,

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CC - St. Paul DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
Kansas City DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AIR MAIL

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WJAG, founded in 1922, is one of the oldest stations in the west. It covers 22 counties in Northeast Nebraska like a blanket and has a very responsive audience.

There are 293,000 people in the WJAG territory who like our local station type of program. We are "home folks" to them.

**WJAG**

1040 Kilocycles 1000 Watts

Norfolk, Nebraska

87000

In several campaigns WJAG led all stations in replies per dollar.

One advertiser built up a business of almost a million dollars in his first year. You can reach more people in this territory over WJAG for less money than in any other way. Write for testimonials.

March 23, 1934.

DIV. of INV.

*Bank Robbery - Sioux Falls, S.D.*

County Sheriff,  
Sioux Falls, S. D.

Dear Sir:

Can you furnish us with descriptions of the Barker Bros., Alvin Karpis, Tommy Carroll and Martin Wilson, suspects in your bank robbery, for use in our broadcasts to our radio detective boys described on attached sheet?

Sincerely yours

RADIO STATION WJAG

By A. C. Thomas, Mgr.

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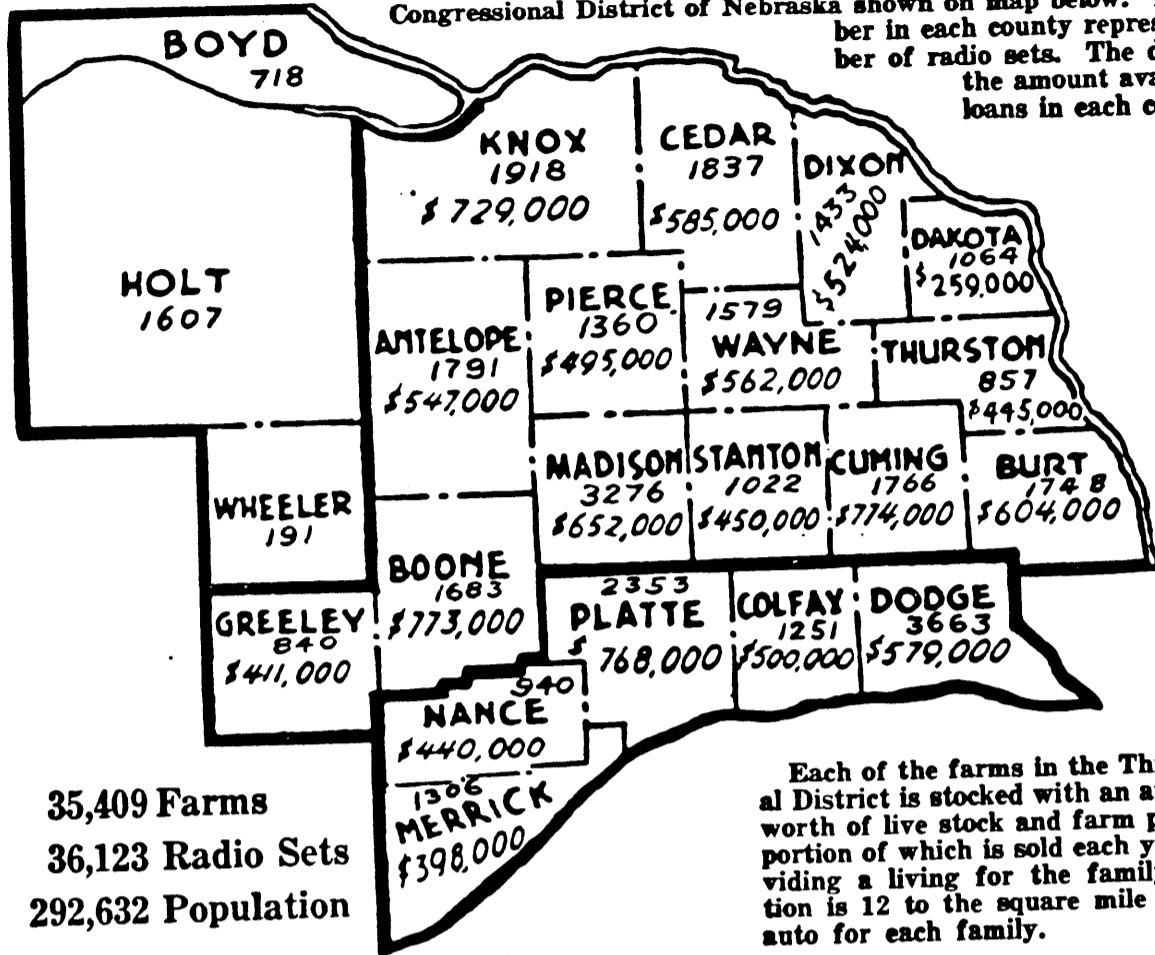
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Hours—6 A. M. to Sundown. Sign Off Time:  
Jan., 5:15; Feb., 6:00; March, 6:30; April, 7:15;  
May, 7:45; June and July, 8:00; Aug., 7:30; Sept.,  
6:45; Oct., 5:45; Nov., 5:15; Dec., 5:00.

# WJAG 1060 Kilocycles 1000 Watts "Norfolk in Nebraska"

"The Voice of the Third Congressional District of Nebraska"

WJAG (in Madison County) is the only radio station in the Third Congressional District of Nebraska shown on map below. The first number in each county represents the number of radio sets. The dollar figure is the amount available for corn loans in each county.



35,409 Farms  
36,123 Radio Sets  
292,632 Population

Each of the farms in the Third Congressional District is stocked with an average of \$4,700 worth of live stock and farm products, a large portion of which is sold each year, besides providing a living for the family. The population is 12 to the square mile and there is an auto for each family.

You can reach more people in this territory over WJAG for less money than in any other single medium.

Thousands of listeners depend on WJAG for their market reports, weather forecasts, Associated Press news bulletins and entertainment.

Our largest audience is at noon. The noon day session of WJAG's "radio family" with weather, news, markets, anniversary greetings, cradle roll, hospital report, etc., has been conducted for twelve years and has one of the largest audiences in the entire west, 50,000 daily.

Norfolk is an important trading center in an area with the largest per capita wealth in America.

Nebraska leads all states in the production of hay, is second in live stock and winter wheat, third in corn, fourth in butter and rye and fifth in oats.

WJAG is excellently located for test programs and we gladly work with advertisers and their agencies to build up successful programs which can be used elsewhere.

Write for data sheets including testimonials and report of radio survey of north Nebraska Federation of Woman's clubs (group 8).

We cover our territory like a blanket and have a very large, loyal and responsive audience. Eight of the leading seventeen counties in Nebraska in radio set ownership are located in our territory. There are 93 counties in Nebraska.

Owned by The Norfolk Daily News, Norfolk, Nebraska  
"The World's Greatest Country Daily"

Boys Radio Detectives

The purpose is to assist law enforcement authorities in the detection of major criminals and to furnish boys with a useful and worthwhile activity without danger to themselves and to arouse public interest in law enforcement. Boys start out as Lone Detectives. They may appoint assistants or organize clubs if they wish.

Each boy is assigned a secret number and given a series of secret general orders by number so that the radio station may send him messages over the air without anyone knowing whom we are talking to or what we are saying.

The detective listens to our daily broadcasts at 4:15 P.M. or asks someone to listen for him such as a boy friend or filling station or business house or some elderly person or invalid or member of the family.

Each boy gets a series of free detective lessons which train him to be observing and to be able to describe a person seen, including such items as age, height, weight, features, peculiarities, habits, etc. Many criminals have been caught because some one remembered a peculiarity of posture, speech or habit.

Each detective is instructed never to carry fire arms and not to expose himself to personal danger. He is expected to use his brains only. He may be asked to deliver copies of our broadcasts to local police authorities, filling stations, bridge tenders, ferry men, etc.

Sample of our secret broadcasts: "Calling Radio Detective number 71 and issuing general order number 62".

Detectives are instructed not to become busybodies, nor nuisances, nor to bother themselves with minor infractions of law. They are expected to train and hold themselves in readiness for an emergency.

Test calls are made occasionally to see if detective is listening.

The State Sheriff says: "The more people we get interested in law enforcement the more successful we will be in our work. Therefore I endorse your idea very highly."

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Efforts to Catch Columbus Bank Robbers, January 18, 1934

One club got released from school and notified all filling stations in town and nearby community.

Another club -- "We notified the County Sheriff and the town marshall. Right now the Marshall is watching the main highway. My mother is keeping tuned to WJAG for me and keeping watch of cars at the filling station across the street."

Another club -- "The mother of one of our member's heard the broadcast and got word to us. We were released from school and reported the broadcast to the marshall and all filling stations. I watched the highway all day myself and other members watched that evening till about 10:30."

(Other similar reports received)

From the Mothers of Our Detectives

(1) - "Personally I think it is good training for the boys. My son has been playing a loose hand. As long as my son is interested and can be of any use I will listen to the broadcasts as often as possible when he is not here. He is quite a busy lad with his school, Scout and band work. We wish you every success."

(2) - "We are very happy to think our boy is interested in this sort of work."

From a Tilden Listener

"The boys are doing a great piece of work. Hope we may have a lot of cooperation along that line."

RADIO STATION WJAG, NORFOLK, NEBRASKA.



DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
From: UNIT #1 Room 418  
3-27 1934.

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nathan 86999  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tolson  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Edwards  
\_\_\_\_\_ Unit Two  
\_\_\_\_\_ Unit Four  
\_\_\_\_\_ Files Section  
\_\_\_\_\_ Personnel Files Section  
\_\_\_\_\_ Equipment Section  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chief Clerk's Office  
\_\_\_\_\_ Unit Five  
\_\_\_\_\_ Identification Unit  
\_\_\_\_\_ Statistical Section  
\_\_\_\_\_ Technical Laboratory  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Baughman  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Cowley  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Little  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Newby  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Stapleton  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Stein  
\_\_\_\_\_ Miss Gandy  
\_\_\_\_\_ Miss Finnell  
\_\_\_\_\_ Washington Field Office  
\_\_\_\_\_ Stenographic Pool  
\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary  
\_\_\_\_\_ Correct  
\_\_\_\_\_ Re-write  
\_\_\_\_\_ Re-date  
\_\_\_\_\_ See Me

*How was the attached  
received?*  
*H. H.*

H. H. CLEGG

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April 5, 1934

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Mr. Melvin L. Sells,  
County Sheriff,  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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My dear Sheriff:

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There has been referred to this Division by the Attorney General a copy of a letter dated March 23, 1934 addressed to you by A. C. Thomas, Manager, Radio Station WJAC, Norfolk, Nebraska, wherein you were requested to furnish descriptions of the Barker brothers, Alvin Karpis, Tommy Carroll and Martin Wilson, suspects in a bank robbery which occurred in your City. This letter was apparently forwarded by you to the Department.

There are transmitted herewith copies of Identification Orders Nos. 1218 and 1219 issued by this Division on Alvin Karpis with aliases and Arthur R. Barker with aliases who are wanted by this Division for questioning in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case. This Division has not issued Identification Orders on the other individuals named in your letter. There are, however, set out below descriptions of individuals believed to be identical with the persons named in the letter from Mr. Thomas:

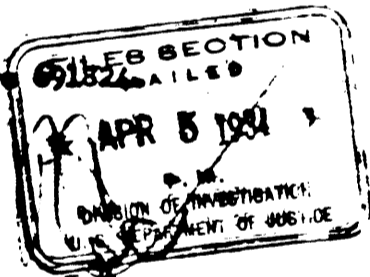
<u>Fred Barker</u>	<u>Tommy Carroll</u>	<u>Martin Wilson</u>
Age - 32 years (1934)	Age - 31 years (1930)	Age - 25 years (1934)
Height - 5'4"	Height - 5'9"	Height - 5'11"
Weight - 120 pounds	Weight - 172 pounds	Weight - 195 pounds
Build - Slender	Build - Muscular	Build - Stocky
Hair - Sandy red	Eyes - Gray	Hair - Brown
Eyes - Blue	Hair - Black	Eyes - Brown
Complexion - Medium fair	Complexion - Light	Complexion - Dark

The above information is submitted to you in order that you might comply with the request contained in the letter addressed to you by Mr. Thomas, copy of which is enclosed herewith.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

Enclosure



U. S. Bureau of Investigation

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



April 5, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:

As of possible interest to the Division in the event this has not already been brought to your attention, I am transmitting herewith a copy of the American Bankers Association Protective Bulletin for the month of April, 1934, wherein on Page 4 are contained photographs of KARPIS, FRED BARKER, NEAL G. BOWMAN, CLYDE C. BARROW, and RAYMOND HAMILTON.

It will be noted that the Association Bulletin indicates that these individuals are being sought by the Division.

Very truly yours,

E. A. TAMM  
Special Agent in Charge

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Butte, Montana,  
April 2, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

ALVIN KARPIS, et al  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnapping

Upon receipt of the telegram from the St. Paul Office, dated February 15, 1934, requesting this office to check all news dealers in this district selling St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers for the purpose of determining whether these papers were being purchased by Doc Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, or any other suspicious persons, the following investigation was immediately launched:

At Great Falls, Montana - Special Agent in Charge Dickason contacted all news dealers and made arrangements with the Sheriff's office to be advised should any suspicious persons purchase St. Paul or Minneapolis papers.

Special Agent Costello caused the news dealers in the following places to be interviewed and also advised the Sheriffs' offices to be on the lookout for persons purchasing St. Paul or Minneapolis newspapers: Forsyth, Miles City, Wibaux, Glendive, Sidney, Plentywood, Scobey, Wolf Point, Glasgow, Malta, and Chinook, Montana.

Special Agent Scott interviewed all news dealers at Helena, Lewistown, Harlowton, and Butte, Montana, and made arrangements to have these persons contact the local authorities in case any suspicious persons asked for St. Paul or Minneapolis papers.

At Pocatello and Boise, Idaho - Special Agent Bryon contacted all news dealers and made arrangements with the police at these places to be on the lookout for persons purchasing these papers.

At Dillon, Montana - Special Agent McCarthy interviewed the news dealers and notified the police to be on the lookout for suspicious persons purchasing these papers.

No information whatever was secured through these inquiries which would indicate that either of the Subjects had been in this district. This investigation will continue.

J. P. McCarthy  
Special Agent

CC: Inspector Rorer-3  
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Division of Investigation

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

April 4, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
EXTORTION.  
St. Paul File No. 7-51.

There is transmitted herewith letter received by Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, Minnesota, for the purpose of examination as to fingerprints, et cetera.

With reference to the instructions contained therein, this information was given to the St. Louis Division Office by telephone.

Very truly yours,

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

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

**Division of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 4, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN.....
MR. TOLSON.....
MR. CLEGG.....
MR. COWLEY.....
MR. EDWARDS.....
MR. EGAN.....
MR. QUINN.....
MR. LESTER.....
CHIEF CLERK.....
MR. RORER.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Conroy advised over the telephone that there is a rumor to the effect that Fred<sup>o</sup>Barker and his brother, Leon<sup>x</sup>Barker, are at Erie, Kansas. Mr. Conroy stated that there are a Fred Barker and a Leon Barker living at Erie, Kansas but they are not the subjects that this Division is looking for. He advised that their descriptions do not correspond in any way.

Respectfully,

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

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**UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-27**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Salt Lake City, Utah.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-2-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/22-30/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>A.R. GERE</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Photographs of women associates of Subjects not identified as accompanying Subjects at Reno, Nevada, in October and November, 1933. Safety deposit boxes at Reno banks not rented in any known names of Subjects. Laundry marks on laundry of Subjects E.L. Burns, J.C. Blackburn, and Geo. L. Martin (Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell) obtained.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent A.R. Gere, Salt Lake City, Utah, March 22, 1934.

**DETAILS:** AT RENO, NEVADA.

Mrs. Mary Stratford, Manager, Ridgeway Apartments, 303 Hill St., stated that no one named E.L. Burns had occupied an apartment at the Ridgeway Apartments during the fall or winter of 1932-1933, and that during November and December, 1932, Apartment No. 20 was being remodeled, and was not occupied during that period.

Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Smith, 249 West Liberty St., stated that the woman living as the wife of E.L. Burns (Subject Alvin Karpis) was between 20 and 25 years of age; height, about 5ft., weight, 100 lbs., or less; small features; black hair; dark eyes; dark complexion; talked brokenly or with an accent; attractive looking.

They also stated that when E.L. Burns first occupied

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COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3 - Division 1 - Inspector Rorer, St. Paul. 2 - St. Paul. 2 - Chicago. 2 - San Francisco. 2 - Los Angeles. 1 - Detroit. 2 - St. Lake.		UNITED STATES APR 7 1934 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: FILE <i>[Signature]</i>	CHECKED OFF: APR 9 1934 JACKETED:



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Apartment No. 5 by himself from November 18, 1932, to February 7, 1933. He had numerous male callers at his apartment, and that he was also friendly with two women living at the Elvada Apartments, viz., Mrs. J.F. Adams, Jr., who occupied Apartment No. 8, from November 29, 1932, to Jan. 16, 1933, and left a forwarding address in care of J.C. Monmonier, Catsonville, Maryland; and Mrs. W.L. Wardell, who occupied an apartment from Nov. 29, 1932, to Jan. 13, 1933, and who stated she was a graduate of Wellsley College, and had worked for the Dennison Mfg. Co., Boston, Mass., and who left a forwarding address in care of Swallows, Coleman & Haskins, Equitable Bldg., Hollywood, Calif.

Dr. John Kilb, 424 First National Bank Bldg., stated that his records show that Mrs. G.L. Morton (undoubtedly same party known as Mrs. G.L. Martin) 240 West Liberty St., made 14 visits at his office between November 9 and Nov. 29, 1933, paid \$34.50, and still owes a balance of about \$30.; that Mrs. G.L. Morton was about 24 years of age, height, about 5ft.4in.; weight 125 to 130 lbs.; black straight hair, parted in middle, and worn straight; dark hazel eyes; brunette complexion; had little Indian blood; good looking; claimed from Cleveland, Ohio, and traveling for pleasure, claimed husband away from home most of the time; claimed going back to Cleveland and would pay balance of bill before leaving, but did not.

He also stated that Mrs. Blackburn, Belmont Apartments, made seven visits at his office between November 19, and November 28, 1933, and paid fee of \$75 in full; that Mrs. Blackburn was between 25 and 27 years of age, height, about 5ft. 2in.; weight 120 to 125 lbs.; light auburn hair; light blue eyes; medium complexion, not good looking, quite homely; short build; had flat nose; had pronounced English accent.

Miss Doris Rockwood, residence, 1214-A St., Sparks, Nev., employed in Dr. Kilb's office, participated in furnishing the foregoing descriptions.

Dr. Kilb assured Agent he would be glad to cooperate in causing Subjects apprehension in the event any of these parties should return to Reno. He was unable to identify the photographs of any of the Subjects.

Chas. Baufe, residence, 118 West St., Colonial Hotel, Apt. #8, and Lance Morton, residence, 692 Chestnut St., Apt. #8, and employees of the Grand Central Garage, South Virginia St., owned by Mayor Sam Frank (closely associated and good friend of Wm. J. Graham and James C. McKay) identified the photograph of Subject Volney Davis as a man named "Jimmie" who was around Reno for about five weeks during the fall of 1933, and had a Pontiac Sedan, maroon color; that "Jimmie" was about 24 or 25 years of age (description of Subject Volney Davis shows present age as 41); height, about 5ft.4in.; weight, about 130 lbs.;

light hair; light complexion; good looking. These informants promised their cooperation in causing the apprehension of Subjects, but requested that their cooperation not be made known to the local police officers on account of the local situation and the fact that they are employees of Mayor Sam Frank.

Efforts were made to locate R.E. Davis, who on Feb. 14, 1934, was issued Nevada License No. 5917, for a 1928 model Pontiac Coach, and gave his address as 327 West 4th St., Reno, Nev., and his former address as 5937 Augusta Blvd., Chicago, Ill., at the time of obtaining Illinois (1933) License No. 705653 for the same car on March 15, 1933, but it was found at 327 West 4th St., that nobody named R.E. Davis was known at that address, and that the party at that address who owned a Pontiac Coach with a former Illinois license was named Gus Erickson, and had a son named Ted Erickson. While at Carson City, Nev., Agent ascertained at the Secretary of State's Office that when the applicant signed the application for this Nevada license, he signed the application "R. Davis 327 W 4th St., Reno, Nevada." and also executed an affidavit of non-operation on Feb. 14, 1934, stating that the automobile in question had been stored from Dec. 1, 1933, to Feb. 14, 1934, on the property owned by D.C. Wilson, 512 Mill St., Reno, Nevada.

Mrs. R.S. Page, owner of the premises at 327 West 4th St., aged 92, stated that Gus Erickson was a steam-fitter during the building of the new post office from October, 1933, until about March 13, 1934, and that he stated he was going to Green Bay, Ohio, to look for work; that he was about 50 years of age; and that since his departure on March 13th, mail had been received for him with return addresses of Johnson Bros. Heating Co., 1419 Ball Plains Ave., Chicago, Ill., March 13, 1934, also from Ernest S. Vanada, 206 North 4th St., Lewisburg, Penna., March 12, 1934; also a letter addressed to T.A. Erickson, 512 Mill St., Reno, Nevada (Same address as mentioned in affidavit signed by "R. Davis"), with return address of P.O. Box 594, Newark, N.J., March 12, 1934; also that these parties had left no forwarding address. It was apparent that Gus Erickson or T.A. Erickson had signed the name of "R. Davis" to the application for registration of a Pontiac Coach formerly owned by R.E. Davis, 5937 Augusta Blvd., Chicago, Ills., but it is believed that it is only a coincidence that the name of R.E. Davis at that address is identical with that used by Subject Fred Barker at Reno, Nev., on January 11, 1933, when purchasing a Buick Sedan, and it is believed unnecessary to make further search for Gus Erickson or T.A. Erickson.

AT TRUCKEE, CALIF.

Paul L. Marion and J.G. Latham, Quarantine Inspectors,  
P.O. Box 181, Truckee, Calif., and Traffic Officer C.E. McKean,

California Highway Patrol Checking Station, and Deputy Sheriffs Tom Dolley, and Carl Smith, were furnished with a list of the six automobiles shown on page 9 of report of reference, together with the then-known aliases of Subjects Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, and Harry Campbell, on Nov. 23, 1934, with instructions to notify SAC Reed E. Vetterli, San Francisco, Calif., in the event any of the automobiles should endeavor to check through their station, and they were advised that as soon as 1934 license numbers became known for any of these automobiles they would be furnished the same.

AT TAHCE, CALIF.

Similar information to that furnished in above paragraph was furnished to Miss Janet D. Watson, Postmistress, in the absence from town of Constable Carl Beckdolf.

AT RENO, NEVADA.

The records of the Post Office, including forwarding addresses, and also the patrons of the safety deposit boxes at the First National Bank, the closed Riverside Bank, the closed Reno National Bank, and the United Nevada Bank, disclosed no record in the names used by Subjects, and their photographs could not be identified by anyone connected with the banks named.

At the Reno Laundry, it was ascertained that for the week ending Nov. 4, 1933, "Burns, Elvada Apt. #9" had a bundle of laundry, amounting to \$3.85, with the laundry mark "C 7 -"; and from Mrs. C.W. Smith, 249 West Liberty St., it was ascertained that her record showed that on Nov. 3, 1933, laundry amounting to \$3.85 was charged to Apartment No. 9, then occupied by E.L. Burns and wife.

At the Reno Laundry, it was also ascertained that for the week ending Dec. 2, 1933, two bundles of laundry were received from 240-A West Liberty St., amounting to \$1.70 (flat work) and \$8.55, respectively, bearing the laundry marks "751" and "75", and from the Manager, John Miramon, residence, 800 Willard Ave., it was ascertained that both of these laundry marks were already upon the articles at the time of receipt at the laundry.

At the I.X.L. Laundry, 505 East 5th St., no record could be found of laundry having been received from any of Subjects, or their known addresses in Reno, nor of the foregoing laundry marks as obtained at the Reno Laundry.

From J.A. Barbash, Manager of the Sunshine Laundry, 440 East 2nd St., residence, 1275 Arlington St., the following record was obtained:

Date.	Name.	Laundry Marks.	Amount.
Oct. 10, 1933	Blackburn.	751 and 75	\$3.39.
" 21, "	"	751	6.12
" 24, "	Martin.	751 and 75	4.50
Nov. 3, "	Blackburn.	751	.81
" 13, "	Martin.	751 and 75	8.08
" 14, "	Blackburn	751	3.16
" 16, "	Burns.	75 and C7-	6.19
" 20, "	Davis.	751	3.48
" 27, "	Blackburn	751	4.45
" 29, "	Burns	751 and 75	6.56
Dec 1, "	Blackburn.	751	4.68

Mr. Barbash stated that each of the foregoing bundles of laundry was left at the office and called for, and that no addresses of any of the parties named was left at the laundry.

From Mrs. L.L. Rowan, 234 West Liberty St., it was ascertained that upon checking her records with those of the electric light company, she had determined that G.L. Martin and wife left Apartment No. 240-A on December 2nd, instead of December 20, 1933, as formerly stated by her as shown in report of reference.

Mrs. L.L. Rowan also stated that while G.L. Martin was at Apartment 240-A he purchased a suit of clothes from the Federal Outfitting Co., Sierra St., and obtained a nice letter from the firm shortly after purchasing the suit.

At the Federal Outfitting Co., 106-108 Sierra St., it was ascertained from S.N. Joelsohn, residence, 528 Gordon Ave., that on November 4, 1933, G.L. Martin, Hiland Apartments, purchased a suit, size 36, short, for \$45., also a Hickok belt \$1.00 and a buckle, \$1.50, paying cash; that the suit was a dark, banker's grey color, salt and pepper, with the following described label sewed on the lining of the inner coat pocket: Letter "S", "Shragge Quality For Particular People" on a red and black background with white lettering. Mr. Joelsohn furnished Agent a sample of the goods comprising the suit in question which is being forwarded with copy of this report to Inspector W.A. [redacted] St. Paul, Minn.

M.A. Mooser, salesman for the Federal Outfitting Co., residence, No. 9, Sovereign Apartments, 100 West Court St., positively identified the photograph of Subject Harry Campbell as a good likeness of G.L. Martin to whom he sold the suit in question on Nov 4, 1933.

In the letter from Special Agent in Charge M.H. Purvis, Chicago, Illinois, to Inspector W.A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minn., office dated March 24, 1934, it was suggested that certain signatures or handwriting specimens which Agent A.R. Gere, Salt Lake City, Utah, office secured at Reno, Nevada, and which he referred to in his report dated March 22, 1934, be referred to the St. Paul office of the Division to be compared with any handwriting specimens filed at that office of the Karpis-Barker gang. Attached to the St. Paul office copies of this report will be found the following original signatures:-

Contract No. 459 with Paul A. Walters, dated November 18, 1932, signed "R.L. Burnes, Anderson Hotel."

Contract No. 461 with Paul A. Walters, dated November 20, 1932, signed "E.L. Burnes".

Contract No. 463 with Paul A. Walters, dated November 21, 1932, signed "E.L. Burnes."

Contract No. 464 with Paul A. Walters, dated November 22, 1932, signed "E.L. Burnes."

Contract No. 468 with Paul A. Walters, dated November 25, 1932, signed "R.L. Burnes".

Sales Contract dated Jan. 7, 1933, between the Scott Motors, Ltd., and "R.E. Davis", Anderson Hotel, Reno, Nev., also signed by R.L. Wilson, Salesman for the Scott Motors Ltd.

Sales Contract dated Jan. 7, 1933, signed by "H.J. Harvey" Anderson Hotel, Reno, Nev., also signed by H.R. Wilson, Salesman for Scott Motors Ltd.

Register at the Elvada Apartments, dated Nov. 2, 1933 #9, signed "E.L. Burns & Wife".

Elvada Apartments Inventory for Apartment No. 9, signed by "E.L. Burns".

Photographs of the women mentioned in letter of Special Agent in Charge M.H. Purvis, Chicago, Ill., dated March 24, 1934, namely:- Dorothy Slayman; Jewell Johnson; Paula Harmon; Dorothy Dodd; Bertha Engler; Jo Ann Armour; Billie Fitch; Leota Graham; Nina Snyder; Lillian Holden; were shown to Mrs. C.W. Smith, 249 West Liberty Street, Mrs. L.L. Rowan and daughter, Marian Rowan, 234 West Liberty Street, Mr. and Mrs. Andres Chris Pedersen, No. 17 Belmont Apartments, 400 Belmont Road, Emma Wray, maid, Belmont

apartments, all of Reno, Nevada, but none of these persons were able to identify any of the photographs as being likenesses of the women accompanying subjects while at Reno, Nevada.

The Oklahoma City office will note the additional description of the woman accompanying Geo. L. Martin (presumably Subject Harry Campbell) at Reno, Nev., whose father was alleged to have been a Methodist preacher near Tulsa, Okla.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE: will circularize the laundries in its jurisdiction for the purpose of ascertaining if Subjects are using any of the laundry marks "75", "751" or "C7-" at present.

The LOS ANGELES OFFICE:

The PORTLAND OFFICE:

The CHICAGO OFFICE:

The ST. PAUL OFFICE:

will take similar action in their respective jurisdictions.

The SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE: At RENO, NEVADA, will continue its investigation in an effort to locate Subjects.

PENDING.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

April 4, 1934.

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MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	✓
MR. GLAVIN	✓
MR. LADD	✓
MR. NICHOLS	✓
MR. ROSEN	✓
MR. TRACY	✓
MR. Egan	✓
MR. Gurnea	✓
MR. Hendon	✓
MR. Pennington	✓
MR. Quinn	✓
MR. Nease	✓
MR. Lester	✓
MR. Coker	✓
MR. Pender	✓

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Russell Smith of the Omaha World Herald called and requested a description of the house in which Bremer was held while a victim of the kidnapers, stating that his newspaper wanted to conduct a search for this house. I told him that the Division could not submit such information to the press and it was a confidential matter in connection with the investigation now being conducted.

Mr. Smith stated that he did not understand why the Division should follow such a policy and wanted to know if he could get such information through the Attorney General. I told him if the Attorney General wanted to give out such information, of course, he could do so.

Respectfully,

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

*We most certainly  
won't disclose information  
on this.  
J. E. N.*

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DIRECTOR, DIVN OF INVESTIGATION=

US DEPT OF JUSTICE:

=ALVIN <sup>w</sup>KARPIS SENTENCED BY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE J H SWANN OF  
OKMULGEE COUNTY AT HENRYETTA OKLAHOMA SEPTEMBER SEVENTEENTH  
NINETEEN THIRTY ONE TO SERVE THREE YEARS STATE REFORMATORY  
GRANIET OKLAHOMA PAROLED FROM BENCH SAME DATE TO M M ALEXANDER  
HIS ATTORNEY WHO WAS FORMER DISTRICT COURT JUDGE OKMULGEE  
COUNTY NO COMMITMENT TO REFORMATORY STOP ASCERTAINED KARPIS  
NEVER CONFINED STATE PENITENTIARY MCALESTER 1934  
=BRANTLEY.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

April 3, 1934.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

There is attached a copy of the telegram dated February 19, 1934, directed to the Division by the Oklahoma City office with reference to dispositions in the Bremer case. Particular attention is invited to the information contained in the first six lines of this telegram ending with the word "stop", giving criminal history with reference to Alvin Karpis. For your convenience the portion of the telegram relative to Karpis is quoted:

"ALVIN KARPIS TULSA PD NIGHT NAUGHT NAUGHT NIGHT AS GEORGE HILLER ARRESTED JUNE TENTH THIRTY ONE INVESTIGATION BURGLARY TURNED TO OKMULGEE SO THERE SHOWS ARRESTED WITH JOE HOWARD AND FRED BARNER CHARGE BURGLARY PLEAD GUILTY SEPTEMBER ELEVEN THIRTY ONE SENTENCED FOUR YEARS SP MCALESTER PAROLED".

On March 29th Mr. Lester requested that we secure by telegraph from the Oklahoma City office further details as to this charge against Karpis. A copy of this telegram is attached.

Your attention also is invited to the telegram dated March 31st, directed to the Division by the Oklahoma City office in reply to our telegram of March 29th, the said telegram of March 31st reading as follows:

"ALVIN KARPIS SENTENCED BY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE J H SWANN OF OKMULGEE COUNTY AT HENRYETTA OKLAHOMA SEPTEMBER SEVENTEENTH NINETEEN THIRTY ONE TO SERVE THREE YEARS STATE REFORMATORY GRANDET OKLAHOMA PAROLED FROM BENCH SAME DATE TO M M ALEXANDER HIS ATTORNEY WHO WAS FORMER DISTRICT COURT JUDGE OKMULGEE COUNTY NO COMMITMENT TO REFORMATORY STOP ASCERTAINED KARPIS NEVER CONFINED STATE PENITENTIARY MCALESTER".

In view of the further explanation contained in the telegram of March 31st, it would seem that the information contained in the wire of February 19th from Oklahoma City was incorrect. It is observed in this connection that information relative to the alleged four year sentence in the State Penitentiary at McAlester and subsequent parole was included in the identification order issued in Karpis' case. The necessary changes have, of course, been made in our files and the case "reanswered" for the benefit of all contributing officials. Of course, Karpis actually was paroled as reflected in our identification order, but the length of the sentence, institution and date are incorrectly stated.

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 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MARCH 29 1934

D BRANTLEY  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
224 FEDERAL BUILDING  
OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM FEBRUARY NINETEENTH THIS YEAR DISPOSITION ALVIN KARPIS  
PD TULSA NUMBER EIGHT NAUGHT NAUGHT EIGHT TELEGRAPH DATE SENTENCE TO  
PENITENTIARY BY WHAT COURT SENTENCED PENITENTIARY NUMBER AND DATE  
ACTUALLY SERVED

HOOVER

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WESTERN UNION

OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA  
FEBRUARY 19, 1934

DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASH DC

BREMER CASE DISPOSITIONS ARRESTS THIS DISTRICT ALVIN KARPIS  
TULDA PD EIGHT NAUGHT NAUGHT EIGHT AS GEORGE HALLER ARRESTED  
JUNE TENTH THIRTY ONE INVESTIGATION BURGLARY TURNED TO OKMULGEE  
SO THERE SHOWS ARRESTED WITH JOE HOWARD AND FRED BARKER CHARGE  
BURGLARY PLEAD GUILTY SEPTEMBER ELEVEN THIRTY ONE SENTENCED FOUR  
YEARS SP McALESTER PAROLED STOP VOLNEY DAVIS TEN TWENTY FIVE  
ARRESTED FEBRUARY FIFTEEN NINETEEN PD TULSA GRAND LARCENY NO RECORD  
DISPOSITION AS VOLNEY DAVIS TWELVE EIGHT NAUGHT EIGHT COMMITTED  
SP McALESTER FEBRUARY THIRD TWENTY THREE FOR LIFE CHARGE MURDER  
ESCAPED JANUARY TEN TWENTY FIVE RETURNED JANUARY TWENTY FOUR  
TWENTY FIVE GRANTED LEAVE ABSENCE NOVEMBER THIRD THIRTY TWO TO  
JULY ONE THIRTY THREE LEAVE EXTENDED JUNE THIRTY THIRTY THREE TO  
JULY ONE THIRTY FOUR STOP HARRY CAMPBELL NINE FOUR TWENTY ARRESTED  
SO TULSA APRIL TWENTY NINE THIRTY TWO BURGLARY MADE BOND MAY TWENTY  
SEVEN THIRTY TWO PENDING STOP WANTED AS HARRY CAMPBELL ROBBERY  
COMMUNITY SALES PROCEEDS WITH GLEN ROY WRIGHT WITH FIREARMS STILLWATER  
OKLAHOMA NOVEMBER LAST STOP FRED BARKER AS J DARROWS TWO NINE THREE

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ARRESTED PD OKMULGEE DECEMBER NINETEEN TWENTY FIVE INVESTIGATION BANK  
ROBBERY TURNED TO COUNTY RELEASED DECEMBER TWENTY THREE TWENTY FIVE  
TO FEDERAL OFFICERS STOP AS FRED BARKER THREE FIVE SEVEN FIVE ARRESTED  
PD LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS MAY TWENTY EIGHT TWENTY SIX DELIVERED TO  
FORTSMITH WHERE UNDER ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND CHARGE BURGLARY AND  
GRAND LARCENY RELEASED ON BOND FORFEITED AND NOW FUGITIVE AS F G  
WARD PD PONCACITY ARRESTED JULY TWENTY FIVE TWENTY SIX BURGLARY ROGERS  
COUNTY DELIVERED WINFIELD KANSAS WHERE SENTENCED FEBRUARY TWENTY  
SEVEN TO FIVE TO TEN YEARS BURGLARY AS FRED BARKER THREE TWO NAUGHT  
FOUR ARRESTED PD TULSA JUNE TEN THIRTY ONE INVESTIGATION BURGLARY  
CAR THEFT AND FUGITIVE RETURNED TO SHERIFF ROGERS COUNTY OKLAHOMA  
JULY THIRTEEN THIRTY ONE CHARGE BURGLARY ESCAPED COUNTY JAIL  
CLAREMORE AUGUST SIXTEEN THIRTY ONE AS FRED BARKER TWO NINE THREE  
ARRESTED PD OKMULGEE JUNE TEN THIRTY ONE TURNED TO COUNTY NO RECORD  
DISPOSITION STOP ADDITIONAL DISPOSITION BEING EXPEDITED

BRANTLEY

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

Room 318 4/4 1934.

- To: \_\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nathan  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Edwards  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Clegg  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Lester  
\_\_\_\_\_ Miss Gandy  
\_\_\_\_\_ Miss Finnell  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chief Clerk  
 Chief, Unit 1  
\_\_\_\_\_ Personnel Files  
\_\_\_\_\_ Files  
\_\_\_\_\_ Printing Section  
\_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor, Steno. Pool  
\_\_\_\_\_ Inspector  
\_\_\_\_\_ Miss Sheaffer.

*Suggest write  
over City*

*Should I be*

*re-prepared?*

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Clyde Tolson.

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RECORDED 7-574-1573

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

*Edward G. Bremer*

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased),  
RICHARD TALMAGE GALATAS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, Identification Order #1201,  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Reference is made to your telegram dated February 19, 1934, wherein you advise the Division relative to the disposition of certain arrests charged against Alvin Karpis and others. A portion of your telegram is quoted as follows:

"ALVIN KARPIS TULSA POLICE DEPARTMENT EIGHT NAUGHT NAUGHT EIGHT AS GEORGE HALLER ARRESTED JUN. TENTH THIRTY ONE INVESTIGATION BUREAU TURNED TO OKMULGEE SHERIFF'S OFFICE THERE SHOWN ARRESTED WITH JOE HOWARD AND FRED BARKER CHARGE BURGLARY PLEADED GUILTY SEPTEMBER ELEVEN THIRTY ONE SENTENCED FOUR YEARS STATE PENITENTIARY McALISTER PAROLED."

When requested to furnish additional information relative to the above arrest, a telegram dated March 31, 1934 was received at the Division, quoted as follows:

"ALVIN KARPIS SENTENCED BY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE J H SWANN OF OKMULGEE COUNTY AT BENNETT OKLAHOMA SEPTEMBER SEVENTEENTH NINETEEN THIRTY ONE TO SERVE THREE YEARS STATE REFORMATORY GRANITE OKLAHOMA PAROLED FROM BENCH SAME DATE TO W H ALEXANDER HIS ATTORNEY WHO WAS FORMER DISTRICT COURT JUDGE OKMULGEE COUNTY NO COMMITMENT TO REFORMATORY STOP ASCERTAINED KARPIS NEVER ENTERED STATE PENITENTIARY McALISTER."

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Kindly advise the Division the reasons for the discrepancy appearing in the above quoted telegrams, it being noted that the telegram dated February 19, 1934 reflected that Karpis was sentenced to serve four years in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, whereas in the telegram of March 31, 1934 it appears that Karpis received a sentence of three years in the State Reformatory at Granite, Oklahoma and was paroled from the bench on the same date, September 17, 1931, and was never confined to the State Penitentiary at McAlester.

This matter should receive your immediate attention, it being noted that the information originally furnished by you has been included in Identification Order #1218.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC Kansas City

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION



April 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. NATHAN	.....
Mr. TOLSON	.....
Mr. CLEGG	.....
Mr. COWLEY	.....
Mr. ARDS	.....
Mr. FOAN	.....
Mr. QUINN	.....
Mr. LESTER	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. RONAN	.....

I telephoned Mr. Harold Nathan at New York this evening. I told him I had received the substance of the information he obtained from the woman interviewed, and that I felt she should be given a day or two, but not as much as a week's time, to make a decision. Mr. Nathan agreed with this, but stated he felt we should not appear too anxious.

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Washington, D. C.

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April 5, 1934.

MR. NATHAN	_____
MR. TOLSON	_____
MR. C. GO	_____
MR. COWLEY	_____
MR. ARDS	_____
MR. KLAN	_____
MR. QUINN	_____
MR. LESTER	_____
CHIEF CLERK	_____
MR. WOOD	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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Mr. Nathan called from New York and stated that he had talked to the niece of prisoner Kramer; that he declined to interview Kramer at the prison under the guise of an attorney; that he pointed out to her that it was undesirable for the interview to be made in this manner, as he was known in several places and if it was discovered that he was there under this guise it might be worse for Kramer and for her too; that she stated that she would think it over, although there was considerable argumentation before she reached this decision; that she was with Kramer while he was a fugitive from 1932 until when he was captured in 1933; that she gave a little information relative to the clothes wore by members of the Barker-Karpis gang but her information was of a minor nature; that she wants the Division to use its influence to bring Kramer to Sing Sing where she can see him. Mr. Nathan stated that he thought it would be better for the time being to let her think the matter over; that he would not drop the matter and if nothing is heard from her in about a week it might not do any harm to have Mr. Fay send for her, but he did not think it would be advisable to interview Kramer without her knowledge.

Mr. Nathan advised that he was awaiting further orders.

Respectfully,

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

*Tell him to wait & get word from her. It shouldn't take a week for her to make up her mind.*

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503-A U. S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah,  
April 5, 1934

APR - 9 1934 AM

Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Inspector,  
P.O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping  
S.L. File 7-27

Dear Sir:

With reference to your communication of March 23, 1934, in this matter, in which you submitted the descriptions of ten automobiles, together with the correct names and all of the known aliases of the above named subjects, and asked that a check be made thru the State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus in the territory of this office for the purpose of determining whether or not the cars mentioned are registered and for the additional purpose of determining if any automobiles are registered under any of the names or aliases of subjects, permit me to say that the check thus far made in the states of Utah and Colorado shows that not any of the automobiles mentioned are registered in those states, and while in both the states of Utah and Colorado, motor vehicles have been registered under one of more of the aliases used by these persons, it is the belief that subjects, under their true names or aliases, are not the registrants of these cars since these persons have registered automobiles in these states in years past, appear to be residents of long standing in these states and are accounted for by occupation and other means as not being subjects.

The check-up has already been submitted to Agent A. R. Gere at Reno and is being submitted to Agent J. D. Swenson for check-up in Wyoming.

At both the Utah and the Colorado State Bureaus of Motor Vehicle Registration, notations have been inserted in the records to notify this Division Office should any of these cars be registered or should they be picked up by representatives of the State Motor Vehicle Bureaus.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DODD  
Special Agent in Charge

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
April 5, 1934.

Mr. R.E. Vetterli,  
General Delivery,  
Reno, Nevada.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping. S.L. File 7-27.

Dear Sir:


This will acknowledge receipt of your rough draft report in this matter for the period of March 31st to April 3, 1934, inclusive, and I note therein the changes that are to be recorded in the title of the case to take care of the new aliases for Alvin Karpis, namely R.E. Nelson and Earl Lyman Burns, and the new alias of Fred Barker, namely C.W. Davis.

I note that the first paragraph of the details of your report does not explain definitely the reasons for the change in the title as required by Division Bulletin No. 23, Fiscal Year 1934, 3rd Series. I am taking the liberty to have the report typed consistent with that ruling, and I am assuming that the change in the title is prompted by the development of the new aliases.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
April 5, 1934.

DIVISION ONE  
APR - 9 1934 AM

Mr. R.E. Vetterli,  
General Delivery,  
Reno, Nevada.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING - S.L. File 7-27.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto you will find three photographs of Alvin Karpis, No. 1539, Kansas State Penitentiary, three photographs of Harry Campbell, No. 1846 Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, three photographs of Fred Barker, No. 9836, Kansas State Penitentiary, three photographs of Arthur R. Barker, No. 11906, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, and three photographs of Volney Davis, No. 12808, Oklahoma State Penitentiary; one of each are being submitted for the use of Agents Sackett, Gere and yourself. These photographs were just received here from the Division, and are presumably the best photographs of these subjects which have been procured.

I am also attaching two composite photographs of Miss Paula Harmon alias Paula Brannan for any value that they may have. I only have in my possession one more of these composite photographs, but I have approximately three additional photographs of each of the above named subjects. However, unless they are absolutely necessary for your needs I will retain them here in my file.

Undoubtedly if you need additional copies of these photographs, they may be secured from the Division. Please let me know your wishes.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division. ✓

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326 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.  
April 5, 1934.

Mr. H. Nathan,  
Assistant Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

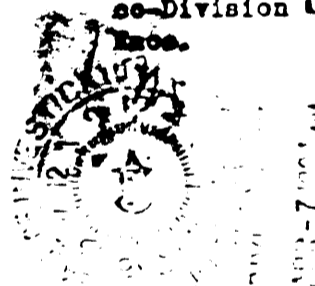
Dear Sir:

In compliance with request contained in your letter dated April 4, 1934, there are transmitted herewith copies of memorandum of even date prepared by Special Agent M. Sorola concerning his activities at Tulsa, Oklahoma, in connection with the above captioned matter.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division ✓



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NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,  
April 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM.

With reference to any statements that I may have made to Captain George Stewart, of the Tulsa Police concerning the identification of the Barker-Karpis Gang with the Bremer Kidnaping case, please be advised that when Special Agent H. E. Hollis received instructions from the Oklahoma City Office to cover several leads in Tulsa and vicinity for the purpose of locating members of this gang, I received telegraphic instructions at Tulsa on 2-21-34 from S.A.C. Brantley to help Special Agent Hollis to cover these leads, which were contained in report that was being mailed to Agent Hollis by Special Delivery.

On the morning of 2-22-34 Special Agents H. E. Hollis, E. C. Birch, and myself met at the Federal Building, Tulsa, at 8 a. m. and went over the leads contained in the report or memorandum. There were three or four persons to be interviewed or leads to be covered at Sapulpa and Kiefer, Oklahoma. I also had other work to perform at Sapulpa. Agent Hollis gave me the leads contained in this report for Sapulpa, which I covered 2-22-34. Special Agent Birch covered the leads at Tulsa and Special Agent Hollis, I believe, went to Vinita and Miami, Oklahoma.

On 2-23-34 in the morning, at the suggestion of Agent Hollis I worked in Tulsa, endeavoring to locate a woman informant who might have information concerning the Barker-Karpis Gang through a former Chief of Detectives at Tulsa, who is now a Special Investigator for the County Attorney. In the afternoon of that day Special Agents Hollis, Birch, and myself accompanied Captain George Stewart and several other Tulsa City Detectives and the Sheriff and Chief of Police of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, to raid a place six miles west of Mannford, Oklahoma. Captain Stewart had informed one of the Agents, I believe Agent Hollis, that he had information that Harry Campbell was hidden at this place.

I never contacted Captain Stewart specifically with reference to this matter, although the connection and location of the Barker-Karpis Gang was generally discussed when I was in his presence. I never made any statements to Captain Stewart direct or indirect concerning the identification of the Barker-Karpis Gang with the Bremer Kidnaping case, and I never heard any other Agent make any such statement. I do not recall having heard Captain Stewart, or any other Tulsa police officers, make any statements indicating that they knew there was a connection between the Barker-Karpis Gang and the Bremer Kidnaping case. The possible whereabouts of these parties was discussed with Captain Stewart and other City Detectives in a general way. Special Agents Birch and Hollis covered all leads contained in the report for Tulsa. Special Agent Birch stated in conversation with me that he obtained good information of leads from the police officers at Tulsa, and a reporter or employee of the Tulsa World Newspaper concerning the connections of Harry Campbell at Tulsa and vicinity. Agent Birch stated that the reporter of the Tulsa World did not know his, Birch's, identity. I have never heard any agents make any statements in this connection to Captain Stewart.

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M. Sorola,  
Special Agent.

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733 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



April 6, 1934

Inspector J. A. Rorer  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 818  
St. Paul, Minnesota

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

Dear Sir

Reference is made to your letter of March 23, 1934, in the above entitled case.

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, has advised me that the serial number set forth for Plymouth Sedan (175702) and the chassis number set forth for Graham-Paige Sedan (10181930) do not fit in with any series of numbers ever given these vehicles.

I contacted Mr. Joseph Davis, Automobile Underwriters Detective Bureau representative in Philadelphia, who also checked on these numbers and advised me that no such numbers were ever given either a Plymouth or a Graham-Paige.

In view of this fact, it is suggested that you trace both these cars from the factory for the purpose of ascertaining the correct numbers. Although it is realized that there is a possibility that the purchasers of these cars changed the numbers, it is believed that a trace should be made of the cars from the factory for the purpose of ascertaining whether these numbers are changed or whether there has been a mistake in the numbers set forth in your letter.

Very truly yours

A. Schroeder, <sup>7-576</sup> DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT MADE AT <b>KANSAS CITY, MO.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-5-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/23-26-27-28-29-31/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. C. SURAN</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219, et al Edward George Bremer - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Goggles shipped to Standard Chemical Company, Des Moines, Iowa, on 10-2-31, sold to C. L. Dixon Company, Ames, Iowa, for use of student in Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. Goggles shipped to Iowa Machinery and Supply Company sold to Barnes McDonald, Iowa State Highway Commission, Jefferson, Iowa. List of retail stores to whom Yarnus caps sold by Midwest Hat Company, Des Moines, Iowa, obtained. Persons to whom Bell's Hess, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, made sales with similar names of firms, who handle similar brands of clothing furnished victim, obtained. Description of contents of shipments made to above parties unobtainable at Kansas City, Missouri. Check made at the Motor Vehicle Departments, Des Moines, Iowa, and Topeka, Kansas. None of the known cars of Subjects found to be registered. Stop orders placed. Automobile registrations at Omaha, Nebraska, disclose cars registered under names of R. E. Davis, Eldon L. Murray, E. L. Murray, Robert Hamilton, George Dunn and George J. Haller, all to be investigated. Barker family at Chanute, Kansas, apparently different family from Subject Barker.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, 3-9-34; report of Special Agent T. E. Billings, Chicago, 3-13-34; and letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, 3-23-34.</p>			
DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. C. Suran</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1516	RECORDED AND INDEXED: APR 7 1934
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3-Division 3-St. Paul 2-Oklahoma City 2-Kansas City		2-Chicago 2-St. Louis	CHECKED OFF: APR - 7 1934 A.M. APR 9 1934
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The following investigation was made by Special Agent O. C. Dewey:

Agent interviewed E. K. Stoddard, Manager, Iowa Machinery and Supply Company, 315 Court Street, Des Moines, Iowa, and invoice covering shipment of one pair of #524 M & L Goggles from the Chicago Eye Shield Company was located. This invoice is #19288 and dated 4-19-32, and shows thereon that these goggles were shipped upon receipt to the Iowa State Highway Commission, c/o Barnes McDonald, Jefferson, Iowa. Mr. Stoddard stated that he is well acquainted with Mr. McDonald, who is still located at Jefferson, Iowa, and that these goggles were undoubtedly for one of his employees. Mr. McDonald will be interviewed at Jefferson, Iowa.

Agent interviewed F. S. Perry, Secretary, Standard Chemical Company, 1017 High Street, Des Moines, Iowa, and ascertained that a pair of the goggles in question was ordered from the Chicago Eye Shield Company on 9-29-31 and was received on 10-2-31 with invoice #15126. As the Standard Chemical Company is one of the largest pharmaceutical houses in the middle west, it was necessary to check through several thousand sales slips covering cash sales, city sales and out-of-town sales before it was ascertained that the one pair of goggles in question was sent to the C. L. Dixon Drug Company, Ames, Iowa, on 10-6-31. This concern was billed \$3.00 for the goggles and the invoice is dated 10-6-31. Investigation will be made at this store to ascertain what disposition was made of these goggles.

Agent interviewed Sam Maness, owner of the Midwest Hat and Cap Company, 305 2nd Street, Des Moines, Iowa, and ascertained that in October, 1933, he received a large order of Yarmus Caps. Mr. Maness explained that the particular cap in question was first made by the Kromo Cap Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; that this concern enjoyed a very good business and consequently this cap was copied by numerous concerns and at the present time there are several suits pending in various courts as this cap had been patented, consequently the cap is known in the trade as the "Kromo Cap", the "Railroad Cap", and the "Blizzard Cap". Mr. Maness further explained that he ordered similar caps from other concerns and in invoicing the retail stores he did not specify the particular maker of the cap, only listing it as a "Kromo", "Railroad" or "Blizzard". He was unable to tell to just whom the Yarmus caps were sent. Agent, therefore, took a list of all the concerns which received an order of caps identical with the one given to Edward Bremer by the kidnapers and which is generally referred to as a "Railroad Cap". These concerns are as follows:



St. Paul territory in the State of Iowa:

<u>Date of Shipment</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
10-25-33	Goza Clothing Company	Tama, Iowa
11-10-33	The Leader Clothing Store	Ft. Dodge, Iowa
11-10-33	Flindt and Miller	Sheldon, Iowa
11-13-33	Ben Bear Company	Decorah, Iowa
11-15-33	Flindt and Miller	Sibley, Iowa
11-15-33	Henry Jacobson	Stanhope (Hamilton County) Iowa
11-15-33	B & B Store	Waukon, Iowa
11-18-33	Jake & Bill	Waterloo, Iowa
11-21-33	St. Clair's	Lemars, Iowa
11-28-33	St. Clair and Kovaleske	Cherokee, Iowa
12-18-33	Larson Clothing	Ft. Dodge, Iowa
12-22-33	M. W. Conley	Newell (Buena Vista) Iowa
12-26-33	B & B Company	Charles City, Iowa
12-27-33	Leuthold-Hinkley Company	Eagle Grove, Iowa
12-28-33	Cameron & Parr	Vinton, Iowa
12-29-33	The Leader Clothing	Belle Plaine, Iowa
12-29-33	William Lerner	Mason City, Iowa
1-4-34	Lane Clothing	Humbolt, Iowa
1-11-34	Nutter's	Sac City, Iowa
1-15-34	Leuthold-Reich Company	New Hampton, Iowa
11-4-33	Leuthold Bros.	Kasson, Minnesota
11-27-33	Leuthold & Evens	Albert Lea, Minn.
1-5-34	Leuthold Majors Company	Spring Valley, Minn.
11-8-33	Koplow Bros.	Sioux Falls, S.D.

Kansas City territory in the State of Iowa:

11-9-33	R & W Clothing	Perry, Iowa
11-16-33	Yunker Bros.	Des Moines, Iowa
11-28-33	S. Oppenheimer & Sons	Chariton, Iowa
12-8-33	Albert Johnson	Atlantic, Iowa
12-26-33	Winnick's	Des Moines, Iowa
12-27-33	G & L Clothing	Des Moines, Iowa
12-27-33	H. F. Sanquist	Madrid, Iowa

<u>Date of Shipment</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
12-27-33	Harvey Bros.	Logan, Iowa
12-27-33	Garfield Clothing	Des Moines, Iowa
12-29-33	Levine & Klein	Des Moines, Iowa
12-30-33	Ben Rosenberg	Des Moines, Iowa
1-2-34	Morris Farber	Des Moines, Iowa
1-2-34	Jess R. Perry	Woodward, Iowa
1-8-34	Williams Clothing	Albia, Iowa
1-26-34	Shapiro Bros.	Davenport, Iowa
1-29-34	Ralph Collings	Indianola, Iowa
10-20-33	Kingheim & Ringheim	Nevada, Iowa
11-10-33	Schmitt Bros.	West Point, Nebraska
11-27-33	National Clothing	Wayne, Nebraska
12-11-33	Mayper's	Omaha, Nebraska
1-6-34	Philip Thierolf	Plattsmouth, Nebraska
1-11-34	Victor Shapiro	Lincoln, Nebraska
2-7-34	Brown Ekberg Company	Madison, Nebraska

The above list covers the period from 10-1-33 to 2-15-34. It might be stated that in searching for the particular type of cap in question, if a supply of them is located, the first thing to ascertain is whether they contain a union label, if not they are not made by the Yarmus Cap Company of New York.

Agent interviewed C. L. Dixon, proprietor of the Dixon Drug Store, Ames, Iowa, and showed to him the Cesco goggles which he ordered from the Standard Chemical Company, Des Moines, Iowa, on 9-29-31, and questioned him as to what disposition was made of same. Mr. Dixon stated that they had been ordered by some student at the Iowa State College, but he had no recollection as to who this student might be, nor did he have any record at the present time as to the identity of this student, what course he was pursuing or any identifying information whatsoever. Effort was made to secure some kind of a description, as Mr. Dixon at first thought the student had been in and ordered them, but later changed this and said he believed the student had ordered them over the telephone. The only helpful information that Mr. Dixon could supply was that he believed he had ordered a similar pair of goggles the previous year for a student named Buck and this other student in ordering his goggles stated that he wanted the same kind as Buck had secured and gave the name and make of the kind that he wanted.

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At the Registrar's office, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, Agent ascertained that there were two students in school during the fall of 1931 by the name of Buck, one of these was Donald Garton Buck, of 1821 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, a freshman in the mechanical engineering school, and the other Clarence R. Buck, who at the time gave his address as care Mrs. E. A. Renshaw, Route #3, Storm Lake, Iowa, who was a graduate student in chemistry during 1931-32.

Agent interviewed Professor W. H. Meeker in charge of the Mechanical Engineering School, who advised that his students receive a one hour, twelve weeks course in welding; that they have a regular forge where the students work, but due to the fact that it is a freshman course and a rather minor course, the school furnished goggles and shields for the boys to use. However, to make certain of this a visit was made to the forge shops and Mr. Reinholtz, superintendent, was questioned and shown the goggles in question, but he was unable to recall any student ever having such a pair,

From Mr. Meeker it was learned that during the fall of 1931 he had some 110 students taking the Mechanical Engineering course and it would be necessary to make up a list of such students and to then search the record of each one at the Registrar's office to see if he had taken welding during that semester. As there was no information at hand that it was possibly a student from the Mechanical Engineering School, a search of these records was not deemed necessary.

A photograph of Clarence R. Buck was secured at the college and this was shown to Mr. Dixon at his drug store and he identified it as being the Buck he referred to, who he is sure purchased an identical pair of goggles in 1930. He further advised that these goggles retailed at \$4.25 and it was not believed that any student would be purchasing such an expensive pair unless he had possible use for same after he left school. It could therefore be assumed that they were purchased by some post-graduate who would have use for them after he completed his work at school.

At the office of Professor Coover, in charge of the Chemistry Department, Iowa State College, it was learned that there were two places where goggles would be worn, i.e. in the repair department where they maintain an acetylene torch for welding purposes and at the high temperature furnaces. Inquiry in the repair department of Mr. Cox revealed that he has a pair of goggles handy for any student who wishes to use the acetylene torch and he recall no student ever having a pair of goggles like the ones in question. Inquiries of Mr. Jeffery, who has charge of the work in which the high temperature furnaces are used, revealed that he recalled that Clarence Buck did have a good pair of goggles of his own, that there were a few other students who had

goggles, but just what kind he did not recall, nor could he recall their names.

The last address the college had for Clarence R. Buck was care of the Army and Navy Hospital, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Professor Coover stated that he recalled Buck being an extremely nervous boy in school. Photographs of Subjects were shown to Mr. Dixon at the drug store, but he was unable to identify them as ever having been in his store. It might be stated here that during the time that Agent was questioning Mr. Dixon, it was noticed that he was extremely nervous, therefore, inquiry was made of Chief of Police W. J. Cure, Ames, Iowa, a very reliable officer, concerning Dixon and Chief Cure advised that Mr. Dixon had just recovered from a long illness, he believed it was a nervous breakdown, so that his condition was possibly caused from that. Pictures of Subjects were shown to Chief Cure, but he was unable to identify any of the Subjects as having been seen in his town.

Barnes McDonald of the Iowa State Highway Commission, Jefferson, Iowa, who ordered the pair of goggles through the Iowa Machinery and Supply Company, Des Moines, Iowa, advised that he ordered the goggles in question for C. B. Evers, foreman of his shop, who has occasion to use them in connection with repair work on road graders and other machine work. Mr. Evers was interviewed and produced the goggles which Mr. McDonald had ordered for him. They are identical with the pair in question, except they are the ventilated type or chippers model, with the four large holes containing a screen mesh covering.

At the store of Ringheim and Ringheim, Nevada, Iowa, Agent interviewed A. M. Ringheim, Wright Ringheim and D. I. Allen concerning the shipment of railroad caps received from the Midwest Hat and Cap Company. They acknowledged that such a shipment had been received and a search of the remaining hats revealed one identical hat made by the Yarmus Bros. still in stock. Photographs of Subjects were exhibited and while Wright Ringheim picked out the pictures of Harry Campbell and Volney Davis and stated that they looked very familiar, he was unable to give any definite information that either one of these men had been in the store and purchased the cap in question. He stated that his eye picture of the man he had in question was a man in overalls and other rough farm clothes.

Photographs of Subjects were shown to Sheriff John Hattery at Nevada, Iowa, but he advised that he does not recall ever seeing any of these men around town.

At Madrid, Iowa, Agent interviewed H. F. Sanquist and a check of his railroad caps revealed that he still had six identical Yarmus Bros. caps in stock. He was shown photographs of Subjects but was unable to identify

any of them as ever having been in his store.

At Woodward, Iowa, Agent interviewed Jess R. Perry and a check of his stock of caps revealed two identical Yarmus Bros. caps. He was shown photographs of Subjects, but was unable to identify any of them.

At Perry, Iowa, Agent interviewed Clarence Wiltse of the R & W Clothing Store and a search of his caps failed to reveal any Yarmus Bros. caps in stock. Mr. Wiltse stated that as he recalled he only received a "twisted" material cap in the order from the Midwest Hat and Cap Company. He was shown photographs of Subjects but was unable to identify any of them.

Under date of 3-25-34 Inspector W. A. Rorer requested this office, by letter, to conduct further investigation at the National Bellas Hess, Inc., at Kansas City, Missouri, and submit to this firm the names of the firms shown to be retailers of shirts and underwear involved in this matter, in order that they could be checked against the names appearing on the sales record of the National Bellas Hess, Inc., and if any of the names of the dealers were found as receiving shipment from the National Bellas Hess, Inc., leads should be set out for appropriate investigation at the respective places.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent R. H.

Simons:

Inquiry at National Bellas Hess, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, revealed that the above company does a strictly mail order business and deals strictly with individuals and will not deal with stores knowingly and that they have no salesmen in the field. The only manner in which a store could secure any of their merchandise would be for some individual therein to purchase the goods under his own name and then an extraordinarily large purchase would arouse suspicion. It is, therefore, very unlikely that any of the dealers mentioned in the letter of W. A. Smith, Acting Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, 2-17-34, and the report of Special Agent W. C. Jamison, Chicago, 2-22-34, could have purchased the socks in question and have carried them in stock in his store.

The records of the company were checked and the shipment of socks from the Rockford Mitten and Hosiery Mills, Rockford, Illinois, was

verified. The style of these socks was shown as 213-8 and 45 dozen received at National Bellas Hess, Inc., on 12-3-32.

The lists in the above mentioned reports were checked against the customers sales records at the National Bellas Hess, Inc., and the following possible tie-ups were noted:

Department 179, J. F. Thompson in charge:

<u>Dealers named in report of Special Agent Jamison, Chicago, dated 2-22-34.</u>	<u>Purchase by individuals with similar name from National Bellas Hess.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount Purchased</u>
Seim Bros., Wausau, Wis.	Henry J. Seim, 315 Forest Street, Wausau, Wis.	3-16-33	\$2.15
Roberts Bros. Springfield, Ill.	Bion J. Roberts 1008 North Eighth Springfield, Illinois	1-7-33	\$1.00
 <u>Dealers named in letter of Acting Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith to Division, dated 2-17-34.</u>			
Fuller and Taylor Clothing Company Bedford, Iowa	Mrs. W. F. Taylor	7-13-33	\$2.00
	Bedford, Iowa	8-11-33	\$2.00
		12-11-33	\$3.73
	Mrs. Ella R. Taylor	12-7-32	\$2.32
	501 Orchard Street Bedford, Iowa		
Vissar & Bareman Holland, Michigan	Leonard E. Bareman Route #4 Holland, Michigan	1-12-33	\$1.52

Dealers named in letter of  
Acting Special Agent in  
Charge W. A. Smith to  
Division, dated 2-17-34.

	Purchase by individuals with similar name from National Bellas Hess.	Date	Amount Purchased
Johnston and Jones, Prop. Lime Springs, Iowa	Miss Anna E. Jones Route 3, Box 14 Lime Springs, Iowa	1-12-33	\$5.27
		4-19-33	\$2.79
		11-1-33	\$6.30
		1-17-34	.10
	Mrs. Ed W. Jones Route 1 Lime Springs, Iowa	6-21-33	\$4.45
		7-5-33	\$2.24
		8-8-33	\$1.86
		11-29-33	\$5.52
		3-10-34	.50
Crone Bros. and Company New Ulm, Minnesota	Mrs. Meta Crone 500 South Washington St. New Ulm, Minnesota	10-2-33	\$1.10
B. A. Lucking Perham, Minnesota	Mrs. Elise J. Lucking Box 650 Perham, Minnesota	1-27-33	\$3.00
	Mrs. Ambrose Lucking Box 360 Perham, Minnesota	6-5-33	\$2.64
Hansen Bros. Sauk Center, Minnesota	Mrs. Wm. E. Hansen 114 18th Street N. Sauk Center, Minnesota	6-30-33	.57
		10-21-33	\$2.17
		1-27-34	\$1.05
A. S. Christianson & Co. Thompson, Iowa	Ingvald C. Christianson Route 1 Thompson, Iowa	3-24-33	\$4.34
		12-26-33	\$2.00
Bevers & Schmalz Menasha, Wisconsin	Erwin Schmalz 535 First Street Menasha, Wisconsin	5-11-33	\$2.88

It will be noted that it is impossible to ascertain from the sales records of the company what the purchases were as the only data retained is that of the date and amount of purchase. Consequently, it is impossible to determine that these purchases were of socks.



The following investigation was made by Special Agent O. C.

Dewey:

Upon receipt of the letter, dated 3-23-34, from Inspector W. A. Rorer, referring to the automobiles owned by Subjects, interview was had with O. C. Gaumer, Motor Vehicle Department, State House, Des Moines, Iowa, and a search made of all his records for the cars described in letter from Inspector Rorer, dated St. Paul, 3-23-34.

Mr. Gaumer advised that his department does not have an alphabetical list of the owners of cars; that on the matter of names a check would have to be made at each individual county.

A stop order was placed on each of the above cars and the Kansas City office will be advised should an attempt be made to register one of the above cars in the State of Iowa.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent R. C.

Suran:

Frank J. Kambach, Chief Clerk, Office of Motor Vehicle Commissioner, State House, Topeka, Kansas, caused a search to be made of the 1933 files of automobile registrations in the State of Kansas and no record was found of the cars described in Inspector Rorer's letter above mentioned.

Mr. Kambach stated the files of the registrations were not up to date, with the exception of the Fords for 1934, but a stop would be placed in the files and the Kansas City office telephoned at once should any of the cars be registered.

Mr. Kambach further advised that the filing of the registrations by name has just been begun for the 105 counties in the state. He stated that he considered it impracticable to place stop cards in each of the 105 county files but that he furnish the names of the Subjects with aliases to the employees engaged in filing with instructions to familiarize the names and report should a similar name appear. He stated if any information was obtained he would notify the Kansas City office by telephone at once.

The State Auto Theft Bureau, connected with the Vehicle Commissioner's office, have access to the above described engine number and name files and will notify the Kansas City office should any information be obtained as to the whereabouts of any of the cars in question.

Upon receipt of Inspector Rorer's wire, dated 3-28-34, indicating the correct motor number of the Ford V-8, mentioned in the first paragraph of page two of his letter, dated 3-23-34, was 18-493080 instead of 1849308, an appropriate letter was sent the Motor Vehicle Commissioners at Des Moines.

Iowa; Topeka, Kansas; Lincoln, Nebraska, and Jefferson City, Missouri. Investigation is going forward to check the cars at Jefferson City, Missouri, and Lincoln, Nebraska.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent J. R. Green:

Agent furnished list of automobiles and names of Subjects with aliases to Mrs. M. G. Tracey, in charge of the State Automobile Registration Bureau, Lincoln, Nebraska. Mrs. Tracey informed that only registrations for 1933 were available as 1934 registrations had not yet been received, but when and as received she would cause examination of same for automobiles and names as listed in reference letter and would advise the Kansas City Division office immediately upon discovery of same. Agent furnished her with a supply of addressed envelopes for this purpose.

Mrs. Tracey caused an examination to be made of all 1933 automobile registrations in Nebraska, after which she advised that there were no registrations of any of the automobiles listed. However, she did find registrations under some of the aliases of the two Barkers and Alvin Karpis as follows:

R. E. Davis, 1622 Military Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska,  
2-25-33, 1933 certificate #1-12858; renewal registration  
(license plate) #1-14102, for 1929 Oldsmobile Sedan,  
motor #F 104757, blue body, 6 cylinder car.

R. E. Davis, 3419 Lafayette Street, Omaha, Nebraska,  
4-28-33, for 1933 certificate #1-41849, new registration  
#1-45416, for 1929 Dodge Sedan, motor #63436, tan body,  
6 cylinder car.

Eldon L. Murray, 2602 South 13th Street, Omaha, Nebraska,  
5-26-33, 1933 certificate #1-44342, registration  
#1-41931, for 1930 Oldsmobile Sedan, motor #F 234123,  
wood wheels, 6 cylinder, black body.

E. L. Murray, 1840 North 17th Street, Omaha, Nebraska,  
8-25-33, for 1933 certificate #1-47698, new registration  
#1-28996, for 1925 Ford Sedan, motor #11303396, wire  
wheels, black body.

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E. L. Murray, 5708 North 30th, Omaha, Nebraska, 5-10-33, 1933 certificate #1-X 7964, registration #1-17961, for 1926 Chevrolet Coach, motor #2415589, wood wheels, green body, 4 cylinders. Same name and address previous registration 4-3-33, 1933 certificate #1-30964, renewal registration #1-17961, for 1926 Chevrolet Coach, motor #2261815, wood wheels, green body, 4 cylinders.

Robert Hamilton, 3450 North 39th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, 1933 certificate #1-52533, registration #1-24734, for 1927 Overland Coach, motor #93A 100,361, wood wheels, black body, 6 cylinders.

Robert Hamilton, 8240 Lake Street, Omaha, Nebraska, 5-12-33, 1933 certificate #1-X 8153, registration #1-62666, for 1926 Nash Coach, motor #229502, disc wheels, green body, 6 cylinders.

George Dunn, 524 South 16th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, 3-23-33, for 1933 certificate #1-22019, renewal registration #1-34791, for 1924 Oldsmobile Sedan, motor #A 4162, wood wheels, maroon body.

Geo. J. Haller, 415 Lincoln Blvd., Omaha, Nebraska, for 1933 certificate #1-10467, renewal registration #1-40623, for 1929 Ford Coach, motor #2608123, 4 cylinders, black body.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent H. D. Bray:

On 3-31-34 Agent interviewed Chief of Police Lindquist, Chanute, Kansas, who advised Agent to contact Clarence Yockey, former Sheriff, at Erie, who was an exceptionally good officer, stating that the present Sheriff could not be depended upon to keep information confidential. Mr. Yockey stated that Leon Barker was unknown to him, and interview was then had with Postmaster Nin Oliver, who advised that Leon and Fred Barker had been residing on a farm about eight miles from town, on route #2, for about a year, but that he knew nothing of them. ~~They were never on their mail for a period of thirty days.~~

Mr. Yockey accompanied Agent and interview was had with Guy Rush, who resides on a farm adjoining that of the Barkers and whom Mr. Yockey advised is a reliable source of information. Mr. Rush advised that Leon and Fred Barker came to Erie in March, 1933, and have been on the farm since that time.

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He advised that Leon is married, but that Fred is single. Mr. Rush stated that they were very good neighbors and voluntarily stated that when the photograph of Fred Barker came out in the papers some weeks ago he and the Barkers discussed the similarity of the names. Mr. Rush advised that Fred Barker bears no resemblance to the Fred Barker wanted; that his neighbor is very short, about 5 feet 2 inches and is exceptionally stocky of build, being almost heavy of build; that he has red hair and a full face, has no face scars and an entirely different expression from the Fred Barker, who is a subject of this case. He advised that his neighbor is 23 years old. He advised that Leon Barker is 27 years old and is the youngest of the family. Mr. Rush employs a younger brother, Carl, on his farm, Carl being 15 years old. He stated there is another brother, age 13, named Paul, with the family in Bartlesville. Rush stated that the father of the boys, A. T. Barker, comes to see them frequently; that the father rents the farm and is aiding them financially; that he has seen the father, who is also red haired, about 48 years old and small of build. It will be noted that the father of the Subject Fred Barker is white haired. Mr. Rush stated that A. T. Barker, the father, is a switchman for either the Katy or Santa Fe Railroads at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and that the two sons came to Erie from Bartlesville.

Mr. Rush advised that Leon and Fred are very congenial and are actually operating the farm, doing all of the work themselves; that they have considerable livestock and therefore both of them never leave the farm at the same time; that occasionally one of them will leave to visit at Bartlesville, but the other remains to care for the livestock. They have only one car, a model T Ford with pick up bed on the rear. The father drives a 1930 model Oldsmobile when he visits them. Rush stated that Leon and Fred never have visitors except the father and mother, and that he never sees strange cars coming there. He is a close neighbor and has an unobstructed view of their house. He advised that Leon's wife is named Estella, that she was a widow, her former husband being named Johnson, and that her mother has visited them a time or two. He has gained all of his information through talking with the boys, who he advised are free to talk of all of their affairs. Mr. Rush was requested to keep the interview confidential.

Apparently this is another family of Barkers, however, the mail ~~will be maintained~~ and it is suggested that the Oklahoma City office make appropriate investigation at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, to determine whether there is an A. T. Barker employed as a switchman there.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent H. E. Hollis, Oklahoma City, dated 3-7-34, noting that while in the Oklahoma Penitentiary Volney Davis corresponded with George McGee, Coffeyville, Kansas. Agent was advised by Deputy Sheriff George Tobler and Chief of Police Lang,

Coffeyville, Kansas, that George McGee was a small time gambler who was drowned in a river near Coffeyville nearly two years ago; that McGee has no relatives, in Coffeyville, and that he was single, so far as they knew.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

ST. PAUL OFFICE will refer to the report of Special Agent C. E. Weeks, New York City, 3-15-34, for detailed information concerning the cap worn by Edward George Bremer, given to him by his kidnapers, and will conduct appropriate investigations at the stores listed in the body of this report on page 3.

Will further conduct investigation at Wausau, Wisconsin, to ascertain if Henry J. Seim, who received an order from the National Bellas Hess, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, on 3-16-33, has any connection with Seim Bros. located at that place, after which it should be ascertained if Mr. Seim can identify any of the Subjects in this case as purchasing the socks involved in this matter from him.

The same information should be sought from Miss Anna E. Jones, Route 3, Box 14, Lime Springs, Iowa, who might possibly be connected with Johnston and Jones, Prop., Lime Springs, Iowa.

At New Ulm, Minnesota, Mrs. Meta Crone, 500 South Washington Street, should be interviewed likewise as she may possibly be connected with Crone Bros. and Company, New Ulm, Minnesota.

At Perham, Minnesota, Mrs. Blase J. Lucking, Box 650, should be interviewed as it is possible she is connected with B. A. Lucking, Perham, Minnesota.

Mrs. William E. Hansen, 114 18th Street N., Sauk Center, Minnesota, should also be interviewed as it is possible that she is connected with Hansen Bros., Sauk Center, Minnesota.

At Thompson, Iowa, will interview Ingvald C. Christianson, Route 1, who might possibly be connected with A. S. Christianson and Company, Thompson, Iowa.

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CHICAGO OFFICE at Holland, Michigan, will interview Leonard E. Baraman, Route #4, who on 1-12-33 received a shipment of merchandise from the National Bellas Hess, Inc., of Kansas City, Missouri, the description of the contents being unknown and it is possible that it may have been socks of a similar brand as those involved in this case which were furnished to victim by the kidnapers. It is possible that Mr. Baraman is connected with Vissar & Baraman, Holland, Michigan. In this connection refer to copy of the letter addressed to the Division by Acting Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith, Chicago, 2-17-34.

At Menasha, Wisconsin, will also interview Erwin Schmalz, 535 First Street, who might possibly be connected with Bevers and Schmalz of Menasha, Wisconsin. Mr. Schmalz received a shipment of merchandise from the National Bellas Hess, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, on 5-11-33.

If it is found that the above named parties are connected with the respective firms referred to, the photographs of the Subjects of this case should be displayed to them to ascertain if any Subject purchased any article of clothing involved in this case from the respective stores.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE at Springfield, Illinois, will interview Bion J. Roberts, 1008 North Eighth, who on 7-7-33 received a shipment of merchandise from the National Bellas Hess, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, and it is possible that he may be connected with Roberts Bros., Springfield, Illinois. In the event this is true the photographs of Subjects should be exhibited to him in an effort to identify the Subjects in this case as securing any article of clothing from him. In this connection refer to the report of Special Agent W. C. Jamison, Chicago, 2-22-34.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE will refer to the body of this report and conduct the appropriate investigation at the stores listed herein on pages 3 and 4 in Iowa and Nebraska in an effort to ascertain the identity of the purchaser of the cap involved in this case. It is noted that investigation has already been conducted at Nevada, Madrid, Perry and Woodward, Iowa.

At Bedford, Iowa, will interview Mrs. W. F. Taylor, who might possibly be connected with Fuller and Taylor Clothing Company. Mrs. Taylor on 7-13-33 received a shipment of merchandise from the National Bellas Hess, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri. Description of the contents of this shipment is not known. It is possible that it might be hosiery of the same description as involved in this case. If in fact Mrs. Taylor is connected with the Fuller and Taylor Clothing Company, refer to the copy of the letter addressed to the Division by Acting Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith, Chicago, 2-17-34.

At Omaha, Nebraska, will ascertain if the owners of any of the automobiles listed on pages 11 and 12 of this report are Subjects of this investigation.

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Hot Springs, Arkansas, will interview Clarence R. Buck, now located in the Army and Navy Hospital, and ascertain the name of his friend at the Iowa State College in 1931 who ordered a pair of goggles through the Dixon Drug Store at Ames, Iowa.

For the information of the Oklahoma City office the goggles in question are identical to the pair the kidnapers had Edward George Bremer wear at the time of his release on 2-8-34. These goggles are manufactured by the Chicago Eye Shield Company, Chicago, Illinois, and are known as 524 M & L goggles. They are known as the unventilated type of welders goggles. They are equipped with unbreakable "Essentialite" lenses. They were only on the market from 9-1-31 to 8-10-32 when a new type or mold for the eye cup was substituted, therefore, it is desired to trace out and locate every pair of goggles identical with the instant pair.

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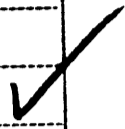


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Hon. Attorney General.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir, I beg to advise. The house I supposed Mr. Bremer was confined in I have proved to be a mistake. Yet it had been occupied by some of the gang. I wrote the Department St. Paul to have Bremer give me as minute a description of the Party that took him in the car as he was able to do. also to go to Montgomery Wards & Co St. Paul get one of their Eal paper sample books. Select sheet resembling the paper he said he could identify and to mail me the sheet. I had a letter from the St. Paul Investigator to the effect that under no circumstances could he give me any information. however, he would be glad to receive any information I might have. What has he accomplished. Simply nothing. Only to take in to custody a man that looks or favors Dollinger. Poor Dollinger he is just like the James Boys was. Every crime committed in the U. S. Mexico or Canada. It was the James Boys. Now it is Dollinger. While there is no doubt but he kneads killing, he had no hand in Sioux Falls - Mason City or the Bremer case. That is simply bunk. There is a most thorough criminal organization in Minn. and Iowa. They are operating a string of rendezvous. The same as John Brown. Under ground rail way. I wish to say there is not a highway South of Minneapolis or North of Des Moines that I have not walked over in trying to locate criminals. As soon as I saw what Mr. Bremer said he could hear a chime clock I know the clock he heard and it is two hundred miles from Sioux City. It will be but a matter of a little time for me to locate his Prison. The Sioux Falls and Mason City bunch used the same cellar. If you wish to come down to Spirit Lake. (That is your Deputy) I will take pleasure in taking him over the most interesting trail. I will show him where the brains of the whole organization resides. the man who plans all these bank rodes I will show him more in two days than the department of Justice could ascertain in two years. I have worked over this territory. Off on an since the McKinley-Bryan Campaign, I come up to Faribault from Springfield Mo and located a couple of stickups that had been operating near West Plains Mo. If your asistent cant come send me Department Investigator I absolutely refuse to have a thing to do with them I have had experience with them. The Chicago Office had worked for four years trying to locate the Lealtersant Boys with no success I located them and was double crossed out of the reward by the Chicago Office, and I can prove what I say. I have a big surprise awaiting your pleasure.

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Mr. C. J. B. Wilson,  
Box 135,  
Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 24, 1934, by reference from the Attorney General, wherein you make reference to the Bremer kidnaping case and state that you may possibly be of assistance in the investigation of that case. It is further noted in your letter that you state the Chicago Office had worked for four years trying to locate the DeLutremont boys with no success, and that you located them and were double-crossed out of the reward.

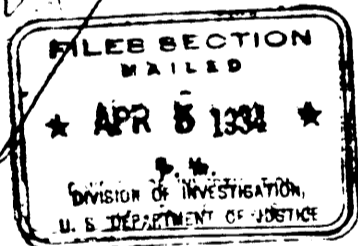
This Division, which is conducting the investigation of the Bremer kidnaping case, will appreciate any information concerning the case which you may desire to furnish to Inspector E. A. Rorer, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Post Office Box 515, St. Paul, Minnesota, who is supervising the investigation.

With reference to that portion of your letter concerning the DeLutremont brothers, kindly be advised that this investigation was one over which the Post Office Department had primary investigative jurisdiction. Accordingly, it is suggested that you communicate to that department any information in your possession concerning this matter.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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March 30, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

During telephonic conversation with Mr. Nathan at Kansas City this evening, I expressed my extreme displeasure at the manner in which the Karpis-Barker-Bremer investigation was recently handled by the Oklahoma City Office, and instructed Mr. Nathan to give this situation his most careful attention in an effort to ascertain the details concerning the "leak." I told him to impress upon Mr. Brantley the undesirability of allowing policemen and newspaper reporters to accompany Agents on an investigation.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
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Personal and Confidential

Dear Sir:                    Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al.  
                                     Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
                                     (Kidnaping.)

Supplementing my letter of even date, I desire to point out to the Division the wording of the memorandum of Special Agent Hollis dated at Oklahoma City, March 28, 1934 in connection with the above matter.

In the second and third paragraphs on page two, and in the last paragraph on page four, Hollis refers to "cans and flashlights," or "gasoline cans and flashlights." It is my understanding that this is the wording of the newspaper article which formed the basis of the publicity in this matter. It would appear to me suggestive, or a peculiar coincidence, that the incorrect statement that appeared in the newspaper publicity should be the wording of Special Agent Hollis. This was called to his attention and Agent Hollis stated that his information relative to the situation was received from Mr. Brantley. However, the point at issue is not the identity of the source, or the correctness or otherwise of the information, but the similarity of the incorrect phrasing used by Agent Hollis and as appearing in the newspaper articles.

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Salt Lake City, Utah</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-3-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3-22-29-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>B.E. SACKETT</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Decoy letter addressed to E.L. Burnes at the Town House, Reno, Nevada produced no results. Established that the radio was shipped to J. E. Blackburn by railway express about Dec. 5, 1933, and the San Francisco Office requested to check records there for this and any other shipments made by any of subjects. San Francisco also requested arrange for examination of Telegraph Companies' records at Reno during the time subjects are known to have been there. Check of stores to ascertain place women purchased clothes, resulted in determining that Mrs. Geo. L. Martin bought a brown wool dress at Wonder Store, Reno; a hat and sleeping pajamas belonging to Mrs. Martin were located but efforts to trace have been unsuccessful. Mrs. Ruth Elliott, Reno, partially identified photo of subject Campbell as being that of Geo. L. Martin. Various hotels and apartment houses checked in an unsuccessful attempt to determine where Karpis stayed, when he was reported to have been in Reno about one month ago. ~~It is reported that~~ so that Salt Lake City Office will be immediately notified by phone, ~~and~~ received addressed to persons using subjects' ~~names~~. Gambling houses, saloons, and streets covered, without results tending to show that any of subjects or the Auburn Sedan or their other autos are presently in Reno. Cover being placed on all mail addressed to both Louis Marymont and William J. Graham, since they are reported to have known Karpis and possibly other subjects.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City Division Office dated 3/22/34.

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DETAILS:

AT RENO, NEVADA

A joint interview had on March 22, by Agent Gere and this Agent with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Smith, owner of the Elvada Apt., resulted in ascertaining the additional information that E.L. Burns, who the Smiths previously identified as subject Karpis, appears to be very friendly with Louis Marymont, one of the owners of the Town House gambling and saloon, where Karpis appeared to spend most of his time. Mr. Smith stated that he believed that Marymont even visited at the Karpis Apt. several times. Mr. Smith claims he does not know Marymont well enough to discreetly inquire about Burns' present whereabouts.

An examination of the premises known as the Dude Ranchers Town House, located at 39 West First Street, revealed that it is a small but expensive saloon and gambling house, frequented by divorcees and their friends for the most part. All the patrons appear to know each other and appear to be known to the employees of the place as well as Marymont. It was, therefore, deemed inadvisable to conduct general discreet inquiries there at this time, because any inquiries would reach Marymont.

Agent believed it advisable to try a decoy letter, and on March 23, telephonically requested the San Francisco office to prepare and mail such a letter, sending same by registered mail "Delivery to addressee only". The letter was directed to E.L. Burnes, care Town House, 39 W. 1st St. Arrangements were made with Carrier Percy, thru Superintendent of Mails Barber, whereby this agent would be present in the Town House at the time the letter was delivered. Mr. Percy called at the Town House on three occasions on March 24, and 26, but the employees claimed they never heard of Burnes. On the last occasion, Percy contacted Marymont, as had been the object, but Marymont claimed that he did not know Burnes.

In view of the fact that information had been obtained from Mrs. I.L. Rowan, that after the Martins left their apartment in the Miland several letters were received there for them, as well as other letters addressed to persons who never lived at Apt. 240-A, inquiry was conducted at the dead letter section of the post office. Mr. D.M. Mayberry, of that section advised letters which cannot be delivered, and which bear no return address are opened, and if from the contents, some address is available, the letters are sent to such addresses, otherwise the letters are immediately destroyed, unless valuable documents are enclosed, in which case they are retained for a longer period. Mr. Mayberry did not recall receiving in this manner, or destroying communications



directed to any of the subjects. He is the only employee in the Dead Letter Section. Agent examined the few letters he had on hand, but these proved to be without value.

Agent believed it desirable to examine if possible the telegrams on file in the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies, during the period the subjects were known to have been in Reno. Mr. W. West of the Western Union advised that authority would have to be obtained from the Supt. of the company at San Francisco. On March 27, 1934, Agent telephonically requested the San Francisco Office to make arrangements with both companies for an examination of the records at Reno.

Agent interviewed Mrs. Elva Pedersen, of the Belmont Apts., for the purpose of obtaining more specific information, if possible, relative to the shipment of the radio to J. E. Blackburn, as mentioned in report of reference. Mrs. Pedersen, after some questioning, recalled that she shipped the radio by Railway Express; that the charges were less than one dollar, and that it was directed to Mrs. J. E. Blackburn. Mrs. Pedersen recalled telephoning for the Railway Express, after having the radio, which was a portable one, made unknown to her, packed in a zipper canvas case (which was in the apartment with the radio), and placing the radio and case in a cardboard carton. Mrs. Pedersen also recalls instructing the Railway Express, to mail the addressee's receipt part of the way-bill, to Mrs. Blackburn, in care of General Delivery at the town directed in Mrs. Blackburn's letter. Mrs. Pedersen did not write to Mrs. Blackburn at any time, nor did she ever receive any communications whatever from the Blackburns, and does not know whether the radio was ever received by them. Mrs. Pedersen could not recall the name of the town to which the radio was sent, and neither could Mrs. Pedersen. However, both agreed that the shipment was made on or about Dec. 3, 1933, because the Blackburns left on Dec. 3, and it was only two or three days after they left.

R. J. Michelberger, General Agent, Railway Express, Reno, advised that all records of shipments out of Reno, are sent daily to the office of the District Accountant, Mr. H. J. Dericks, at the San Francisco Office of the Railway Express. Informant also advised that all records of shipments into Reno, with the exception of "On Hand" ones, are also located in San Francisco. Agent checked the "On Hand" ones, received at Reno during October, November, and December 1933, but no shipment to any of the subjects was located.

On March 26, Agent telephonically communicated this information to the San Francisco Division Office, requesting that the records of the Railway Express there be checked to ascertain the details of the shipment of the radio, and also to check all shipments in and out of Reno, during the time subjects were there, in an effort to obtain information of value.

Mrs. L. L. Rowan, proprietress of the Miland Apartments, 234 West Liberty Street, was interviewed by this Agent. The following information was obtained from her, in addition to the information set out in the report of reference:

Mrs. Rowan advised that a few days after November 6th (she fixes the date by reason of the fact that the Martin rent was due on Nov. 6th, and had not been paid) Mrs. Martin told her that Martin, Blackburn and Burnes were going on a hunting trip. Mrs. Rowan saw them leave in the Buick Sedan and remarked to Mrs. Martin that they were not dressed for hunting, being in street clothes, and did not have any guns, whereupon Mrs. Martin stated that they would pick up clothes and guns on the way. Mrs. Martin did not say where they were going to. According to Mrs. Rowan, the men left looking very shabby, and left the women without any money, so that in fact Mrs. Martin ran out of food and not having enough to buy some, had several meals with Mrs. Rowan. Informant stated that the three men returned to Reno sometime between Nov. 13th and 15th and all appeared to have plenty of money. That Mr. Martin gave her a \$100. bill for the rent which had become due Nov. 6th. In answer to a question, Mrs. Martin told informant that the men did not have any luck hunting and "didn't even get a thing". Mrs. Martin told the informant that the men frequently left town together on trips each lasting several days. She did not state where the trips were to, or the purpose or nature of them, however, she did say that Martin left her alone a great deal of the time.

Mrs. Rowan recalls that a short time (possibly a week) after the men returned from the trip, as above set forth, the three men again left, and on this occasion, Mrs. Martin told informant that they had taken Mrs. Burnes with them. Mrs. Martin was very angry at the men for leaving her and Mrs. Blackburn behind. Mrs. Rowan states that the men and Mrs. Burnes returned about three days later, and she never did learn from Mrs. Martin the purpose of the trip or where they had been.

When questioned as to the habits of the men, Mrs. Rowan stated that she did not know much about either Blackburn or Burnes, except that they frequently visited with the Martins but that Geo. L. Martin stayed in or around his apartment all day, did not wear sport clothes, nor did he have any golf sticks or show a great deal of interest in any of the sports. Mrs. Martin did tell informant that all the three couples went to the prize fights in Reno several times, and that very frequently they all would go to the public places in the evenings.

Mrs. Martin told informant that she did not care much for either the Blackburns or the Burnes, and has tried to get her husband to break away from the crowd. According to the informant, Mrs. Martin referred to Blackburn as FRED. Concerning her own past Mrs. Martin told informant that she came from Oklahoma, and had previously worked for a prominent man in either Oklahoma City, or Tulsa, Okla., as a maid. Mrs. Martin did not mention the man's name, his business, etc., but did say that she had to leave his employ because she contracted the seven year itch. Also that some time after this, she married, (name of man not stated nor time), Mrs. Rowan being under the impression that she said she was married at Oklahoma City but that the marriage was an unhappy one and they were divorced (time and place not mentioned). Mrs. Martin, according to Mrs. Rowan, never mentioned her maiden name, or the name of her first husband. She claimed she married Blackburn in Ohio. Mrs. Rowan obtained the impression from Mrs. Martin that her parents were dead, and that she has a sister residing someplace in Ohio or Illinois.

When questioned whether she noticed whether the Martins or the Blackburns purchased any particular newspapers, magazines or other periodicals, Mrs. Rowan recalled that Blackburn, during his residence at the Hiland, bought a horse racing sheet every day from someplace down town, but that she never noticed the others purchase any periodicals. This angle is being checked.

Mrs. Rowan also recalled that when Blackburn and Martin first called to rent an apartment on Oct. sixth, Martin looked very pale and had to sit down, holding one hand pressed to his abdomen. That within a week after he moved in, Martin was taken ill, and stayed in bed all the time; that Mrs. Martin told her that Burnes was a doctor, and was taking care of her husband. Mrs. Rowan observed Burnes, who was called "Doc" in the Martin apartment and he apparently was taking care of Martin, since the latter called no doctor to her knowledge. Informant further advised that medicine was bought from Hilps Drug Store for Martin, and that

after about two weeks in bed, Martin appeared to be well again. No one ever told Mrs. Rowan what was wrong with Martin but she noticed that the edges of the sheets and towels were torn off, and bloody rags were in the waste, indicating that the torn portions were used as bandages.

Mrs. Rowan also recalled that Mrs. Martin was ill for several days during November, and hired a woman for one day to do the house work. Informant believed that Mrs. Martin became quite friendly with the woman, and gave her some old clothes; that she obtained the woman from some free employment agency; that the woman was very small, blond, about thirty years old, and had a son about four years old.

Mrs. Rowan also recalled that on one occasion Mrs. Martin told her that the girl Burns was living with her "picked up around town" but she never explained the girl's name or her history, etc. Informant also recalled that during the latter part of her stay in Reno, she used to use a taxi a great deal, and always called the same company, and asked for the same driver, name not recalled; that the number she called was either 8141 or 4181, and she believes it was the Cal taxi. This information will, of course, be checked by agent as soon as possible.

The following detailed descriptions were obtained from Mrs. Rowan:

F.S. BLACKBURN

Age	About 40
Height	About 5'5 1/2"
Build	Medium (could not estimate weight)
Hair	Med. Brown
Complexion	Sallow
Peculiarities	walks very fast
usual Dress	Light brown felt hat, dark brown or blue suit, brown shoes (oxfords); had a brown swede zipper jacket which he wore with a dark cap.

GEO. L. MARTIN

Age	About 38 (looks about 2 years younger than Blackburn)
Height	5'5 1/2"

Weight	Medium, (but about 5 lbs. lighter than Blackburn)
Hair	Light brown
Complexion	Sallow
Usual Dress	Has similar clothes as Blackburn, i.e. dark brown and blue suits, etc. also has the same kind of a brown suede zipper jacket.

MRS. MARTIN

Age	25-28
Height	About 5'7" (with very high spike heels, which she always wears)
Weight	130 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Long black, parted in center, combed straight down sides and knotted in one knot low on the back of her head
Complexion	Dark but clear
Eyes	Brown
Teeth	Even and very white
Features	Regular
Idiosyncrasies	Uses large amounts of dark red lip-stick and rouge, also mascara at times; eyebrows plucked very thin
Usual Dress	wore ear-rings; both button and drop types, had a set of imitation pearl ones. Did not wear any rings other than a plain wedding band. wore black or dark brown dresses with long sleeves, had black fur jacket, black high heeled pumps. Evidently not more than grade school
Education	Even tempered, uses medium tone of voice in conversations, is not vulgar in speech; is of a hardened type but tries to be a "lady".
Characteristics:	

MRS. (PAULA) L. LOCKBURN

Age	About 30
Height	5'3 or 4"
Weight	About 125 lbs.
Build	Heavy
Hair	Reddish Brown (evidently dyed) bobbed to shoulder length

Eyes	Yellow-Brown
Mouth	Large
Nose	Long and flattened; evidently has been broken
Face	Round
Complexion	Pimpily reddish skin
Voice	Course, harsh, speaks with a decided accent, either Slavish or Polish
Education	Very little
Characteristics	smokes cigarettes continuously; has a very violent temper and when angry speaks in a high pitched tone of voice
Usual dress	Dark dresses, low heel shoes, and always sloppily dressed.
Idiosyncrasies	Chewed her fingernails and is conspicuous for her extreme homeliness.

Mrs. Rowan stated that she never heard Mrs. Martin's first name, but that they called Mrs. Blackburn "Paula". Informant does not know Mrs. Burnes first name either. She recalled that Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Blackburn bought quite a few clothes in a downtown store, probably the Vogue, and Mrs. Blackburn had a dress fitted skin-tight, only to be dissatisfied and demand that the dress be taken apart again.

Inquiry was conducted at the following stores to determine where the purchases were made. All of these places keep records only of sales where the merchandise is charged, delivered to the purchaser, or altered at the customer's request. No record was found under the names of the women at any of the stores, except at the Wonder Store, hereinafter mentioned:

Vogue, Inc.  
 Parisian Dress Shoppe  
 Gray, Reid and Wright  
 Allen's Shoppe  
 J.C. Penney and Co.

At the Wonder Store, Virginia Street, Mrs. M.C. Little, found a record that Mrs. G.L. Martin, 240 W. Liberty St. purchased a brown (dark) wool-crepe dress, size 14, brown satin sleeves, and having a strip of brown satin 3 inches wide down the front of the dress, lengthwise. The dress was sold for \$12.50 in cash, by Mrs. V. Little, a saleslady, who, when interviewed, could not recall the transaction at all. The following alterations were

made on the dress; side seams taken in, sleeves shortened, and placket closed. Mrs. Little advised that there was no label or identifying mark of any kind on the dress.

Ray J. Root, Salesman at the Scott Motor Co., advised that about March first of this year, while he was on duty on the sales floor, E.L. Burnes, whose photo he has positively identified as Karpis, drove slowly by the show-floor in his Auburn auto, and upon seeing Root, waved to him. Root claims he waved back, but Karpis did not stop and swung around into the side street (the Scott Motor Co. is located on a corner with windows on both streets) and continued down the street. Root is positive it was Karpis, since he claims he knows him well, due to the fact that Karpis had contacted him on numerous occasions, as set out in the report of reference, in an effort to trade in an auto, this being prior to the time Karpis purchased the Auburn. Root is positive that about two or three days after he saw Karpis as above set out, he again saw Karpis driving in his Auburn in the downtown section of Reno. He did not wave or speak to Karpis on this occasion and has not seen him since. Root is sure that Karpis was alone on both occasions.

Inasmuch as Karpis has not been to the Elvada Apts., since Dec. 2, 1933, agent conducted investigation at the following hotels and apartment houses, examining the registers for the period from October 1933 to date in an effort to determine whether any of the subjects stayed there.

Sovereign Apts., 100 Court Street  
Granite Apts., 307 Granite St.  
Golden West Hotel  
Riverside Hotel

No results were obtained from the check thus far. At the time of conducting the investigations at these places, agent had received no instructions, and therefore kept the inquiries from the Managers. However, in line with instructions contained in the letter from Inspector Rorer to the Salt Lake City Office dated March 26, all hotels and apartment houses will be contacted and the names and aliases of subjects left.

Agent, during the entire period of this investigation, has been checking the automobiles on the streets of Reno, in an effort to ascertain whether Karpis' Auburn Sedan is in town. No 1933 model Auburn Sedans have been seen, although two 1931 model sedans of the same color and body style have been seen and checked. One bears 1934 license 3-672, Nevada

is a 1931 model, 8-28, motor No. F 55005, serial 21723A, belonging to Mrs. Emma R. Lord, 510 Walker Street, Reno. The other car is the same model, bearing Utah 1933 tags 7-388 and 1934 Dealers tags, Nevada D-4600. This car is and has been for the past year in the possession of a dealer in Reno.

During the interview with Mrs. Pedersen of the Belmont Apartments, it was ascertained, in connection with the shipping of the radio that with the letter Mrs. Blackburn wrote requesting that the radio be shipped, was enclosed a one dollar bill. Mrs. Pedersen believes that the letter was sent from Salt Lake City. Informant also stated that a ladies brown leather coat (full length) had been left by the Blackburns, and she packed this coat with the radio, when she sent same. Informant could not give the size, make, or any other details regarding the coat. Mrs. Pedersen advised that she instructed the Railway Express representative to send the difference between the express charges and the one dollar bill, to Mrs. Blackburn in stamps, at the same time the company mailed her the consignee's portion of the waybill, as has hereinbefore been set out.

In checking the records of the El Cortez Hotel, agent found a record of an A.L. Blackburn, who registered on March 6, 1934, from San Francisco, no address there given, occupied room 307, rate \$2.50 per day, and checked out on March 7th., without leaving any forwarding address. Joseph Bulasky, manager, could not recall this individual, nor could he identify any of subjects' photographs as having been there. The hotel has no record of this individual having any automobile. A tracing of the registration was made, and is being forwarded with copies of this report to the St. Paul Office for comparison with signatures and handwriting specimens of subjects. From the signatures of subjects available to agent, it does not appear similar to the signature of subject Fred Barker as J. L. Blackburn. However, the photos of all subjects will be exhibited to maids, bellhops and other employees of the hotel.

In an effort to locate purchases of medicine by any of subjects from Hilp's Drug Store, Agent with Mr. E.J. Hilp, checked over all delivery tickets for the period during which subjects were known to have been in Reno, but no record of any deliveries were found to their apartments. Mr. Hilp examined his prescription records during the period, but found none for any of the subjects or their women. At the time of this investigation, agent did not have the information that Agent Wine of the Salt Lake City Office, had secured data from Hilp's drug store about a prescription filled for one Jones, and, therefore, further



Inquiry in this regard will be conducted.

After considerable investigation, Agent identified the woman who worked for Mrs. Martin, as Mrs. Ruth Elliott, through Mrs. Gertrude Geopfarth, of the Y.W.C.A. The records there show that Mrs. Elliott was sent to Mrs. Morton on November 13, 1933.

Mrs. Ruth Elliott was located at 806 E Fourth St., where she is working in a C. W. A. kitchen. She resides at 430 Sutro Street, Reno. She stated that in November, 1933, she was sent by the Y.W.C.A. to the Miland Apartments to Mrs. Morton for work. From the description and apartment number, there is no doubt but that it was Mrs. Martin. Mrs. Elliott stated that Mrs. Martin told her that she had had a miscarriage only a few days before, and being too weak, desired someone to clean up her apartment. Mrs. Elliott worked only one day. During the day, the Martin woman told her that she and her husband came from Chicago, time not stated, and that as soon as she regained her strength, they and two other couples were going to Los Angeles, and expected to leave for there almost any day. Mrs. Martin did not state where in Los Angeles they were going to, the nature of their business there, or any other details. According to the informant, the Martin woman appeared to be very lonesome, and chatted about things in general quite a bit. Mrs. Elliott recalls that she said she was originally from Oklahoma and had married Martin in the West, that Martin always stayed out late nights with two friends, and that she did not like his two friends and had been trying to get Martin to break with them. Mrs. Martin, stating that her husband was going to leave town, invited informant to visit her the next Thursday night (Mrs. Elliott believes that she worked on a Tuesday), as she would be alone then. Mrs. Elliott claims that Mrs. Martin gave her a hat and one pair of two piece sleeping pajamas. Mrs. Elliott later exhibited these articles to this Agent, and the descriptive details will be set out hereinafter.

Mrs. Elliott called about 7 PM on the next Thursday, to find Mr. Martin at home. When shown enlarged photos of all subjects, informant picked out the picture of subject Campbell, as resembling greatly Mr. Martin. Informant is not positive in her identification but when questioned in detail, could not point out any characteristics in the photograph which were different from Martin's. Mrs. Elliott claims that Martin did not speak once during the time she was there, and she only stayed a few minutes and left. The next day, according to the informant, Mrs. Martin phoned her inviting her to come over.

for dinner the next day (Saturday). Mrs. Elliott called at the house at about six PM Saturday, and after getting no answer to her knocking for some time, was about to leave, when a woman's voice other than Mrs. Martin's told her that Mrs. Martin was ill and that the dinner was off. Informant identified this voice as that of Mrs. Blackburn, who had been in the Martin house for a short time on the day she was cleaning there, and that Mrs. Martin, told informant her name and indicated that she did not like her.

Mrs. Elliott advised that after Mrs. Blackburn told her that the dinner was off, she left, without seeing Mrs. Martin a minute, and that she has never seen or heard from either of the women, since that time. Mrs. Elliott could not identify any of the pictures of the women, as being that of either the Martin or Blackburn woman. Informant did not notice the luggage in the Martin house or anything else which could be of assistance in this investigation. She did recall, upon being questioned in great detail, that there was a large spot in the floor rug in the living room, about one foot in diameter, and a smaller spot on the lounge, which spots she thought to be blood, and upon calling that to Mrs. Martin's attention, the latter explained that the blood spots were made by her, at the time she was taken ill a short time ago, at which time she had the mis-carriage. Informant also recalled that Mrs. Martin told her that Dr. Kilb had taken care of her at that time. Agent here interviewed Dr. Kilb and the results thereof are set out in his last report.

Mrs. Rowan, upon reinterview, recalled the the rug in the Martin apartment was soiled and stained badly, but could not state whether it was blood. This rug has since been cleaned.

In an effort to trace the hat which Mrs. Martin had given to Mrs. Elliott, agent exhibited same to Mr. J.H. Erickson, manager of the Wonder Store, which store has a large hat department. He described the hat as follows: Black, wool-felt, size originally 21, but the inside band has been taken in so that the head size is 21, has a 3/4 inch black, gros grain plain band around base of crown, has a stitched brim, 1 1/2 inches in front, and 3/4" in back (the original brim was larger but had been cut down), no lining on the inside of hat. Mr. Erickson stated that the hat looked as though it had not had much wear, was of a cheap manufacture, and would have retailed at about \$1.95. The hat also had a small black felt bow in the front. Agent found the word "RITL" stamped in gold plain printed-capital letters, one-fourth inch in size, in one place only on the band inside of the hat. Mr. Erickson and agent could not find any numbers, marks, or labels of any kind indicating the store or the manufacturer. Mr. Erickson explained that the word

"RITZ" might mean the manufacturer's name, the name of some store, or the name of that particular model of hat. An examination of the Hat Buyer's Guide, reflected that there is a RITZ HAT CO., INC. at 151 W 38th Street, New York City, N.Y., and that this concern is the only one of that name listed. Mr. Erickson stated that Nat Levine, 154 W 32nd St., New York City, is one of the largest hat buyers in the country, and makes purchases for all the larger hat concerns in the United States, and may be able to assist in tracing the hat.

The hat was exhibited by agent to all stores in Reno carrying cheap grade hats but none had ever sold same. At Agent's request, Richard Neff, identification officer of the Reno Police Department took photographs (two views) of the hat. As soon as these are developed they will be sent to Inspector Rorer. No leads are being set out in this report for the New York Office to endeavor to trace the hat, this being left to the discretion of Inspector Rorer.

The sleeping pajamas given to Mrs. Elliott, consist of two pieces, pink rayon knit. The top portion has two white cloth strips, tan tie-wise, 1 inch wide. There are no labels, or marks of any kind, nor are there any indications of their ever having been any on the garment. A metal laundry tag, with the mark "73" was found, however, and Agent Gere ascertained that this mark was that of the Sunshine Laundry in Reno. Mrs. Elliott had previously told agent that she never had the garment washed in a laundry. Mr. J.M. Erickson, upon examining the garment, stated that it was of a very cheap variety, and could be purchased in any cheap store for about \$1.00, and that the garment was well worn, indicating that it had been used about ten months. Inquiry conducted at J.C. Penney, the Dollar Store and similar places, elicited the same opinions had been expressed by Mr. Erickson, and these stores could not identify the make or manufacturer, never having bought any similar garments.

Both the hat and the pajamas were returned to Mrs. Elliott, in accordance with her request, but can be obtained should it be necessary.

Agent interviewed Mr. F.P. Strassburg, of Strassburg and Co., the only stock brokerage house in Reno. His records failed to reflect that any of the subjects had any accounts there at any time, and he could not identify the photos of subjects as having been in his establishment at any time.

Agent interviewed Mrs. Rowan of the Miland Apt., Mr. and Mrs. Pederson of the Belmont, and Mrs. Smith of the Elvada, specifically for the purpose of trying to ascertain what baggage the subjects had. All of these parties could recall no trunks of any kind, nor could they describe the hand luggage.

Agent left separate cards, showing the true names and all aliases of subjects, with Supt. of Police, Reno, Nevada. These cards have been placed in the general delivery boxes, and will act as a "flash" so that as soon as any mail is received the names and aliases of the subjects are immediately available. On all mail directed to both Louis Marymont and the Duke Ranchers, 20 Hill Street, Reno, Nevada, of business, residence, or business, The Bank Club. This is thought advisable, because it is known that some of the subjects were very friendly with Marymont, and also know Graham well.

Agent here and the writer, conducted investigation at Lawton Hot Springs, which is located about six miles from Reno. This resort has no hotel accommodations, and in fact is not open yet. The photos of subjects could not be identified there. Investigation at Donner's Lake located near Truckee, Calif., failed to show that any strangers were there. The resorts have not yet opened there. Investigation will be conducted at Lake Tahoe, and vicinity, in addition to the inquiries made to date, as is recorded in Agent here's last report.

Throughout the entire period of this investigation, Agent covered the saloons, gambling places, and made a systematic check of the streets at various times during the days and nights, without finding any evidence that any of the subjects, or the cars they were driving were in Reno. This check is, of course, being continued.

All of the investigation as reported above, was conducted by the writer on his own initiative, before instructions were received regarding specific investigation. Therefore, the inquiries were made with the object of obtaining all possible information, in a manner that would not make the inquiries public. In line with instructions contained in Inspector Rosen's letter to the Salt Lake City Office dated March 26, an open investigation will be conducted as requested therein.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE AT LENO: Will make further investigations as indicated in this report, as well as follow out leads requested by Inspector Rorer and other offices.

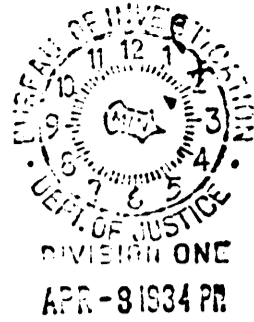
THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE: Will check the records of the Railway Express Agency at San Francisco as telephonically requested by the writer, and as is indicated in this report. This angle is important and should be given expeditious attention.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,  
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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.

In reply to the Division's letter of March 21, 1934, concern-  
ing investigation made by Special Agents O. G. Hall and J. L. Flood  
regarding 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, and the finding of latent finger-  
prints of Frank Nash at that address, the Division's attention is  
invited to the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall dated 7-27-33 at St.  
Paul in the KANMO case, to report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated  
7-3-33 in the same case, and to the memorandum by Special Agent O. G.  
Hall dated 3-7-34 addressed to me in the Bremer case.

In the report of Agent Hall dated 7-27-33 in the KANMO case,  
it is shown that the occupants at that address during the period May  
27 to June 19, 1933, were the Barker and Karpis gang and that during  
that period, June 10th, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nash and Mrs. Nash's child  
were also at that address. This was established by photographic  
identification as well as the finding of a fingerprint of Frank Nash.

The investigation by Agent Hall was commenced on June 23, 1933,  
the day he returned from New York City. On his return he was assigned  
to assist Agent Flood of the Kansas City office in the investigation,  
Agent Flood having been detailed to this office after the finding of the  
fingerprint of Frank Nash. His investigation was in connection with the  
Kansas City massacre.

Among other inquiries made by these agents, investigation was  
made at the St. Paul Police Department regarding the finding of the  
latent fingerprint of Frank Nash. Chief of Police Thomas Dahill, Chief  
of Detectives Charles Tierney, and Inspector John Tierney of the  
Identification Bureau were interviewed. These men informed Agents Hall  
and Flood that the only fingerprints found were those which had been  
found to be the fingerprints of Frank Nash.

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ST. PAUL

Quoting a paragraph on page 35 of the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated 7-3-33 at Kansas City, Missouri: "Chief Dahill advised that to date (6-23-33), the St. Paul Police Department has received no information as to the identity of the persons living at the Vernon Avenue address, but should any information of value be secured, he will immediately communicate same to the St. Paul Bureau office." It will be seen that at the time of this inquiry by Agents Hall and Flood, with the exception of the information regarding Frank Nash, according to Thomas Dahill, Chief of Police, the St. Paul Police Department had no other information regarding the identity of the occupants of 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul. At that time, Charles Tierney, Thomas Dahill, and John Tierney were asked whether other latent prints had been procured, and they replied that those were the only prints; that the prints had been sent to Washington, and that it had been the prints of Frank Nash. In that connection, as to how the Police Department was informed that the fingerprints were those of Frank Nash, Agent Hall stated he has no information as this interview took place on June 23, 1933, and at that time both the Tierneys and Thomas Dahill knew that the latent fingerprints found were those of Frank Nash.

Paragraph 2 of the Division's letter of reference states that Agent Flood also furnished the names of the two detectives, Ed Fitzgerald and Tom Jenson, who made the investigation at 204 Vernon Avenue. In order that the Division be not confused regarding this, the following is what occurred regarding 204 Vernon Avenue insofar as the St. Paul Police Department's investigation is concerned: On page 30 of the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated 7-3-33 at Kansas City in the KANNO case, it is shown that on June 20, 1933, Mr. Harrison, Assistant Editor of the St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer Press, learned through confidential sources that the occupants of 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, were behaving very mysteriously and suspiciously in that they had left their home on June 15, 1933, and returned at 11:30 p.m., on June 18, 1933. They left the house shortly thereafter and returned at 2:00 a.m., June 20, 1933. It will be noted that this corresponds with the period of Mr. Hamm's abduction. Mr. Harrison reported this to Thomas Dahill, the Chief of Police, at 11:30 p.m., on June 19, 1933. Assistant Safety Commissioner O'Connell made an investigation upon receiving the report of Mr. Harrison and reported to the Police Department that there was nothing to the rumor. In that connection, Thomas Dahill informed Agent Hall on March 27, 1934, that the reason the Police Department in St. Paul had not made the inquiry rather than the Safety Commissioner, who is not an officer, was that every other officer in the Police Department was busily engaged on other angles of the Hamm kidnaping. Nevertheless, the following morning, Thomas Dahill, the Chief, ordered Detectives Jeff Dettrich, Mike Sauro, and Tony Mroczak to interview the neighbors and make a general

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investigation regarding 204 Vernon Avenue. In that connection, reference is made to the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall dated 7-27-33 in the Kansas City massacre case, page 32. The above mentioned detectives made an investigation and noticed in the house six Engesser beer bottles. These detectives did not touch the bottles but returned to the Police station and informed the Chief of Detectives Charles Tierney. For the information of the Division in detail, this is what happened: Charles Tierney routed the investigation to Tom Cullen, who in turn routed the investigation to John Tierney, Inspector in charge of the Identification Division. The investigation was then taken up by the Identification Division of the Police Department and Ed Fitzgerald and Tom Jenson, employees of the Police Department who work only in the Identification Division and do not make general criminal investigations, were dispatched to 204 Vernon Avenue for the purpose of securing what latent fingerprints they could. The Police Department's rumors and complaints are investigated generally when reported, by detectives assigned to headquarters. Detectives Dettrich, et al, were at that time assigned to headquarters. They, however, make no investigation regarding fingerprints and such matters which are within the province of the Identification Division.

Ed Fitzgerald and Tom Jenson went to 204 Vernon Avenue and, according to their reports, spent an entire day powdering various articles in the house. They examined the beer bottles found in the house, and in that connection there is here quoted the following paragraph from the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall dated 7-27-33 on page 16: "John Tierney, Chief of the Identification Division, St. Paul Police Department, and Chief of Police Thomas Dahill informed this agent that of all the bottles examined that were found at 204 Vernon Avenue, the bottle bearing the fingerprints of Frank Nash was the only one which had fingerprints on it. That bottle is being preserved by the St. Paul Police Department." Agent Hall interviewed John Tierney, the Chief of the Identification Division, and at that interview, which was conducted on either the 24th or 25th of June, 1933, John Tierney stated that the fingerprints which he had submitted to the Division were the only ones he secured.

On March 27th, 1934, Agent Hall again interviewed John Tierney, Ed Fitzgerald, and Tom Jenson and they repeated their statement of last June. They were questioned as to whether they had taken any latent fingerprints which proved to be smudges, and they stated that they had and gave to agent three photographs of fingerprints which they termed smudges, one having been taken from a mirror at 204 Vernon Avenue and two having been taken from a jelly glass on a window sill at the same address. These photographs are forwarded herewith to the Division. They have never been sent to the Division before.

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In the report of Agent Hall above mentioned, a notation was not made that Jenson and Fitzgerald were interviewed for the reason that they were interviewed in the presence of their superior and it was assumed that the report showing the interview with John Tierney, since he is Chief of the Division, would suffice, particularly when Fitzgerald and Jenson were present at the interview.

Page 2 of the Division's reference letter quotes a portion of the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor in which it is stated that John Tierney suspected the individuals residing at the Vernon Avenue address might have something to do with the William Hamm kidnaping and that it had occurred to him that Frank Nash was probably one of the kidnapers. When questioned regarding this in June by Agent Flood and Agent Hall and today by Agent Hall, he stated that this suspicion came for no particular reason except that Frank Nash was a gangster and had frequented St. Paul. He did not have any information that Frank Nash was involved in the kidnaping. When he compared the latent fingerprints found with the fingerprints of Frank Nash, he did so merely on a "hunch" and not because of any information. He stated at that time he had viewed the latent fingerprint and compared it with the fingerprints of other wanted gangsters.

Paragraph 2, page 4, of the Division's reference letter, quotes a statement by Special Agent O. G. Hall made in his memorandum of March 7, 1934, that ".....Telegraphic advice to that effect was received by this office (St. Paul) on June 20 and by the Police Department." In that connection, Special Agent Hall informed me he has no knowledge as to how the St. Paul Police Department received the information and knows only that when he and Agent Flood were at the St. Paul Police Department on June 23, 1933, the officers of the department knew that Frank Nash's fingerprint had been found on a beer bottle at 204 Vernon Avenue. Agent Hall informed me that at the time he was investigating this angle of the case, he was also curious to know how it happened that only one beer bottle had latent fingerprints on it, although there were several beer bottles, and that as a result of his skepticism, he several times inquired of John Tierney, Thomas Dahill, and Charles Tierney, as well as Tom Jenson, whether any other fingerprints had been found, and each time was informed that the only prints found had been sent to Washington. Today, when Agent Hall was interviewing these persons, they explained the additional prints which are attached hereto by stating they believed these prints to be smudges and not good enough for classification or comparison purposes.

Last June, when Agent Hall made his inquiries, he was informed that because of the extremely hot weather, the beer bottles had a film of water covering them with the exception of the one bearing the prints

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of Frank Nash, which apparently had not been placed in the ice box at the house, and was dry. The other bottles were found in an old wash tub in the kitchen and the other bottles were covered with moisture. In any event, the officers responsible for this investigation in the St. Paul Police Department have consistently insisted that the fingerprints of Frank Nash were the only ones found.

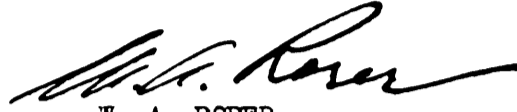
On June 24 or 25, 1933, Agent Hall made investigation at 204 Vernon Avenue for the purpose of searching the house. His best recollection is that it was on the day following Agent Flood's departure, which was June 23rd. When Agent Hall arrived at 204 Vernon Avenue, he found the landlord and his son had just completed washing the woodwork and the furniture in the house, as well as dishes and other articles furnished with the house to the former occupants. As a consequence, this office did not make any investigation to locate fingerprints at 204 Vernon Avenue. However, other articles were found in the house which subsequently resulted in aiding the identification of the Karpis and Barker gang as reported in Agent Hall's report of 7-27-33.

The Detectives who were first sent to 204 Vernon Avenue to make the investigation regarding the occupants were interviewed by Agent Hall. They reported only that mysterious persons had been there, gave meager descriptions as received from neighbors, and reported that the occupants had left as stated by Mr. Harrison of the St. Paul Dispatch. They reported that there were beer bottles in the house. On page 32 of the report of Agent Hall, their names are set out. However, the result of the interview with them is not set out as the same information was received from other persons, including John and Charles Tierney and Thomas Dahill.

With reference to the last paragraph of the Division's reference letter, it is respectfully suggested that since the photograph of the latent fingerprints found on the beer bottle at 204 Vernon Avenue in actual size measured about 1-1/2 by 2-1/2 inches, and the photograph contained three prints, it is apparent that the three prints were found on the same beer bottle, which is a fact. It would seem quite natural that the fingerprints of one person might be duplicated several times on a beer bottle as the drinker of the beer might take several swallows from the bottle, and then place the bottle on a table, or some other convenient stand, between swallows; and each time he took the bottle in his hand, he would probably leave his fingerprints in a different place on the bottle. For that reason, it seems quite possible that the fingerprints found on a single beer bottle might all be the fingerprints of one person.

If the Division is able to compare the prints submitted herewith, it is respectfully suggested that same be compared with the fingerprints of Jack Pfeiffer, Arthur Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, and Paula Harmon.

Very truly yours,



W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>BOSTON, MASS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-2-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3-22 &amp; 23-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>J. W. MERCER.</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Hood Rubber Company, Watertown, Mass., reports purchase of #524 M and L Goggles, Welders Model, from the Whitehead Metal Products Company, Inc., of New York, in October, 1932, for use within the Hood Rubber Company's plant exclusively. Whitehead Metal Products Company, Inc., Cambridge, Mass., interviewed; state this type goggles sold mostly to users, but that same were sold to the Berkshire Mill Supply Company, Pittsfield, Mass., and Leach & Garner, Attleboro, Mass., for retail resale.



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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent T. E. Billings, Chicago, Illinois, dated March 13, 1934.

**DETAILS:** Mr. Paul Berquist, Safety Inspector, Hood Rubber Company, Watertown, Mass., upon being interviewed advised that his company purchased six pairs #524 M and L Goggles, Welders Type, with #8 lenses, October 10, 1932, from the Whitehead Metal Products Company, Inc., 304 Hudson Street, New York City, which company is a distributing agent of the Chicago Eye Shield Company, Chicago, Illinois. The Hood Rubber Company ordered the goggles through H. P. Tucker, Salesman, of the Cambridge Branch of the Whitehead Metal Products Company, Inc., located at 235 Bridge Street, Cambridge, Mass. Agent examined the invoice covering this purchase and made copy of same, which is shown herewith:

<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">7-576-1612</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APR 9 1934 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROUTED TO: <i>[initials]</i> FILE</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">RECORDED AND INDEXED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APR 3 1934</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APR 10 1934</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CHECKED OFF</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JACKETED:</p>						
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"HOOD RUBBER COMPANY  
PURCHASE DEPARTMENT  
WATERTOWN, MASS. Invoice No. 30360.

Oct. 10, 1932.

"WHITEHEAD METAL PRODUCTS CO., INC., OF N. Y.  
235 Bridge St., Cambridge, Mass.

Ship at once

6 pr. welding goggles with #8 lens  
10/17 30253

F. O. B. Cambridge  
Terms 2 - 10th & 25th."

It will be noted that the invoice does not include a full description of the #524 M and L Goggles purchased. This was brought to the attention of Mr. Berquist who explained that he, Berquist, had ordered the said goggles from the Cambridge Branch of the Whitehead Metal Products Company, Inc., by means of a telephone communication; that he did not specify on the invoice the particular type of goggle purchased; but is positive of the fact that the invoice shown above represented the purchase of 6 pairs #524 M and L Goggles (not ventilated), with #8 essentialite lenses.

Mr. Berquist further stated that all #524 M and L Goggles obtained by the Hood Rubber Company were used exclusively within the company for welding and grinding purposes and were never sold to outsiders, and that although he has no definite knowledge that said goggles were not removed from the factory premises by employees and subsequently returned by them, all employees are trustworthy and dependable and have taken no leave for the last twelve months. He stated that #524 M and L Goggles are used in his company until they have no value, after which they are turned over to him to be destroyed or junked, and that there are now on hand five pairs of same used currently in the business. These were exhibited to Agent, who noted that four pairs were similar to goggles used by the kidnapers in the instant case in that they had "CESCO" or "ESSENTIALITE" lenses with the trade name "CESCO" on the inside of the left cup, and the words "PAT. PEND." in the same position on the right cup. One pair had a "super safety" or clear lens but were identical in other respects to the instant goggles.

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Mr. H. P. Tucker, Whitehead Metal Products Company, Inc., Cambridge, Mass., was interviewed and verified the sale of six pairs #524 M and L Goggles to the Hood Rubber Company, October 10, 1932.

Mr. J. I. Dougherty, Clerk, Whitehead Metal Products Company, Inc., Cambridge, Mass., exhibited to Agent copy of invoice reflecting the purchase of six pairs of #524 M and L Goggles, Welders Type, by the Hood Rubber Company from the Whitehead Metal Products Company, Inc., October 10, 1932. Agent noticed that the description of the goggles sold read as follows:

6 pairs #524 M and L Goggles  
Casco Head and Eye Protection  
(Not Ventilated).

Upon further interview, Mr. Dougherty stated that the sale of #524 M and L Type Goggles had been taken over by the Cambridge Office, June 29, 1931; that sample goggles of the same type had been given each of the four salesmen now in his office. The names and addresses of these salesmen are as follows:

S. H. French,  
48 Ravine Street, Melrose, Mass.

H. P. Tucker,  
19 Belknap Street, Arlington, Mass.

D. W. Whitehead,  
29 Oxford Street, Arlington, Mass.

J. M. Brandt,  
10 Village Street, Reading, Mass.

Each of these salesmen was interviewed and stated that as far as he could remember, he had sold the said #524 M and L Goggles only to concerns that used them within their own companies. Mr. Dougherty further stated that all #524 M and L Goggles in stock on hand at the office of the Whitehead Metal Products Company in Cambridge had been transferred to the New York Office of the said firm on May 25, 1933.

Mr. Dougherty exhibited to Agent invoices reflecting each sale of #524 M and L Goggles since the sale of same had been taken over by the Cambridge branch of the Whitehead Metal Products Company, Inc., of New York. He stated that these sales had been made almost without exception to concerns that used the goggles exclusively within their own businesses; but that it was likely that Leach & Garner Company, Attleboro, Massachusetts, and the

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Birkshire Mill Supply Company, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, had purchased respectively one pair of #524 M and L Goggles, super safety lens (ventilated) on September 11, 1931, and one pair #524 M and L Goggles, #4 Cascoweld lens (not ventilated), September 24, 1931, for retail resale.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

New York City Office:

The New York City Office will interview the Whitehead Metal Products Company, Inc., 304 Hudson Street, New York City, for the purpose of tracing sales made by that company of #524 M and L Goggles; one pair of the said goggles is being forwarded the New York City Office to assist them in this connection.

Boston Office:

The Boston Office will interview the Leach & Garner Company, Attleboro, Massachusetts, for the purpose of ascertaining the particulars of the purchase of the #524 M and L Goggles from the Whitehead Metal Products Company, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts, September 11, 1931.

The Boston Office will interview the Birkshire Mill Supply Company, Pittsfield, Mass., for the purpose of ascertaining the particulars of the purchase of the #524 M and L Goggles from the Whitehead Metal Products Company, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts, on September 24, 1931.

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**U. S. Bureau of Investigation**

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.



April 6, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Special Agents R. D. Brown and J. J. Metcalfe departed from this office this morning for Elkhorn, Wisconsin, for the purpose of examining a house at White Water, Wisconsin, which Mr. R. V. Brown, the Prosecuting Attorney there, stated was the house where Bremer was held.

I talked with Mr. Clegg in St. Paul about this and I have been informed late this afternoon, by Mr. Brown by telephone, that the house is apparently not the place, but that he is checking every detail at that point. Upon receipt of further advice you will hear from me.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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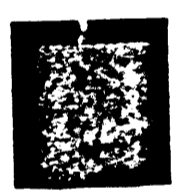
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REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS.	DATE WHEN MADE 4-6-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-5-34	REPORT MADE BY F.S. DUNN.
TITLE O ALVIN KARPIS, w.a.; et al. Edward George Bremer (Victim).			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING.
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Welder Supply Company, Dallas, Texas, advised they have never carried in stock Cesco Goggles equipped with essential-lite amber lense.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter from Chicago Office, dated March 31, 1934.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>Mr. M.H. Kirkgard, stock foreman for the Welder Supply Company, 2227 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas, stated that the company had discontinued handling the Cesco M. &amp; L. Goggle about two years ago and had none in stock at this time; that the Cesco Goggles purchased by them from the Chicago Eye Shield Company, were all equipped with the green lense and that the company had never carried essential-lite amber lense in stock.</p> <p>The sample Cesco Lense forwarded to the Dallas Division Office is being returned to the Chicago Office as requested in the above reference letter.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PENDING.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p>			
			
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the report by Special Agent D. W. Maher, dated at St. Louis, Missouri, 3-21-1934, in connection with the case of VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (DECEASED) ET AL, CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

This office is advised by letter from the Superintendent of the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, that there is not and has not been any inmate in that institution named "Ray Karpis", shown by the report of Agent Maher as a brother of Alvin Karpis. It is indicated, however, that Alvin Karpis, who was a former inmate of the institution at Hutchinson, used the alias "Ray Karpis". This record is reflected in the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, February 20, 1934 in the instant matter.

Very truly yours,



M. C. SPEAR, ACTING  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>CHICAGO, ILL.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>April 5, 1934</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/24 to 31/1934</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>K. R. McINTIRE</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1218 ARTHUR R. BARBER with aliases, I. O. 1219 et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Investigation at Whitewater, Wis. fails to locate the hideout in which Bremer was held. Mrs. Arrie [unclear] identified as having in company with a man, purchased a suit of mens' clothing at Halverson's Mens Shop, Whitewater, Wis.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, April 2, 1934.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> The following investigation was conducted at Whitewater, Wis. in an effort to locate the hideout house in which Bremer was held. The investigation is reported in the form of memoranda submitted by the investigating agents as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>HIDEOUT</u></p> <p>The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. D. Brown, from March 24, 1934 to March 31, 1934.</p> <p>At <u>ELMERSON, COUNTY OF WALWORTH, Wis.</u> agent interviewed Walworth County Attorney Ralph V. Brown, Court House, who advised that he resides in Whitewater, Wisconsin, and previous to being elected County Attorney, was engaged in the insurance business for many years at that point. The various sounds heard by victim Bremer were explained to Mr. Brown, as well as victim's description of the house in which he</p>			
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was held. He advised Agent the town of Whitewater, Wisconsin has all of the sounds indicated except that the town siren is blown at 12.00 noon daily, except Sundays, instead of in the morning as has been indicated by Mr. Bremer. Mr. Brown furnished Agent with maps of Walworth County as well as the city of Whitewater.

WHITEWATER, WIS.

Whitewater has a population of approximately three thousand, and is located 48 miles southeast of Madison, Wisconsin, which is the only city located in Southern Wisconsin having a street car system, other than the Lake Shore Cities of Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha. The most active and most direct highway from Chicago, Illinois into St. Paul, Minnesota, is U.S. Highway number 12, which runs through Whitewater and Madison, Wisconsin. State highways numbers 50 and 59 also pass through Whitewater, both being heavily traveled highways. Whitewater is located a distance of nine miles from Lake Koskonong, a large lake which has been very active from a fishing point this winter and where Game Wardens have made several arrests due to illegal fishing methods.

The only railroad passing through Whitewater is the C.M.St.P. and Pacific. Charles Kading, local passenger Agent was interviewed and furnished the following information with reference to trains passing through this town:

<u>TRAIN #</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>HOUR OF ARRIVAL</u>	<u>DIRECTION</u>
4	Sunday only	7.56 A.M.	east bound
8	Daily, except Sunday	9.50 A.M.	"
6	" "	6.22 P.M.	"
64 (freight)	Monday only	1.40 A.M.	"
68	Daily, except Sunday	2.05 A.M.	"
94	" "	12.40 P.M.	"
21	Daily, except Sunday	9.50 A.M.	west bound
23	Sunday only	10.40 A.M.	"
37	Daily	7.16 P.M.	"
93	Daily, except Sunday	1.00 P.M.	"
61	" "	12.10 A.M.	"

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He advised the switch yard located at Whitewater is approximately one and one half miles in length; that a great deal of switching is done in connection with trains # 61, 93, 94 and 68; that the switching for a single train often consumes two hours time. Photographs of suspects were shown Mr. Kading but he was unable to identify any of them as persons he has ever seen.

Earl Cox, Treasurer of the Whitewater Fire Department, and an employee of the Commercial Savings Bank, was interviewed. He produced records kept by him showing dates and time of fires. The only fires in Whitewater, including false alarms, during the period in question, were on January 22, 1933 at 5.15 P.M. and at 11.00 A.M. on January 28, 1934. Mr. Cox stated that the loud, stationary siren located on the City Hall was sounded at 11 A.M. on January 28, 1934, three blasts which is the warning of a country fire. A detailed description of the "hide out" house and sounds heard by victim were furnished Mr. Cox. Several times during the period of investigation at Whitewater, he made suggestion as to various houses he believed fitted the description of the hideout, but upon examination of these houses, Agent was forced to eliminate them.

Mr. Cox stated that the only factory whistle in Whitewater, that of the Libby Milk Condensery, blows daily, except Sundays, at 8.00 A.M. and 4.00 P.M. and does not blow at 12.00 noon, being rather unusual with reference to this.

Two small lakes are located on the outskirts of Whitewater, Lake Cravath and Lake Tripp. William Elliott, Game Warden, employee of the Wisconsin State Department of Conservation, who resides in Whitewater, was interviewed and advised that no winter fishing is done through the ice from the two above mentioned lakes. He stated the only lakes located in Walworth County open for fishing this winter are Delavan Lake, Lake Geneva, Delavan Mill Pond and Turtle Lake; that no difficulty has been experienced with fishermen on any of those lakes with the possible exception of the West end of Lake Geneva where some fishermen have been taking more than the limit; that the only Wisconsin lake which has caused trouble is Lake Koshkonong, which is located but nine miles north of Whitewater and where fishermen from miles in each direction have been fishing. Mr. Elliott was interviewed several times during the White-water investigation and has been unable to recall a single instance of his calling at some house or lodge to warn persons of fishing regulations. He is thoroughly acquainted with the details with reference to the hideout, and the conversations heard, and is making every effort to learn the identity of the

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person making the complaint heard by Mr. Bremer. Elliott, being a resident of Whitewater, made several suggestions as to the possible location of the hideout, in Whitewater, and accompanied Agent on tours of the city at which time he would point out houses where persons of questionable reputation reside. Each place was later checked with water and electric meter readers and found not to answer the description given for the hideout. Elliott will advise the St. Paul Division office should he learn anything of value in the future.

Charles Sprackling, City Water Meter reader, was interviewed and given details of the description of the hideout. He offered his assistance and permitted Agent to accompany him while reading water meters at which time the entire meter system was covered for houses which would approximately answer the description of the hideout. Several homes, located on side hills, having two toilets, one being in the basement, were located but in each case, after personal examination of the basement or sub-basement, it was found that no wall paper was on the walls and such quarters consisted of only one or two rooms. In two cases kitchens were found to be located in the sub-basement but no other rooms other than the furnace room were found. No house was located having any bedrooms in the basement or sub-basement. One house was located having stairs leading down into the first floor of the home but upon personal examination it was found not to contain a toilet and otherwise failed to answer the description of the hideout.

Mr. H. F. Winnie, local manager, Wisconsin Gas and Electric Company was interviewed. He was given the complete picture of the necessary noises and description of the hideout. He offered every cooperation but could not suggest any particular house or point where the hideout could be located. He ordered both the rural and city electric meter readers to assist Agent in every possible manner.

City electric meter reader Edward Webb was interviewed and accompanied Agent to several homes which he thought might answer to the description of the hideout house, but upon entrance to these homes, they were found to be lacking in the equipment and appearance given by Mr. Bremer.

Rural Electric Meter Reader William Minett, residing in Palmyra Wisconsin was interviewed on several occasions but at no time was he able to offer suggestions as to a house within his district, being for a distance of fifteen miles north of Whitewater, answering to the description given for the hideout.

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Rural Electric Meter Reader Arnold Nowack, Elkhorn, Wis. was also interviewed with the same results. He reads all meters for a distance of fifteen miles south of Whitewater. The address of the St. Paul Division office was furnished each of the electric meter readers and they have promised to be on the lookout for a house which might answer the description furnished them.

Olaf Johnson, local manager, Wisconsin Bell Telephone Co. was interviewed. He assisted Agent in examining long distance telephone service records for the period from January 15th to February 19th, 1934. These records contained no information of value, there having been no long distance calls from Whitewater to St. Paul during the period and only the usual number of calls to various Wisconsin and Minnesota points.

The three local plumbers, H. O. Shober, Charles McGill and John Gebhardt were interviewed at length concerning homes equipped with plumbing as was the hideout, either with private water systems or regular city water. They suggested several homes but the homes suggested had already been eliminated by Agent during previous investigations while accompanied by the water and electric meter readers.

Mort Burgett, salesman and repairman for electric vacuum cleaners Wisconsin Gas and Electric Company was interviewed. He advised that more than one hundred homes in Whitewater have vacuum cleaners. He was given the description of the hideout house in detail but was unable to assist other than to suggest homes which had already been covered. None of the photographs of suspects were identified by him as being persons he had seen.

At Duffin's Drug Store, Messrs. E. M. Clement and L. A. Duffin were interviewed and photographs of suspects shown them, without results. The same procedure was followed at O'Conner Drug Company where Charles Coburn and Ruth Grey were interviewed and shown the photographs, without results. In each instance the persons interviewed were advised that one of the suspects was reported to be suffering with a bad chest cold. The same investigation and procedure was followed at the Whitewater Pharmacy where Ray Martin and Mrs. Ralph Young were interviewed but none of the photographs appeared familiar to them.

At Halverson's Mens Shop, 81 Main Street, Agent learned this store carries a good stock of Arrow shirts of the size and model furnished victim and also "life size" underwear of the same size and texture furnished him by the kidnapers. They did not carry a line of socks of the make furnished Mr. Bremer. Photographs of all the suspects were

shown to the three employees of the store, J.N. Thiele, H. C. Leffingwell and Alexander Janicsek. Mr. Leffingwell immediately identified subject Mrs. Kate Barker and stated that she called at the store one day during the first week of December, 1933, accompanied by a man about 35 years of age, five feet six inches in height, black hair and black eyes, dark complexion and wearing a dark cap with a light camel's hair overcoat; that they arrived at the store at about 1.45 P.M. and asked to be shown a men's suit of clothes. He stated the woman, whom he identified as being Mrs. Barker, did not appear to be very well dressed; that she appeared to be about sixty years of age; had dark brown bobbed hair; dark eyes; sallow complexion; about five feet five inches in height; that she was wearing a dark low necked dress and had beads around her neck. He stated he was surprised when the man walked over to a show case and picked out the most expensive suit in the store, a dark Hart, Schaffner and Marx, size 38, and asked to try it on. He stated the only alteration the suit needed was shortening of the trousers and the woman and man both stated "we'll take it"; that the woman took from her purse three new twenty dollar bills and was given fifteen dollars in change, the suit being \$45.00. He stated he then called the store tailor, Mr. Alex Janicsek, who fitted the suit and immediately made the necessary trouser alteration while the two people waited inside the store for the suit. Alex Janicsek was then interviewed and after viewing the pictures, immediately picked out the photograph of Mrs. Kate Barker and stated "That was the woman who was in here before Christmas and looked so tough and bought the high priced suit for the tough looking guy who was with her". He furnished the same descriptions for these two persons as were given by Mr. Leffingwell. He stated the man had unusually broad shoulders for a short individual; that he was not carrying a gun but appeared to be in a hurry for the suit. This man was not identified as any party whose photograph was displayed at this store. The only conversations between the two which could be remembered were something to the effect that they wanted to get the suit and hurry home as it was late. Both Leffingwell and Janicsek stated no one else entered or was in the store at the time; that the woman represented herself as being the mother of the man but from their actions they did not appear to be so related; that they did not notice the car they were driving and had not seen them before or since. Both appeared to be positive of the identification and stated they remembered the incident due to the fact that it was very unusual for persons to call at the store and pick out an expensive suit and ask no questions as to the price; that they often commented concerning the transaction afterwards. They were unable to arrive at the exact date of the transaction but stated it must have been one day during the first week

of December, 1933. None of the employees of this store were able to identify any of the other photographs of suspects exhibited to them as ever having been in the store. Mr. Leffingwell stated that some time during the early part of January, 1934, a man whom he had never seen before called at the store and purchased three "Arrow" flannel shirts, size 15½ by 33 sleeve length of the exact color and model furnished Mr. Bremer by the kidnapers. However, he was unable to associate the profile of this man with any of the photographs of the suspects and that he was unable to furnish a description of the man. He stated he could only recall the transaction itself. Mr. Leffingwell attempted to arrive at the exact date of the purchase of the \$45.00 suit from examination of the cash register tape but several \$45.00 group purchases were made at about that time, first week of December, 1933.

At the Whitewater Garage, Buick Sales and Service, Agent interviewed O. E. Genke, bookkeeper, and James Wolfe, mechanic. Both stated that no 1933 model Buick Sedan which is not owned by local people has been serviced at this garage since January 1, 1934. They were shown photographs of suspects but were unable to identify them as being persons they had ever seen before.

G. J. Wheeler, Clerk, McGraw's Shoe Store was interviewed and stated after viewing photographs of suspects, that the photograph of subject Fred Barker appeared to resemble a man who, in 1932, frequented the Arcade poolroom in Milwaukee. None of the photographs of other suspects appeared familiar to him.

At Dad's Hotel, Manager Henry Rotier was interviewed and after viewing photographs of suspects stated none of them had ever been seen in Whitewater by him. He called other hotel employees who also stated they had not seen persons resembling suspects.

Photographs of suspects were exhibited to employees of the following Whitewater Grocery Stores:

J. C. Coxe & Co.  
E. L. Fish Grocery  
Travis Grocery Store  
Reeces Grocery Store  
Deesh & Joans Grocery Store  
Deerfield                   "  
Lenhardt's Grocery  
Jacobson's                   "  
Five Points Grocery  
Kroger's Store  
Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.

Johnson's Meat Market  
Fost Meat Market

None of the employees thus interviewed could recall any suspicious circumstances indicating Mr. Bremer was held in Whitewater and none could identify photographs of suspects as being persons who had been in Whitewater grocery stores and meat markets.

T. N. Waters, son of the proprietor, Whitewater Garage, Main Street, was interviewed and stated four airplanes are owned by local Whitewater young men; that all of the planes are small, single motored bi-planes of the older types; that a flying club has been formed and the following have been doing considerable flying since January 1, 1934; T.N. Waters, William Hacker, Andrew Michaelson and R. E. Huggins; that an accurate account of flying has not been kept due to the fact that they are only trying to build up experience and thus flying is usually confined to a radius of not more than ten miles from the flying field which is located four miles southeast of town. Waters stated that R. E. Huggins is the instructor and keeps his plane at Honey Creek, Wisconsin, located 22 miles southeast of Whitewater, near East Troy, Wisconsin. All of the above pilots stated flying is generally confined to late afternoon during week days and during the entire day on Sunday due to the fact that they are all employed during the day with the exception of Huggins; that between January 17th and February 6th, 1934, at least one of them did some flying nearly every day and usually in the later afternoon. Huggins advised after checking his log book for flying time, that he circled Whitewater for about an hour during the late afternoon of January 27, 1934, and landed at the Whitewater field at about 5.00 P.M.; that he recalls it was getting dark when he landed. He stated he was unable to recall flying particularly low over any certain section of the town that afternoon and believes his flying was over the city of Whitewater and close vicinity only. He further stated that he has visited most of the Southern Wisconsin airports during the winter and will attempt to furnish a statement showing the routes he has flown during the period of Mr. Bremer's confinement; that he has been the only flyer doing much active flying this winter in this section and that there has been more activity at the little Whitewater airport than any other point in eastern Wisconsin other than the regular terminals of the Northwest Airways, Inc. located at Madison and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Huggins has volunteered to assist Agent in attempting to determine whether any other planes were in the air over Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, other than the established air line of Northwest Airways, Inc. His information should be very valuable with respect to this because of his activity in this section during the winter months and his acquaintance with the various pilots.

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There are six churches located in Whitewater but only five of them have bells, the Catholic Church having no bell. Agent was advised that the Episcopal Church rings its bell at 7.30 A.M. and 10.45 A.M. on Sundays only; that the Methodist, Congregational and two Lutheran churches ring bells at 9.45 A.M. and 10.45 A.M. on Sunday only. However, Agent learned that the German Lutheran Church had conducted revival services during January and upon interviewing the pastor of this church, Rev. Charles Roth, learned that the bell on his church was rung at the conclusion of a service on Saturday afternoon, January 27, 1934, at about 3.30 P.M. but did not ring on the previous or following Saturday. He stated a great many German Lutheran churches ring bells on Saturday afternoons at dusk but his church has discontinued the practice.

The following wall paper-hangers, comprising all of the persons engaged in this business in Whitewater were interviewed and shown samples of the wall paper covering the room in which Mr. Bremer was held:

Rowley and Harold James  
John Garber  
Harry Phillips  
Clyde Taft  
C. T. Kettwig  
George Udder

All stated they had hung some Sears Roebuck wallpaper but none could identify the pattern shown them; all stated they had never seen this pattern before and that none of the local wall paper dealers handle this pattern. They were advised of the type of equipment contained in the house in which the victim in this case was held but they could not offer suggestions as to a house fitting this description although they appeared to be anxious to cooperate.

During this investigation at Whitewater, Wisconsin, every house has been viewed from the outside by Special Agent H. E. Reinecke and this Agent. Several houses offering possibilities because of equipment and general outside appearance have been entered and examined with the assistance of the aforementioned water and electric meter readers but no house has yet been located which answers even the approximate description furnished by victim Bremer. Suggestions as to possible houses have been given Agents by County Attorney R. V. Brown and others, but upon examination they have proved not to be similar to the "hideout" as described.

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Because of the excellent cooperation being given by responsible persons at Whitewater and vicinity, a close contact will be maintained with them while covering other localities in the vicinity of Whitewater.

The following investigation at Whitewater, Wisconsin was made by Special Agent H. H. Reinecke, on March 29, 30, and 31, 1934:

J. W. Graham, H. D. Landfair, L. H. O'Neil and John Olson, local mail carriers, Clarence A. Kochel, parcel post delivery man, and A. W. Barker, G. W. Campbell, George Charles and George L. Brown, rural mail carriers, comprising the entire mail delivering personnel of the Whitewater Post Office, were all given a detailed oral description of the hideout as related by the victim, and photographs of all suspects were exhibited to them. None recognized any of the photographs as likenesses of anyone they had seen or dealt with before. None except rural carrier George Brown could recall any premises in or near Whitewater which would even closely fit the hideout description. Brown suggested three possibilities, one a house one mile east of Whitewater on U. S. Highway 12 near the "Dill Pickle" Tavern, another a former small hospital in Whitewater, which has been converted into a home, and a third being Ward's Tourist Camp, four miles west of Whitewater on U. S. Highway 12. All three of these places, judging from both inside and outside observation, in no manner fit victim's description of the hideout. There are no basement or semi-basement living quarters in any of them, and no step at any point on or near the premiseses which one must or can go down to enter living quarters. The lowest living quarters in all three places are approached by going up from one to three steps.

All of these carriers will notify this Agent or the Chicago Division office of any possibilities which may come to their attention during the course of their mail deliveries. They have already been once re-contacted by this Agent for any possible new information.

All gasoline stations in or near Whitewater were contacted and the attendants interviewed and shown photographs of all suspects. Agent went into the descriptions of all suspects with these attendants, brought up the question of their possibly having been called on to fill one or more 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> or 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> gallon cans with gasoline; discussed the possible

cars the suspects might have been driving and the possible license plates used, and inquired generally of all possibilities, including inquiries as to any suspicious customers of recent months, all without results. These gasoline stations, together with the attendants interviewed, are as follows:

Barnsdell Station, 66 Main Street  
Roy Colly, Attendant  
George Trewin, constant loafer at station

Standard Oil Co. Station #167  
Attendants: Frank J. Mayer and D. L. Burns

Everhardt & Co. Inc. 2nd Street,  
Emil Entress, Gerald Everhardt, Gordon Chapman,  
Mrs. L. A. Agnew and Alexander McLernon.

Barnsdalle Station & Grocery Store, corner Walworth  
and Janesville Streets,  
G. J. Parks and John Parker.

Cities Service Station, 5 State Street,  
Don Wolf and Bud Rieder

Forester Garage & Filling Station, 2 State St.  
Ted Cutter.

Standard Oil Co. Station 86, Wisconsin & State Sts.  
Lloyd Loomer and Ralph Loomer.

Sinclair Service Station, Wisconsin & State Streets,  
D. W. Brown (C. Phelps, attendant on duty from 11 P.M.  
to 6 A.M. will be interviewed in a few days. This is  
the only all night station in that vicinity and an  
interview with Phelps appears important for this  
reason).

Phillips 66 Station, on Highway No. 12 east of  
Whitewater.

Texaco Service Station, Wisconsin & State Sts.  
W. J. Royce and A. G. Brown

At the Clean Clothes, Inc., the only laundry in Whitewater, photographs of all suspects were exhibited to Robert Hutsinfiller, who serves both as delivery and pickup man as well as occasionally receiving bundles in the office, and Walter Schultz, who receives laundry brought in, but neither recognized any suspects as past or present customers. This concern also does dry cleaning and pressing work. Agent personally examined each laundry slip for work done between November 6, 1933, and March 15, 1934, for the true name or any of the aliases of subjects and suspects, and also kept in mind the laundry marks found on the clothing left behind by persons believed to be the subjects and suspects at 1280 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota in March of 1933. Mr. Schultz was shown these laundry marks and said that his laundry had no regular system of marking, frequently using the initials of the individual leaving the laundry, and often using the previous laundry mark of some other laundry which is already on the clothes when they are brought in. He could not, therefore, identify any of these marks as the ones of his laundry. He said however, that had any of the clothes with those markings been subsequently laundered by his company the same mark would probably have been used on their records, and it was with this in mind that Agent examined approximately 3000 slips mentioned, which are the only ones now available at this laundry. Many slips were found whereon the laundry mark was HX, and the man's name given as Hubbard. This individual, Messrs. Hutsinfiller and Schultz said, was employed in Coxe's store in Whitewater and had been there for a long time. He in no way answered the description of any subject or suspect. Two slips carrying G markings were found, one being for a man named Gorman, a former local jeweler now employed in the Elgin Watch Works at Elgin, Illinois, and the other carrying the name Gilbert who, for some time past has been an employee at Harry's Tavern in Whitewater and does not answer the description of any suspect.

At Watson & Son Dry Cleaners, photographs of suspects were shown to G. C. Watson and J. W. Kurtz, the only employees, and F. C. Kutz, and J. E. Fluehiger, frequent loafers at this place, without results. This cleaning concern also accepts laundry for the Fort Steam Laundry Co. 211 Sherman Ave. Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin and in addition to the Clean Clothes, Inc. is the only other place in Whitewater handling laundry. The only records of laundry marks are at the laundry, and this laundry will be contacted when investigation is made in Fort Atkinson in the near future.



Ed Kreig, proprietor of the Central Dry Cleaning Co., and the only employee, was shown photographs of all suspects without results.

The above represent all places in Whitewater where laundry or dry cleaning is handled.

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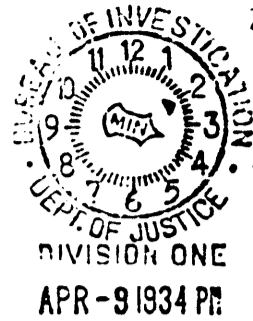
WATERLOO, WIS. Will interview C. Phelps; (Refer to Agent Reinecke's memorandum in this report.

WHITWATER, WIS. Will also re-interview R. E. Huggins, as suggested in Agent Brown's memorandum contained herein.

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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. BRELER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Transmitted herewith to the Division are three copies of the memorandum of March 15, 1934, rendered at the Kansas City Office by Special Agent A. E. Farland relative to an interview with George Kelly Barnes, convict in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, relative to the kidnaping of a gangster known as "Red" Sullivan, which sets out other data of an incidental nature regarding gangsters known to the Division.

A copy of this memorandum is also being transmitted herewith to the Chicago and St. Paul offices.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Kansas City, Missouri  
March 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE E. E. CONROY:

On March 13, 1934, while at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, while interviewing Convict George Kelly he gave the writer the following information:

That sometime during the month of July 1931, while in Chicago accompanied by Bernard Phillips, they kidnaped a notorious character of Chicago, Illinois, named "Red" Sullivan, whom Kelly states was a partner of one Stud Looney. Both Sullivan and Looney, he stated, were in a racket in which they controlled saloons, sporting houses and gambling houses; that they had heard that Sullivan had just made a collection from one of his sporting places of \$10,000.00; that they decided to take it away from him. That they put a spot on him and were informed that he had just entered one of his saloons. Kelly states he was driving his own car and that they, he and Bernard Phillips, saw Sullivan leave this place; that they immediately parked their own car and got into the car with Sullivan; that they drove out a ways and Kelly searched Sullivan. Sullivan asked him what it was all about. Kelly states he replied it was a ride; that after searching Sullivan Kelly states he found a little over \$600.00 in cash; that he also had a large diamond pin and a diamond ring which they did not take; that Sullivan told them that he had no more money; that Phillips spoke up and says "Let's go"; that they drove further out of Chicago, on a lonely road. Phillips spoke up and says "This is just as good a place as any". "Red" Sullivan then says "What's up?" and Bernard spoke up and said "We are going to push you off"; further informing Sullivan that they were being paid \$10,000.00 to push him off. Sullivan spoke up and said "I can pay you that much for letting me go". Kelly says "O.K." that Sullivan asked them to drive back to town and that they called at several places, including the Lexington Hotel, the Devonshire Apartments, and a saloon on State Street, the exact location he either could not or would not furnish. That Sullivan was unable to obtain more than \$5000.00 that night but promised them if they released him he would see that they got the \$5000.00 in the morning. They released him that night about midnight. Kelly states that the next morning at an appointed place Sullivan's sister met them and paid them the other \$5000.00 which Sullivan promised them. Before releasing Sullivan that night they made him promise that he had better not make any report to the police about this matter; that Sullivan told them that he did more for the crooks in Chicago than any other man there, and Kelly states that was a fact. That sometime after they had released Sullivan the Syndicate to which he belonged made an effort to locate the parties who had kidnaped Sullivan. Kelly did not state whether or not he and Phillips had worn masks or not.

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Kelly made a request when he furnished this information to the writer that his name would not be mentioned as having furnished same, in the event any action was taken in this matter.

Bernard Phillips is subject of Identification Order #1196.

Respectfully submitted:

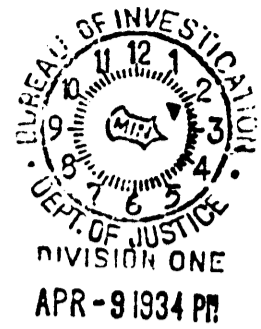
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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
April 4, 1934.



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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping - S.L. File 7-27.

Dear Sir:

Some time ago you furnished this office with a group photograph of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker and Harry Campbell, and I would be pleased if you would forward to this office at an early date, approximately six more of these group photographs.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Salt Lake City, Utah.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-3-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/31 thru 4/3/34.</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>REED E. VETTERLI</b>
TITLE: <input checked="" type="radio"/> "Changed" ALVIN KARPIS aliases: A. CARTER; RAYMOND MADLEY; GEORGE HALLER; ALVIN KARPIS; EARL HUEL; GEORGE DUNN; R.E. HAMILTON; RAY HUNTER; RAY KARPIS; E.L. BURNS; E.L. BURNS; J.J. BURNS; WILLIE LONAN; E.L. BURNS; R.E. NELSON; EARL LYMAN BURNS, I.O. 1218.			CHARACTER OF CASE: <input checked="" type="radio"/> KIDNAPING.
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> ARTHUR R. BARKER aliases: "DOC" BARKER; BOB BARKER; CLAUDE DALE; E.L. MURPHY; H.J. MURPHY; A.D. HUNTER; I.O. 1218; FRED BARKER; aliases: J. BARRONS, F.G. WARD; TED MURPHY; R.E. DAVIS; J.E. BLACKBURN; T.C. BLACKBURN; A.S. HUNTER; C.W. DAVIS, et al. EDWARD GEORGE HALLER - Victim.</p>			
<p><b>Synopsis of Facts:</b> Prior residence of Subjects Arthur and Fred Barker, and mother located at Reno. Telephone Company furnishes information on telephones with certain important descriptive data. Telephone Company, Western Union and Postal Telegraph checking all records for information pertaining to subjects. Stores located where subjects Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis purchased shirts in October 1933. Sizes secured with peculiarities, also specimens of handwriting of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis. Alvin Karpis has two new additional aliases added to title. Subject Fred Barker has one additional alias added to title. Subjects not seen in Reno recently and would have been scared out owing to publicity on Frisch disappearance case had they been here. All gambling joints, saloons, liquor joints, night clubs etc., covered and no indications subjects in Reno now. Karpis used to gamble at the Tavern several months ago. All hotels, apartments, filling stations, garages, mens shops and sporting goods houses covered in detail. Briefly, Subjects have been in Reno, but have not been seen during recent months.</p>			
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REFERENCE:

Reports of Special Agent A.R. Gere, 3-22-34, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Special Agent B.E. Sackett, 4-3-34, Salt Lake City, Utah.

DETAILS:

The title of this report is recorded as changed because of the receipt of information that Alvin Karpis, while at Reno, Nevada, was known as R.E. Nelson and Earl Lyman Burns, and because of the fact that Subject Fred Barker was known at Reno, Nevada, as C.W. Davis.

At RENO, NEVADA.

On the morning of March 31st, 1934, this agent arrived at Reno, Nevada, to take charge of the local angles of the instant case, and accordingly this report is a joint report of the work done the last four days by Agents Gere, Sackett and Vetterli.

Referring to St. Paul letter of March 26, 1934, Mr. Charles A. Short and Mr. Hugh P. Herd of the firm of Burke and Short, clothing merchants, located at 151 North Virginia Street, Reno, were interviewed regarding possible purchase of clothing there by subjects, particularly neck-ties, and it was learned that several months ago it is believed that Subject Fred Barker purchased a suit of clothes and other merchandise at this firm. Both members of the firm listed above are positive that Fred Barker made some purchases there and identify him from photographs. They also identify the photograph of Karpis, but cannot remember any details with respect to sales to these two subjects. They are confident however, that they have not seen these subjects for the last three or four months. A thorough check of all their sales where merchandise was shipped out of the city, failed to reflect any record of shipments to any name resembling that of subjects or any of their aliases.

Messrs W.M. Paterson and Chas. D. Paterson of the clothing firm of "Patersons", 229 North Virginia Street, Reno, were both interviewed and both immediately recognized photographs of Subject Campbell, Karpis and Fred Barker as individuals who had been in their store some months back, but who have not been seen for several months. They do not recall what purchases were made, and a thorough check of their records fails to reflect any shipment of any goods or merchandise out of the city to subjects under correct names or aliases.

At the firm of William Young & Company, 208 North Center Street, Reno, which is a Chinese shirt and miscellaneous clothing store, Tim Ping was interviewed, and shown photographs of all subjects and failed to recognize any of them as having made purchases in his store. Hence a thorough check was made of his records for the last three years to see if perchance he had shipped any merchandise to subjects under their correct names or any aliases, and this search proved negative. A further check was made at this same store

later in the day and an order book located wherein purchasers who order goods locally and have them ready made, sign in an old order book and the Chinese Proprietor then describes the merchandise underneath the signature. In checking through this book the signature of one T.C. Blackburn was located, and the descriptive data indicates that seven shirts were purchased from Wm. Young & Co., When Tim Ping's attention was called to this, he readily recalled that he had sold seven shirts to a Mr. Blackburn, and when again shown the photograph of Fred Barker, he immediately recognized it as being the same as the Mr. Blackburn the purchaser. The records reflect that the sale of seven shirts were made October 7th, 1933 at \$7.50 per shirt. Tim Ping states that Fred Barker came into his store accompanied by another individual who purchased three shirts under the name of R.E. Nelson, and he identifies the photograph of Alvin Karpis as the last mentioned purchaser. Attention is directed to this new alias of subject Karpis. He also states that they were accompanied by another individual, whom he identifies from Photographs as Subject Campbell, but the latter did not purchase anything. Subjects came into the store and ordered the shirts and demanded that they be finished at an early date, stating that they lived out of town and wanted them right away. It took about four or five days to complete the making of the shirts, and subjects returned, paid for them in cash, and left, and he has not seen any of them since that time, namely, October 7, 1933. The samples of cloth from which the shirts were made, and the signatures of T.C. Blackburn and R.E. Nelson were secured and are forwarded herewith to the St. Paul office for Inspector Rorer. One peculiar thing about these shirts is that each of the two subjects who purchased shirts from William Young & Co., specified that there be three buttons on the cuffs of the sleeves, whereas the ordinary shirt only has one button there. The sizes of the shirts made for Fred Barker under his alias of T.C. Blackburn were as follows: Size 34 in the chest; yoke 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; sleeve length 31, cuff 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and the collars all 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ . The size of the shirts made for Subject Alvin Karpis, under his new alias of R.E. Nelson, were:- chest 38, yoke 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ , sleeve 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ , cuff 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  and collars all 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ . This was all the available information at this company.

Mrs. L.L. Rowan, Manager of the Hiland Apartments, 234 West Liberty Street, was again interviewed, and in addition to what has already been previously reported, stated that Fred Barker had left a cane and a harmonica behind. These articles were secured and while the harmonica cannot be traced, the cane was later identified as having been purchased from Patersons, Clothiers, at Reno, Nevada, several months ago, specific date not known. She also stated that a radio was rented from Seviars Radio Store in Reno, by the woman accompanying Harry Campbell. Mrs. Rowan accompanied the Campbell woman when the radio was rented, and it was paid for in cash, and when Subjects left the Hiland Apartments, Mrs. Rowan returned the radio to the store again. We also learned that the two women with



Subjects Fred Barker and Harry Campbell used to gamble at the TANGO, a local gambling place in Reno. Mrs. Rowan later located two pairs of ladies shoes left by Campbells women, but they do not bear any identifying data. Another hat was found with the shoes, and reflects this lady's hat was purchased at Hollywood, California. After Fred Barker moved out of apartment 240, the telephone company experienced great difficulty in installing a phone for a new tenant, and owing to the fact that a 'phone was in Fred Barker's apartment while they lived there, although not connected, she believes that Fred Barker might have had the 'phone connected by surreptitiously connecting same himself. This angle will be checked at the telephone company. It was ascertained that while no 'phone was in the apartments of subjects, that the women sometimes used the manager's 'phone, telephone number Reno 8253. Accordingly through Mr. Preston, local manager of the telephone company a thorough check was made of their records, and reflects only one long distance call on this telephone, but same occurred before subjects had checked into the Hiland Apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. Pedersen, owner of the Belmont Apartments were again interviewed, and they now identify the photograph of Subject Alvin Karpis as the individual who accompanied Fred Barker when he rented the apartment. They state Fred Barker and his women never received any mail, wires or packages. Further that they had no telephone in the Barker apartment, but might have used the pay telephone in the office to which all their tenants have access, providing they pay the toll. The number on this phone is Reno 8877, and a thorough check was made of all long distance calls over this telephone, but there were no long distance calls during the period subject Fred Barker resided at the Belmont Apartment. Pedersens state that at one time the maid who had gone in to leave towels, owing to the fact that Fred Barker did not have regular maid service, on one occasion found a wallet on the bath-room floor, and it contained a large number of bills, including fifty dollar bills, and one thousand dollar bills, which was returned to Fred Barker. The maid stated that the wallet contained so much money it frightened her. Incidentally the maid could not furnish anything at all of value, simply stating that Fred Barker and his woman were very quiet people. Pedersens also state that they believed Fred Barker and his wife attended a wild game dinner at the Calneva, a local gambling joint, and road house, at Reno, and the most fashionable, which is not open at this time, but will be later on in the summer.

It might be stated that at all the apartment houses where Subjects are known to have lived in Reno, they kept their cars in the apartment house garage. On no occasion did they have trunks shipped out or any other material that could be checked for a possible address elsewhere, except the radio which has already been reported in prior reports.

A check was made at the telephone company at Reno, and through

the courtesy of Mr. Preston, the Manager, it was learned that while Subjects lived at the El Vada Apartments during their last stay, they did not have a telephone, but that there was an apartment house phone, Reno 9219, but the records do not reflect a single long distance call over this telephone while certain of the Subjects resided at the El Vada Apartments.

A further check was made at all other men's clothing stores at Reno, but no others recall seeing Subjects or remember that they ever purchased merchandise from them.

Photographs of all Subjects were exhibited to all hotels, garages and filling stations without developing any additional information. In a few instances several people stated that they thought they had seen some of the Subjects around town, but could not recall when or where, although not within the last few months. All hotels were positive that subjects had not stopped at their establishments. The sporting goods houses were also contacted, and while they believe they have seen certain subjects, do not know when or where. However, one Jimmy Gerow at the Nevada Sporting Co., is very positive he saw Fred Barker in Reno several months ago while Everett Cobb and a Mr. German of the Reno Sporting Co., believe they have seen Subjects Karpis, Fred Barker and Campbell and place the time as several months ago, the specific place in Reno not known.

On each night a thorough check has been made of all known gambling places in Reno and the patrons carefully observed until two and three A.M. each morning, and no one resembling any of the subjects in this case have put in their appearance. The same thing is true of all liquor stores, cabarets and night clubs of every sort and fashion. They have all been covered thoroughly every night and the results to date are negative. However, the check will be continued. Photographs have not been exhibited, owing to the fact that if subjects were in Reno they would no doubt be immediately tipped off by these establishments. Frankly, there is more or less "a closed corporation" in Reno, and open inquiries would only prove harmful were subjects in the city. However, it was ascertained that a place called the "Tavern" is run more or less in opposition to the prominent clique here who would protect criminals and an individual was located in the "Tavern" by the name of E.N. Rich, who was acquainted with Agent Gere several years ago in another State. He was accordingly approached openly and stated that several months ago he positively saw Subject Karpis in the "Tavern" gambling. Mr. Rich will be furnished with a complete set of photographs, and promises to telephone the Salt Lake City office immediately if he sees any of the subjects, but he frankly states he will not call the local police, or other local law enforcement officials as it

would do no good and subjects would only be warned to leave the city. In a future report I shall go into the local set-up on gambling, and what might be expected from contact with the police and other local authorities here.

A continual search has been maintained on the streets of Reno for the cars known to be in possession of any of the subjects, and they have not been seen.

Immediately upon arrival of this agent, appropriate inquiries were made of the Western Union, Postal, and the Telephone Company in Reno, and as a result full cooperation was afforded and a thorough search is being made for all wires under Subjects correct names or known aliases, and the telephone company is preparing a list of all long distance telephone calls on telephones here. I might state that the telephone company has even gone so far as to turn over to this agent all their records of long distance calls on any telephone number requested, and this list has been practically completed now, but so far there are no calls that would indicate any connection with subjects in this case. The information with respect to the telephone records should be kept in strict confidence by the respective field offices. All telephone numbers and wires will be thoroughly digested and treated in a later report.

A list of all correct names and aliases of subjects was furnished Mr. Preston of the telephone company at Reno, and he searched his index cards and ascertained that a main line telephone was installed at the Ridgeway Apartments, Reno, Apt. #20, under the name of C.W. Davis, telephone number 21738 on November 29, 1932, and on December 21, 1932 this telephone with the same number was changed in the same name to 130 West Pueblo Street, Reno, and was ordered disconnected February 24, 1933, and actually disconnected 2-28-33. The card was marked "leaving the city permanently". It will be noted later in this report that the two Barker boys and their mother resided at both of these addresses, and the telephone belonged to them. The signature on the original card looks identically like Subject Fred Barker's signature. Under the word "access" to the apartment, subjects indicated that a Mr. Upson of the Star Taxi Company would have the key. Under miscellaneous data is listed the following....."Cleveland and Marshall -----St. Paul two months ago. Dr. Mortensen-Bremer Arcade Bldg., Saint Paul." No references were given or any bank. The long distance records for the period covered by this 'phone have unfortunately been destroyed by the telephone company, but the manager of the telephone company is under the impression there were no long distance calls owing to the fact that when the bill was paid in cash the card was placed in a closed file forthwith and was not bent to be placed in an envelope had there been long distance calls and in this instance the card WAS NOT FOLDED.

Referring to the report of Special Agent Gere of the Salt Lake City office dated March 22, 1934, specifically the 3rd paragraph on page six regarding a telephone at the El Vada Apts., during the subjects first stay there, the telephone number was Reno 21527 and when full name of the subject ordering this telephone was given as EARL LYMAN BURNS, no doubt another alias of Karpis.

Referring to Division letter of March 27, 1934, enclosing a letter from Reno signed "A Loser", in which the Bremer case is mentioned, an advertisement was placed in the lost column of the Reno Evening Gazette, Monday April 2nd, and no response was received to same today. This will be followed up.

Photographs of Marjorie Keating, Kansas City, Mo., Police Dept. No. 20397, July 7, 1932, and Lillian Holden, Kansas City, Mo., Police Dept. No. 20398, July 7, 1932, were received by Agent Gere from Inspector W.A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minn., with his letter dated March 29th, and these photographs were exhibited at the Elvada Apartments, the Hiland Apartments, the Belmont Apartments, and the Sunshine Laundry and neither was identified as being a likeness of the woman accompanying Subject Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell while at Reno.

Mrs. L.L. Rowan, Hiland Apartments, 234 West Liberty St., stated that Mrs. George L. Martin (woman accompanying Subject Harry Campbell) stated that she had at least one sister and one brother; that the sister's name was a short name with four letters, an uncommon name, but not now remembered; that Mrs. George L. Martin also had a short name, which has been forgotten; that Mrs. Martin claimed to have worked in Oklahoma City, and had worked in a restaurant, and that her sister accompanied her from Oklahoma to Ohio; that the photograph of Lillian Holden somewhat resembles Mrs. George L. Martin, but that Mrs. Martin's hair was jet black and straight, and combed straight down almost entirely concealing ears; that she had small ears, and wore ear-rings.

Mrs. C.W. Smith, at the Elvada Apartments, stated that Subject Alvin Karpis (known to her as E.L. Burns) stated that he had stopped at the Parkway Hotel, Reno, before renting an apartment at the El Vada Apartments; that when E.L. Burns and wife left Apartment No. 9 on December 2, 1933 they left behind a coat hanger bearing the words "Ring, The Cleaner, Wyoming 7405".

Mrs. Mary Stratford, proprietress of the Ridgeway Apartments, 303 Hill St., identified the photograph of Mrs. Kate Barker, as the mother of two men, who came to the Ridgeway Apartments on November 28, 1932, and remained until December 28, 1932, paying \$75.00 for men month's rent, occupying Apartment No. 20. (NOTE: It will be noted from Agent Gere's report dated March 22, 1934, that Subject Alvin Karpis, using the name E.L. Burns, secured 1932 Nevada License No. 7985 on December 2, 1932, at Reno, Nev., and gave his address as Apartment No. 20, Ridgeway Apartments, Reno, Nevada).

Mrs. Stratford also identified the photograph of Subject Fred Barker as being one of the sons of Mrs. Barker, and partially identified the photograph of Arthur R. Barker as the other son. These parties were known to Mrs. Stratford as "C.W. Davis". They were not required to register, and their individual names were not obtained.

In checking the records of the Reno Laundry it was ascertained that on November 4, 1933, laundry marks "751" and "B132" were on laundry received from Apartment No. 14, Ridgeway Apartments.

Mrs. Stratford stated that Apartment No. 14, was occupied from October 12, 1933, to November 25th, 1933, by Ray Bailey, and another man, from Bakersfield, Calif., one of whom was in Reno for the purpose of obtaining a divorce; that both men were about 40 years of age. It is probably a coincidence that laundry mark "751" known to have been on laundry owned by Subjects, was also on laundry from Apt. 14, Ridgeway Apartments, on Nov. 4, 1933.

Mrs. Stratford further stated that when Mrs. Kate Barker and two sons left the Ridgeway Apartments, they rented a house from Mrs. Marian Upsen, now deceased.

It was ascertained that Mrs. Marian Upsen owned a house at 130 Pueblo St., and from Mrs. Marian F. Madden, 134 West Pueblo St., it was ascertained that Mrs. Kate Barker (names not known to her) and her two sons occupied No. 130 West Pueblo St. for about two months during about January and February, 1933. Mrs. Madden readily identified the photograph of Mrs. Kate Barker and Subject Fred Barker as likenesses of the persons seen at 130 West Pueblo St., but was not very sure about the photograph of Subject Arthur R. Barker. Mrs. Madden stated that these parties had two or three large, new cars with Nevada license plates; that they did not seem to have any occupation, but had plenty of money, and their actions aroused suspicion in the neighborhood; that when they left Mrs. Kate Barker, and a younger woman who had lived with them at 130 West Pueblo St., left the house in a taxi-cab; that the men had already departed, but did not know how much in advance of the two women; that Mrs. Kate Barker would weigh 180 to 185 lbs., instead of 150 lbs.

Harry D. Fletcher, police officer, residence, 140 West Pueblo St., identified the photograph of Subject Fred Barker as having resided at 130 Pueblo St., about January or February, 1933, and partially identified the photographs of Mrs. Kate Barker and Subject Volney Davis as having been seen by him at that time, and stated that the actions of these parties aroused his suspicions and that he had reported the matter to Chief of Police J.M. Kirkley, but that no investigation had been made of them.

Mrs. Harry D. Fletcher readily identified the photograph of Subject Fred Barker as having been seen by her at 130 West Pueblo St. and partially identified the photograph of Mrs. Kate Barker, who she stated was wearing an expensive black seal-skin coat; that there were many men going in and out of 130 Pueblo St., at all hours of the night, and that they were always carrying suit-cases, and were suspected of being bootleggers on account of their carrying suit-cases all the time, and the suspicious manner of their actions.

From the records of the Sunshine Laundry, 440 East 2nd St., it was ascertained that the following laundry marks were on laundry received from No. 130 West Pueblo St.:-

Jan. 3, 1933.	Cleaning.	Laundry Mark.
		4565
" 4	Laundry.	DG
" 5	Cleaning.	4626
" 6	Laundry.	7816
" 7	Cleaning.	4729
" 11	Laundry.	DG
" 11	"	75
" 12	Cleaning.	4916
" 19	"	5137
" 19	Laundry.	75
" 23	Cleaning	5354
Feb. 3	Laundry.	75
" 7	Cleaning	5599
" 7	Laundry.	75
" 14	Cleaning.	5801
" 14	Laundry.	75
" 20	"	75
" 20	Cleaning.	5996
" 24	Laundry.	75

All the laundry marks shown in letter from Inspector W.A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minn., dated March 20, 1934, were left with Mr. J.A. Barbash, Manager of the Sunshine Laundry, and he promised his active co-operation in causing the apprehension of anyone leaving laundry with the laundry marks in question.

Driver Ed Pricer, of the Sunshine Laundry, residence, 221 1/2 High St., readily identified the photographs of Mrs. Kate Barker, Subjects Fred Barker and Arthur R. Barker, as the persons seen by him at 130 West Pueblo St., Reno, in January and February, 1933, and he stated he would immediately notify Mr. Barbash in the event he should see any of them again.

The photographs of subjects and Mrs. Kate Barker were shown to the managers of each of the 50 or 55 apartment houses in Reno, but same were not identified except as previously reported.

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Each apartment house owner promised to notify Chief of Police J.M. Kirkley in the event any of Subjects were seen by them, except a few who stated they preferred to notify the Salt Lake City office by telephone, in view of the local situation.

Subjects would no doubt have left Reno had they been here recently, owing to the fact that when the Frisch disappearance case broke, on March 23rd, 1934, local newspapers as well as regional papers carried the story that five Federal Agents were at Reno working on the Frisch case. As a result of rewards offered in the Frisch case, over a thousand persons were searching hills and lake region looking for suspicious strangers.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

ST. PAUL OFFICE: Check data secured from telephone company on telephone #21738 Reno with respect to the information regarding Dr. Mortenson --Bremer Arcade Bldg., Saint Paul and Cleveland and Marshall, Saint Paul.

SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE: Other leads suggested in various communications from Inspector Rorer at Saint Paul and from other field offices will be covered immediately, in addition to leads apparent in the details of this report.

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

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>Apr. 2, 1934.</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>Mar. 3 to 31st, 1934.</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. R. RAMSEY, JR. AP.</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject Karpis identified as purchaser of Graham-Paige Sedan, California 1933 license 2-F-8661, as E. L. Burnes from Reno, Nevada, and with friends at Casa de Vallejo Hotel, Vallejo, Calif. Suspect Volney Davis partially identified as associate at time of purchase. Stop orders placed against registration of cars and names and aliases of all suspects connected with instant investigation. Investigation proceeding as to all hotels, garages and apartments this district. George Bentz, brother of Ed Bentz reported en route to California and Washington to visit mining claim of brother and possibly secure position San Juan Fish Company in Tacoma or Seattle, Washington. Further investigation William Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, reflects registration Mrs. William Lohman and Mrs. T. C. Blackburn Oct. 25th to 27th, 1933, and delivery of car to them on departure Oct. 27, 1933. Investigation 2943 Abbey St., Oakland, California, reported address Homer Wilson, with negative results. Telephone calls William J. Graham, alleged associate Karpis-Barker mob reported herein, and further investigation being conducted relative thereto.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report Special Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City, 3/24/34.  
Report Special Agent T.P. Geraghty, San Francisco, 3/27/34.  
Letters from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, dated 2/23/34.

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3/7/34, 3/22/34, 3/23/34 and 3/26/34.  
Telegram from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, 3/22/34.  
Telegram from Portland Division Office, 3/24/34.  
Letter from Director 3/3/34.

DETAILS:

This report is a joint report of Special Agents T. P. Geraghty, V. E. Criss, H. R. Philbrick and this Agent.

Referring to letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated St. Paul, 3/7/34, additional investigation was conducted regarding 1933 California license No. 2-H-8661 by Special Agent H. R. Philbrick, who ascertained that this license was issued on Feb. 9, 1933, on a Graham Paige Sport Sedan, Motor No. 1024021, Serial No. 1018956, model 57, Dealer's Report of Sale No. D-9947, to E. L. Burnes, 3870 California St., which car was sold to Burnes by the Graham-Paige Company of 1665 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, and that Burnes traded in a 1932 Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. PB-81821, Serial No. 1757009, Nevada 1933 license 7985, registered to E. L. Burnes, Ridgeway Apartment No. 20, Reno. Investigation conducted by Special Agent Philbrick at the Graham-Paige Company developed that this car had been sold by Mr. Earl Denning, salesman, who is now with the Auburn California Company.

At 3870 California St., listed as the address of E. L. Burnes, Special Agent Philbrick was able to find no record of any Burnes during the last two years, although investigation was conducted through the Postal carriers and at the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, but the manager, Mrs. F. D. Brunig, of the apartments at this address, advised that a Mr. Denning had resided there in February, 1933.

This Agent interviewed Earl Denning, Golden State Hotel, Powell and Ellis Sts., at present a salesman for the Auburn California Company, 1625 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, who advised that he remembered selling instant Graham-Paige to E. L. Burnes in February, 1933. He stated that this individual had come into the salesrooms on Van Ness Avenue with a friend about Feb. 5, 1933, and at that time made a \$100.00 deposit on the Graham-Paige Sedan, after an offer had been made him for a trade-in on the instant Plymouth Sedan. He stated that on the 8th of February, this individual had come in and secured delivery of the Graham-Paige car; that he had paid the difference between the allowance on the Plymouth and the purchase price of the Graham-Paige in cash; that he specifically remembers the incident, inasmuch as the individual had drawn a large roll of bills from his pocket, and peeled off the currency for this cash payment in his presence. He stated that the currency for both the \$100.00 deposit, and the final cash payment, were in bills of different denominations, ranging from \$5.00 to \$20.00. He stated that on the initial visit of this individual to the sales room, he had been accompanied by a friend; that both Burnes and his friend had been very nattily and flashily dressed, and that Burnes did not introduce his friend to him, and that his friend did not accompany Burnes when he secured delivery of the car. He stated that Burnes had indicated to him that he was from Reno,

Nevada; that he was only in San Francisco for the purpose of securing a car, and that he desired that he allow him, Burnes, to use his, Denning's, residence address for the purpose of securing his ownership certificate from the California State Motor Vehicle Department. He stated that he allowed Burnes this privilege and that Burnes advised him that when the permit came to his, Denning's, residence in San Francisco, it should be forwarded to him at the Casa de Vallejo Hotel at Vallejo, California, inasmuch as he, Burnes, had friends at that hotel, and that he would either be there, or that his friends would forward it for him.

He further stated that this individual, after securing delivery of the car, came in the following day to the shop of the Graham-Paige Company, and had some minor adjustments made on the car, but that after this visit, he has neither seen nor heard of either Burnes or his associate. He stated that some two weeks after delivery of the car, a communication from the California State Motor Vehicle Division came to his apartment, 3870 California St., and he forwarded it on to Burnes at the Casa de Vallejo Hotel, Vallejo, California. Denning identified a photograph of Subject Karpis as the individual known to him as E. L. Burnes, and whom he stated he could positively identify as the purchaser of this automobile. He stated that the photograph of Volney Davis was a very good likeness of the associate accompanying Karpis at the time of his first contact with him, but that he cannot be positive as to Davis. He stated that a full record of this transaction was on record with the Graham-Paige Company, and that he had discussed the matter with Mr. Roy Hague, Sales Manager for the company at that time, who, he believed, might possibly be able to furnish information regarding same.

Roy Hague, Sales Manager, Graham-Paige Company, advised upon interview, and after viewing photograph of Subject Karpis and suspect Davis, that he could not positively identify this individual as being the one with whom the deal regarding the Graham-Paige had been concluded; that ordinarily, however, he would only get a momentary glimpse of the individual at the time the deal was closed, and would have no occasion to remember the transaction. He produced the records of the Graham-Paige Company with reference to this sale, and advised that the automobile purchased was a Graham-Paige "57" de luxe model, maroon colored body and top; light brown upholstery; six wire wheels; trunk rack on the back; two fender wells with maroon metal covers, equipped all around with safety glass, and the chassis number on this car was 1018956. He stated that the car had been equipped all around with U. S. Royal tires, the side walls of which had been changed from white to black. He stated that the radiator cap was a nickel-plated figure of a flying woman. It was noted that the Graham-Paige file contained a notation that the purchaser desired a Delco radio and Hodges heater installed. Mr. Hague advised that their records did not show that this radio and heater had been installed, but the information might be obtained from Mr. Denning. The Bill of Sale in the files of the Graham-Paige Company, for which the Plymouth car turned in by Burnes, was exhibited by Hague, and it was noted that it contained the original signature of E. L. Burnes, which signature has been photostated, photostats of which are being placed in the San Francisco file, and forwarded to each office receiving copies of this report.

Further inquiry of Earl Denning with reference to the radio and heater, which the sales record noted had been requested by Burnes, developed that he had made effort to secure a radio of the type requested; that he had been unable to secure either the radio or the heater of the type desired, and that neither a

radio nor a heater had been installed in this car at the time of delivery or any time subsequent thereto.

With reference to letter of Inspector Rorer, dated March 23, 1934, immediately upon receipt thereof, contact was had by Acting Special Agent in Charge E.B. Montgomery with the California State Motor Vehicle Department, Sacramento, regarding all cars reported used by any of the suspects in this matter in California, and a letter received from the Sacramento representative of the National Automobile Theft Bureau, reflects, in addition to the information covered in report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City, March 22, 1934, that Buick Sedan, Motor No. 2797868, was registered Feb. 8th, under 1933 Non-Resident Permit No. 4553, by R. E. Davis, Hotel Anderson, Reno, Nevada; with Nevada license No. 1488; the California address being indicated as Los Angeles; that no 1934 license had been issued for this car, or for any of the other cars noted. Further, that Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 885160 had not been registered; that there was no 1934 license for E. L. Burnes, or R. L. Burnes, William Lohman, William B. Lohman, J.E. Blackburn, F.C. Blackburn, nor for Arthur E. Barker or A. or Alvin Karpis; that there was a notation with reference to registration of 1933 Plymouth "6" Sedan, Motor No. PD 21904, serial No. 2023647, on January 16, 1934, under 1934 license No. 6-J-7246, to one H.J. Harvey, 1209 Oak St., legal owner James F. Waters Security Corporation, 1111 Van Ness Ave. Investigation will be conducted with reference to the identity of this individual. Further check is being made with reference to other cars noted in reference letter, and stops have been placed against registration of any of the cars noted in that letter, or registration by anyone of the names or aliases of the suspects in instant investigation.

With reference to letters of W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, March 22, 1934, and March 26, 1934, and telegram from Inspector Rorer dated March 22, 1934, the San Francisco Division Office has allocated the territory of San Francisco and Oakland, and is making systematic check of all hotels, garages and apartments in these localities, the results of which investigation will be reported in subsequent reports. This investigation is in addition to that already reported in reference report of Special Agent Geraghty of March 27, 1934.

Investigation is being conducted at the present time with reference to hotels, garages and apartments in Sacramento, California, and photographs of suspects in this matter will immediately be placed in the hands of Agricultural checking stations in the Northern California District on the State Line, on their receipt by this office.

Special Agent T. P. Geraghty conducted further investigation at the William Taylor Hotel, which reflected that registration had been made by a Mrs. William Lohman of Chicago on Oct. 25, 1933, who had been assigned to room 1412, rate \$2.50 per day; that she had checked out on Oct. 27th; that she had been accompanied by one Mrs. T. C. Blackburn of 4214 North Lockwood Blvd., Toledo, Ohio, who also checked out on Oct. 27, 1933. Special Agent Geraghty interviewed Tom Silk, clerk on duty at the time of this registration, who had no recollection of these guests. He interviewed John B. Blackinger, Assistant

Manager of the William Taylor Hotel, who stated that he distinctly recollected these guests; that one of the women was younger than the other, and that the younger one said that they lived in Chicago, but were temporarily residing in Reno, and Blackinger concluded that this younger woman was in Reno for the purpose of getting a divorce. Further, that it was his recollection that on the morning they checked out, Oct. 27, 1933, they waited in the lobby of the hotel for some time, at which time the younger woman said she had bought a new car, and that a short time later, a large sedan, which looked like a new automobile, about the size of an Auburn, was driven up to the hotel and parked; that the baggage of these guests was put in this car, and that the younger woman took her place in the driver's seat; that he did not see, however, who had delivered the car, and did not see any man with them when they left. Blackinger described these two women to Agent Geraghty as follows:

The younger woman:

Height:	5' 2"
Weight:	120 lbs.
Age:	30 to 32
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Blonde
Complexion:	Light
	Flashily dressed.

The older woman:

Height:	5' 6"
Weight:	160 lbs.
Build:	Heavy
Age:	About 50
Complexion:	Dark
	Wore hat; not conspicuously dressed.

Mr. Blackinger was unable to indicate which of these women was Mrs. Lohman, and which was Mrs. Blackburn.

Special Agent Geraghty ascertained that the automobiles of the guests of the hotel were ordinarily taken care of at the William Taylor Garage at 256 Turk St., and charge made therefor on the guests' hotel bill. He ascertained, however, that the bill of these individuals did not show a charge for garage service, nor was there any charge for telephone calls during their stop at the hotel. Investigation conducted by Special Agent Geraghty at the William Taylor Garage, 256 Turk St., for the period Oct. 25, 1933 to Oct. 27, 1933, reflected no information as to an automobile stored by anyone in the name of Mrs. William Lohman or Mrs. T. C. Blackburn, and no charges to their room at the William Taylor Hotel.

The San Francisco Office will conduct investigation, with reference to the Auburn automobile, interviewing the Auburn dealer in San Francisco, to ascertain if in fact a new car was delivered to either Mrs. Lohman or Mrs. Blackburn about this date.

Special Agent Geraghty conducted further investigation at the office of the American Railway Express Company in San Francisco, and was advised by E.W. Brink, that he, Brink, had received information from the Chicago representative of the American Railway Express that George Bentz, brother of Ted and Ed Bentz, had left Chicago recently in a Willys-Knight Sedan, maroon color, motor No. 158636, bearing Illinois 1934 license No. 502671, and having attached thereto a trailer with Illinois 1934 license No. 302-W; that George Bentz was reported to have stated, prior to leaving, that he had an opportunity to obtain a position with the San Juan Fish Company at Tacoma, Washington, and that he intended to visit a mining claim of his brother, Ed. Bentz at Shelton or Sheridan, California, prior to going to this position. Informant was unable to state which of these places had been meant, but Special Agent Geraghty ascertained that there is a Sheridan, California, in Placer County, which it will be noted is in the vicinity of the Grass Valley Mining District in California. Special Agent Geraghty also ascertained that there is no San Juan Fish Company in Tacoma, but that this company is located at Seattle, Washington.

Information has been requested from the California State Division of Motor Vehicles as to whether there is any record of the above noted Willys-Knight Sedan, or trailer, having entered California, and that if the same has not yet entered, that this office be notified when same enters the State.

Contact was had by Special Agent Geraghty with Lieut. Mitchell of the Automobile Detail of the San Francisco Police Department, who advised that he would immediately communicate with this office upon the appearance of this car in San Francisco, advising all his officers to be on the lookout for same in case it should appear here.

Mr. Brink also advised Agent Geraghty that the information he had received indicated that George Bentz might also visit his sister, Mrs. Fred Keller, who, it will be noted from report of Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears, Portland, Oregon, dated 3/22/34, resides at 816 South Grant St., Tacoma, Washington. The attention of the Portland Office is being directed to this information, and is being requested that it conduct investigation in that district.

Referring to telegram of 3/24/34 from the Portland Division Office regarding the location of Homer Wilson, and to letter from the same office dated 3/13/34 in connection with this matter, Special Agent Criss conducted investigation in Oakland, California, as follows:

Mrs. E. Larson, an elderly lady, living at 2943 Abbey St., Oakland, since the middle of 1931, claims to never have heard of Homer Wilson.

Mrs. Joe Walker, owner of the house, a duplex, advised that no one by that name, or description of Homer Wilson, ever lived there to the best of her knowledge.

R. M. Blaisdell, Superintendent of Post Office Substation covering the district, checked the postal records, but to no effect.

Jack Russel, Postal Carrier, 3240 Lorenzo St., Oakland, who had carried mail to the address, and neighborhood, for 15 years, did not remember a Homer Wilson

ever living in the neighborhood.

With reference to letter of Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated 3/26/34, to the Salt Lake City Division Office, copy of which was sent to this office, Special Agent T. P. Geraghty conducted investigation as follows:

George Wing, Manager George Wing & Co. (shirts, underwear and pajamas - made to order), 627 Jackson St., stated that the firm does not carry finished merchandise in stock, except a few samples; has a number of agents throughout the United States who work on commission and solicit orders from individual customers; does not furnish merchandise to stores; that one Chic Emerson, 906 West 26th St., Minneapolis, Minn., was one of his representatives a year ago and covered St. Paul and Minneapolis; that firm has no representative covering Reno, Nevada.

Further stated that records prior to January, 1933, have not been kept, except an alphabetical list of customers, which contains the number of the order shipped to the customer. Agent Geraghty examined the alphabetical list of customers of George Wing & Company for four years past, but did not find therein the name of any suspect or aliases.

Photographs of suspects were exhibited to George Wing and employees; no recognition of any of them.

With reference to letter of Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated 3/26/34, Special Agent V. E. Criss of the San Francisco Office contacted Chief Special Agent H. A. Hansley, Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, and through him, and in cooperation with the management of the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, where William J. Graham resided while in San Francisco, just prior to departure on March 24th for New York City, developed that the following telephone calls were made by William J. Graham during his stop at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel.

LOCAL CALLS:

In connection with these calls, Special Agent Criss has designated opposite the notation of various calls, the identity of the person to whom the call was made, and further investigation is being conducted in connection with these persons, as well as regarding the identity of the other persons noted in connection with these calls:

- Randolph 7177 - Margaret Graham - 15 Pinehurst Way  
(Mother of William Graham).
- Atwater 2713 - W. Russell - 1424 A. Van Ness Ave., South
- Atwater 5565 - Thomas Morrissey - 915 San Bruno
- Bayview 5366 - Leo Burner - 334 Funston Avenue
- Douglas 6442 - S. F. Pharmacy Review - S heldon Building, Room 504

Douglas 7400 - McDonough Bros., Bail Bond - 700 Kearny St.  
Douglas 9691 - Bill's Lunch, Pier 37 - Disconnect 1/11/34  
Douglas 9722 - Palace Market - 749 Market - Disconnect 11/24/33  
Evergreen 6442 - Wm. E. Kyne - 442 17th Ave. (Non-published) (Race track bookie)  
Garfield 9300 - Wm. Lyone - 657 Merchant St. (Bail bond broker)  
Garfield 9552 - Meads Company - 64 4th St.  
Garfield 9317 - 504 Restaurant - 504 Broadway  
Garfield 7070 - Manx Hotel - Powell & O'Farrell  
Garfield 9438 - Andromeda Cafe  
James J. Griffin - 155 Columbus  
(Former bootleg joint and involved in Frank Nash. E.F.P. investigation)  
Garfield 8854 - B. Silver (N. P.) - 901 California St., Room 409 - 3/21/34  
(Killer, criminal record from New York City. Owner Globe Brewery,  
member of Ezra Bros. narcotic ring; suspected of taking Daughterty,  
Philadelphia gangster, for a ride in Nov. 1933. He and his gang  
last seen with Daughterty.)  
Graystone 3596 - John Blackinger - 625 Hyde St., Apt. 5, (Assistant Manager  
William Taylor Hotel).  
Graystone 3600 - Hotel Bellevue - 505 Geary St.  
Graystone 8156 - D. Lutkin - 950 Franklin, Apt. 2 (not published)  
Hemlock 2668 - Sam Kantowitz - William Taylor Hotel  
(Broker, gambler, follows horse races)  
Humboldt 2656 - Vacant line (no card on this number.)  
Hemlock 2656 - Lucile Dramiack - 811 Oak St.  
Kearny 4400 - Jos. L. Taaffe - Phelan Building, Room 630  
(Attorney accompanied Graham to New York)  
Market 6100 - Independent Paper Stock Co. - 650 7th St.  
Chas. Harley Co.  
Independent Smelting & Refining Co. - 650 7th St.  
Market 3860 - R.J. Dayley - Disconnected 10/10/33.  
Market 3862 - Horan & Walsh - 46 6th St. (Cigars)  
(Cigar store and gambling joint).

Market 0170 - Brown & Kennedy Florist - 3089 16th St.  
Mission 9223 - Hugh O. Jones - 1079 Church St.,  
Chas. F. Jenkins (San Francisco Police)  
Ordway 8100 - Woodland Hotel - 473 Ellis St.  
(Notorious residence of pimps and prostitutes)  
Prospect 3506 - Mrs. Victoria Mangan - 536 Leavenworth, Apt. 115.  
Sutter 2882 - Ford Apts. Pat Sullivan - 957 Mission (gambling)  
Sutter 3596 - Pac. Steel & Road Builders - Call Building  
Sutter 9694 - Bank Grill - Pat Sullivan - 81 4th St. (gambling)  
Sutter 9691 - Beer Barrell Inn - 139 Ellis St.  
Tuxedo 9691 - Junction Storage Co. 217 Taylor St. (check)  
Valencia 9722 - Bank Cafe - 3282 22d St., San Francisco  
West 4682 - W. J. Mullin - 62 Mallorca Way  
(With San Francisco Bank)  
Mission 3970 - Edward C. Curtis - 712 Castro St. (Plumber)

LONG DISTANCE CALLS:

Reno 3989 - on an unlisted telephone - ascertained to be charged to Sullivan,  
239 North Center St., Reno, Nevada. Calls were made to this  
'phone on March 10, 11, 14th; twice on the 15th, once on the 16th,  
17th, four times on the 23d of March.

Reno 4111 - Thatcher Woodburn, Reno National Bank.

Reno 5139 - March 16th.

Reno 4621 - March 16th (U.S. District Attorney's Office)

Reno 5714 - On the 13th, 17th, 21st of March; charged to J.J. Vieira, 1408 4th  
St., Box 514, Reno.

Reno 3205 - March 13th, reported as listed No. 5 Virginia St., but unlisted  
publicly. Box 14.

Call to the Warden, Carson City, No. 21, on March 14th.

Calls to J. C. McKay, Warwick Hotel, New York City on March 14th,  
17th, 20th and 22d.



CALLS TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

F.I. 1244 March 10th, and calls to Fitz 9072 March 12th and March 22d.

CALLS TO SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA.

Main 948 - ascertained to be the telephone of F. J. Butch, 414 $\frac{1}{2}$  K St., on March 10, 13; twice on the 14th; twice on the 15th; once on the 16th; twice on the 17th; once on the 18th, 20th, 21st; twice on the 22d.

CALLS TO OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA.

Lakeside 6430 - ascertained to be the telephone of S.W. Strague, 667 11th St., on March 10, 14, 16, 19, 21, 22d and 23d.

Glencourt 7000 - ascertained to be the Hotel Oakland, on March 21st.

CALLS TO SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.

Ballard 6943-W, on March 21st, twice. Ascertained to be the telephone of Katherine Hayes, 239 West San Fernando St.

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As a basis for continued immediate investigation in the San Francisco district, the following leads developed as a result of instant investigation, and from a review of the San Francisco file in instant case, are being set out, and report is being made at this time in order that auxiliary offices may have the benefit of the information thus far developed.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE PORTLAND DIVISION OFFICE. Refer to report of Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears, 3/22/34, and information developed by Special Agent T.P. Geraghty as noted in this report, and conduct appropriate investigation through Mrs. Fred Keller, 816 South Grant St., Tacoma, Washington, sister of the Bentz brothers, and to whom George Bentz is reported en route at the present time, and at the San Juan Fish Company, Seattle, Washington, bearing in mind the facts in connection with this same matter, and conduct appropriate investigation to determine if George Bentz has arrived there for a reported position.

THE SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION OFFICE at Reno, Nevada. Conduct appropriate investigation with reference to the Reno telephone numbers called by William J. Graham at Reno, as noted in the body of this report; ascertain the listing of the phones, not noted, and identity of the persons called.

THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION OFFICE at Los Angeles, California, is requested to ascertain the listings of the Los Angeles telephone calls made by William J. Graham, as noted above in the body of this report, through the appropriate

officer of the telephone company, investigating the identity of these individuals for possible connection with reference to instant investigation.

THE NEW YORK CITY DIVISION OFFICE will bear in mind the information contained in the body of this report with reference to the calls of William J. Graham to J. McKay, Warwick Hotel, New York City, it being remembered that J. McKay is also under indictment with William J. Graham in New York City at the present time in connection with a Postal violation.

THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION OFFICE, at San Francisco, California, conduct further and additional investigation with reference to the local telephone calls made by William J. Graham, as noted in the body of this report, and will conduct similar investigation with reference to the identity of the persons called by William J. Graham at Oakland and Sacramento, California.

At Stockton, California, refer to letter of Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated Feb. 23, 1934, and conduct investigation at the "Tourist News", as requested in that letter.

At Palo Alto, California. Refer to report of Special Agent T.P. Geraghty, San Francisco, California, dated March 27, 1934, and conduct further investigation at Palo Alto, California, with reference to Howard Mulaney, 521 Fulton St., contacting Chief of Police H. A. Zink, who has already conducted preliminary investigation.

At Vallejo, California. Will conduct investigation at the Casa de Vallejo Hotel, it being noted that this is the hotel indicated by E. L. Burnes as his address at the time of purchasing the Graham-Paige Sedan in San Francisco in February, 1933.

At Grass Valley, California; refer to letters from the Portland Office, dated March 25th and 28th, and report of Special Agent T.P. Geraghty, San Francisco, 3/27/34, and conduct investigation with reference to the location of the Bentz brothers, as requested therein.

At Sheridan, California, conduct similar investigation as that requested at Grass Valley, noting particularly the facts developed in the body of this report with reference to reported mining claim of Ed Bentz at Sheridan.

At San Francisco, Oakland and Sacramento, California, will conduct further and continual investigation with reference to hotels, apartments and garages, looking to the location and apprehension of the members of the Karpis-Barker mob.

At San Francisco, California, will immediately upon receipt of photographs of suspects in this matter, furnish same to the Agricultural Checking Stations on the California Border of the Northern District of California, together with full information regarding automobiles which these suspects may have in their possession, with a view to securing the

apprehension of these suspects. Will report the results of additional investigation being conducted as regards cars thought to be in the possession of suspects in this case, as reported by the California State Division of Motor Vehicles, and in addition to the information contained in the report of Special Agent T.P. Geraghty, dated March 27, 1934.

The San Francisco Office will refer to the letter from the Director, dated 3/3/34, and report the arrest number of Mrs. Arrie Barker, alias Mrs. George Anderson, if same is uncovered in connection with this investigation.

The San Francisco Office will conduct investigation at the Auburn California Sales Co., 1625 Van Ness Ave. for the purpose of ascertaining whether an Auburn automobile was delivered to Mrs. William Lohman, or Mrs. T.C. Blackburn on or about Oct. 27, 1933.

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OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA  
FEBRUARY 19, 1934

DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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BREMER CASE DISPOSITIONS ARRESTS THIS DISTRICT ALVIN KARPIS  
TULSA PD EIGHT NAUGHT NAUGHT EIGHT AS GEORGE HALLER ARRESTED  
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ARRESTED PD OKMULGEE DECEMBER NINETEEN TWENTY FIVE INVESTIGATION BANK  
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DISPOSITION STOP ADDITIONAL DISPOSITION BEING EXPEDITED

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

April 5, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to instructions from Assistant Director Nathan received by telephone from Oklahoma City, I interviewed Detectives Ed Weatherford and J.W. Swinney of the Ft. Worth Police Department, at Ft. Worth, Texas, on April 4, 1934.

They said they remembered seeing Mr. E.E. Kirkpatrick at Ft. Worth during the Fat Stock Show in March of this year and that the Urschel Case was discussed and Mr. Kirkpatrick told them that he was going to write a book on the case, in fact, was well along with the story. They say they did not mention to him anything about fingerprints on gasoline cans in connection with the Bremer Case; that they did not know that fingerprints had been found on gasoline cans and had never heard of it. That they did not see or read any newspaper article stating that fingerprints had been found on gasoline cans believed to have been made by the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, and the first information or knowledge they had about such came with my query as to whether it had been discussed with anyone.

They could not place the date upon which they talked to Mr. Kirkpatrick.

Very truly yours,

*F. J. Blake*  
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F. J. BLAKE, Special Agent in Charge.  
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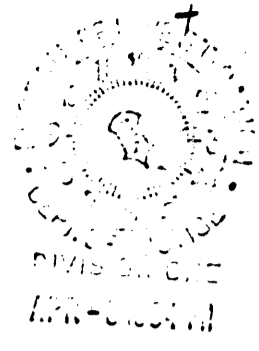
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Director  
Division of Investigation  
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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

There are being transmitted to the Division herewith three copies of a memorandum dated March 15, 1934, by Special Agent A. E. Farland, at the Kansas City Office, reflecting an interview with George Kelly Barnes, convict in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, relative to certain bank robberies in which he and other confederates known to the Division participated.

One copy of this memorandum is also furnished to the St. Paul Office with a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - St. Paul (Encl.)

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Kansas City, Missouri  
March 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE E. E. CONROY:

While at the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on March 13, 1934, in an interview with Convict George Kelly, now serving a sentence in that institution, he furnished Agent with the following information. That sometime during the month of July 1932 he and Ed Doll alias Ed LaRue, held up and robbed a bank at Ladonia, Texas; that they got about \$7000.00 on that stickup. That sometime during the month of January 1931 Kelly and others, the names of whom he refused to divulge, had held up a bank at Boyd, Texas and that they obtained \$2800.00 on this job. That during the month of April 1932 he and convict Ed Doll had robbed a bank at Paradise, Texas; that they got \$1400.00 in cash and about \$250.00 worth of bonds.

That in June 1932 he, convict Ed Doll, alias LaRue, and Ed Bentz had robbed a bank at Blue Ridge; that they obtained \$2000.00 in cash and some bonds. The bonds were later destroyed.

That in June 1932 he, and convict Ed Doll, had robbed a bank at Ponder, Texas; that they obtained \$5500.00 cash in this holdup.

That on December 1, 1932 he, convict Albert Bates and convict Ed LaRue held up and robbed the Citizens Bank of Tupelo, Mississippi; that they obtained \$19,000.00 in cash; \$12,000.00 in Liberty Bonds and \$45,000.00 in commercial paper; that he, Kelly, received as his share of this robbery \$67,000.00 in cash and that he sold his share of the paper and Liberty Bonds for \$5300.00 and that Bates and LaRue got the rest.

That on March 29, 1932, he, Kelly, and Bernard Phillips, with others whose names he would not furnish, robbed the Northwestern Bank at Minneapolis, Minnesota; that they obtained \$55,000.00 in cash and \$175,000.00 in commercial paper.

That in 1930 he, Kelly, Keating, Holden, Harvey Gailley, Vera Miller and a man whom he called "Frisco Dutch" had held up a bank in Ottumwa, Iowa; that they obtained \$40,000.00 in cash and \$20,000.00 in bonds. Kelly further stated that the bonds were so hot they had sold them for 10% and thought they got between \$20,000.00 or \$25,000.00 for them; that they divided the loot and they got about \$9500.00 each.

A checkup was made through Mr. H. A. Dutton, in charge of the Burns Detective Agency at Kansas City, Missouri, who represent the American Bankers Association, and their records reflect the following:

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The Ottumwa Savings Bank, of Ottumwa, Iowa, was robbed at 10:30 A.M. the morning of September 9, 1930; the reports in his office reflect that \$33,900.00 in cash, which included \$5400.00 in gold, and securities in the amount of \$52,860.00 were taken.

While at the Burns Detective Agency inquiries were made as to whether or not they had any record of one "Frisco Dutch" in their files, and it was learned they have a record of one Robert S. Schmidt, alias Robert Rhinehart, alias "Frisco Dutch" whom they had investigated in a number of robberies. The description as taken from a photograph shown the writer was that he would be 49 years old now; height 5'5 7/8"; weight 195 lbs; eyes hazel; hair chestnut; complexion ruddy; looks as if he is pock marked. This photograph and description shows that Schmidt had been held for murder when apprehended on this charge. They were unable to furnish the information where this photograph had come from. The fingerprint classification of Smith is

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Mr. Dutton stated he believed that Robert Schmidt has a record at the St. Louis, Missouri Police Department. Photograph also shows that Robert S. Schmidt had been apprehended by the Kansas City Police Department for investigation on July 2, 1912.

Others mentioned in this robbery - Vern Miller, Kelly, Keating, Holden and Bailey - have records which can be obtained at the National Bureau of Identification.

The records of the Burns Detective Agency at Kansas City, Missouri, reflect that on March 29, 1932 the Northwestern National Bank, the correct name for this institution being the North American Office of the Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota, was robbed at 10 A.M.; that \$53,000.00 cash was taken and \$125,000.00 in securities.

The records also reflect that the Citizens State Bank of Tupelo, Mississippi was robbed at 2:55 P.M. November 28, 1932; that \$18,257.39 in cash was taken and \$26,600.00 in securities.

The records also reflect that the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Ladonia, Texas, was robbed at 10:10 A.M. July 22, 1932 by two men, one carrying a machine gun and \$5000.00 cash was taken.

Also that the Security State Bank of Blue Ridge, Texas was robbed August 31, 1932 by five men and that \$3000.00 cash was taken.

Agent was unable to obtain any record as to the robberies of the banks at Boyd, Texas, Paradise, Texas and Ponder, Texas. This information may possibly be obtained by making a contact with the American Bankers Association at Dallas, Texas.

Respectfully submitted:

A. E. FARLAND  
SPECIAL AGENT

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Mr. Harold Nathan  
of the Dept of Justice  
Washington Dist of Columbia

Nebraska State Hospit  
Ingleside Nebraska.

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Dear Sir -

I wrote you sometime ago explaining what  
I noticed at this state institution at the time  
of the Bremer Kidnapping -

at this date I wish to mention a few days  
after Bremer was released I noticed the  
sheriff of Holdridge Neb bring a young  
man here from Holdridge -

I was coming out with a mail pouch going  
to train - Later when this man got out  
and around I talked to him a few minutes  
he told me his former home was

Minneapolis Minn - but he said he had  
lived at Holdridge about a year

his wife and little girl from Holdridge  
visited him once and took train here  
for Holdridge -

since then I happened to see a picture  
which I enclose to you -

I think very much that the man  
I talked to is as Karpis in picture

but the lady who visited here told me  
his name was Sapp - from Holdridge

this picture looks to be the very one  
I talked to - since then I have not

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to a Veteran Hospital -  
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several kidnappings.

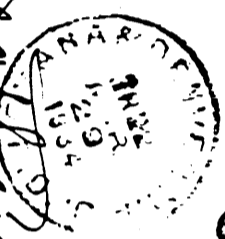
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of unusual information - If some  
wire tapping could be done some  
would probably be surprised.

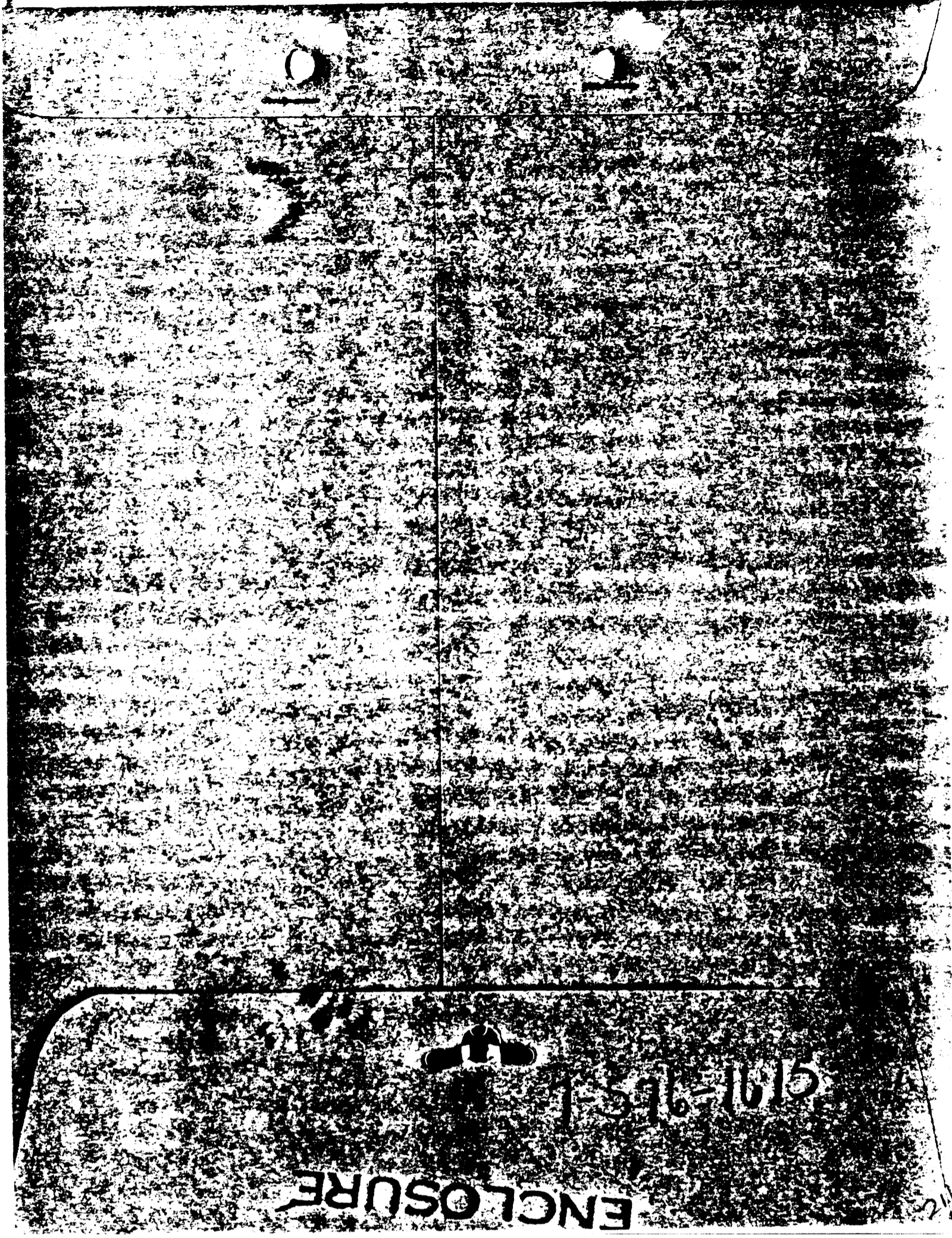
I am defendant of what was known  
as a Biblical Exemption or a Railroad  
Restraining Order - I was deprived a Trial  
by Jury and W. H. Taft recommended  
what was termed as Indirect Commen  
to be used for jury instead -  
this was to use mind readers for  
jury - as I know the powers of  
mind - etc. - I also truth  
I have carried mail over 3 years  
here -

hoping this may help you -  
very Respect yours

I sign as Eldred Smith but real  
truth of a Birth right may  
be different.  
I got no reply from you when I wrote before

Mr Harold Nathan  
of the Dept of Justice  
Washington  
Air Mail Dept of Columbia





ENCLOSURE

1-5-91



## Hastings Council Moves for Probe of Enforcement

Special Dispatch to The World-Herald.  
Hastings, Neb., March 27.—  
Councilmen unanimously voted to-  
day that Mayor Charles Ingraham  
call an executive session of their  
body to investigate rumors and  
charges relative to law enforce-  
ment here.

The motion was introduced by  
George Overturf, candidate for re-  
election, and seconded by Council-  
man Charles Foote.

Asked by City Clerk Waterman  
if he wished his motion to refer  
specifically to enforcement of li-  
quor laws, Overturf responded,  
"No, it will cover that."

Overturf and Foote withdrew a  
motion to suspend Chief of Police  
McCleery.

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## Bremer Kidnap Suspects Here



Above are shown pictures of the two men named Thursday officers as members of the gang which kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., and who are believed to have been in Omaha on Monday. At the left is Alvin Karpis, and the right Arthur Barker, alleged leaders of the gang.

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7-576-1615

April 6, 1934

RECORDED

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

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:

There are inclosed herewith copies of a second letter addressed to Assistant Director Harold Nathan by one who signs himself Eddie Smith, Nebraska State Hospital, Ingleside, Nebraska, dated March 29, 1934, wherein he makes reference to the Bremer kidnaping case and also to the suspicious activities of an individual from Holdridge, Nebraska, who, he states, resembles the photograph of subject Karpis.

From the tenor of his letter Mr. Smith appears to be deranged but it is deemed advisable to have an Agent interview him relative to this matter when an Agent is next in the vicinity of Ingleside, Nebraska.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Incl. #682545  
SECTION MAILED  
cc - Mr. Paul (Mr. Morar)  
P. M.  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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April 6, 1934

RECORDED

Mr. Eddie Smith,  
Nebraska State Hospital,  
Ingleside, Nebraska.

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Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 29, 1934, addressed to Mr. Harold Nathan, wherein you make reference to suspicious activities on the part of individuals from Holdridge, Nebraska, and state that you believe them to be involved in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Please be advised that I have referred a copy of your letter to Mr. E. E. Conroy, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Federal Building, Suite L, Kansas City, Missouri, who will assign an Agent to interview you relative to this matter in the near future.

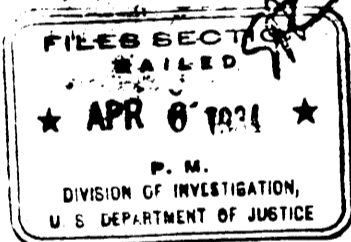
Thanking you for your cooperation,

I am

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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REMAK

April 5, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of a letter dated March 24, 1934, addressed to the Attorney General by Mr. C. J. B. Wilson, Box 135, Spirit Lake, Iowa, wherein he makes reference to the Bremer kidnaping case and other matters.

The Division, in its reply to Mr. Wilson, suggested that he communicate any information regarding the case to you at St. Paul. The copies of Mr. Wilson's letter are being forwarded to you for your information in the event Mr. Wilson endeavors to get in touch with you.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. #682515

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*Edward L. Brennan*

*Apr 15 1934*

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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: <b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4/6/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/23, 24, 26/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. G. GILLESPIE</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases I.O. 1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases I.O. 1219 ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

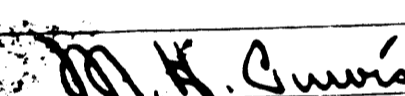
**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Milwaukee, Wisconsin telephone number Marquette 3083 is telephone of Manhattan Club, Louis Simon, 2nd Floor, 617 North 2nd Street; Manhattan Club, at same address, has two other telephone numbers, Broadway 4850 and Marquette 3082. Wisconsin telephone Company refuses to give any information as to incoming and outgoing long distance calls.

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**REFERENCE:** Letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated 3/19/34 at St. Paul.

**DETAILS:** AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:

Agent interviewed Mr. F. V. Shields, Legal Department, Wisconsin telephone Company, 13th Floor, Wisconsin Telephone Company Building, 722 North Broadway Street, telephone Broadway 4740. Mr. Shields stated that exchange number Marquette 3083 was the telephone of the Manhattan Club, Louis Simon, 617 North 2nd Street; that the Manhattan Club had two other telephone numbers, Broadway 4850 and Marquette 3082. In connection with Agent's request for a check on the incoming and outgoing long distance calls, as requested in the letter of reference, Mr. Shields stated that the President of the Company had issued an order prohibiting the giving out of such information. Agent advised Mr. Shields of the importance of the case, and the possible value of the information sought, to the Government; that it would be regarded confidentially and if necessary to use the information in court, the company would be protected by subpoena duces tecum.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-576-1417 APR 9 1934 P.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>one</i> FILE	RECORDED AND INDEXED APR 10 1934 CHECKED BY JACKETED
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At a subsequent interview Mr. Shields stated that he had done all he could to get this information, but that other officials of his company, with whom he had conferred, would not permit the giving out of the above-mentioned information to anyone.

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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: <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4/7/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/26 to 31/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>K. R. McINTIRE - MG</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1219; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation conducted in the following towns in Illinois, in an effort to locate the hideout house in which Bremer was held, without results:

Algonquin	Greenwood	Ringwood
Barreville	Hartland	Terra Cotta
Cary	Johnsburg	Woodstock
Crystal Lake	McHenry	
Fox River Grove	Ridgefield	
Fox Lake	Ingleside	



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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, April 2, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

Investigation has been conducted in the towns in Illinois noted in the synopsis, in an effort to locate the hideout in which Bremer was held, but without results to date.

**DETAILS:**

This report is composed of memoranda submitted by the investigating Agents as follows:

Investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. C. Ryan from March 26 to 31, 1933, inclusive, at the following places, relative to the hideout:

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. H. Quinn</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1619	RECORDED AND INDEXED: APR 9 1934
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Algonquin, Illinois  
Barreville       "  
Cary               "  
Crystal Lake     "  
Fox River Grove  "  
Greenwood        "  
Hartland          "  
Johnsburg        "  
McHenry           "  
Ridgefield        "  
Ringwood          "  
Terra Cotta       "  
Woodstock        "

All of the above towns are situated in McHenry County, Illinois, and have heretofore been investigated as to sirens, whistles, bells, etc. Nevertheless, in conducting additional investigation at these places the sounds apparent were again ascertained.

AT ALGONQUIN, ILLINOIS:

It was ascertained through Ed Bonkoski, Post Office clerk, that the siren here blows only for fires and at noon each Saturday; that the American Ironing Machine Company has a whistle, which blows at 7:30 A.M., Noon, 1:00 P.M., and 4:30 P.M., daily; that this whistle is more of a siren, which fact was observed by Agent as the whistle blew while Agent was in town; that there are two churches with bells, neither of which rings on Saturday night, but both ring several times on Sundays; that the only train running through town is the C. & N.W. Railway, which branch runs to Carpentersville, Illinois, and is exclusively a freight line. It was ascertained that only one freight passes through town and this at 6:30 P.M. daily.

Watch Schuett, fire chief, advised that there were no fires at Algonquin between the dates of January 15 and February 15, 1934. Mr. Schuett is also a garage and filling station operator and was exhibited photographs of suspects but failed to recognize any of them as persons seen by him.

Rural mail carrier H. Milton, advised that he knows of no places in the vicinity to answer the description of the hideout. The photographs of suspects were shown him with no result.

Fred Bau, town marshal and water meter reader, was interviewed and the description of the hideout discussed with him. He was also exhibited the wall paper sample and photographs of suspects, with negative results.

Agent also exhibited photographs of suspects at all grocery stores, drug stores and gasoline filling stations in Algonquin and vicinity with no result.

AT BARREVILLE, ILLINOIS:

It was ascertained by Agent that this town consists of about ten frame houses, situated about a mile East of U. S. Highway #12, about three miles Northeast of Crystal Lake, Illinois. There is no Post Office at this town, it being served out of Crystal Lake. There are no stores or filling stations here and the closest railroad is two miles at Terra Cotta, where trains will stop only to pick up passengers and very few trains run on the line. Inquiry was made by Agent of Mrs. H. Hanson, a resident at Barreville, who advised that no siren is located here; no factory whistles or church bells are heard. She also advised that no strangers are or have been living in the community in recent years. No houses were observed which would in any way answer the description of the hideout.

AT CARY, ILLINOIS:

It was learned through Joe Kvidera, Postmaster, that the siren blows here at noon each day and for fires; that no factories are located here and no factory whistles are heard; that there are three churches here, none of which ring bells on Saturday night; that the mail plane to St. Paul passed directly overhead at 5:00 P.M. each night during January and February, 1934. The photographs of suspects in this case were exhibited to Mr. Kvidera and Lillian Pichen, postal clerk, but neither of them recognized any of the pictures of suspects as persons they had seen.

It was ascertained that Cary is served by the C. & N.W. Railroad which runs suburban trains from Chicago daily. The following schedule of trains was ascertained:

<u>Northbound</u>		<u>Southbound</u>	
12:57 A.M.	4:55 P.M.	5:23 A.M.	11:52 A.M.
2:51 A.M. (Through)	5:31 P.M.	5:57 A.M.	3:57 P.M.
9:47 A.M.	5:55 P.M.	6:32 A.M.	6:15 P.M. (Through)
10:45 A.M. (Through)	6:29 P.M.	6:57 A.M.	8:10 P.M. (Through)
1:25 P.M.	6:55 P.M.	7:37 A.M.	8:22 P.M.
2:28 P.M.	7:12 P.M.	8:43 A.M.	10:22 P.M.
	9:27 P.M.	10:27 A.M.	
	11:20 P.M. (Through)		
	11:47 P.M.		

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All of the above trains with the exception of those marked "Through" stop at Cary. Agent was advised that each of the trains as it approaches Cary from either side blows its whistle for several crossings and that there are no other than the ordinary train whistle on any of the trains.

Mr. Fred Krenz, town marshal and water meter reader, advised that he has thought considerably concerning the hideout since he was last contacted by Agents of the Chicago Division office, but that he is unable to conceive of any place in the vicinity of Cary which would appear likely. Mr. Krenz also advised that he has the duty of blowing the siren of the town each time it is blown and that it has not been blown for a fire since prior to January 1, 1934.

The photographs of suspects in this case were exhibited to attendants at all grocery stores, drug stores, barber shops and filling stations at Cary with the result that Louis Zimmerman, proprietor, Cary Garage, advised that he is sure he has seen the person represented in the photo of Alvin Karpis before. Mr. Zimmerman could not state when or where he saw this party but thought that it was some time last summer he saw him. It should be noted that Mr. Zimmerman states that the Cary Garage has from time to time done work for people sent by Louis Cernokey, proprietor of Louis' Place, at Fox River Grove, but that he is sure that this party he refers to was not sent to the garage by Louis. Zimmerman has been proprietor of the Cary Garage only since March 15, 1934, but prior to this time he was employed as mechanic at the garage. It was ascertained through a general inquiry at garages in Cary and Fox River Grove that Louis is constantly changing the garage to which he refers his business; that he changes between the Cary Garage, The Fox River Grove Motor Sales and the Route 19 Service Station, the latter two at Fox River Grove. He therefore does not appear to have any particular garage which he favors.

Stanley Pichen, former operator of the Cary Garage and now employed by the State of Illinois as an oil inspector, was interviewed relative to persons sent to the Cary Garage by Louis Cernokey to have garage work done. Mr. Pichen advised that the Cary Garage did some work on the private car of Louis Cernokey about a year ago; that he cannot recall of any other particular cars sent to him by Louis. He failed to identify photos of suspects as anyone sent to him by Louis and advised the garage had done no work for Louis for six months prior to the time he, Pichen, sold out the garage, which was March 15, 1934.

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Guy Jones, rural mail carrier, was interviewed and exhibited photographs of suspects. He stated that none of these represented persons he had seen before. The rural route of Mr. Jones takes in also the rural routes out of Fox River Grove and extends for possibly five miles to the North. Although Mr. Jones advised, offhand, he could not recall any house which might answer the description of the hideout, nevertheless, in view of the fact that Mr. Zimmerman identified the photograph of Karpis as that of someone he has seen and the further identification of Karpis at Fox River Grove as a party frequenting Louis's Place during the Fall of 1933, reference to which is being made later, it was deemed advisable to view the cottages in the numerous subdivisions located on the Fox River in the vicinity of Cary and Fox River Grove. Agent, accompanied by Mr. Jones, viewed all cottages at all subdivisions in the vicinity of Fox River Grove, and Cary, and none was observed which would bear inspection. Agent and Mr. Jones also made a tour of each street in the town limits of Cary and Fox River Grove with no result.

AT CRYSTAL LAKE, ILLINOIS:

It was ascertained through W. H. Cowan, Post Office Clerk, that the siren here is attached to the steam whistle on the Bowman Dairy Plant; that the siren blows at noon on Saturdays and for fires; that the whistle on the Bowman Dairy blows at 7:00 A.M. and noon daily, and is the only whistle in the vicinity which blows; that the Evangelical Church bell rings each Saturday at 6:00 P.M. and together with the Lutheran and Congregational Churches rings several times on Sunday morning; that a mail plane to Madison, Wisconsin, flies directly overhead at 5:00 P.M. daily.

This town is served by the C. & N.W. Railroad, which has suburban service from Chicago. The following schedule of trains was ascertained at the railway depot:

SOUTHBOUND

5:15 A.M.	10:19 A.M.
5:30 A.M. (Through)	11:45 A.M.
5:50 A.M.	3:50 P.M.
6:25 A.M.	6:07 P.M.
6:49 A.M.	8:04 P.M.
7:30 A.M.	8:15 P.M.
8:36 A.M.	10:15 P.M.

NORTHBOUND

1:08 A.M.	6:04 P.M.
2:59 A.M.	6:38 P.M.
9:55 A.M.	7:04 P.M.
10:55 A.M.	7:20 P.M.
1:35 P.M.	9:35 P.M.
2:37 P.M.	11:06 P.M. (Through)
5:04 P.M.	11:23 P.M.
5:40 P.M.	11:55 P.M.

All of the above trains with the exception of those marked "through" stop at Crystal Lake. It was also learned that three trains are made up each morning for runs to Chicago; that three engines are hooked up to these trains at 4:00 A.M. each morning to heat up the cars; that a switch engine works in the yard all of the forenoon each day and that between 2:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. each day a train makes a turn-around at Crystal Lake. It was learned that a train or engine is moving in the yard most of the day. A train whistle is heard almost constantly all day and no train has anything but an ordinary steam whistle.

It was ascertained through George Krause, fire chief, that there were fires at Crystal Lake on the following dates, January 17, 18 and 26; February 3, 4, and 6, 1934; that the siren did not blow for any of these fires as the majority were grass fires and one was outside the corporation limits. He stated that the siren on the truck blew on each of the above occasions.

The photographs of suspects were exhibited to local mail carriers P. Nelson and Alfred Spangles, rural carriers, Thomas Church and A. H. Traux and Postmaster Elizabeth Butler, as a result of which carriers Nelson and Spangler advised that the photograph of Harry Campbell resembles a party they feel sure they saw around Crystal Lake during the summer of 1933. They advised that they thought that possibly Jack Smith, who runs the Standard Oil filling station at the intersection of McHenry Street and Route 19 in Crystal Lake would recall seeing this individual. Mr. Smith was interviewed relative to Campbell and other suspects but advised that none of the photographs exhibited to him appeared to be of persons he had seen.

The description of the hideout house was also discussed with the mail carriers at Crystal Lake, some of whom stated that they thought that possibly the Crystal Vista, a tavern which had closed during the previous Fall, might fit the description in some respects

inasmuch as it had steps leading down to it. The Crystal Vista was inspected by Agent in company with Carrier Church. It is situated on the West end of Crystal Lake and was found to be deserted. There are only two steps going down to the main floor of the tavern, which consists of one large dance floor and a kitchen. There is no upstairs and this place in no way corresponded with the hideout description. It was ascertained that no one had frequented the tavern since its closing.

Wm. Rehberg, town marshal and water meter reader was contacted and advised that he had given the hideout considerable thought since he had been previously contacted by a Division Agent and that he is sure no place answering the description of the hideout is located at Crystal Lake. He took Agent to a house located at 413 South Main Street, which he claimed came nearest to fitting the description. This house was found to be approached by seven cement steps on the side, but the lower floor was found to consist only of a kitchen and a storeroom, both of which rooms has brick walls and on a whole this house bore no similarity to the house desired. Mr. Rehberg was also exhibited the wallpaper sample and the photograph of suspects. He failed to recognize the photographs as those of any persons he has seen.

While at Crystal Lake, Agent, through the cooperation of Carl Bretzleff, manager of the Western Union office, inspected all telegrams sent through this office from November 1, 1933, to March 1, 1933, for any wires sent to St. Paul or Minneapolis, Minnesota, or any wires which might appear suspicious. This was done as the Western Union office at Cary, Illinois, which handles all wires from or to Fox River Grove closes at 4:00 P.M. daily and wires sent at a later hour are handled at Crystal Lake. The office at Cary would have a copy of all wires coming in for Cary or Fox River Grove and since the telegrams at Cary had already been inspected only outgoing wires were viewed here. All wires to St. Paul and Minneapolis during the period were ascertained to have been sent by reliable persons and no wires of a suspicious nature were located.

Through Mr. J. W. Leeming, District Superintendent, Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois, Crystal Lake, Illinois, Agent interviewed Leonard George, Paul Otto, A. Carmen and L. Strommenger, electric meter readers, who read meters in the following towns in McHenry County and are familiar with practically all basements in this vicinity:

Algonquin  
Barreville  
Cary  
Crystal Lake  
Fox River Grove

Hartland  
Johnsburg  
Ridgefield  
Pistakee Bay  
Terra Cotta

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They also read the meters in the following towns in Lake County, Illinois, previously reported by this Agent:

Barrington  
Lake Zurich  
Wauconda  
Volo

These readers had previously been interviewed by Division Agents and advised that they knew of no places at the present time which might answer the description of the hideout. These readers have each read the meters throughout the whole district and are all individually familiar with practically all basements in the territory. They were questioned particularly with reference to Cary and Fox River Grove but could advise of no possible places. They were exhibited samples of the wallpaper and photographs of suspects and advised that in the event any possible places came to their attention to notify Mr. Leeming, the Superintendent, who was furnished the address and telephone number of the Chicago Division office.

All grocery stores, drug stores and filling stations in the vicinity of and in Crystal Lake were visited and photographs of suspects exhibited with no result.

AT FOX RIVER GROVE, ILLINOIS:

J. Zeman, Postmaster, and Stanley Cerny, Assistant Postmaster, advised that the siren here blows only at noon on Saturdays and for fires; that there are no factories here nor are any factory whistles heard; that there are no churches here, the closest being one and one-quarter miles to the Southwest which rings its bell only for services for the dead and that the air mail plane to Madison, Wisconsin, flies directly overhead at 5:00 P.M. daily.

The town is served by the C. & N.W. Railroad, which runs suburban trains from Chicago, the whistles of which blow prior to entering the town from either direction. The following schedule of trains was ascertained, all of which stop at Fox River Grove with the exception of those marked "Through".

SOUTHBOUND

5:26 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
6:00 A.M.	11:55 A.M.
6:35 A.M.	4:00 P.M.
7:00 A.M.	6:11 P.M. (Through)
7:40 A.M.	6:11 P.M. (Through)
8:46 A.M.	8:25 P.M.
	10:25 P.M.

NORTHBOUND

12:54 A.M.	5:52 P.M.
2:50 A.M. (Through)	6:26 P.M.
9:44 A.M.	6:52 P.M.
10:44 A.M. (Through)	7:09 P.M.
1:22 P.M.	9:24 P.M.
2:25 P.M.	11:19 P.M. (Through)
4:52 P.M.	11:44 P.M.
5:28 P.M.	

All of these trains have ordinary train whistles.

Elmer Kucera, fire chief, advised that the only fire at Fox River Grove between January 15 and February 15, 1934, was on January 21st at 4:00 P.M. at which time the siren blew; that it is customary to blow three long blasts for any fire. He also stated that the fire truck has a siren which they blow in attending fires.

The photographs of suspects were exhibited to Postmaster Zeman and Mr. Cerney, the assistant, but were not recognized by either as any parties they had seen. Mr. Zeman has been in office only one month but formerly conducted a grocery store.

Former Postmaster, John Putta, was also interviewed. He also conducts a grocery store. The photographs of suspects were exhibited to him, but he failed to recognize them as any parties seen by him in Fox River Grove.

Chief of Police Joe Bowman, who is also water meter reader in Fox River Grove, was contacted. He advised that no places of the description of the hideout have occurred to him since he was last contacted by Division Agents. He stated he is in the possession of photographs of Karpis and Barker, et al, which had been furnished him previously and he has been on the lookout for them to show up at Louis Place, which is located here. Chief Bowman further stated that he recently heard that Joe Bergl, Cicero automobile dealer, who is known to the Chicago Division office to be acquainted with most major hoodlums through having sold them cars at one time or another, had a cottage at Foot Springs, a sub-division out of Cary, Illinois, during the past summer. Bowman stated that he had not seen the cottage but thought it might be worth looking into. This cottage was later viewed by Agent in company with Guy Jones, rural carrier at Cary and was found to be a cottage rented to Bergl for the summer by one Shields.

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It is located across from the Root Springs Golf Course and is a one story shack with no basement and could not possibly have been the hideout.

Agent contacted all grocery stores, the drug store, all barber shops and filling stations in the vicinity of Fox River Grove and the result of this investigation, together with the information concerning the possible story of Alvin Karpis and others at Louis' Place during the late Fall of 1933, which was furnished by Elmer Kucera, fire chief and attendant at the Fox River Grove Motor Sales is contained in a separate report of this Agent dated 3/29/34. The report also covers investigation relative to Louis' Place.

AT GREENWOOD, ILLINOIS

Agent contacted G. S. Harrison, proprietor of the only store and gasoline station in town. Mr. Harrison advised that no siren is located or heard here; that no factories or whistles are located here; that there is only one church which rings its bell only twice on Sundays. The closest railroads are six miles to either the C. & N.W. freight line at Ringwood, Illinois, or the C. & N.W. passenger line at Woodstock, Illinois; that the trains are not ordinarily heard here. There is no postoffice located at Greenwood and the town has no water supply. Mr. Harrison viewed the photographs of suspects and could identify none of them as persons ever having visited Greenwood. There is no house here which would appear possibly to have been the hideout.

AT HARTLAND, ILLINOIS:

Agent contacted Willis Disbrow, Assistant Postmaster, and general store proprietor, who advised that no siren is located here; that there are no factories nor are any factory whistles heard; that the closest church is one and one-half miles, but has no bell. The C. & N.W. Railroad runs through town; there are about fifteen trains a day only two of which stop, those being at 6:25 A.M. and 12:30 A.M., and then only to discharge or pick up a passenger. Mr. Disbrow viewed the photographs of suspects and failed to recognize any of them as persons seen by him. There are exactly ten houses at Hartland, none of which could possibly have been the hideout.

AT JOHNSBURG, ILLINOIS.

It was ascertained through Joe Herman, garage and filling station operator, that no siren is located here; that no factory whistles are heard; that the one church here, a Catholic Church, rings its bell daily at 6:00 A.M., noon, and 6:00 P.M.; that the nearest railroad is three miles away, at McHenry, Illinois. The photographs of suspects were shown to Mr. Herman and were not identified by him as any persons ever having been to Johnsburg. The town of Johnsburg is one of the oldest towns in the State of Illinois, and is located on a new cement road being built from U. S. Highway #12 to Fox Lake, Illinois. There are two filling stations and four grocery stores located here and the photographs of suspects were exhibited at all of them, with no result. No house in Johnsburg appeared to hold any possibility as the hideout.

AT McHENRY, ILLINOIS.

It was ascertained that two Post Offices are maintained in the town, one in the town proper and the other at West McHenry, though West McHenry is part of the town of McHenry itself and not a separate municipality. The C. & N.W. railway depot is located in West McHenry. Interviews with Postmaster S. S. Bassett of West McHenry and Postmaster Albert Krause of McHenry disclosed that the siren here blows only at noon on Saturdays and for fires; that there are no factories here, the closest factory being in Woodstock, a distance of nine miles, consequently, no factory whistles are heard; that there are four churches here, two Catholic, a Methodist and a Lutheran. The bell on St. Mary's Catholic Church rings at 6:00 A.M., 7:30 A.M., 8:00 A.M., Noon, and 6:00 P.M. daily.

This town is served by the C. & N.W. Railway, which branch terminates at Williams Bay, Wisconsin. The following schedule of trains was ascertained, all of which stop here:

SOUTHBOUND

8:17 A.M.  
3:00 P.M.  
5:00 P.M. (Freight)

NORTHBOUND

6:00 A.M. (Freight)  
10:17 A.M.  
5:25 P.M.

All trains have regular steam whistles which blow regularly for crossings near the town.

James Perkins, fire chief, advised that the siren blew for fires on the following dates between January 15 and February 15, 1934, as indicated by the list of fires in this period:

January 18	-	11:30 A.M.	(no siren)
January 25	-	4:00 P.M.	(siren)
January 27	-	1:45 P.M.	(no siren)
January 29	-	7:30 P.M.	(no siren)
February 1	-	8:15 A.M.	(siren)

Mr. Perkins stated that when the siren is sounded for fires, five or six continuous long blasts are sounded.

Mr. Perkins is also the telephone repairman for the district surrounding McHenry, which includes Pistakee Bay. He advised that he is familiar with most houses in the vicinity and knows of none to answer the description of the hideout. He was exhibited the photographs of suspects with negative results.

Matt Niesen, Superintendent of Waterworks, who is also water meter reader, was interviewed and he advised that he has thought of no possible places since he was last contacted by an Agent of the Division. The photographs of suspects as well as the sample of wall paper were exhibited to him. He failed to recognize the photographs of suspects as any parties seen by him.

The sample of wallpaper and photographs of suspects were exhibited to Postmasters Krause and Bassett as well as rural carriers J. W. Sailor, D. Granger, C. Martin and Charles Payne. The description of the hideout was also discussed with them with negative results in both instances.

Agent also discussed the hideout house, exhibiting wall paper sample and photographs of suspects, with Bill Schaefer, relief carrier, who serves the river route along Fox River, which runs through the east end of town. He knew of no probable places to answer the hideout description and stated that none of the parties represented in the photographs was familiar to him.

Ray Conway, gas company salesman, was also interviewed. He advised that he, personally, had placed the gas meters in practically every house around McHenry, from the outskirts of Crystal Lake up to and including Pistakee Bay. He advised that he has been in every house in the district numberless times. The description of the hideout was discussed with him and the wall paper sample exhibited to him and he advised that he is sure that no such house is in this vicinity; he also viewed photographs of suspects with negative results.



Agent visited every grocery store, drug store and filling station in the vicinity of McHenry and exhibited photographs of suspects with no result.

AT RIDGEFIELD, ILLINOIS:

This town is located three miles Northwest of Crystal Lake. Mrs. Alfred Anners, Assistant Postmaster and owner of the general store, was interviewed and she advised that no siren is located here; that there are no factory whistles but that a whistle from Crystal Lake is heard on very clear days; that the Presbyterian Church bell is the only one rung here, which rings on Sunday morning and afternoon. Mrs. Anners viewed the photographs of suspects with no result.

Ridgefield is on the C. & N.W. Railroad and about fifteen trains a day pass through, only one of which, at 6:45 A.M. makes a stop.

The photographs of suspects were exhibited at the only garage and filling station in town with no result.

It was ascertained from personal observation of Agent that there are no houses here which could possibly have been the hideout.

AT RINGWOOD, ILLINOIS:

It was learned through S. W. Brown, postmaster, that no siren is located here; that the Bowman Dairy plant here blows its whistle at 7:00 A.M. and Noon daily; that the Methodist church, only, has a bell which rings at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday and no other time; that the C. & N.W. railroad to Williams Bay, Wisconsin, runs through town and all of the trains, which are as follows, stop here:

Southbound

8:06 A.M.  
2:52 P.M.  
4:30 P.M. (Freight)

Northbound

5:00 A.M. (Freight)  
10:23 A.M.  
5:32 P.M.

Airplanes are heard here only occasionally, according to Mr. Brown. The photographs of suspects were exhibited to Mr. Brown,

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with no result. He also advised that there is no house in the vicinity which would correspond with the hideout, which was verified by observation of all houses by Agent.

Photographs of suspects were exhibited at the only grocery store and filling station with no result.

AT TERRA COTTA, ILLINOIS:

This town was found to consist only of six houses and the American Terra Cotta Co. plant. Agent interviewed R. W. Heiple a resident, who advised that no siren is heard here; that with the exception of the week of January 30th to February 6, 1934, the Terra Cotta Plant has been closed during the winter; that while the plant was in operation the whistle blew at 6:30 A.M., 7:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M., 12:30 P.M. and 4:30 P.M.; that there are no church bells heard and that the C. & NW trains to McHenry, Ill., about six in number pass through but only stop for picking up or discharging passengers, which is very seldom. Mr. Heiple advised that no strangers have lived in Terra Cotta for years and he viewed the photographs of suspects with no results. No house here appeared, upon personal observation, to hold any possibility as the hideout.

AT WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS:

No definite information concerning the sirens, whistles, etc., could be ascertained at the Post Office. Through Jess Pierce, fire chief, and K. Austin, Chief Engineer, Woodstock Power Plant, and also through inquiry in the vicinity of various plants the following was ascertained with reference to the sounds apparent here: That the fire siren which is attached with the whistle at the City Power House, blows at 6:00 A.M. daily, simultaneous with the power house whistle; that the siren blows also for fires. The whistle on the power plant blows daily at 6:00 A.M., 6:30 A.M., 7:00 A.M., Noon, 1:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. that there is also a whistle on the Woodstock Typewriter Company which blows daily at 6:30 A.M., 6:55 A.M. 7:00 A.M., 11:55 A.M., Noon, 12:55 P.M., 1:00 P.M., 3:55 P.M., and 4:00 P.M. The Free Methodist and Congregational Churches only have bells which ring on Sunday morning, but at no other times.

The following schedule of trains was ascertained at the C. & N.W. Railway depot:

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<u>Southbound</u>	<u>Northbound</u>
5:14 A.M. (Through)	1:21 A.M.
6:34 A.M.	3:15 A.M.
7:18 A.M.	11:07 A.M.
8:22 A.M.	2:49 P.M.
10:06 A.M.	5:16 P.M.
5:54 P.M.	6:15 P.M.
7:51 P.M.	7:00 P.M.
	11:31 P.M.

It will be noted from the above that only one train, that at 5:14 A.M. does not stop at Woodstock.

The mail plane to Madison, Wisconsin, flies over Woodstock at approximately 5:00 P.M. daily.

Mr. Pierce, the fire chief, ascertained that the only fire during January and February, 1934, was on February 9th at 10:40 A.M.

The description of the hideout house was discussed with the following mail carriers, who deliver both local and rural mail: N. Miller, R. Jepson, F. Chapman, G. Collen, M. Grimhall, C. Merwin, C. Foote, E. Eckert and E. Friend. The photographs of suspects were also exhibited to them with negative results in both instances.

Agent also interviewed Ed Comiskey, water and electric meter reader, City of Woodstock Power and Light Company, who had previously been contacted by Division Agents. He advised that he has given the description of the hideout house considerable thought and he is sure that it could not be located in the vicinity of Woodstock. He was shown the wallpaper sample and viewed photographs of suspects with negative results.

All grocery stores, drug stores and filling stations in Woodstock and vicinity were canvassed and photographs of suspects exhibited with negative results.

In conducting the above investigation the following photographs were exhibited at the instances where pictures were shown to parties interviewed:

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Alvin Karpis  
Fred Barker  
Arthur Barker  
Volney Davis  
Harry Campbell  
Maurice Brown  
William Weisman  
Herman Kierdorf

Kate Barker  
Paula Harmon  
Dorothy Slayman  
Dorothy Dodd  
Bertha Engles  
Billie Fitch  
Jo Ann Armour  
Jewell Johnson

In conducting the investigation outlined in this report and investigation conducted by this Agent in towns in Lake County, all gasoline filling station attendants at stations located on highways between these towns were contacted and photographs of suspects exhibited. To date the following highways in Lake and McHenry Counties have been completely canvassed:

State Route #19 from Barrington to 5 miles north of Woodstock, Ill.

State Route #60 from Ela to Volo, Ill.

State Route #20 from Volo, Ill. to Woodstock, Ill.

State Route #61 from Richmond, Ill., to its southern termination at State Route #19.

State Route #22 from Lake Zurich, Ill. to Fox River Grove, Ill.

State Route #22 from Algonquin, Ill. to its Junction with State Routes #19 and #61.

The following investigation was conducted on March 30, 1934, by Special Agent V. W. Peterson at Fox Lake, Illinois, and Ingleside, Illinois, for the purpose of attempting to locate the hideout:

AT FOX LAKE, ILLINOIS:

H. L. Scott, Postmaster, Fox Lake, Illinois, was interviewed. Fox Lake, Illinois, is a summer resort town and many hoodlums frequent the place during the summer months. It has a population of approximately twelve hundred people during the winter months, but in excess of five thousand people reside in Fox Lake during the summer months. Fox Lake, Illinois, has a siren which is used only for fire calls. When the wind is favorable it is possible to hear the siren of a surrounding town, presumably Round Lake, at twelve o'clock noon. This siren is heard only on rare occasions, however. There are no factories located near Fox Lake and factory whistles of other towns cannot be heard except on infrequent occasions when the Grayslake Gelatine Factory whistle which may be heard. Investigation in Grays Lake, Illinois,

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developed that the whistle of this factory is sounded each day at 8:00 o'clock P.M. There are only two churches located in Fox Lake. Neither church is equipped with a bell. Church bells of other towns are not audible except when the wind is favorable. On these rare occasions, a church bell of Johnsbury may be heard. Mr. Scott advised that this bell is heard on Sundays only.

The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway passes through Fox Lake, Illinois. Very few airplanes fly over Fox Lake. No carriers work out of the Fox Lake, Illinois, Post Office, and Mrs. Lenore Riggs is the sole post office employee with the exception of Postmaster H. L. Scott.

Photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Arrie Barker were shown to Mr. H. L. Scott, but he was unable to remember having seen these individuals in Fox Lake.

Mrs. Lenore Riggs, clerk, Post Office, Fox Lake, Illinois, was interviewed at which time photographs of the six individuals listed above were exhibited to her. She was unable to identify said photographs, however.

L. I. Perry, Station Agent, Chicago Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Pacific Railway, Fox Lake, Illinois, upon interview, advised that of the six photographs which were shown to him (same photos exhibited to Postmaster Scott) the photographs of Volney Davis and Arthur Barker appeared somewhat familiar. Mr. Perry advised that Fox Lake is a terminal for the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway and a considerable amount of switching occurs. Following is a list of the passenger trains which pass through Fox Lake, Illinois, on the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway:

EASTBOUND

<u>Number</u>	<u>Time</u>
132	5:40 A.M. - Week Days
136	6:40 AM " "
138	7:12 A.M. - Daily
140	8:05 A.M. - Week Days
148	11:13 A.M. - Sunday only
142	10:48 A.M. - Week Days
144	2:40 P.M. - Daily except Saturday and Sunday
154	3:25 P.M. - Sunday only
152	5:55 P.M. - Saturday only
156	7:40 P.M. - Sunday only
146	7:35 P.M. - Week days

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WESTBOUND

<u>Number</u>	<u>Time</u>
131	9:55 A.M. - Daily
149	2:45 P.M. - Saturday only
141	4:20 P.M. - Sunday
137	4:21 P.M. - Week days
143	6:21 P.M. - " "
139	6:40 P.M. - Daily except Saturday and Sunday
135	7:19 P.M. - Sunday only
145	7:23 P.M. - Daily except Sunday
151	10:55 P.M. - Daily
147	1:20 A.M. - Daily

The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway Line is the only railway which passes through Fox Lake, Illinois.

C. Buerger, proprietor, Fox Lake Paint and Hardware Store, Fox Lake, Illinois, was interviewed. Mr. Buerger is chief of the fire department of Fox Lake. He corroborated the statement of Postmaster H. L. Scott that the Fox Lake siren is sounded only in case of fire. An examination of the records of the Fox Lake Fire Department revealed that the following fire calls were received during January and February, 1934: January 17, 1934 and February 12, 1934. No fire calls were received on January 28, 1934. Mr. Buerger advised that he began selling wall paper for the first time this year. A sample of the wallpaper which is on the walls of the hideout was shown to him. Mr. Buerger advised that he has never sold wallpaper of that description. Photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Arrie Barker were exhibited to Mr. Buerger, but he was unable to identify any of them.

J. D. Riggs, constable of Grant Township, Fox Lake, Illinois, was interviewed at which time photographs of the six individuals listed above were shown to him. He was unable to identify same, however. A complete description of the hideout was provided constable Riggs and a sample of the wallpaper which appears on the walls thereof was shown to him. He stated that although there are numerous basements in Fox Lake, he is unable to recall a place that would fit the description of the hideout. Mr. Riggs informed Agent that he will have an opportunity to enter several homes during the next few days for the purpose of collecting delinquent taxes, and that he will carefully scrutinize the interiors of all basements. In the event he obtains any information of value to this inquiry he promised to immediately notify the Chicago office.

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Photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Arrie Barker were also exhibited by Agent to the following individuals, all of Fox Lake, Illinois:

G. F. Landry, proprietor, drug store  
H. O. Meyers, proprietor, Chain O'Lakes Market  
T. L. Padgett, proprietor, Standard Oil Service Station  
D. E. Riggs, Standard Oil Company,  
George Weisgerber, clerk, Arnold's grocery store  
Eleanor Kinsala, Manager, National Tea Store  
Helen Howard, clerk, National Tea Store  
Doris Monkman, clerk, Atlantic and Pacific Store  
Hazel Nordstrom, clerk, Atlantic and Pacific Store  
Hans Thompson, attendant, Shell Service Station  
Joe Koski, proprietor, Joe's Garage  
Marius Olsen, proprietor, Standard Oil Service Station  
Mrs. H. C. Pilgrim, Pilgrim's Drug Store  
Mrs. F. Biester, Pilgrim's Drug Store  
Miss D. Pilgrim, Pilgrim's Drug Store  
F. H. Duda, Duda's Garage  
L. Raska, proprietor, Triangle Service Station

Mr. L. Raska stated that he remembers having seen an individual resembling the photograph of Volney Davis on several occasions during July and August, 1933; that he is unable to remember anything concerning the associates of this individual; that the place where the man in question was residing is not known to him; that he does not recall the kind of car he was driving and that he has not seen him since August, 1933.

A. C. Schultz, proprietor, Arnold's grocery, Fox Lake, Illinois, was interviewed and photographs of the six individuals previously listed were shown to him. Mr. Schultz is also the proprietor of a store located in a lake region known as "Wildwood". He was unable to identify the photographs.

With reference to the information which was received from the other individuals listed above, to whom photographs were shown, it may be stated that no positive identifications were made. T. L. Padgett stated that the photographs of Volney Davis and Arthur Barker appeared rather familiar. Joe Koske advised that the photograph of Fred Barker appears familiar and that he believes that he may have sold gasoline to him last summer although he is unable to remember distinctly anything concerning the man he has seen that resembles Fred Barker.

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Agent interviewed all meter readers for the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois at the offices of said company at Northbrook, Illinois, and Waukegan, Illinois.

C. R. Hanson, 825 North Buttrick, Waukegan, Illinois, and J. A. Hyberg, 1510 Cornelia Avenue, Waukegan, Illinois, meter testers for the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, advised that they formerly covered the Fox Lake territory and that the only place that might answer the description of the hideout is a cottage located on Grand Avenue about three-fourths of one mile east of the business section of Fox Lake, Illinois. Agent was advised that the cottage bears the printed name of "Riha".

Agent entered the basement of this cottage under a suitable pretext. There is only one room in the basement. No stove is in the basement and no toilet is located therein. This basement does not answer the description of the hideout in any respect.

Clair Gleason, service man, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Grays Lake, Illinois, upon interview, stated that he is familiar with the Fox Lake territory. A description of the hideout was furnished to Mr. Gleason and he stated that he is able to recall only one basement which might answer the description of the hideout. Mr. Gleason consented to point out the cottage in question to Agent and it was later entered by the writer under a suitable pretext. The entire basement was inspected, but it failed to correspond to the description of the hideout. The lady of the house stated her name is Mrs. Anton Evensen.

O. L. Eaton, service man, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Fox Lake, Illinois, was interviewed. His territory includes Fox Lake, Illinois, Lake Villa, Illinois, and Long Lake. He was furnished with a description of the hideout and a sample of the wallpaper which covers the walls of same was shown to him. Mr. Eaton was unable to remember having seen a place which might answer the description of the hideout. Photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Arrie Barker were exhibited to O. L. Eaton with negative results.

AT INGLESIDE, ILLINOIS:

Charles T. O'Boyle, Postmaster, Ingleside, Illinois, was interviewed. Ingleside, Illinois, has a population of approximately one hundred fifty people. It is located but one mile from Fox Lake, Illinois, and is a part of the incorporated town of Fox Lake. The only places of business in Ingleside are one grocery store, one hardware



store and the Post Office. One carrier works out of the Ingleside, Illinois Post Office. The information which Mr. O'Boyle provided concerning the sounds which may be heard is identical to that furnished by H. L. Scott, Postmaster of Fox Lake, Illinois. The siren of Fox Lake is sounded only in case of fire and sirens of other towns are audible only on rare occasions when the wind is favorable in which event same are heard at Noon. No factory whistles are heard in Ingleside, Illinois, except on infrequent occasions, at noon when the milk factory whistle at Round Lake is heard. A Catholic Church is located one mile Northeast of Ingleside and the community church is situated in the village. Neither church has a bell. When the wind is favorable a Church bell in Johnsburg, Illinois, is heard on Sunday only. This bell is very seldom heard. With reference to the trains which pass through Ingleside, Illinois, Mr. O'Boyle advised that the Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul and Pacific Railway is the only line which passes through the village. All trains that stop in Fox Lake, Illinois, stop in Ingleside, Illinois, with the exception of train No. 146, which arrives in Fox Lake at 7:33 P.M. This train does not stop in Ingleside. Trains arrive in Ingleside about three minutes after or before arriving in Fox Lake, Illinois. A complete schedule of the trains arriving in Fox Lake, Illinois, has been set out earlier in this report and same will not be reported at this place.

Photographs of Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Arrie Barker were exhibited to Mr. O'Boyle with negative results. Few airplanes pass over Ingleside and no switching of trains takes place in the village.

Charles Bejek, clerk, Royal Blue Stores, Ingleside, Illinois was interviewed. Photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Arrie Barker were exhibited to Charles Bejek, but he could not identify same.

Joe Tanel, proprietor, Garage Palace Dance Pavillion and gasoline station, Ingleside, Illinois, was interviewed. After examining photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Arrie Barker, Mr. Tanel stated that the photograph of Alvin Karpis resembles a man who attended a dance at the Garage Palace Dance Pavillion on the night of March 17, 1934. He was unable to provide any additional information whatever concerning this individual although he expressed an opinion that this same individual attended a previous dance about February 15, 1934. It may be stated that Joe Tanel is a brother of the gangster Tanel who was killed in Chicago several years ago in typical gangster fashion.

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George H. Miller, mail carrier, Post Office, Ingleside, Illinois, upon interview advised that his mail route extends from Ingleside through Long Lake, Wooster Lake and through a part of Fox Lake. A description of the hideout was provided to Mr. Miller and a sample of the wallpaper was shown to him. Mr. Miller stated that he does not know of any place in his route that would answer the description of the hideout. Photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Arrie Barker were exhibited to George H. Miller. He was unable to identify said photographs although he stated that the photograph of Mrs. Arrie Barker appears somewhat familiar to him.

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DIRECTOR

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Rorer telephoned and advised that another ransom note had turned up in the Bremer case. A letter dated March 31, 1934 from the New Brunswick Hotel, Trommald, Minnesota, addressed to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension at St. Paul advised that some time ago a package was delivered at the hotel for one John C. Brakeham who was to call for it later on. Subsequently the hotel man opened the package which was a box of Quaker corn meal and found a note reading:

"Take the money and get off of the bus at Owatonna. Fifty feet west of the first stop you will find a Chevrolet coupe."

This is a typewritten note. Apparently this is the note which was sent in regard to delivering the ransom, to which no attention was paid.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
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Mr. Rorer called. The road map which was found in the apartment occupied by Dillinger has been identified as a rough draft of a map covering the territory between Des Moines and St. Paul. From the location of certain towns this has been definitely established. Mr. Rorer stated that if agreeable he would call the Kansas City office and ask that an adequate number of men be assigned to handle all leads arising from this matter in the vicinity of Des Moines and the other towns mentioned in the map. I authorized that this be done.

Mr. Rorer stated that Mr. Bremer was now in receipt of a letter asking that \$25,000.00 be prepared for delivery on April 7 at a St. Louis hotel. He is communicating with St. Louis to handle this angle.

Mr. Rorer states that further information has been obtained with reference to the Hudson automobile in which the Dillinger mob made their get-away. Sol Giesman purchased the car and he has been located and questioned. He stated that he bought the car for his boss, Tom Filbin and he brought the salesman to Filbin and introduced him to Filbin and told the salesman that Filbin was his boss. Filbin, Mr. Rorer advises, runs the Federal Trade Acceptance Corporation. The car was delivered by the salesman at the place of business of the salesman. Mr. Rorer stated they were going to find Filbin, bring him in and hold him until he talked.

Mr. Rorer stated that every effort was being made to avoid the use of police at St. Paul consistent with the Director's instructions, but that he frankly believed it could not be done for the reason that as many leads are coming in to the St. Paul Police Department as are coming into the St. Paul office of the Division as to the whereabouts of Dillinger. Rorer stated that the information received by the police is initially just as important as that which we receive and that unless an Agent joins them and works with them we will lose all advantage of this information. He thinks that a Special Agent should work with the police in running out these leads and there were thousands of leads coming in and all of them were being handled as rapidly as possible. I informed him that I would acquaint the Director with his observation in this connection.

Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SPECIAL AGENTS:

There is contained in the Pittsburgh File in the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al; EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM; KIDNAPING, photographs and physical descriptions of the following named individuals who are frequently mentioned in the pending investigation of this case.

All Agents are instructed to familiarize themselves with the photographs and descriptive data of these individuals.

Ed Bentz            Tommy Carroll  
Mrs. Ed Bentz    Curly Clause  
Ted Bentz        Paula Harmon  
Mrs. Kate Barker

E. A. TAMM  
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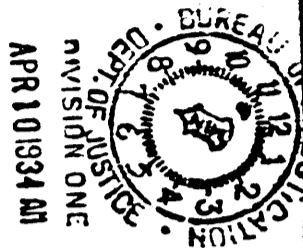
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**W. E. LOHMAN** purchased twelve-cylinder Auburn Sedan on 10-9-33 from the Auburn California Company, 1155 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California, turning in 1933 Dodge Sedan and paying difference in cash. Description of car secured, and signature of LOHMAN.

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**REFERENCE:**

Telegram from San Francisco Division Office dated 3-21-34.

**DETAILS:**

Agent interviewed **MR. A. W. CARSON**, auditor, Auburn California Company, Auburn distributors, 3443 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, who stated that during October, 1933, the Auburn California Company, California distributors for the Auburn automobile, was maintaining a branch at 1155 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California, and that shortly thereafter, this branch was turned over to a private concern, and the records of the Auburn California branch at San Francisco were transferred to Los Angeles, California.

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Continuing, MR. CARSON stated that the records of the Auburn California Company disclosed that on October 9, 1933, a twelve-cylinder Auburn Sedan, which was a new car, bearing Motor No. BB 1527, Model 12-161A, with six wire wheels, was sold to a party by the name of W. B. LOHMAN, who gave his address as 1155 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, the address where the car was purchased; that the sales price of this automobile, with California State License and state sales tax, amounted to a total of \$1253.50; that LOHMAN traded in a 1933 Dodge Sedan, Motor No. DP 65846, Serial No. 3639464, for an allowance of \$600.00, paying the balance of \$653.50 in cash.

MR. CARSON checked his deposit slips for the Auburn California Company on October 9, 1933, and their account with the Polk and Van Ness Streets Branch of the Bank of America in San Francisco, and determined that the \$653.50 was paid in cash.

Agent interviewed TED CAIN, sales manager for the Auburn California Company, who stated that in October, 1933, he was in San Francisco directing a sale of Auburn cars, and that he has a faint recollection of the LOHMAN deal; that LOHMAN, accompanied by another man and two women, all of whom were well dressed and about thirty years of age, came into the sales room of the Auburn California Company in San Francisco on Sunday, and selected a new twelve-cylinder Auburn Sedan, turning in a Dodge Sedan which, according to MR. CAIN, bore either a South Dakota or a Minnesota license; that owing to the fact that the deal was started on Sunday, it was not consummated until the following Monday morning.

MR. CAIN is of the opinion that a man by the name of FRED THOMPSON, who is now manager of the Golden West or Golden State Hotel in San Francisco, was the salesman who handled the deal, and that the used Dodge car which was taken in was later sold to the Lloyd K. Hillman Company, used car dealers in San Francisco.

Continuing, MR. CAIN stated that while he assisted in the sale, he had very little contact with the purchasers of the car, and that he would, therefore, be unable to positively identify them, but that he is certain FRED THOMPSON will be able to do so.

With regard to the description of the Auburn Sedan purchased by MR. LOHMAN, MR. CAIN stated that the car purchased was a new twelve-cylinder Auburn Sedan, Motor No. BB 1527, Model 12-161A, Yankee blue (brilliant blue) colored body and fenders, with six cream colored wire wheels, the two spare wheels being set in front fender wells; that the body is a regular metal sedan body with two full-sized door windows and a quarter window on each side, and that the top is covered with a khaki colored covering which extends over the sides to the drip mould just above the doors and over the back to a point about three inches below the rear window.

NOTE CORRECTION. The telegram which the Los Angeles Division Office transmitted to the San Francisco Division Office under date of March 23, 1934, described this khaki colored covering as extending over the sides as far down as the lower level of the door windows, but later investigation disclosed that this covering only extends over the sides to the drip mould.

MR. CAIN stated that this particular model has an aluminum moulding about one-quarter inch in width, extending lengthwise along the sides of the body just above the doors, and a similar moulding on the outer edges of the hood curves.

Agent attempted to secure the catalogue pictures or photographs of this particular model, but was unable to do so.

MR. CAIN advised this Agent that the paint for this particular car was manufactured by the Murphy Varnish Company of San Francisco, and that this car, as far as he remembers, carried standard equipment.

Agent secured photostatic copies of the bill of sale executed by W. B. LOHMAN to the Auburn California Company, covering the 1933 Dodge Sedan, which he turned in. One copy of this bill of sale is being forwarded to the Division with copies of this report, one copy to Inspector Rorer at St. Paul, one copy to the Salt Lake City Division Office, and one copy is being retained in the Los Angeles Division file.

The information set forth above was furnished by telegraph and telephone to the San Francisco Division Office immediately upon its receipt, and, therefore, no leads are being set out in instant report for the San Francisco Division Office.

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# Bill of Sale

Know all Men by these Presents:

That in consideration of..... Trade In Allowance of \$600.00.....and other adequate consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,.....I.....do hereby grant, sell, transfer and deliver unto **AUBURN CALIFORNIA COMPANY**

.....heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, the following motor vehicle:  
1933 Dodge Sedan DP65846 3639464  
Year Make Model Motor Serial

**To Have and to Hold**, all and singular, the said chattel forever. And the said grantor hereby covenants with the grantee....., that..... <sup>are</sup> <sub>is</sub> the lawful owner.....of said goods and chattels; that they are free from all incumbrances, except....., that..... <sub>is</sub> <sub>is</sub> good right to sell the same as aforesaid, and that.....will warrant and defend the same against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever.

**In Witness Whereof**, the said grantor.....has hereunto set.....hand this 9th day of..... Oct. 1933.....  
WITNESS By.....  
Address.....

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan called from Oklahoma City with reference to the leak in the Bremer case. He stated that he had talked to all of them and that he thought they were not telling the truth; that Voight claimed that he knew nothing about the matter; that Voight promised to see Burks but did not see him until he, Mr. Nathan, went back to see Burks with Voight; that Voight claims that Hollis is a wonderful man and would be sorry to see anything happen to him because he did not do anything; that Stewart says he never heard anything of that kind; that he did not believe there were any latent fingerprints; that if there were any prints he knows our men would have told him and they did not tell him; that Voight communicated with Detective Chase and Chase very positively confirmed the statement he formerly made to Agent Black to the effect that no certain thing happened; that there is considerable confusion all along the line regarding the information that we were seeking the gang and the information relative to the latent prints; that the fact that the Barker-Karpis gang was being sought was common knowledge around the country; that, in fact, the St. Paul papers two days after the Bremer kidnaping had implicated them.

Mr. Nathan states that he knows Burks is lying and that Stewart is lying, and that he thinks Chase is lying. He believes Kirkpatrick is telling the truth. Kirkpatrick stated that he heard the information from Weatherford and Sweeney in Fort Worth on the afternoon of March 15, the day of the raid. Mr. Nathan called attention to the fact that this information was in the papers by that time.

Mr. Nathan says that he still has to interview the assistant to Mr. Wentz Smith; that he has been trying all day to locate him and has finally succeeded in having him paged at Tulsa and that he will interview him.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
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TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPPING.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Additional laundry marks secured and stops placed at all laundries at Reno. Gambling and liquor joints and other like places again frequented but none of subjects around. Telegrams secured locally indicate local group headed by Bill Graham has connection with one Mose Barnett at St. Paul, Minnesota. Former owner of house at 130 Pueblo Street, Reno, interviewed but has not seen subjects or Mrs. Barker for about thirteen months. No long distance calls made telephonically from Reno to points within St. Paul territory. Local banks again contacted to renew vigilance with respect to watching for appearance of any ransom money locally.

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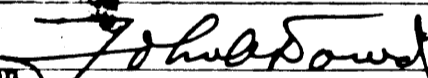
**REFERENCE:**

Report of S.A.C. Reed E. Vetterli, Salt Lake City, Utah, 4-554.

**DETAILS:**

The following is a continuation of the local angles on this case by Special Agents Gere, Sackett and Vetterli.

In harmony with the request from the St. Paul office, local banking institutions were again contacted and they will increase their vigilance in watching for the appearance of any of the Bremer ransom money in Reno. In addition, in view of the fact that so many local banks have been closed, and are now one Receiver, Mr. Smith, State Receiver, the latter was also contacted and he promised that he would be on the look out for any of the ransom money and

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